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Dear Subscriber,

Alabama Attorney General BILL PRYOR has been joined by **17 other state attorneys general** in a letter to U.S. Attorney General JOHN ASHCROFT **supporting his interpretation and enforcement of the Second Amendment.**

The recent letter commends the ASHCROFT position that "the text and the original intent of the Second Amendment **clearly protect the right of individuals to keep and bear firearms.**"

The letter stated, "We agree that this is the proper reading of the Second Amendment, and that this policy best protects the fundamental interest of Americans in security and self-preservation."

The state attorneys general offered ASHCROFT **your wholehearted support for your efforts.**

The Alabama A.G.'s letter was signed by the attorney general of Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

The letter refers to historical research and debate on the meaning of the Second Amendment, most of which has reached the same conclusion as the state and federal attorneys general. It is noted that **even those who personally may not favor private gun ownership rights still have conceded the issue as a matter of legal scholarship.**

For example, even liberal constitutional scholar LAURENCE TRIBE has written recently that the Second Amendment's central purpose is to assure "that **the federal government may not disarm individual citizens** without some unusually strong justification" and that this recognizes "a right (admittedly of uncertain scope) on the part of individuals to possess and use firearms in defense of themselves and their homes."

This right, TRIBE continues, "**directly limits action by Congress or by the Executive Branch.**"

The attorneys general further noted a recent opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, in the case of *United States v. Emerson*, clarifying that certain individual rights such as gun ownership may indeed be subject to some restrictions, but that this must be done in a manner that is reasonable and consistent.

The letter states that "individual rights under the Second Amendment are no more absolute than are any of the other individual rights protected by the Bill of Rights, but neither should Second Amendment rights be any less protected."

As chief law enforcement officers of their states, the 18 A.G.s offered: "Simply put, your position on the Second Amendment is a sound public policy decision. There is an increasing amount of data available to support the claim that private gun ownership deters crime.

The letter concluded, **we salute you for your efforts to uphold all of the Constitution, including the Second Amendment.**

**Also in this issue:** ● *Sen. McCain should retire, says CCRKBA* ● *Guns aren't safer when locked up, study says* ● *'Guns in the cockpit' bill gains support* ● *Can zoning be used for gun control?* ● *Europe shocked by crime wave* ● *Women fight back with guns in our Page Eight 'Parting Shot'*

**ATTORNEYS GENERAL  
SUPPORT SECOND  
AMENDMENT**

### CITIZENS COMMITTEE URGES JOHN McCAIN TO RETIRE FROM SENATE

With Arizona senior U.S. Senator JOHN McCAIN's third term scheduled to end in two years, the **Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms** (CCRKBA) released a statement that *the senator should retire from public life rather than seek re-election in 2004.*

"JOHN McCAIN began his Congressional career as a genuine war hero, running on a solid platform representative of the views of his Arizona constituents," said CCRKBA Executive Director JOE WALDRON.

## **GUNS AND POLITICS**

"However, the past few years have seen Senator McCAIN increasingly turn his back on virtually every one of those principles, to the point he not only no longer appears to be working with his own party caucus, he does not represent the interests of voters in his state."

WALDRON concluded, "He has especially attacked the rights of gun owners, who are a major share of the voters in Arizona." CCRKBA, with over 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, is one of the nation's premier gun rights groups.

### HESTON'S REMARKS SPARK DEBATE

National Rifle Association President Charlton Heston's remarks at a Des Moines, Iowa, Republican political event have been **interpreted as an endorsement of U.S. Rep. GREG GANSKE** in his bid to defeat Democrat Sen. TOM HARKIN, a long-time supporter of gun control. GANSKE's campaign said it was an endorsement.

But NRA spokesman ANDREW ARULANANDAM said **it was not a GANSKE endorsement**, only a general call to support **ithe good guysi** in the 2002 elections.

### ILLINOIS GUN GROUP BLASTS CANDIDATE'S CALL TO INCREASE WAITING PERIOD

The Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA) has criticized Democrat gubernatorial candidate ROD BLAGOJEVICH for his proposal **to increase the state's gun purchase waiting period from 3 days to 5 days.** ISRA also faulted BLAGOJEVICH's proposal to raise fees to discourage gun ownership.

### MICHIGAN GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES STRANGELY SILENT ON GUN ISSUE

THOMAS J. BRAY, staff columnist at the *Detroit News*, recently commented that **the dire predictions of shootouts from Michigan's new concealed carry law didn't come true.** And now, "the deafening silence you hear from Michigan's Democratic candidates for governor on the issues is proof that the nightmares of liberal imagination often can be made to vanish with experience."

### MASSACHUSETTS GUBERNATORIAL HOPEFULS MAY SIDE WITH GUN CONTROL ADVOCATES

When the Massachusetts state House recently passed a measure *to eliminate a lifetime ban on gun ownership for some people convicted of violent crimes*, the gun control crowd went ballistic. Both gubernatorial front runners, Republican MITT ROMNEY and Democrat SHANNON P. O'BRIEN, **caved in immediately** and said they were willing to talk about preventing rehabilitated citizens from ever owning guns.

### DEMOCRATS TONE DOWN GUN CONTROL STANCE

Not long ago the *Christian Science Monitor* noted that most Democrat candidates were sounding like Senator ZELL MILLER of Georgia, who has come out strongly for the rights of gun owners. ROBERT SPITZER, author of "The Politics of Gun Control," confirmed that **pushing gun control hurts candidates in rural areas and the South**, where key votes could determine which party controls Congress.

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### GAO STAFFER SAYS ASHCROFT GUN CHECK PLAN FAULTY

LAURIE EKSTRAND, a General Accounting Office (GAO) staff member, **criticized a Justice Department proposal to purge background-check records of gun buyers after one day**, saying it would hinder some law enforcement investigations and could allow criminals to obtain and keep weapons.

EKSTRAND is the author of the GAO's congressional report on the proposal.

Gun purchase files in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System

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**are now kept for 90 days** to detect fraudulent transactions or mistaken approvals.

EKSTRAND said destroying records of approved sales would make it harder for police to track down and retrieve weapons from criminals who were mistakenly allowed to buy guns.

The Justice Department replied in a letter to Congress outlining solutions for those potential problems.

### STUDY: GUNS NO SAFER WHEN LOCKED UP

JOHN R. LOTT, Jr., a University of Chicago Law School professor, has discovered that **trigger locks and gun safes don't reduce the number of gun accidents** and they actually put gun owners and their families *in greater danger*.

LOTT's report, "Safe-Storage Gun Laws: Accidental Deaths, Suicide and Crime," found that safe storage devices make people more vulnerable, as with a Merced, California family **whose guns were put away because of the state's safe storage law when an attacker killed two of their children** with a pitchfork.

LOTT notes that the number of gun accidents is remarkably low given that about 90 million Americans own firearms. Far more children die each year from drowning and poisons. Non-accidental shootings usually happen in a home where there is a criminal history.

### HOUSE PANEL OKS TIGHTENED GUN CHECKS

A bill that would **require states and federal agencies to automate their records and add them to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System** has passed the House Judiciary Committee on a 30-2 vote.

Most background checks are completed in a few minutes, but some take up to three days as police are supposed to find paper records that have not been entered in the database. After three days, the gun must be sold to a buyer if the check has not been completed.

Rep. **JOHN DINGELL** (D-MI), a senior member of the House who is opposed to gun control, **is a co-sponsor of the bill** with New York's anti-gun rights Democrat Rep. **CAROLYN MCCARTHY**. The bill, H.R. 4757, authorizes Congress to spend more than \$1.1 billion for states and courts to comply with the law.

### SENATORS ALSO SEEK TIGHTENED GUN CHECKS

A Senate bill similar to H.R. 4757, would require states and federal agencies to automate their records and add them to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Critics in the anti-gun group, Americans for Gun Safety, claim that 9,976 prohibited buyers bought a gun from December 1998 to June 2001 because of faulty records.

The Senate bill was introduced by Democratic Sens. **CHARLES SCHUMER** of New York and **EDWARD KENNEDY** of Massachusetts, and Republican Sens. **JOHN MCCAIN** of Arizona and **LARRY CRAIG** of Idaho.

### VETERANS HERITAGE FIREARMS ACT

Rep. **JIM GIBBONS** (R-NV) has introduced H.R. 5179, which would **allow veterans and their lawful heirs to register any National Firearms Act (NFA) weapon except destructive devices.**

Gibbons said his bill was intended to prevent innocent veterans who possess war relic firearms from being unjustly convicted of serious felonies under the NFA and the Gun Control Act of 1968.

### SHIFTING WINDS BENEATH THE WINGS OF GUNS IN THE COCKPIT BILL

A month ago it was virtually Dead On Arrival in the Democrat-controlled Senate, even after passing the Republican-controlled House by a lopsided 310 to 113 vote.

It's H.R. 4635, the **Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act**.

Sen. ERNEST HOLLINGS (D-SC), who chairs the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, opposed guns in the cockpit, and blocked a hearing on the bill.

Now Sen. BARBARA BOXER, **departing from her usual role as a gun control advocate**, is leading the charge to get it through the Senate, with four other Democrats as co-sponsors: Montana's MAX BAUCUS, Arkansas's BLANCHE LINCOLN, South Dakota's TIM JOHNSON, and Georgia's ZELL MILLER. **HOLLINGS gave in and allowed a hearing**, which overwhelmingly supported arming pilots.

**COCKPIT GUNS MAKE  
FOR FRIENDLY SKIES**

A month ago the White House opposed the idea of guns in the cockpit.

Now the BUSH administration's Transportation Secretary NORMAN Y. MINETA seems only worried about the cost.

What's behind this sudden turnaround?

### SEN. BARBARA BOXER EXPLAINS HER SUPPORT OF GUNS IN THE COCKPIT

The usually ferocious anti-gun Sen. BARBARA BOXER stood with Sen. BOB SMITH (R-NH) and admitted this was the only time she ever agreed with him about guns.

Why? **I have decided that until I am satisfied with the number of air marshals on commercial flights, this bill is a necessity -- indeed, it is a matter of life and death.**

She explained that if a plane is considered under the control of hijackers, it will be shot down by our military. Imagine the heartbreak of failing to arm pilots to defend their planes and then having our military shoot down our own people. That's a tough-minded and compelling reason, alright.

But then Sen. BOXER gets to the nitty-gritty: "Sen. BURNS and I have not been able to get a briefing from the Department of Transportation regarding air marshals on flights." **The DOT's reluctance to brief these two key senators is odd.**

This looks like Boxer's way to pressure the BUSH administration to take stronger action on airline security.

### THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S TURNAROUND

Although it was reported as being unrelated to the BUSH administration's opposition to guns in the cockpit, the resignation of JOHN MAGAW as Undersecretary of Transportation for Security **was a way for the White House to open the door to support of guns in the cockpit.**

MAGAW was supposedly forced to resign because of his slow progress in meeting congressional year-end deadlines for staffing the nation's 429 commercial airports with baggage screeners and installing bomb detection equipment.

**More to the point, MAGAW had been steadfastly opposed to arming pilots.**

JOE WALDRON, executive director of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, hailed the departure of MAGAW. "While Mr. MAGAW has had a long and distinguished career in federal law enforcement, **it is clear from his position on arming pilots that he was out of step with both Congress and the American people.**"

WALDRON hoped MAGAW's departure and the arrival of Admiral JAMES M. LOY would pave the way for "a more realistic attitude on the subject of armed pilots from the White House."

### NEW SECURITY CHIEF ORDERS TESTS ON GUNS IN COCKPITS

Admiral LOY lost no time in showing the BUSH administration's "more realistic attitude" toward armed pilots: one of his first acts as head of the Transportation Security Administration was **to order his technical division in Atlantic City to look at some possibilities of arming pilots.**

While still "hesitant," about guns in cockpits, LOY appears to be moving the BUSH administration more into step with Congress and the American public.

### CAN ZONING BE USED FOR GUN CONTROL?

A Kentucky appeals court has ruled that **zoning laws can prohibit gun shops.**

PETER GARRETT, owner of Peter Garrett Gunsmith in Newport, said he will take his case to the Kentucky Supreme Court, saying the appeals court ruling will "open the gates for cities to practice gun control through zoning."

## ON THE LEGAL FRONT

The Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled that Campbell Circuit Court was correct in upholding the zoning regulations of the cities of Dayton and Bellevue **that ban gun shops in certain zones.**

Both cities have areas where gun shops are allowed.

GARRETT had wanted to expand his business into Dayton and Bellevue, but was told the zoning in the areas he was eyeing did not allow such businesses.

GARRETT argued that state law says local government may not "occupy any part of the field of regulation of the transfer, ownership, possession, carrying or transportation of firearms, ammunition or components of firearms."

### SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS PENALTIES FOR CRIMES WITH GUNS

In a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court recently upheld the constitutionality of **judges adding more prison time for individuals who carry firearms in the commission of other crimes even when there is no specific charge or conviction for using the gun.**

The ruling supports a federal mandatory minimum sentencing law widely used by prosecutors who win convictions for crimes like drug dealing, and then seek to have judges increase the penalties because a firearm was peripherally involved.

The case was *Harris v. United States*, involving a pawnshop owner who plead guilty to selling marijuana out of his store, and wore a pistol at work.

### HANDGUN REGISTRATION CASE DRAWS NATIONAL ATTENTION

Next month the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League (ACSL) will argue their case against the Pennsylvania State Police's **handgun registration procedures** before the state Supreme Court.

Last year ACSL went before Commonwealth Court and requested that all handgun registration be halted according to Pennsylvania law. In a 5 to 2 decision the court ruled that the state's handgun procedures were legal because they constituted a partial registry and not a complete registry.

### UTAH APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS FIREARM RESTRICTION LAWS

The Utah Court of Appeals has upheld state firearms restriction laws, affirming that **felons cannot legally possess guns.**

Convicted felon WADE L WILLIS, 22, had challenged the state's weapons restrictions statute as unconstitutional, claiming **the state Legislature had the power to regulate his use of a firearm but not his right to possess one.**

Fourth District Judge GARY STOTT rejected that argument last year, and WILLIS pleaded guilty to firearms possession by a restricted person on the condition he would be allowed to appeal.

The appeals court disagreed with WILLIS about possession, ruling that the statute legally restricted the right in "very limited circumstances."

### WISCONSIN CASE SETS NEW SELF-DEFENSE KILLING STANDARD

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has ruled that a woman convicted of shooting her angry husband to death will get a new trial because **she should have been able to present evidence of his past violence to support her claim of self-defense.** DEBRA ANN HEAD, 46, was sentenced to life in prison.

**The trial judge refused to allow a self-defense argument** because HEAD could not show evidence of physical abuse or imminent physical danger. The appeals court concurred. The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that self-defense evidence **should not be not limited to the events immediately preceding the crime.**

### BRAZILIAN OFFICIAL ASKS UNITED NATIONS HELP WITH GUN CONTROL

Rio de Janeiro state Gov. BENEDITA da SILVA asked representatives from 14 countries at a United Nations ceremony for help in tracing and preventing the flow of guns into the Brazilian city. About a quarter of the firearms seized by police in Rio are foreign-made, mostly in the United States, Spain and Belgium.

### GUN CONTROL BRINGS AUSTRALIAN CRIME WAVE

Twelve months ago Australian gun owners were forced by a new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by the government, a program costing taxpayers more than \$500 million dollars.

The first year results are now in: Australia-wide, homicides are up 3.2 percent. Assaults are up 8.6 percent. Armed robberies are up 44 percent. Homicides with firearms are up 300 percent. Self-defense is nearly impossible.

**AROUND THE  
WORLD**

### BAHRAIN ORDERS GUN OWNERS TO REGISTER OR GO TO JAIL

The Interior Ministry of this tiny Persian Gulf kingdom has told unlicensed firearms holders to **immediately declare their guns or face prosecution**. The order followed a shootout in which a security guard at the Bahrain Telecommunications Co. killed a colleague and then took his own life. Normally only on-duty policemen and military personnel are allowed to carry weapons.

### BRITAIN NOW CRIME CAPITAL OF THE WEST

The United Nations Crime and Justice Research Institute has reported that **people in England and Wales experience more crime per head than people in the 17 other developed countries analyzed in a new study**. The crime wave came on the heels of new gun control laws among the toughest in the world. No one in Prime Minister TONY BLAIR's government has made the connection, calling for even worse laws to take guns from law-abiding citizens.

### WHITE AFRIKANER FARMERS UNDER SIEGE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Over 1,200 of 40,000 white farmers in South Africa have been murdered since 1994, the year the Marxist African National Congress (ANC) took power. An additional 6,000 attacks on white Boer Afrikaner farmers makes them easily the highest at-risk group for murder on Earth. The ANC does not report these statistics because they scare off foreign investment.

### ONTARIO COURT STRIKES DOWN GUN LAW

The provincial Court of Appeal has struck down a law intended to prevent gun-related injuries and deaths because it allows police to go on "wholesale fishing expeditions" in people's homes.

The court declared a section of the Criminal Code unconstitutional by a 3-0 decision. The law gave police the right to conduct sweeping bodily or residential searches for guns or ammunition, even if they had no reason to believe or suspect the person had weapons.

The court said **the law violates protections against unreasonable search and seizure** guaranteed by Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

### EUROPE SHOCKED BY SERIOUS CRIMES

Many Europeans are in shock over recent serious gun crimes. They felt safe because their countries have such strong gun control laws.

A young neo-Nazi man tried to kill **French President Jacques Chirac** during a Paris parade, and a gunman **killed eight officials** at a suburban city council meeting outside Paris, resulting in calls for more gun control laws.

In the Netherlands, in May a 32-year-old animal rights fanatic **murdered national candidate Pim Fortuyn**, the first political assassination there in decades.

In Germany an expelled student stormed through his former school and **killed 16 teachers and students** before committing suicide.

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

●**Florida:** Radio station WTKS recently mounted a \$23,000 "guns-for-shoes" campaign in Orlando, West Palm Beach and Macon, Georgia, with 440 guns turned in for Nikes, Reeboks and other brands donated by Just For Feet. A gun swap planned for Ft. Myers was cancelled because the Lee county sheriff wouldn't go along with WTKS's no-questions-asked policy.

●**London:** A rare Colt revolver made more than 150 years ago in the United States was sold at an English auction for \$343,550. The Deluxe Cased Colt Paterson No. 2 Belt Model Percussion Revolver made in New Jersey in 1840 was sold in its original mahogany case with spare parts including a bullet mold and cleaning rod.

●**Springfield, Massachusetts:** Smith & Wesson opens its factory to the public this month for tours as part of the gun company's celebration of its 150th anniversary, the first open house the company has allowed for more than a decade. Smith & Wesson was bought last year from a British conglomerate by Arizona gun-lock company Saf-T-Hammer Corp.

●**Boyce, Louisiana:** Wanda Butler's 13-year quest to get back the last thing her grandfather left her -- a 12-gauge shotgun -- was rewarded last month when the gun was returned to her. Boyce police had confiscated the gun 13 years ago after Butler's 16-year-old son shot the gun in the air. The boy was arrested and the case was dismissed, but the gun wasn't given back. It took 13 years of runaround to get a court order before police gave the gun back.

●**Lahti, Finland:** Jason Parker of Omaha, Nebraska, has won the 10-meter air rifle world championship title in a shoot-off with Jie Li of China. Both finished with a total of 699.9 point, but in the shoot-off, Parker, 28, had 10.5 points while Li notched 9.7. Yevgeni Alenikov of Russia was third.

●**Pennsylvania:** The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is investigating its handling of a case involving a convicted felon who killed his pregnant stepdaughter and wounded another person before killing himself. A local police chief had asked the BATF to arrest Charles D. Schuler after he tried to purchase a gun, but the charges were never filed. Schuler was prohibited from buying a gun because of a 1992 conviction for second-degree murder in North Carolina. A Philadelphia sporting goods store clerk refused to sell him a gun when the NICS check found the felony. Schuler fled and police asked BATF to arrest him. No explanation why BATF failed.

●**Baton Rouge, Louisiana:** Seven children were given short-term expulsions from Sherwood Middle School for carrying three-water guns on the last day of classes in May, even though teachers sprayed water guns in fun at departing buses filled with students. Principal Phyllis Crawford said toy guns of any kind are banned from school grounds, and expelled the children but did nothing to the teachers.

●**Los Angeles:** The FBI won't say whether LAX shooter Hesham Mohamed Hedayat legally obtained the guns he used to mow down six El Al employees on July 4th, killing two of them. An FBI spokesman told reporters that the information wouldn't be released even if they knew. Hedayat fired off 10 or 11 bullets from the .45-caliber semiautomatic Glock pistol and 9mm handgun he was carrying, before being shot to death by an El Al security guard. Did he buy them under California's rigid gun control laws? We don't know.

●**North Carolina:** The state Senate has approved a House-passed bill prohibiting lawsuits against gun manufacturers and dealers for actions by criminals. They first eliminated a requirement for gun show operators to have a \$500 permit and requiring them to conduct NICS background checks for private sellers.

●**Illinois:** Illinois' 28 percent increase in homicides this past year has been blamed on the state's anti-self defense laws. Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) Executive Director Joe Waldron said, "Illinois lawmakers stubbornly refuse to reform the state's law on concealed carry for firearms for self defense." Victims' blood is on their hands, Waldron said.

# Parting Shot

## WOMEN WITH GUNS

Albuquerque police recently reported that a woman, identified only as being in her early 30s, overpowered and killed a convicted sex offender who had broken into her home and tried to rape her.

The woman was home alone asleep in her bed when she was awakened about 1:30 a.m. on a Saturday night by a flashlight shining in her face and 51-year-old Michael Magirl straddling her.

Magirl had a gun pointed at her chest. When she screamed and struggled, he threatened to kill her.

She then wrestled the handgun away from him and fired it three times, hitting him twice in the upper torso. Magirl died at the scene.

Nashville police reported that a woman fought back after a violent home invasion in North Nashville.

Police said that a man forced his way into a woman's home where they later found two guns. The woman said she shot her attacker in the leg in self defense.

According to police, the man was transported to Vanderbilt Medical Center.

In Mount Vernon, Missouri, Charlotte Ann Neely-White, 55, was getting ready for her wedding when a stranger drove up, yelled there was a bomb in his car, and made the mistake of demanding her beloved pickup truck.

Neely-White, a former public school principal, had her fiance get her .22-caliber pistol, and while she fought with the man, the gun went off, wounding him in the chest.

Police later arrested Jorge Luis Cecenas, 30, took him to a hospital and charged him with first degree assault and other counts.

A few hours later, Neely-White got married as scheduled.

In Cary, Georgia, Andrea Howell, 67, owns the Willis Howell Grocery, where two men wearing ski masks entered the store about noon on a recent Tuesday. One had a gun.

When they demanded money, Howell pulled a shotgun on them.

The robbers ran out of the store.

Tracking dogs from Dodge Correctional Institute tracked the suspects for about 100 yards from the store, where Bleckly County Sheriff Harold Lancaster believes they got in a car and fled.

Lancaster said of Andrea Howell, "She's an elderly lady, but she's quite feisty."

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