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Dear Subscriber,

The Washington Times recently ran an editorial saying **gun owners dodge the bullet ban,** cheering the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for **shooting down an attempt to undermine the Second Amendment through the regulation of bullets.**

Early last month, the American Bird Conservancy and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility **petitioned the Environmental Protection Agency to ban traditional lead ammunition as a "health risk."**

The groups argued that millions of animals are **dying from eating lead-shot pellets or carcasses contaminated by lead.** They said an estimated 10 million to 20 million birds and other animals die each year from lead poisoning in the U.S.

The EPA surprised them, and denied the petition, saying the issue is not within the agency's jurisdiction, and that EPA did not have the authority to enact the ban under the Toxic Substances Control Act, as the groups had requested - ammunition is exempt by law.

The Washington Times praised gun owners for reminding the EPA of the law, writing, "This failed attempt to harass law-abiding gun owners using an unelected bureaucracy underscores the importance of perpetual vigilance in preserving the most important of constitutional rights."

That was prophetic, because EPA Administrator LISA JACKSON looks like she's making a back door move to ban lead bullets the day before the November 2 elections!

The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) has petitioned the EPA to ban lead bullets and shot **by working farther back along the manufacturing chain and ban the use of lead in making bullets and shot because non-lead alternatives are available.**

It's gun control in *another* disguise: *alternatives are more expensive* - non-lead ammunition is often double the cost of traditional lead ammunition. **A box of deer hunting bullets in a popular caliber could be upwards of \$55.** It's like a tax.

EPA could have dismissed CBD's request for lack of jurisdiction, but didn't. Instead, it's asking for **public comment on banning lead in ammunition,** and the comment period closes on October 31. **JACKSON could then make a decision to accept or reject the petition on November 1.**

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) has **hit back against CBD's petition** with a letter to JACKSON showing **she has no authority to ban lead in ammunition even through a back-door deal.**

So NSSF is the hero for seeing this one coming. It's not over yet.

A different gun control problem has emerged from Korea. **The Obama administration has blocked efforts by the South Korean government to sell over a hundred thousand surplus M1 Garand and Carbine rifles into the United States market.** These self-loading rifles were introduced in 1926 and 1941.

According to a South Korean official, "The U.S. insisted that imports of the aging rifles could cause problems such as firearm accidents. It was also worried the weapons could be smuggled to terrorists, gangs or other people with bad intentions."

Lame excuses, says DAVE KOPEL, gun expert of the Independence Institute. First, **fatal gun accidents have declined** more than 86 percent in the past decade, and second, if Korea's rifles were imported and sold at retail, they'd have to be sold by a federally licensed dealer and go through the NICS background check. *(continued Page 2)*
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The risk that the South Korean surplus guns might fall into the hands of gangsters or other bad people **is exactly the same as with the sale of any other retail firearm in the United States.**

Neither the M1 Garand nor the M1 carbine are **concealable**, and the M1 Garand is long, heavy, and bulky, with **relatively low criminal utility** - but well-suited to **community defense in an emergency**, as in the cases of community defense following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, precisely the type of firearms which civic responsibility organizations such as the Applesed Project teach people how to use.

But, **the OBAMA administration has the ability to pressure the South Korean government to block the sale of the guns.**

That irritated KOPEL, who wrote, "**President OBAMA was elected on the promise that he supported individual Second Amendment rights. His administration's thwarting of the import of these American-made rifles is not consistent with that promise.**"

In a major victory, the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) hailed the passage of the **Firearms Excise Tax Improvement Act of 2010** (H.R. 5552) by unanimous consent in the Senate.

The bill passed the House of Representatives at the end of June by a vote of 412-6. The House bill was sponsored by Rep. RON KIND (D-Wisc.) and Rep. PAUL RYAN (R-Wisc.). The Senate bill (S. 632) was sponsored by Sen. MAX BAUCUS (D-Mont.) and had 30 co-sponsors, including lead co-sponsor Sen. MIKE CRAPO (R-Idaho) who co-chairs the **Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus**.

This legislation corrects a long-standing inequity in the Internal Revenue Code by permitting firearm and ammunition manufacturers to pay the federal excise tax payment on a quarterly basis, just as other industries that support conservation through a federal excise tax do. **It doesn't change the dollars to the government, it just makes them payable on a reasonable schedule.**

Firearms and ammunition manufacturers previously **paid this tax on a bi-weekly schedule**, forcing many to borrow money to ensure on-time payment. Firearms office workers spend thousands of hours administering all this paperwork to get out the bi-weekly tax payments - monies that are due to the federal government long before manufacturers are paid by their customers.

"This bill strengthens wildlife conservation funding in America," said NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel LAWRENCE G. KEANE. The firearm and ammunition excise tax is **the major revenue source for funding the Wildlife Restoration Trust Fund** (also known as the Pittman-Robertson Trust Fund). Last year, **firearm and ammunition manufacturers contributed approximately \$450 million to wildlife conservation** through excise tax payments.

In another federal victory, the House Financial Services Committee has adopted an amendment by Rep. TOM PRICE (R-Ga.) to **protect the Second Amendment rights of public housing residents.**

His amendment to H.R. 4868 - the **Housing Preservation and Tenant Protection Act** - would restore and protect the right to possess and lawfully use firearms for self-defense and other legitimate purposes in federally assisted housing, and would bar housing authorities from restricting residents' legal ownership of guns.

Adoption of the Price amendment shows that **the majority of committee members understood that a person should not be forced to give up Second Amendment rights just to have a roof over his head**, and that many public housing projects are high-crime areas where people most desperately need the right to defend themselves.

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THREE DANGEROUS BILLS DEFEATED AT THE LAST MINUTE IN CALIFORNIA

Three California Assembly bills that posed a fundamental threat to the rights of gun owners were fought down to a midnight Senate deadline, but in the late hours of August 31, AB 1810, AB 1934, and AB 2358 were defeated!

If enacted, Assembly Bill 1810 would have required registration of rifles and shotguns in the same way handguns are now registered in California - all identifying information kept on file by the California Department of Justice.

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AB 1934 would have deleted provisions of current law that allows a firearm to be carried openly in a belt holster, eliminating any way for a law-abiding citizen to carry a firearm for self-protection.

AB 2358 would have required ammunition vendors to transmit all information collected at the time of sale to local law enforcement under city or county ordinance. It would have also allowed uncontrolled expansion of such ordinances.

SAN FRANCISCO EYES AMMUNITION REGISTRY; CCRKBA VOWS LAWSUIT

The City of San Francisco is considering an ammunition registry scheme that brought a promise from the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms that a lawsuit would quickly follow.

CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb told the *San Francisco Examiner* that "Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier and the City Attorney's Office are 'crafting legislation' for an ammunition registry, showing the city has learned nothing from its defeat in court over a 2005 gun ban proposition. Now that the Second Amendment has been incorporated to the states by the U.S. Supreme Court, proposals like this one are even more dubious."

ILLINOIS SEMI-AUTOMATIC GUN REFERENDUM

Selvin Morgan, a resident of Cook County, has filed an objection to a petition to ban the sale of semi-automatic firearms across the state. The petition asks, "Shall the Governor and the members of the Illinois General Assembly enact legislation to ban the sale of semi-automatic and assault weapons that are used by criminals to threaten the lives of law enforcement and the people of Illinois?"

The petition is aimed at creating a referendum on the county's November ballot. Mr. Morgan's protest will be heard before the Cook County Electoral Board in the coming weeks, where he will ask that this referendum be stricken from the ballot.

KANSAS MAY ADD GUN RIGHTS TO ITS CONSTITUTION

Kansans can have them, carry them, and shoot them. But most Kansans don't know they don't have a constitutional right to own a gun in Kansas. This November, when they vote for legislators and a new governor, they will also be asked to amend the Kansas State Constitution to give Kansans the right to own a gun. The proposed Amendment covers an extensive list of protected rights for gun owners.

NEW YORK HAS MIXED GUN RIGHTS MESSAGES

New York State Senator Joseph Griffo is sponsoring a bill that would make personal information on handgun licensees confidential, except to law enforcement agencies, and those requesting information about a named individual. Currently, citizens can request this information from the State Police. But, after grappling with the constitutionality of Westchester County's gun storage law, legislators aren't going to change it - not until a court says it doesn't pass muster.

PENNSYLVANIA CITY PASSES NEW GUN ORDINANCE

Chester City Council passed an ordinance requiring firearm owners to report lost or stolen handguns within 72 hours after discovering it missing, or face a maximum fine of \$1,000 and/or a maximum prison sentence of 90 days. Chester officials have touted the legislation as another means of combating the violence the city has suffered throughout the summer. The city has incurred 12 homicides since May 1 and spent more than a month under a state of emergency.

THE FLURRY OF LAWSUITS AFTER MCDONALD

As we said in an earlier issue of the GT-Report, the victorious McDonald v. Chicago decision was only the beginning. Keeping track of the fallout cases is becoming a virtual industry. Here are notes on five that have received responses from the defendants.

Bateman et al v. Perdue et al.

This was the first post-McDonald case. It challenged North Carolina's "emergency powers" act which imposed restrictions on the sale of firearms and ammunition during a declared emergency as well as forbidding the possession of a firearms outside of a person's residence.

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COURTS**

Stokes County has filed a motion to dismiss the case against them. They essentially claimed they'd never banned firearms in their ordinances or proclamations and that they were not responsible for state law.

Then the State of North Carolina moved to dismiss the cases against Governor Perdue and Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety Reuben Young. The State is basing its claim on "Plaintiffs' failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted and lack of subject matter jurisdiction." They submitted 89 pages of exhibits with their motion.

Benson et al v. City of Chicago et al

This is the suit brought by the National Rifle Association challenging the new gun laws that Chicago enacted within days of the McDonald decision.

The NRA filed an amended complaint in this case on August 13th, which vaguely mirrors the case brought by SAF (top of Page 5).

Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association et al v. Lindley

This is one of the cases being brought in the State of California challenging AB 962, the Handgun Ammunition Sales Law. The Association brought this suit on, among other grounds, that the new law violates the FAA Act of 1994.

All parties in the case have stipulated that State of California has an additional 28 days in which to file a response to this complaint. This gives California until September 17th in which to file an answer.

Baker v. Biaggi et al

This is the case in which the State of Nevada State Parks are being sued by the Mountain States Legal Foundation over the issue of possession of firearms for self-protection. It seeks to have a tent declared a temporary residence in which a person would be permitted to have a firearm.

The Nevada Attorney General's office has filed an Answer on behalf of three of the five defendants. Their Answer includes David Morrow, Administrator of Nevada State Parks; Eric Johnson, Nevada State Parks Fallon Regional Manager; and Andrew Bass, Park Supervisor I, Wild Horse State Recreation Area. Excluded in the Answer are Allen Biaggi, Director of the Nevada Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Allen Newberry, Chief of Operations and Maintenance. The reason these two were excluded is not clear.

Mishaga v. Monken

This one almost slipped by unnoticed. It was filed in late July by the Mountain States Legal Foundation on behalf of Ellen Mishaga, an Ohio resident, against the head of the Illinois State Police for denying her a Firearms Owner Identification (FOID) card. Mrs. Mishaga contends that as a frequent visitor to the State of Illinois she is precluded under Illinois law from possessing a firearm for self-defense in a residence because she doesn't have a FOID card. The only exceptions to the requirement to possess a FOID card are those there to attend a shooting competition or those who possess an Illinois non-resident hunting license. Neither of these exceptions applied to her. Accordingly, she applied for a FOID card and was denied twice because she doesn't have an Illinois driver's license or state ID card - both of which she is not eligible to possess. The Mishaga case is being brought in U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois.

SAF SUES CHICAGO OVER GUN RANGE PROHIBITION ON FIRST AND SECOND AMENDMENTS

The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) has filed a lawsuit in federal court against the City of Chicago's new gun ordinance, because it requires gun owners to practice at gun ranges but bans the ranges themselves.

The suit asserts that the city is depriving citizens of their right to keep and bear arms in violation of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Joining SAF in this lawsuit are the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA), Action Target, Inc., and three individual plaintiffs including a retired Chicago police detective.

IN THE COURTS

They are represented by attorneys Alan Gura of Virginia and David Sigale of Chicago, who teamed up with SAF and ISRA on the landmark case of McDonald v. City of Chicago, which incorporated the Second Amendment to the states, effectively striking down Chicago's 28-year-old handgun ban.

"By banning public gun ranges," said Alan Gottlieb, SAF Executive Vice President, "and by banning the loan and rental of firearms at such ranges, Chicago is acting under color of law to deprive citizens of their right to keep and bear arms, and to conveniently receive the education required under the ordinance that is necessary to obtain a Chicago Firearms Permit. The city is violating both the Second and First amendments, and we are asking the court to put an end to this nonsense."

JUDGE REFUSES TO BLOCK GEORGIA BAN ON GUNS IN CHURCH

A federal judge in Macon has declined to block enforcement of a new Georgia law that bans guns in places of worship. "It's not at all discouraging," said John Monroe, the attorney who filed a lawsuit on behalf of a minister at a Thomaston church and GeorgiaCarry.org, gun-rights advocacy group, saying church employees and worshipers should be allowed to arm themselves for safety.

U.S. District Judge C. Ashley Royal, in a 30-minute hearing, said he would base his final decision on the outcome of the lawsuit only on the writings submitted by Monroe and the attorney for the state and county involved.

Royal's ruling on the case likely won't occur this summer. Whatever his decision, legal analysts expect it to be taken to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and eventually to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The lawsuit was filed in early July, almost two weeks after the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in Chicago's McDonald case that the Second Amendment's guarantee of an individual right to bear arms applied to state and local gun-control laws. The court said the Bill of Rights ensured a person could have a gun in the home for protection. The justices, however, left open to state and local governments as to where the lines could be drawn beyond the home.

SAF FILES AMICUS BRIEF IN NORDYKE CASE, ARGUES FOR STRICT SCRUTINY

The Second Amendment Foundation has filed an *amicus curiae* brief in the long-running Nordyke v. King case in California, arguing that Second Amendment issues must be decided on a "strict scrutiny" basis, and that an ordinance in Alameda County banning gun shows at the county fairgrounds is unconstitutional because it would not withstand that standard of review.

"Strict scrutiny is the standard of review to which all constitutionally-protected fundamental civil rights must be held," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb.

To pass "strict scrutiny," a law or policy 1) must be justified by a compelling governmental interest; 2) must be narrowly tailored to achieve that goal or interest; and 3) must be the least restrictive means for achieving that interest.

"This case has survived for more than a decade, a fact in itself that is remarkable. We believe, in the wake of Heller and McDonald, that the Ninth Circuit must act decisively to protect the Second Amendment from willy-nilly regulation by anti-gun public officials."

SAF's brief was written by attorney Alan Gura, who argued the landmark 2008 Heller case and represented SAF and its co-plaintiffs in the recent McDonald case, and is currently working with the foundation on other cases.

GUNS SAVING LIVES THROUGH SELF DEFENSE

● **Harrisburg, Pennsylvania:** A 40 year old Chinese-food deliveryman was making a delivery at about 10:30 PM, when a pair of robbers punched him in the face and began beating him with a glass bottle, as part of a robbery attempt. The deliveryman grabbed his self defense gun and fired, striking one of the suspects and sending both fleeing. Police later apprehended a 16 year old male, who was suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the shoulder, and charged the juvenile with robbery and conspiracy. Police are continuing to seek the second suspect.

GUNS SAVE LIVES

● **Gadsden, Alabama:** A robber armed with a handgun and wearing a mask entered A Absolute Bail Bonding at about 12:40 a.m., demanding money and knocking down one employee, before rifling through a bag of money. A second employee emerged from a back room, carrying a revolver, and ordered the robber to drop his gun. Rather than complying, the robber pointed his gun at the second employee, and the second employee fired in self defense, striking the robber in the head. Police, who did not immediately identify the robber, reported that the thug died from a gunshot wound to the head, and there were no injuries to employees or bystanders.

● **Richmond County, Georgia:** Police say that at about 4:00 a.m., a burglar, whose face was covered with a bandana, broke into the home of Superior Court Judge Carlisle Overstreet. The intruder proceeded upstairs, then back downstairs. Hearing the intruder approach, the Judge fired in self defense, striking him in the chest. A suspect, reportedly identified as 20-year-old John E. Howard Jr., whose jail nickname was reported to be "Killa," later died from his wounds, and the Judge was unharmed, according to police. At the time of the home invasion, Howard was on probation for 3 burglaries and a shoplifting offense.

● **Liberty County, Texas:** About 6:15 p.m., a woman returned to her home and found a burglar inside. Fearing for her safety, the woman grabbed and fired her self defense handgun, missing the intruder but causing him to jump out of a window. A neighbor helped the homeowner detain the intruder until police could arrive and arrest him. A suspect, identified as 21-year-old Nicholas Adam Tanner, was taken into custody and treated for broken glass injuries to his arm and hand, according to police.

● **Zaleski, Ohio:** At about 4:54 p.m., two men wearing camouflage and carrying an assault-style rifle and shotgun entered the Zaleski General Store at the intersection of Ohio 278 and Ohio 677 and demanded money. Store owner Letha Toops retrieved a small handgun from under the counter and fired four shots into the floor in front of the would-be robbers, who then fled. As the pair got into a waiting car, the lone customer in the store took Toops' handgun and fired a shot as the car drove away. Toops' husband, Jerry, also fired at the car, using a gun he had in the waistband of his pants. The sheriff's office is unsure whether anyone was struck by the gunfire, but all area hospitals were put on notice. Both suspects were described as tall white males, one being as tall as 6-foot-4 and heavy set.

● **Bryan, Texas:** Friday evening Mike (no last name given) was working at the Prince Food Mart when three men came inside. Mike said, "They say open the register if not I will kill you, I say ok, go ahead. But Mike decided to fight back with his Glock 40 caliber pistol. "I gotta chance, I got the gun out, and I fired it," Mike said. He fired four times and hit one of the suspects as they fled. Bryan Police arrested 20-year-old Ricky Jackson Junior for aggravated robbery who drove his friend who'd been shot to the hospital. "Although I'm not happy what happened, but those fears of getting killed even fully cooperating with these robbers the fear forced me to use my gun," he said. Surprisingly, Mike said the three suspects were regular customers.

● **Tulsa, Oklahoma:** A Tulsa homeowner shot a man who attempted to break into his house. The suspected burglar, Michael Brian Crawford, 36, was hit once in the left shoulder. He was treated and released from a hospital before being arrested on one count of first-degree burglary. The homeowner, who works out of his home, said the man rang his doorbell about 3:30 a.m., which woke him up, and asked for help. The homeowner called 911, the thug tried breaking in the back door and the homeowner shot him.

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Nevada:** The National Rifle Association has announced it would not endorse Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) in his bid for a fifth term, a surprising setback for the majority leader, who has enjoyed a long-standing working relationship with the nation's most influential gun rights group. NRA Chairman Chris Cox cited Reid's votes in favor of confirming Supreme Court Justices Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor as pivotal to the group's decision. Reid's camp attempted to put the best face on the snub, noting that the campaign has already received a \$4,950 donation from the NRA. Go figure.

● **Washington, D.C.:** The Beltway rumor mill has it that Andrew Traver, Special Agent In Charge of the Chicago Field Office of ATF, may be nominated as the first-ever Senate-confirmed Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) director. The position had been filled (at the Treasury Department and more recently at Justice) without Senate input. Since it became Senate-confirmable in 2006, no one has made it past the watchful eyes of gun rights advocates. The day before the Traver rumor surfaced in Al Kamen's "In The Loop" column for the Washington Post, the Brady Campaign sent a nasty letter to President Obama thrashing his leadership for not sending a nominee to the Senate. Coincidence? Probably not.

● **Los Angeles, California:** Vegas nightlife impresario and Paris Hilton boyfriend Cy Waits, 34, pulled a gun on a would-be intruder at Hilton's Los Angeles home. Waits forced the suspect to drop two knives and held Nathan Parada, 31, at bay until cops arrived. "Parada was formally charged with felony burglary and remained behind bars on \$50,000 bail. A relative said Parada, who has a criminal history, suffers mental issues. 'He has that mood problem - bipolar disorder. He's very quiet and we don't see him much,' grandma Angie Parada, 74, told reporters after his arrest."

● **Springfield, Virginia:** Gun Owners of America (GOA) has exited the Save the Internet coalition backed by pro-regulation liberal groups such as Free Press, SEIU, and MoveOn.org. GOA's departure came after sustaining heavy criticism from conservative blog RedState. GOA spokesman Erich Pratt said that "Back in 2006 we supported net neutrality, as we had been concerned that AOL and others might continue to block pro-second amendment issues." But, he added, "The issue has now become one of government control of the Internet, and we are 100 percent opposed to that."

● **San Francisco, California:** High Bridge Arms gun store on Mission Street, after a brief closure, is getting flak about its permit application from the Northwest Bernal Alliance and three other local groups because its members would "rather have something the neighborhood could enjoy - like a wine and cheese shop." A San Francisco Chronicle columnist asks, "Do we really need to make a high-caliber stink about re-opening the only legal firearms sales outlet in the city, even in a nice neighborhood? No. The place has been a gun store for 50 years, and local Ingleside police Capt. Louis Cassanego says that as far as he knows, there's never been a problem." The captain is for the permit "so long as certain precautions are taken," including all legal requirements and then some. But e-mails he's seeing are running 10-1 against the store's permit application.

● **Yuba City, California:** Rock star and gun rights advocate Ted Nugent has been fined \$1,750 in Yuba County Superior Court after pleading no contest to a charge of baiting deer on his Outdoor Channel hunting show, "Spirit of the Wild." Yuba City attorney Jack Kopp, representing Theodore Anthony Nugent, entered the plea to Department of Fish and Game charges of baiting deer and not having a deer tag countersigned at the closest possible location, said Deputy District Attorney John Vacek.

● **Scottsdale, Arizona:** Stingray Sushi restaurant has a cartoon mascot girl, a young, hip, edgy double secret agent, shown on its outdoor ads. But the City Council doesn't want it at bus stops because she's got a gun in each hand and her panties are showing just a bit. The restaurant owner likes it, but a passerby said, "A hot chick with guns? That's a no-no." A lady who walked by next didn't mind the guns, and said, "At least she's wearing panties." Both city and restaurant have agreed to negotiate.

Parting Shot

SEVEN THINGS A LAME-DUCK CONGRESS MIGHT DO TO YOUR GUN RIGHTS

With an anticipated lame-duck session of Congress after the November elections, Obama's "moderate" gun rights agenda may slip badly. There's likely to be mischief afoot before the newly elected Congress can take its seat. We should speculate on some of the possible, even if not probable, results:

1. What's most dangerous? What if one of the pro-Second Amendment Justices on the Supreme Court dies, or retires for health reasons? In a lame-duck session, the Senate could push through an anti-gun appointee with the same ease as Sotomayer or Kagan. What about Heller and the McDonald then?

2. A new "assault weapons" ban. It sure looks like Obama wants it. Further sales of so-called "military patterned" rifles could be outlawed, and registration of existing rifles could be mandated, as they were in California during the last "assault weapons" ban. Congress could ignore recent Supreme Court decisions. A legal challenge would take several years to filter up to an Obama-stacked Supreme Court. So, your semi-automatic is on the books and in federal computer databases.

3. All used military ammunition casings could be ordered destroyed by an Act of Congress. Don't think the anti-gun goons ignore ammunition re-loaders. They don't. If you hurt ammunition re-loaders economically, the anti-gun politicians know it punishes many devoted gun owners and Second Amendment advocates.

4. Ammunition, gun powder, primers, bullets and factory brass could be burdened with huge increases in excise taxes and/or a license to purchase. Congress is desperate for tax revenues. Ammo could be declared a "public health danger."

5. If the U.N. can get its act together, they could fast track the Small Arms Treaty and it might even be approved by a lame-duck Senate. Hillary Clinton has been busy with this one. She and Obama and a whole pack of zealous gun control supporters, are hot for this "Down-With-America" treaty.

6. A lame-duck Congress could very well double (or triple) the size and authority of the BATFE. It could be done in the name of "national security". The utterly corrupt Mexican government looks eager to get cozier with the BATFE. What if open gang warfare breaks out *north* of the border? Who gets caught in the crossfire? It probably wouldn't be ATF agents.

7. And, last but not least, gun show sales could be restricted to FFL holders only. The chance to buy unregistered firearms from other private citizens could cease. Imagine: Required, Form 4473s and F.B.I. NICS Check (and the fees) for every gun sold.

Probable? Not necessarily. Possible? Oh, yeah. Time to stock up.

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