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WPost: Terrorist's Message "Catalyst" To Close "Gun Show Loophole," "Terror Gap." The [Washington Post](#) (6/7, 572K) editorializes, "There may never be a better spokesman for closing the gun show loophole than Adam Yahye Gadahn," an "American and convert to Islam" who is now an Al Qaeda leader and is calling "on extremists in the West to take up arms against the United States." In his recent message, Said Gadahn, "You can go down to a gun show at the local convention center [in the US] and come away with a fully automatic assault rifle, without a background check, and most likely without having to show an identification card. So what are you waiting for?" Adds the Post, "Gadahn's call to arms should serve as a catalyst for the White House and Congress to move on legislation to close the gun show loophole and the terror gap."

China Denies Google Hacking Allegations. In a front-page editorial appearing in the international editions of People's Daily, China issued a rebuke yesterday to Google's allegations that it was behind a recent cyberattack. China, says [New York Times](#) (6/7, A5, Wines, Subscription Publication, 950K), called the accusations "political gaming" aimed at fomenting discord between Beijing and Washington, and "suggested that Google's actions could cost it credibility in the business world." Said the editorial, "Many international bystanders believe that Google's charge is thickly tainted with political colors, and one can't dismiss the fact that Google is taking advantage and provoking new Sino-American Internet security disputes with sinister intentions."

The [AP](#) (6/6) quotes the editorial as saying, "Google's accusations against China are fictitious and have ulterior motives and sinister intentions." Google, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (6/7, B3, Chao, Subscription Publication, 2.02M) reports, declined to comment on the editorial.

New Jersey Lawyer Accused Of Racketeering Faces New Charges. The [New Jersey Record & Herald News](#) (6/7, Sampson) reports, "With racketeering charges reinstated by an appeals court and his trial set for October, a federal grand jury has returned a second superseding indictment against a Nutley defense lawyer accused of plotting with a Paramus attorney to murder witnesses against his clients, authorities said Monday. The 33-count, 139-page indictment expands the timeframe of the racketeering and drug conspiracy counts against Paul W. Bergrin and adds some new allegations, including linking Bergrin to Clifford J. Minor, a former Essex County prosecutor, in a plot to bribe a witness to take the fall for one of Bergrin's clients by falsely confessing to a gun charge. Bergrin allegedly engineered that scheme in 2007 to free a convicted felon who had been delivering kilograms of cocaine to others on Bergrin's behalf, the indictment said."

Subpoenas Expected In Probe Of ATF Gun-Tracking Program. [The Hill](#) (6/7, Yager, 21K) reports that Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA), who chairs the House Oversight Committee, "will use the power of the subpoena to learn if a federal gun-tracking program contributed to the killing of a Border Patrol agent." Issa "is planning to issue a number of subpoenas to federal officials with ties to the controversial program, which was run by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)." The move "comes on the tail end of a series of interviews with government officials and witnesses that the panel's investigators conducted last month," which sources say produced new evidence regarding who approved the operation.

[CBS News](#) (6/7) reports on its website, "The first in a series of Congressional hearings into the so-called 'gunwalker' scandal is set for Monday, June 13th. The title:'Obstruction of Justice: Does the Justice Department Have to Respond to a Lawfully Issued and Valid Congressional Subpoena?'"

Main Justice (6/7, Ramonas) reports, "In an interview on Fox News on Sunday, Issa said he plans to have a 'series of hearings' on Operation Fast and Furious, which allowed guns to fall into the hands of Mexican drug cartels in an effort to track them. He said the first hearing will be with 'the victims and their families to get a real idea, the true meaning of what happens when you let weapons get into the hands ... of some of the worst killers south and north of the border.' The chairman has subpoenaed the ATF, a Justice Department agency, for records about the murder of US Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry, whose body was found near two firearms traced to the program."

"Gunwalker" Weapons Linked To Helicopter Shooting. CBS News (6/7) reports on its website, "CBS News has learned that the recent case of a Mexican military helicopter forced to land after it was fired upon is linked to the ATF Fast and Furious 'gunwalker' operation." CBS continues, "Drug cartel suspects on the ground shot at Mexican government helicopters two weeks ago in western Mexico, forcing one chopper to land. Authorities seized more than 70 assault rifles and other weapons from the suspects. Among the seized weapons are guns sold to suspects as part of the ATF sting operation, sources say. That information came from traces of serial numbers."

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