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POSTS FROM CANADA

FIXING MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES A WAY TO CUT COURT BACKLOGS: MINISTER

Justice ministers to hammer out possible changes to mandatory minimum penalties to give discretion back to judges and get the courts moving faster. By Canadian Press - Friday, April 28th, 2017

<https://ipolitics.ca/2017/04/28/fixing-mandatory-minimum-penalties-a-way-to-cut-court-backlogs-minister/>

TORONTO SUN - GUNS BANNED FROM NRA'S CONVENTION DURING DONALD TRUMP'S

APPEARANCE - Guns are allowed in most public places in Georgia, including in the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta where the National Rifle Association is holding its annual meeting this weekend. But as with most presidential appearances, firearms weren't allowed.

BY LISA MARIE PANE, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - UPDATED: FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017

<http://www.torontosun.com/2017/04/28/guns-banned-from-nras-convention-during-donald-trumps-appearance>

VIDEO: NEAR IMPOSSIBLE SIGHT, DOUBLE 'ALBINO MOOSE' IN ONTARIO BACKCOUNTRY

By Grant Best, Timmins, Ontario

<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/videos/gallery/near-impossible-sight-double-albino-moose-in-ontario-backcountry/sharevideo/5411920468001>

GLOBE AND MAIL - IN BREWING FIGHT OVER GUNS, VISIONS OF 'SHOOTOUTS IN TIMES SQUARE'

The gun lobby helped elect Donald Trump to the White House. Now it is looking to the new U.S. President to achieve a long-sought goal: making it easier to carry concealed weapons nationwide.

By JOANNA SLATER, NEW YORK — The Globe and Mail - Thursday, Apr. 27, 2017

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/us-politics/in-brewing-fight-over-guns-visions-of-shootouts-in-times-square/article34827171/>

CBC - RCMP FELT 'OUTGUNNED' YEARS BEFORE 3 MONCTON OFFICERS SLAIN, LABOUR TRIAL

HEARS - Supt. Troy Lightfoot testifies he voiced concerns to management about needing to address officer safety

By Bobbi-Jean MacKinnon, CBC News - Last Updated: Apr 27, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/rcmp-day-4-trial-1.4087461>

NRA ANNUAL MEETING IN ATLANTA, DAY ONE: THE NRA STORE

Nicolas Johnson, Editor of TheGunBlog.ca - Thursday 27 April 2017

I arrived in Atlanta today for the annual meeting of the U.S. National Rifle Association, which describes itself as "America's longest-standing civil rights organization." As far as I'm aware, the group's more than 5 million members make it the biggest shooter's rights association in the world. Some 80,000 people are expected at this year's gathering, making it much bigger than SHOT Show.

<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/04/27/nra-annual-meeting-in-atlanta-day-one-the-nra-store/>

NFA MEDIA RELEASE - APRIL 26, 2017

THE NFA ACHIEVES AN IMPORTANT COURT VICTORY FOR CANADIAN GUN OWNERS

The Court ruled that the CFO's power under s. 58(1) of the Firearms Act, to attach conditions to a licence or authorization, is not unfettered. The CFO cannot use that power to create rules of general application, akin to legislation.

<https://nfa.ca/the-nfa-achieves-an-important-court-victory-for-canadian-gun-owners/>

MOUNTIE SAYS HE EXPRESSED CONCERNS OVER ROLE MONEY PLAYED IN RIFLE ROLLOUT,

TRIAL HEARS - RCMP's trial on charges it violated labour standards during its response to a 2014 shooting rampage in Moncton hears from expert in tactical operations. By ALY THOMSON, The Canadian Press - Wed., April 26, 2017

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/04/26/mountie-says-he-expressed-concerns-over-role-money-played-in-rifle-rollout-trial-hears.html>

NEW AR-15 SEMI-AUTOMATIC STANDARD: RCMP

The RCMP have circulated a new memo to gun industry members advising them of a new AR-15 semi-automatic standard being used to classify semi-automatic AR-15 receivers from fully automatic receivers.

By Daniel Fritter, Calibre Magazine - April 26, 2017

<http://calibremag.ca/new-ar-15-semiautomatic-standard-rcmp/>

GUN LICENCES RISE TO RECORD FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR IN 2016

Canada had 2,076,840 licences issued to individuals at Dec. 31, the RCMP said today in an e-mailed response to TheGunBlog.ca. TheGunBlog.ca - Wednesday 26 April 2017

<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/04/26/gun-licences-rise-to-record-for-second-straight-year-in-2016/>

CBC - DAVID ASPER, TAPPED TO CHAIR POLICE BOARD, ENDORSED TORY LEADERSHIP HOPEFUL CALLING FOR RELAXED GUN LAWS

Asper says he will put aside all political activities if council approves his nomination. By Bartley Kives, CBC News - Last Updated: Apr 25, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/asper-bernier-guns-winnipeg-1.4083737>

LEAD AMMUNITION STUDY BY TOXECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING LTD, VANCOUVER BC V6B 1G4

Perform a study to update and gather information on the current fate of lead released from ammunition and the uses of lead ammunition and their non-lead alternatives from non-military activities in Canada. (3000623263)

Contract award date: 2016/09/29 - Publication date: 2016/11/17

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/award-notice/PW-16-00743651-001>

TROPHY HUNTERS TARGETED IN ELECTION PROPAGANDA

the NDP and BC Green Party candidates have been seen on the campaign trail discriminating against trophy hunters. Meanwhile, the mainstream media is falling over itself pandering to the anti-hunting agenda.

By Othmar Vohringer on April 25, 2017

<http://www.merrietherald.com/vohringer-trophy-hunters-targeted-election-propaganda/>

TORONTO STAR - ARIZONA MAN CHARGED WITH BRINGING LOADED HANDGUN INTO CN TOWER

Police say there's no evidence so far to suggest the man intended to shoot anyone at Toronto's most famous tourist attraction. By EMMA MCINTOSH, Staff Reporter - Mon., April 24, 2017

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2017/04/24/arizona-man-charged-with-bringing-loaded-handgun-into-cn-tower.html>

A FEW STATISTICS ABOUT HOMICIDE IN CANADA

In 2015, 23% of the victims were Aboriginal, as were 32% of accused. Aboriginal Canadians constitute approximately 5% of the total population. Justice for Gun Owners - By GARY MAUSER - APRIL 24, 2017

<http://justiceforgunowners.ca/a-few-statistics-about-homicide-in-canada/>

IS CANADA SLIDING DOWN THE SLIPPERY SLOPE OF GUN CONTROL?

Apparently, in the 21st century, the government suspects all of us of disloyalty or violence.

Justice for Gun Owners - By GARY MAUSER - APRIL 24, 2017

<http://justiceforgunowners.ca/is-canada-sliding-down-the-slippery-slope-of-gun-control/>

CAN SUICIDE RATES BE REDUCED BY GUN CONTROL LAWS?

The short answer is, "No." Justice for Gun Owners - BY GARY MAUSER APRIL 23, 2017

<http://justiceforgunowners.ca/can-suicide-rates-be-reduced-by-gun-control-laws/>

ONTARIO POLICE FORCES SHARE CARDING DATA WITH MOUNTIES, CSIS

"Front-line officers across Ontario have the unique opportunity to recognize, identify, collect and report on intelligence gathered through primary response duties, such as street checks, vehicle stops and criminal investigations," the document states. By JIM RANKIN, Feature reporter and WENDY, reporter - Sun., April 23, 2017

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/04/23/ontario-police-forces-share-carding-data-with-mounties-csis.html>

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POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

BBC - TRUMP REASSURES US GUN OWNERS

"The eight-year assault on your Second Amendment freedoms has come to a crashing end," he said. The 10,000-strong audience (NRA figures) - cheered.

By Tara McKelvey, BBC White House correspondent, Atlanta - 29 April 2017

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-39727707>

U.S. NEWS - FACING A PRO-GUN GOVERNMENT, ANTI-GUN MOVEMENT FEELS DEFIANT

Advocates for gun control say they aren't being cowed by a pro-gun White House and Congress.

By NANCY BENAC, Associated Press - April 28, 2017, at 10:26 a.m.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2017-04-28/facing-a-pro-gun-government-anti-gun-movement-feels-defiant>

MORE GUNS, LESS CRIME REDUX

Gun control increases murder rates, it would seem. By Daniel Flynn - April 28, 2017

<https://spectator.org/more-guns-less-crime-redux/>

WASH. TIMES - CHALLENGING INACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT GUNS

A fair debate on the issue is needed, but liberal lobbying groups refuse to participate

By John R. Lott Jr. - - Thursday, April 27, 2017

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/apr/27/gun-misinformation-harms-fair-debate/>

SECRET SERVICE: GUNS BANNED FROM TRUMP'S NRA SPEECH

"The Secret Service works closely with our local law enforcement partners in each state to ensure a safe environment for our protectees and the public," the agency said in a statement. "Individuals determined to be carrying firearms will not be allowed past a predetermined outer perimeter checkpoint, regardless of whether they possess a ticket to the event."

By Kevin Liptak, CNN White House Producer - Thu April 27, 2017

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/04/27/politics/secret-service-trump-nra-guns/>

10 STATES ALLOW GUNS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES AND 16 MORE ARE CONSIDERING IT

In the year 2000, no states had laws on their books that allowed guns on college campuses. Today, 10 states have signed such laws. And an eleventh, Georgia, passed such legislation in March. It's awaiting the governor's signature.

By Abby Jackson and Skye Gould - April 27, 2017

<http://www.businessinsider.com/states-that-allow-guns-on-college-campuses-2017-4>

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE MYTHS OF PURCHASING FIREARMS

Barack Obama's careless statement that "it's easier for you to buy a handgun and clips than it is for you to buy a fresh vegetable," is just one example of misleading rhetoric about purchasing a firearm in the United States.

The half-truths and blatant lies about gun sales and how criminals obtain firearms in the first place have either zero basis or are being partially reported to skew the public's view of gun facts. by Casea Peterson - April 27, 2017

<http://www.gunfacts.info/blog/guest-blog-the-truth-behind-the-myths-of-purchasing-firearms/>

MORE BLACK WOMEN ARE LEARNING TO USE GUNS: 'THIS IS A MOVEMENT, AND IT STARTS NOW'

- African American women organizing shooting classes are finding a surge of interest – and many say it comes down to feeling less safe in the era of Trump. By Timothy Pratt in Lawrenceville, Georgia - Thursday 27 April 2017

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/apr/27/black-women-guns-classes-racism-trump>

NORTH KOREAN TROOPS WERE CARRYING FAKE GUNS DURING MILITARY PARADE, CLAIMS US EXPERT

The authenticity of the missiles used during the propaganda event has also been called into question

By Mark Hodge and News.com.au - 27th April 2017

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3425123/kim-jong-un-del-boy-fake-guns-weapons-north-korea/>

NY TIMES - 3 EX-OFFICERS AND EX-PROSECUTOR ARE CHARGED OVER GUN LICENSES

The charges revolve around a scheme in which so-called gun-licensing expeditors bribed police officers in exchange for approval of hard-to-obtain gun permits. By BENJAMIN WEISER and JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN - APRIL 25, 2017

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/25/nyregion/3-former-police-officers-and-a-former-prosecutor-are-charged-in-widening-corruption-investigation.html?_r=0

POINT, DON'T SHOOT: OKLAHOMA BILL ALLOWS POINTING OF GUNS TO DETER VIOLENT CRIME

Current law allows the state to file felony charges against someone who brandishes a firearm at someone else, even in self-defense. by Dale Denwalt - Updated: April 26, 2017 <http://newsok.com/article/5546893>

COUNTRY BY COUNTRY GUN LAW COMPARISON

One of the most efficient gun laws implemented is in Australia. Canada is able to maintain lower amounts of homicides than the U.S. due to its strict gun license and registration laws.

NEWS & POLITICS April 26, 2017 , by Sandbox Staff

<https://sandbox.spcollege.edu/index.php/2017/04/country-by-country-gun-law-comparison/>

U.K. WOMAN CRITICISES POLICE FOR RETURNING GUNS TO KILLER OF HER MOTHER AND

SISTER - Five of Lowe's shotguns were later returned to him, seven months before he shot the two women.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/apr/26/woman-criticises-police-for-returning-guns-to-killer-of-her-mother-and-sister>

NYT EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER ATTACKS NRA FOR HAVING GUNS IN ITS GUN MUSEUM

Op-ed paints gun owners as wannabe thrill killers inspired by John Wayne. By Stephen Gutowski - April 25, 2017

<http://freebeacon.com/issues/new-york-times-editorial-board-member-attacks-nra-guns-gun-museum/>

JOHN LOTT - 2% OF COUNTIES HAVE 51% OF THE MURDERS

The worst 1% of counties have 19% of the population and 37% of the murders. The worst 5% of counties contain 47% of the population and account for 68% of murders. As shown in figure 2, over half of murders occurred in only 2% of counties. Crime Prevention Research Center - April 24, 2017

<http://crimeresearch.org/2017/04/number-murders-county-54-us-counties-2014-zero-murders-69-1-murder/>

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IRELAND - MAJORITY OF FARMERS WITH GUNS WOULD SHOOT WHEN FACED WITH INTRUDER ON THEIR PROPERTY

- 'I'm miles from a Garda station...would the intruder wait?'

Margaret Donnelly & Ciaran Moran - April 24 2017 2:30 AM

<http://www.independent.ie/business/farming/rural-life/exclusive-majority-of-farmers-with-guns-would-shoot-when-faced-with-intruder-on-their-property-35644850.html>

PRESIDENT TRUMP REMOVES OBAMA'S PRO-GUN CONTROL SURGEON GENERAL

Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy: "And in my book, every single death from gun violence is a tragedy because it was preventable. It's unacceptable." by AWR HAWKINS - 23 Apr 2017

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/04/23/president-trump-removes-obamas-pro-gun-control-surgeon-general/>

EDITORIAL: A BIG BLOW TO GUN CONTROL

Our opinion: A federal bill on nationwide concealed carry reciprocity is an outrageous end run around state efforts at gun control. By TU Editorial Board on April 22, 2017 at 10:00 PM

<http://blog.timesunion.com/opinion/editorial-a-big-blow-to-gun-control/37914/>

NY TIMES EDITORIAL: THE ONE-SIDED GUN WAR OF THE SEXES

Eighteen states have laws either requiring the police to seize guns at domestic abuse scenes or giving them discretion to do so. Twenty states have courts make the decision when they issue protection orders. (A few of these states take both approaches.) But varying circumstances and resources too often undermine enforcement. And 23 states have no confiscation protections. By THE EDITORIAL BOARD - APRIL 14, 2017

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/14/opinion/the-one-sided-gun-war-of-the-sexes.html>

GUN-CONTROL GROUPS WANT TO USE “INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE” TO DISARM WHO?

Everytown for Gun Safety, uses this stat to argue that we need so-called “universal” background check laws. Yet they refuse to even touch on the fact that criminals, by definition, won’t obey these laws.

by Frank Miniter - Monday, April 24, 2017

<https://www.american1stfreedom.org/articles/2017/4/24/gun-control-groups-want-to-use-intimate-partner-violence-to-disarm-who/>

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OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

CBC - WHAT HARJIT SAJJAN REALLY DID WHILE SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN

At 'no time was he in on the planning' of Operation Medusa, soldiers tell CBC News

By Murray Brewster, CBC News - Last Updated: Apr 29, 2017 11:00 AM ET

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/sajjan-medusa-architect-claim-1.4091609>

‘YOU’RE PRIVILEGED’: MULCAIR BLASTS JUSTIN TRUDEAU FOR ‘HYPOCRISY’ ON MARIJUANA POSSESSION CHARGES

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau smoked marijuana as an MP but he has not suffered the same consequences as Canadians who are slapped with simple pot charges, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair said Tuesday –an example, he says, of “abject hypocrisy.” Trudeau also shared a story during the Monday interview about an incident in which his late brother Michel faced marijuana possession charges. Trudeau said his father, former prime minister Pierre Trudeau, was able to bring the family’s resources to bear on the problem, including turning to friends in the legal community to help make the charges go away. BY Kristy Kirkup, The Canadian Press | April 26, 2017 12:40 PM ET

<http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/canadian-politics/youre-privileged-mulcair-blasts-justin-trudeau-for-hypocrisy-on-marijuana-possession-charges>

TORONTO SUN - COPS THWART DEATH PLOT AGAINST SUN COLUMNIST TAREK FATAH

Toronto Sun columnist Tarek Fatah was on an ISIS hit list because of “contentious issues related to Islam”, the Times of India reports. Cops in India say two terror suspects were arrested last week before they could get guns from an ISIS mole in Mumbai and make their sinister plot a reality. BY BRAD HUNTER, TORONTO SUN - TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

<http://www.torontosun.com/2017/04/25/cops-thwart-death-plot-against-sun-columnist-tarek-fatah>

TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT CONDUCTING IDEOLOGICAL PURGE AT REFUGEE BOARD

In an effort to block those who actually want to enforce Canada's immigration laws and rules, the Trudeau government is conducting a ruthless ideological purge at the Immigration & Refugee Board.

By SPENCE RFERNANDO - APRIL 23, 2017

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2017/04/23/trudeau-government-conducting-ideological-purge-refugee-board/>

UNPREDICTABLE SENATE CAUSING TROUBLE FOR TRUDEAU'S AGENDA, DOCUMENTS SHOW

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Senate reforms have created headaches for his cabinet as it attempts to push an ambitious agenda through both houses of Parliament.

By ALEX BOUTILIER, Ottawa Bureau Reporter - Sun., April 23, 2017

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/04/23/unpredictable-senate-causing-trouble-for-trudeaus-agenda-documents-show.html>

DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTERS IN CANADA FORCED TO TURN AWAY 305 WOMEN AND KIDS ON A SINGLE DAY LAST YEAR: REPORT

The report says that on one day last year, 234 shelters had to turn away 305 women and children — almost three-quarters of the women and children seeking shelter that day — because there was no space. By Jordan Press, The Canadian Press | April 28, 2016 4:36 PM ET

<http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/domestic-abuse-shelters-in-canada-forced-to-turn-away-305-women-and-kids-on-a-single-day-last-year-report>

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JUSTIN TRUDEAU: 47 CHARACTER REVEALING QUOTES FROM CANADA'S 23RD PRIME MINISTER AND WHAT THEY MEAN FOR YOU By Christopher di Armani

A scathing indictment of Canada's 23rd Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau. A man's actions reveal his true character, that which he attempts to cover with his words. What a man says is often inconsequential. Unlike a his words, his actions do not lie. They tell the true tale of the man. This book examines Trudeau's words, their stark contradiction with his actions and examine what his true character reveals.

<http://christopherdiarmani.com/books/justin-trudeau-47-characterrevealing-quotes-canadas-23rd-prime-minister/>