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RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

FORMER SCOUTS CANADA TROOP LEADER SENTENCED FOR SHOOTING SCOUT WITH PELLET GUN

Todd Russell Robertson, 49, was sentenced in provincial court Dec. 13 after admitting to shooting one of the seven youths in his charge during a July 2016 weekend fundraiser and firearms competition in Calgary. Dec 22, 2017

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/former-scouts-canada-troop-leader-sentenced-for-shooting-scout-with-pellet-gun-1.3732244>

<http://edmontonjournal.com/news/crime/scouts-dishonour-troop-leader-admits-to-shooting-boy-scout-with-pellet-gun>

LARRY VICKERS SAYS HE HAS A 'SOFT SPOT' FOR CANADIAN GUNS

Vickers, the firearm trainer, designer and former member of the elite U.S. military unit Delta Force, made the comment in a Q&A with Ian McCollum of Forgotten Weapons on YouTube. TheGunBlog.ca - Friday 22 December 2017

<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/12/22/larry-vickers-says-he-has-a-soft-spot-for-canadian-guns/>

CALGARY HERALD - ALBERTA HAS 2,500 COUGARS: BIOLOGIST SAYS HUNTING THEM IS ETHICAL AND LEGAL

The criticism of Ecklund is unwarranted. "This is an anti-hunting rant," said Mark Boyce, a professor of population ecology with the University of Alberta. "There is nothing illegal about cougar hunting, but I understand that some people do not accept hunting. That is a personal choice." by Colette Derworiz, The Canadian Press – Dec 22, 2017

<http://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/alberta-has-2500-cougars-biologist-says-hunting-popular-in-the-province>

CBC - RETIRED U.S. COLONEL STANDS BY GUN CONTROL COMMENTS THAT COST HIM A SENATE CONFIRMATION

Dean L. Winslow withdrew his name for consideration for U.S. assistant secretary of defence for health affairs after his confirmation was put on indefinite hold over his controversial remarks. At his Senate hearing the day after a mass shooting at a church in Sunderland Springs, Texas, Winslow called it "insane" that U.S. citizens can buy semi-automatic weapons. CBC As It Happens - December 21, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-thursday-edition-1.4460458/retired-u-s-colonel-stands-by-gun-control-comments-that-cost-him-a-senate-confirmation-1.4460474>

TORONTO STAR - TV HOST'S COUGAR HUNT THAT DREW IRE FROM LAUREEN HARPER

Steve Ecklund, host of the outdoor show The Edge, bragged about hunting the huge cat earlier this month. Harper, wife of former prime minister Stephen Harper, was among many who expressed outrage online in response.

By COLETTE DERWORIZ, The Canadian Press - Thu., Dec. 21, 2017

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/12/21/laureen-harper-among-chorus-of-online-criticism-after-canadian-tv-host-kills-cougar-in-alberta.html>

CBSA INTERNAL REPORT SHOWS BORDER AGENTS SEIZE 569 GUNS PER YEAR

The Canada Border Services Agency has seized an average of 569 guns a year since 2011 and confiscations are rising, according to internal reports obtained by Dennis Young, the advocate for shooters' rights. TheGunBlog.ca - 21 Dec 2017

<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/12/21/cbsa-internal-report-shows-border-agents-seize-569-guns-per-year/>

GOODALE'S DEPT: NO RECORDS OF NUMBER OF FIREARMS USED BY, LOST BY OR STOLEN FROM FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS - Public Safety Access to Information Response – December 13, 2017

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/21/number-firearms-stolen-federal-departments/>

JULY 11, 2017 - RCMP UNABLE TO FIND RECORDS ON GUNS STOLEN FROM POLICE FORCES & AGENCIES IN CANADA

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/07/18/rcmp-unable-to-find-records-on-guns-stolen-from-police-forces-agencies-in-canada/>

MAY 20, 2016 - RCMP RELEASE LIST OF 125 FIREARMS THEY LOST OR HAD STOLEN FROM THEM

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2016/05/31/rcmp-release-list-of-124-firearms-they-lost-or-had-stolen-from-them/>

APRIL 5, 2016 - NATIONAL DEFENCE WEAPONS & ACCESSORIES STOLEN OR LOST IN 2012-2013

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2016/06/01/national-defence-weapons-accessories-stolen-or-lost-in-2012-2013/>

“PERSISTENT MYTHS OF GUN CONTROL”

Gary Mauser urges policymakers not to be taken in by emotional misapprehensions.

By Gary Mauser - The Dorchester Review Volume 7 Number 2 • Autumn/Winter 2017 (Page 65)

Note: Available only to subscribers <https://www.dorchesterreview.ca>

GUN SMUGGLER MAY CHALLENGE MANDATORY MINIMUM

Senk'lip, also known as Alex Louie, was found guilty of nine gun-related charges. Senk'lip said he would be willing to consider consulting with one of his lawyer friends to attempt to mount that constitutional challenge.

By DUSTIN GODFREY - Dec. 21, 2017

<https://www.keremeosreview.com/news/gun-smuggler-may-challenge-mandatory-minimum/>

ONLINE OUTRAGE AFTER CANADIAN TV HOST KILLS COUGAR IN ALBERTA

“If you can guess what post has 900 likes, 450 comments, 13 confirmed death threats, 754 swear words and one very happy hunter in it ... I will enter your name into the draw for the new cougar cook book, filled with mouth water recipes for your next mountain lion hunt,” Steve Ecklund, who’s the host of the outdoor show “The Edge,” wrote in a Dec. 4 post. Others on social media defended Ecklund’s right to hunt the cougar. THE CANADIAN PRESS - December 21, 2017

<http://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/online-outrage-after-canadian-tv-host-kills-cougar-in-alberta>

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/alberta/canadian-tv-host-kills-cougar-in-northern-alberta-sparks-outrage/article37401260/>

<http://vancouversun.com/news/canada/online-outrage-after-canadian-tv-host-kills-cougar-in-northern-alberta/wcm/a56026fa-03b8-4857-a6e2-b836976b2c0b>

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/cecil-lion-all-over-again-tv-presenter-kills-mountain-lion-photographs-organs-1652326>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5179119/steve-ecklund-picture-slaughtered-big-cat-sparks-fury/>

<http://canoe.com/news/national/animal-activists-rage-after-canadian-tv-host-steve-ecklund-bags-mammoth-alberta-mountain-lion>

THE FUTURE FOR CARIBOU HUNTING?

TIME RUNNING OUT FOR CARIBOU: MINISTRY

Recent data from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry suggest that plans to rescue some of the threatened caribou herd from Michipicoten Island might have to be revamped, an official argues.

By Ruth Fletcher - Thursday, December 21, 2017

<http://www.thesudburystar.com/2017/12/21/time-running-out-for-caribou-ministry>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/michipicoten-caribou-relocation-1.4457130>

ENVIRONMENTALISTS CRITICIZE ALBERTA PLAN TO HELP ENDANGERED WOODLAND CARIBOU

The province plans to spend more than \$85 million in the next five years to restore habitat by eliminating seismic lines, building rearing facilities and looking at other measures to help caribou. That cash includes \$9.2 million already spent on recovery efforts. The Canadian Press - Colette Derworiz - December 19, 2017 <http://nationalpost.com/pmnn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/alberta-releases-draft-plan-to-help-endangered-woodland-caribou-herds>
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-caribou-alberta-cold-lake-cenovus-environment-1.4458396>

NUNAVUT LOOKS TO LIMIT CARIBOU SPORT HUNTING

Department of Environment urges measures to help prevent further decline of herds

By STEVE DUCHARME - December 20, 2017

http://www.nunatsiaqonline.ca/stories/article/65674nunavut_looks_to_limit_caribou_sport_hunting/

CARIBOU DECLINE CONCERNS NASKAPI NATION OF KAWAWACHIKAMACH

KAWAWACHIKAMACH, QC – HUNTING – “For sustainable access to the caribou, we must ensure the long-term preservation of these two migratory caribou herds, as well as good relationships with other Indigenous groups who also depend upon them for subsistence. Only a strong collaboration on the implementation of management plans and strategies can secure the viability of these herds and our own livelihoods. The Naskapi Nation is concerned about fulfilling our community’s needs for food and traditional practices, and our participation in these collaborative initiatives is critical to the long-term and sustainable access to the caribou,” says Chief Noah Swappie. by Amanda Perreault – Dec 20, 2017

<http://www.netnewsledger.com/2017/12/20/caribou-decline-concerns-naskapi-nation-kawawachikamach/>

ACTIVISTS URGE OTTAWA TO PROTECT CARIBOU IN B.C.

An environmental group wants Ottawa to issue an emergency order to protect a British Columbia caribou population
Globe and Mail - December 14, 2017

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/activists-urge-ottawa-to-protect-caribou-in-bc/article37340466/>

SCI OPPOSES GRIZZLY BEAR HUNTING BAN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Safari Club International has a better plan for the management of grizzly bears in British Columbia, Canada. Whether officials heed that sage advice remains in question following the announcement of a halt to all grizzly bear hunting in that province. THE OUTDOOR WIRE - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017

<http://www.theoutdoorwire.com/story/15137343730jsas95jb2>

CBC - MORE STOLEN GUNS ENDING UP ON STREETS, OTTAWA POLICE SAY

Insp. Mark Patterson, head of the Ottawa police guns and gangs unit believes more criminals are acquiring firearms in residential break-ins. Patterson said this puts a new emphasis on ensuring gun owners are storing their firearms properly.

CBC News - Dec 20, 2017 <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-police-shootings-guns-2017-1.4457408>

RETICLE REGULATION SUFFICIENT: CEO

The president of the company running a gun range at the regional airport says residents’ concerns around a ‘lack of regulation’ are unfounded. By Sabrina Bedford, The Recorder and Times - Monday, December 18, 2017

<http://www.recorder.ca/2017/12/18/reticle-regulation-sufficient-ceo>

'IT IS NO LONGER SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE': B.C. BANS THE HUNTING OF GRIZZLY BEARS

The Environment Minister cited research suggesting the economic impact of bear viewing is far greater than hunting, both for revenue and job creation The Canadian Press - Geordon Omand, December 18, 2017

<http://nationalpost.com/news/canada/b-c-ends-grizzly-bear-hunt-calls-it-no-longer-socially-acceptable>

LETTER: ALCOHOL-RELATED DEATHS FAR BIGGER PROBLEM THAN FIREARMS

A new gun registry or gun controls may look good (for the government) to non-gun owners but does little for saving any lives. BY Dale Brooks, Lethbridge - LETTER TO THE EDITOR ON DECEMBER 19, 2017

<http://lethbridgeherald.com/commentary/letters-to-the-editor/2017/12/19/alcohol-related-deaths-far-bigger-problem-than-firearms/>

RCMP: NO EVIDENCE BANNING HALF A MILLION+ GUNS IMPROVED PUBLIC SAFETY

My ATIP REQUEST JULY 18, 2017: What effect did banning of these 581,632 firearms had on reducing violent crime, reducing the number of criminal offences committed with firearms and, generally, what effect these firearms prohibitions have had improving public safety and police safety in Canada? RCMP RESPONSE DECEMBER 5, 2017:

“Unfortunately, we were unable to locate records which respond to your request.”

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/19/rcmp-no-evidence-banning-half-million-guns-improved-public-safety/>

TIME FOR THE AUDITOR GENERAL TO DO A VALUE-FOR-MONEY AUDIT!!!

Letter to the Auditor General of Canada - By Dennis R. Young - November 24, 2017

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/11/24/value-money-audit-canadas-firearms-programs/>

IS THIS REALLY THE BEST WAY TO SAVE ALBERTA'S WOODLAND CARIBOU?

Alberta Fish and Game Association worries that rushed recovery plan will limit recreational backcountry access

By Bob Sexton - Dec 18, 2017

<http://www.outdoorcanada.ca/Is-this-really-the-best-way-to-save-Albertas-woodland-caribou>

NDP GOVERNMENT KILLS PLAN FOR FOOD HUNT OF B.C. GRIZZLY BEARS

But the government now says it has listened to the public and has concluded that a total ban on food and trophy hunting is the way to go. About 78 per cent of 4,180 emails the government received on the issue opposed a continued food hunt

By LARRY PYNN - December 18, 2017 <http://theprovince.com/news/local-news/ndp-government-kills-plan-for-food-hunt-of-b-c-grizzly-bears/wcm/5ec7b6da-c4a7-4641-8532-718a73a4cbfc>

ON TARGET: EXPORTS OF ARMS TO UKRAINE ‘SCARY’

Foreign Affairs Minister Freeland is rushing in where even Donald Trump fears to tread. That is scary.

By SCOTT TAYLOR, Editor of Esprit de Corps magazine - December 17, 2017

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1530300-on-target-exports-of-arms-to-ukraine-%E2%80%98scary%E2%80%99>

JUSTICE DEPT. WITHHOLDS ‘EVIDENCE’ DEFYING TRUDEAU & GOODALE PROMISES

- Liberal Leader Trudeau stated, “The only ideology that must guide us is evidence - Hard, scientific facts and data. It may seem revolutionary in today’s Ottawa, but instead of inventing the facts to justify the policies, we will create policy based on facts. Solutions can come from the left or the right, all that matters is that they work.”

- Goodale said. “We want to be an evidence-based government making sound decisions on the basis of hard facts.”

- Liberal Party Real Change: Evidence-based policy: Government should base its policies on facts, not make up facts based on policy. Without evidence, government makes arbitrary decisions that have the potential to negatively affect the daily lives of Canadians. We need reliable economic indicators and data for sound economic policy, and to provide other governments, businesses, and civil society with the tools to enrich our national life. A Liberal government will ensure the federal government rebuilds its capacity to deliver on evidence-based decision-making.

<https://www.liberal.ca/openness-and-transparency/>

Complaint to Information Commissioner - December 17, 2017

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/17/justice-dept-withholds-evidence-defying-trudeau-goodale-promises/>

REAL SHOOTERS DON'T HIDE THEIR GUN PORN

Tens of thousands of Canadian shooters get Calibre magazine mailed to them in a package that masks the naked firearms on its cover. For Pierre Plourde, this desire to hide is why the gun-rights movement is failing.

TheGunBlog.ca - Sunday 17 December 2017

<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/12/17/real-shooters-dont-hide-their-gun-porn/>

TRUDEAU TO INCREASE BUREAUCRATIC RESTRICTIONS ON CANADIAN GUN OWNERS

The Harper government reduced bureaucratic restrictions and showed more respect for law-abiding Canadian gun owners. Now, the Trudeau Liberals are going in the opposite direction. By SPENCER FERNANDO - DECEMBER 16, 2017

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2017/12/16/trudeau-increase-bureaucratic-restrictions-canadian-gun-owners/>

TOTAL FIREARMS SEIZED BY CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY – 2011-2016

• 3,412 Firearms Seized (in 2,693 Seizures) Valued at \$1,604,320

CBSA Access to Information Response – December 7, 2017

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/16/cbsa-report-1-6-million-dollars-worth-firearms-seized/>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

WHY DOES ORGANIZED MEDICINE HATE GUNS?

It is time for our leaders of organized medicine to become true leaders and to begin supporting the American civil right of gun ownership. by Timothy Wheeler, MD - Founder and former director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership -

December 21, 2017 <https://drgo.us/why-does-organized-medicine-hate-guns/>

POLITICAL REPORT: GUN CONTROL REBRANDED

For decades, gun control groups have constantly tried to change their brand names in order to fool the American public.

Gun owners, of course, see right through this charade every time it happens.

BY CHRIS W. COX | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20171219/political-report-gun-control-rebranded>

NY TIMES EDITORIAL - THERE IS COMMON GROUND ON GUNS

In states around the country, Republicans and Democrats agree on the need to prevent domestic violence. So why doesn't Congress act? BY THE EDITORIAL BOARD - DEC. 19 2017

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/12/19/opinion/domestic-violence-guns.html>

GUN TERRORISM IS THE DEADLIEST KIND

Firearms kill more people per attack in high-income countries than any other method

By Rachel Nuwer | Scientific American January 2018 Issue

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/gun-terrorism-is-the-deadliest-kind/>

NATIONAL REVIEW - NO, SALON, THE U.S. WAS NOT 'FOUNDED ON GUN CONTROL'

Ah, yes, the right to "eventually shoot someone with a gun," so beloved to those of us who can read — Asner and his co-author, Ed Weinberger, proceed to offer up the most comprehensively illiterate and most embarrassingly researched example within what is, alas, a growing genre. by CHARLES C. W. COOKE - December 19, 2017

Read more at: <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/454741/salons-second-amendment-911-truthers-screed-misses-mark>

STUDY FINDS THAT HANDGUN OWNERS EMBRACE RESPONSIBILITY OF GUN OWNERSHIP

However, a study from Oregon State University found that gun owners really internalize the responsibility of handgun ownership. The researchers spent two years examining the complexities of handgun ownership in the U.S. Researchers visited gun trade shows, observing attendees and vendors; attended the National Rifle Association annual meeting and convention; participated in target shooting and engaged socially with gun range members; interviewed handgun owners, mostly in Texas, and monitored conversations in four online discussion forums dedicated to defensive handgun use for 12 months. by Tom Knighton - December 19, 2017

<https://bearingarms.com/tom-k/2017/12/19/study-finds-handgun-owners-embrace-responsibility-gun-ownership/>

THE STUDY: ROUTINES, PRACTICE AND MENTAL REHEARSAL MITIGATE SOME RISKS OF ARMED

SELF-DEFENSE Date: December 18, 2017 Source: Oregon State University. **SUMMARY:** U.S. consumers who buy, keep and carry handguns for self-defense assume legal, moral and safety risks that come along with owning and potentially using a handgun to defend themselves or others. They develop routines for keeping their gun in good working order; some engage in formal training to learn to use their gun safely; many imagine what they would do in different scenarios; and some practice armed self-defense in simulations, like some drivers do in drivers' education or defensive driving classes. <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/12/171218154832.htm>

NRA GETS PRAGMATIC, BACKS BACKGROUND CHECK FIX

The NRA argues the fix helps law-abiding citizens get guns more easily while keeping them out of the hands of criminals
BY ANDREA DRUSCH - DECEMBER 18, 2017

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article190432614.html>

BLOOMBERG - MUDDY LIBERAL THINKING ON NEW GUN-RIGHTS LAW

It's terrible to force states to let people carry hidden guns. That doesn't mean it's unconstitutional.

By Noah Feldman - December 18, 2017

<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2017-12-18/muddy-liberal-thinking-on-new-gun-rights-law>

U.K. FIREARMS ACT: TWENTY YEARS ON, HAS IT MADE A DIFFERENCE? IT'S A CASE OF YOU DO

THE MATHS. Two decades ago today we enacted a piece of legislation that was aimed to stop Britain heading down the American route of rampant gun ownership. We take a look at out how successful it's been

By David Barnett - December 17, 2017

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/long_reads/firearms-act-twenty-years-on-has-it-made-a-difference-dunblane-port-arthur-a8110911.html

THE 5 BEST-SELLING HANDGUNS OF 2017

In order to find out what firearms are most popular these days, I turned to GunBroker.com, the world's largest online auction site for firearms and accessories, which every month publishes the five best-selling firearms on its Gun Genius site. By Rich Duprey - December 17, 2017

<http://www.nasdaq.com/article/the-5-best-selling-handguns-of-2017-cm892897>

SORRY, NRA: THE U.S. WAS ACTUALLY FOUNDED ON GUN CONTROL

If you study your history, you'll see it. Start with James Madison's first draft of the Second Amendment

By ED ASNER & ED. WEINBERGER - December 16, 2017

- Ed Asner is a television legend, well known for his role as Lou Grant on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"

- Ed. Weinberger wrote for and produced "The Mary Tyler Moore Show", co-created "Taxi," "Dear John" and "The Cosby Show."

<https://www.salon.com/2017/12/16/sorry-nra-the-u-s-was-actually-founded-on-gun-control/>

OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

NATIONAL POST ON EASY TEST OF CANADIAN VALUES, CANADA TAKES A PASS

Canada looks increasingly out of its depth and lost, muttering about progressive values in a world where terribly regressive things are rapidly unfolding on the ground By Kevin Libin - December 22, 2017

<http://nationalpost.com/opinion/kevin-libin-on-easy-test-of-friendship-canada-takes-a-pass>

BITCOIN PLUNGES BELOW \$13,000, LOSING THIRD OF ITS VALUE IN WHAT COULD BE ITS WORST WEEK IN FIVE YEARS Reuters - Jemima Kelly and Shinichi Saoshiro - December 22, 2017

<http://nationalpost.com/technology/blockchain/bitcoin-fights-back-from-13000-as-selloff-enters-fourth-day/wcm/323302a6-9b26-43cc-b65d-ae66c3264522>

WHAT IS BITCOIN GOOD FOR?

Perhaps it's a payment system. If so, it's inferior to Visa and grossly overvalued.

By Megan McArdle - December 22, 2017

<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2017-12-22/what-is-bitcoin-good-for>

BITCOIN IS A TERRIBLE CURRENCY. SO WHAT EXACTLY IS IT GOOD FOR?

About the only proven benefit so far seems to be in moving money under the radar of regulators

By Joe Chidley - December 20, 2017

<http://business.financialpost.com/investing/investing-pro/bitcoin-is-a-terrible-currency-so-what-exactly-is-it-good-for>

WHY CANADA'S ENERGY TRANSITION WILL FACE A BIG PUSHBACK IN 2018

There's plenty on the horizon to suggest the energy transition is going sideways By Claudia Cattaneo – Dec 21, 2017

<http://business.financialpost.com/commodities/energy/spoiler-alert-why-canadas-energy-transition-will-face-a-big-pushback-in-2018>

ANDREW COYNE: MY EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE PRIME MINISTER (PRIME MINISTER NOT INCLUDED)

I seem to have been passed over, once again, for one of those "exclusive" year-end interviews Prime Minister Trudeau gives to CTV, Global News, TVA etc. etc. But I am not one to let a little thing like that stop me.

Your government has broken several important promises from the platform on which you campaigned in the past election, notably on electoral reform and balanced budgets. No doubt you will make new promises in the next election campaign.

Why should Canadians believe you would be any more likely to keep them? By Andrew Coyne - December 20, 2017

<http://nationalpost.com/opinion/andrew-coyne-my-exclusive-interview-with-the-prime-minister-minus-the-prime-minister>

TORONTO SUN - TRUDEAU ALL TALK, NO ACTION, ON CLIMATE CHANGE

In opposition, Trudeau mocked former prime minister Stephen Harper's emission reduction targets as international embarrassments. Once in office, McKenna described them as the floor of what the Liberals would achieve.

By Lorrie Goldstein - December 20, 2017

<http://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-trudeau-all-talk-no-action-on-climate-change>

GLOBE EDITORIAL: JUSTIN TRUDEAU FAILS HIS ETHICS TEST

The Prime Minister needs to get his moral compass in working order. It has failed him so far. December 20, 2017

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/globe-editorial-justin-trudeau-fails-his-ethics-test/article37399503/>

GUNTER: TRUDEAU FAILS ETHICS TEST OVER TRIP

Unfortunately, Dawson recommended no sanctions against Trudeau. His apology is all Canadians are going to get out of this – until the next election. Edmonton Sun - December 20, 2017

<http://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-trudeau-fails-ethics-test-over-trip>

ETHICS COMMISSIONER RULES JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S BILLIONAIRE ISLAND TRIP BROKE MULTIPLE PARTS OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

In a report on the Ethics Commissioner website, the Ethics Commissioner ruled that Trudeau violated the rules because he accepted “the gifts of hospitality from the Aga Khan and the use of his private island in march and December 2016,” even as there were official government dealings with the Aga Khan, and his foundation is registered to lobby the Prime Minister. By SPENCER FERNANDO - DECEMBER 20, 2017

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2017/12/20/violation-ethics-commissioner-rules-justin-trudeaus-billionaire-island-trip-broke-multiple-parts-conflict-interest-act/>

FINANCIAL POST - A LUMP OF COAL FOR CATHERINE MCKENNA'S UNETHICAL FAKE-FACT

CRUSADE - The International Energy Agency's (IEA) is inevitably a shill for radical and expensive climate policies. Its problem is that it keeps producing reports that reveal that the great transition to the wind- and solar-powered low-carbon future — allegedly required to save the world from climate catastrophe — is simply not happening. Apparently poor people should not be allowed development — for their own good. By Peter Foster December 20, 2017

<http://business.financialpost.com/opinion/peter-foster-a-lump-of-coal-for-catherine-mckennas-unethical-fake-fact-crusade>

JASON KENNEY PLANS TO KEEP SWIMMING FORWARD TO ENSURE ALBERTA'S FUTURE

Jason Kenney: “I just realized that you cannot have a viable national conservative movement if Alberta becomes a socialist democratic province,” he explained. “We need Alberta back as the beating heart of free enterprise and the conservative movement in Canada.” By Licia Corbella - December 19, 2017

<http://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/corbella-jason-kenney-plans-to-keep-swimming-forward-to-ensure-albertas-future>

FINANCIAL POST - NEW STATS SHOW WE'RE WAY RICHER (AND THE POOREST GAINED MOST)

It was a better half-decade for Canadians lower down the income distribution. By William Watson - December 19, 2017

<http://business.financialpost.com/opinion/william-watson-new-stats-show-were-way-rich-and-the-poorest-gained-most>

CBC - CANADA MUST REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM OILSANDS TO MEET CLIMATE GOALS: OECD REPORT

Report recommends taxing emissions more broadly and expanding renewable energy

By Peter Zimonjic, Susan Lunn, CBC News - Dec 19, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/oecd-canada-climate-report-card-1.4455379>

TORONTO SUN - LIBERAL UNWILLINGNESS TO CONDEMN FGM IS A SAD POLITICAL MOVE

Female genital mutilation is a brutal custom rooted in patriarchy. Yet some in the Liberal government have shied away from calling it what it is. By Farzana Hassan - December 15, 2017

<http://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/hassan-liberal-unwillingness-to-condemn-fgm-is-a-sad-political-move>

NY TIMES - THE UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTH ABOUT SWEDISH ANTI-SEMITISM

Historically, anti-Semitism in Sweden could mainly be attributed to right-wing extremists. While this problem persists, a study from 2013 showed that 51 percent of anti-Semitic incidents in Sweden were attributed to Muslim extremists. Only 5 percent were carried out by right-wing extremists; 25 percent were perpetrated by left-wing extremists. By PAULINA NEUDING - DEC. 14, 2017 <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/14/opinion/sweden-antisemitism-jews.html>

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By John Carpay, President of the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (JCCF.ca), which represents Mr. Troller in his court action against Manitoba Public Insurance. Winnipeg Sun - July 28, 2017

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