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## RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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### POSTS FROM CANADA

#### **\$136 MILLION = HOW MANY FIREARMS CRIME PROSECUTIONS?**

Investments to Combat the Criminal Use of Firearms (ICCUF)

- Performance Indicator 7. 'Number of firearm prosecutions'?
- Performance Indicator 8 'Number of firearm prosecution successful cases'?

Access to Information Request to RCMP - January 12, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/01/12/136-million-many-firearms-crime-prosecutions/>

#### **AN EXCELLENT MESSAGE FOR FIREARMS ORGANIZATIONS**

"There is no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit."

-- Ronald Reagan (1911-2004) 40th US President - Source: Sign on his desk

[http://quotes.liberty-tree.ca/quote\\_blog/Ronald.Reagan.Quote.7150](http://quotes.liberty-tree.ca/quote_blog/Ronald.Reagan.Quote.7150)

#### **CSSA COMMENTARY: WHAT CAN BRIAN TRACY TEACH US ABOUT EVIDENCE-BASED FIREARM POLICY?**

- Any road to sound government policy must be paved with evidence. For rational decisions to be made, the road to policy must be built on the bedrock of fact. Otherwise, policy built on the quicksand of fantasy can never achieve its desired outcome. Thankfully, firearm enthusiasts and gun control advocates agree on at least one thing – stopping mass shootings. The path to that goal is where we differ and, with help from business icon and goal-setting guru Brian Tracy, we can find more areas of agreement on the road to achieving our common goal. TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | JAN 12, 2018

<https://cssa-cila.org/2018/01/team-cssa-e-news-january-12-2018/>

#### **COMMENTARY: RCMP'S JOB IS TO ENFORCE THE LAW, BUT IT'S FALLING SHORT ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION LAWS**

- I doubt the RCMP would respond well to civilians ignoring subpoenas and warrants, so it's unacceptable that it chooses to ignore its legal obligations when it comes to government transparency. If we can't trust the enforcers of the law to follow the law, who can we trust? By Andrew Lawton, Host 980 CFPL - January 12, 2018

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3958874/commentary-rcmps-job-is-to-enforce-the-law-but-its-falling-short-on-access-to-information-laws/>

#### **CBC - FIREARMS TRAFFICKER WHO SOLD GUNS TO DELLEN MILLARD SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IN PRISON**

- Matthew Ward-Jackson sold multiple guns to convicted killer Dellen Millard, including the one used in the murder of Tim Bosma, has been sentenced to 11 years in prison. By Nick Boisvert, CBC News - Jan 12, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/matthew-ward-jackson-sentenced-1.4484762>

#### **INVESTMENTS TO COMBAT THE CRIMINAL USE OF FIREARMS: \$136,169,188**

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/01/11/investments-combat-criminal-use-firearms-136169188/>

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA: GUN CRIME AND FIREARMS**

#### **INVESTMENTS TO COMBAT THE CRIMINAL USE OF FIREARMS (ICCUF) INITIATIVE**

Public Safety Canada (PS) provides advice to the Minister on firearms issues. Additionally, we are engaged in research on the criminal use of firearms, which is part of a Government of Canada investment initiative to combat this serious problem. On May 20, 2004, the federal government allocated approximately \$50 million over five years for the Investments to Combat the Criminal Use of Firearms Initiative. In 2009, funding was approved on an ongoing basis. These funds enhance the capacity of law enforcement agencies to combat gun crime, and the smuggling and trafficking of firearms.

<https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/gn-crm-frms/index-en.aspx>

## **HOW A DAY AT THE GUN RANGE BENEFITS WOMEN—AND THE OUTDOORS**

This is what Range Day, offered by the Ontario Women's Hunting Association (OWHA), means to me as the organizer—a simple way to empower, educate and inspire women of all ages to find their place in the hunting and outdoor community. By Amanda Lynn Mayhew - Jan 11, 2018

<http://www.outdoorcanada.ca/How-a-day-at-the-gun-range-benefits-womenand-the-outdoors>

## **U.S. SAYS CANADA'S LYNX NO LONGER NEED SPECIAL PROTECTION**

The Fish and Wildlife Service said it will begin drafting a rule to revoke the lynx's threatened listing across the Lower 48 state under the Endangered Species Act. Wildlife advocates said they would challenge the move in court.

By Matthew Brown, The Associated Press - January 11, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/sci-tech/u-s-says-canada-s-lynx-no-longer-need-special-protection-1.3756150>

## **WORK CONTINUES TO RESTORE NATURAL GAS SERVICE IN MELFORT AREA**

With gas flowing again, 40 technicians are checking every home and business to help re-light and restart natural gas appliances. In situations where customers are not present, the company is working with the RCMP and locksmiths to gain access to properties in order to prevent pipes from freezing. By Brent Bosker, Saskatoon / 650 CKOM - January 11, 2018

<http://www.ckom.com/2018/01/11/217577/>

## **ANTI-GUNNER MICHAEL BRYANT NOW HEADS CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION**

Now we know that "Civil Liberties" doesn't mean "civil liberties," since the Canadian Civil Liberties Association hired one of the country's most radical and vocal opponents of liberties for gun owners as its chief executive.

thegunblog - 11 Jan 2018 <https://thegunblog.ca/2018/01/11/anti-gunner-michael-bryant-now-heads-civil-liberties-association/>

## **COLUMN: REVIVING A CANADIAN TRADITION**

**If you made a list of longtime Canadian traditions, it would not be complete without hunting.**

By Alex Nash and Trevor Loren, Recreation, Fish and Wildlife students at Selkirk College in Castlegar - Jan. 11, 2018

<https://www.columbiavalleepioneer.com/opinion/column-reviving-a-canadian-tradition/>

**CBC - INSIDE BNPP'S 'DISORGANIZED EVIDENCE ROOM': AUDITORS FOUND DRUGS IN A SHED, GUNS UNSAFELY STORED** - New Brunswick Justice and Public Safety audit of a small northern police force: Guns were scattered on wall racks and standing upright in a corner. "Only some of the firearms had trigger locks," the report says. "Other firearms you could not tell visually if they were void of ammunition."

By Karissa Donkin, Gabrielle Fahmy · CBC News - January 11, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/bnpp-exhibit-audit-1.4481749>

## **CBC - POLICE OFFICER LOSES GUN MAGAZINE, 14 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION**

Winnipeg police are asking the public to keep an eye out for some lost ammo. At some point, between Dec. 28 and Jan. 2, during the course of an officer's duties in the city, a pistol magazine containing ammunition was lost.

CBC News - Jan 10, 2018 <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/gun-magazine-ammunition-lost-1.4480733>

## **VIDEO: SCHEER RELEASES NEW POSITIVE AD**

By SPENCER FERNANDO - JANUARY 10, 2018

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2018/01/10/video-scheer-releases-new-positive-ad/>

## **DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA URGES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INVEST IN NATURAL AREAS IN BUDGET 2018**

"The success of habitat efforts achieved through these programs demonstrates the ground that can be gained when meaningful investments in conservation are made," says Guyn. "And, the benefits are far-reaching. Clean water, climate change solutions and support for species at risk all hinge on how we take care of Canada's wetlands and other natural areas." By DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA - Jan 10, 2018 <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/ducks-unlimited-canada-urges-federal-government-to-invest-in-natural-areas-in-budget-2018-668663343.html>

## **CBC - FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SPEND \$291M OVER 5 YEARS TO IMPROVE FIRST NATIONS POLICING**

Ottawa is also asking provinces, territories to increase their contributions. CBC News - Jan 10, 2018 <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/liberals-indigenous-policing-funding-1.4480570>

## **'RISK OF BEAR MORTALITY:' STUDY FINDS PEOPLE, NOT ROADS, BUG GRIZZLIES THE MOST**

New research from the University of Alberta: It's not necessarily the roads in the backcountry that bother grizzly bears. Sometimes, it's the people on them — and it could have big implications for resource development.

By Bob Weber - January 9, 2018 <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2018/01/09/news/risk-bear-mortality-study-finds-people-not-roads-bug-grizzlies-most>

## **RCMP LOOKS TO 3D PRINTING AS PART OF NEW WAVE OF CRIME-SOLVING TECHNOLOGY**

**Canada's public safety department commissioned a study on ways to prevent the spread of 3D printed guns**

By Maura Forrest - January 9, 2018

<http://nationalpost.com/news/canada/rcmp-looks-to-3d-printing-as-part-of-new-wave-of-crime-solving-technology>

## **NATIONAL POST - A LOOK AT GUNS SOLD BY POLICE THAT ENDED UP AT CRIME SCENES**

A yearlong Associated Press analysis found more than a dozen firearms sold by law enforcement agencies in Washington state since 2010 later became evidence in new criminal investigations. Identifying guns sold by law enforcement and matching them to new crimes required extensive research and dozens of public records requests to individual agencies. Using those records, the AP created a database of almost 6,000 firearms sold by law enforcement since 2010. The Associated Press - Martha Bellisle - January 8, 2018 <http://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/guns-sold-by-washington-authorities-used-in-threats-suicide>

## **NFA - CANADIAN FIREARMS JOURNAL - Jan/Feb 2018**

<https://www.nfa.ca/news-media/cfj/>

If you don't get it delivered to your mailbox, you should. Here are my favourite reads in this issue.

- **President's Message: Canada to exceed UN Requirements** - Quotable Quote: "Like the rest of the licensing scheme, it's a trap"
- **Vice-President's Message: Grace Periods Aren't** - Quotable Quote: "At the end of the day, nothing can stop someone who is so evil or mentally unbalanced from committing these horrific tragedies. And the rights and property of the innocent must not be sacrificed in the name of some righteous indignation in response to those acts. Which is what happened in the early 1990s."
- **Guy Lavergne, Attorney at Law: Authorizations to Transport & Mass Murderers** - Quotable Quote: "The additional indictment would have shed unwanted light on how asinine your ATT and other gun control laws really

are; not to mention the fact that they do nothing to deter criminals from engaging in actual criminal activities. That is most definitely not the kind of information that our governments want to be conveyed by the media."

- **Chris McGarry: Firearms Licensing - Why it Can Never Work** - Quotable Quote: "Those of us who are fighting tooth and nail to fully decriminalize the private ownership of firearms in Canada cringe when we hear our fellow gunnies speak of the advantages of the current PAL system and why it is necessary."

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**"GET OUR PALs OFF OF CPIC"**

<http://justiceforgunowners.ca/why-are-law-abiding-firearms-owners-on-cpic/>

## **JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS - JANUARY 2018 UPDATE**

**Trudeau's Liberals Ready New Firearms Restrictions - what can we expect?**

<http://mailchi.mp/eb1256afaad5/is-rural-canada-safer-than-urban-canada?e=bc1823b8e2>

## **DO MORE GUNS MEAN MORE CRIME?**

Rural Canada is "gun country." In 2017 StatsCan reported that both violent crime and property crime rates were higher in rural Canada than in bigger Canadian cities. If guns make people safe, how could this be true?

BY BCWFPA - JAN 6, 2018 <http://justiceforgunowners.ca/do-more-guns-mean-more-crime/>

## **ONTARIO - SWEEPING CHANGES PROPOSED TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSING PROCEEDING**

Sweeping changes proposed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) to the province's hunting and fishing licensing regulations in support of a new licensing system will be proceeding. The MNR posted a Regulation Decision Notice on Dec. 19 confirming they would be proceeding with the proposed amendments.

By Emily Walsh - December 20, 2017 <https://www.oodmag.com/news/changes-hunting-fishing-licensing/>

## **DANE LLOYD, FEDERAL TORY CANDIDATE, ONCE TRIED TO START A CANADIAN NRA**

**'MOVEMENT'** - Dane Lloyd says his views have changed since 2009. By Zi-Ann Lum - Updated 10/12/2017

[http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2017/10/11/dane-lloyd-federal-tory-candidate-once-tried-to-start-a-canadian-nra-movement\\_a\\_23239221/](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2017/10/11/dane-lloyd-federal-tory-candidate-once-tried-to-start-a-canadian-nra-movement_a_23239221/)

EXCERPT: In a statement to HuffPost Canada on Wednesday, Lloyd commented on the post and said his stance on firearms has since changed: That statement does not reflect my current view and policy on firearm ownership in Canada.

**My policy on firearms is a commitment to cost-effective gun control programs designed to keep guns out of the hands of criminals while respecting the rights of law-abiding Canadians to own and use firearms responsibly, and includes measures like safe storage provisions, firearms safety training, and mandatory minimums for criminal use of firearms.** Lloyd, who self-describes his political views as "very Conservative," beat out former party leadership contender Rick Peterson, local party organizer Jamie Mozeson, and ex-political staffer Luke Inberg for the Tory nomination.

## **POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES**

### **BRIT HUME DROPS STAT BOMB ON IMMIGRATION DEBATE SHOWING JUST HOW CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS ACTUALLY ARE**

A newly released paper by noted researcher John Lott of the Crime Prevention Research Center: If undocumented immigrants committed crime nationally as they do in Arizona, in 2016 they would have been responsible for over 1,000 more murders, 5,200 rapes, 8,900 robberies, 25,300 aggravated assaults, and 26,900 burglaries. By Scott Morefield - January 13, 2018 <http://www.bizpacreview.com/2018/01/13/brit-hume-drops-stat-bomb-immigration-debate-showing-just-criminal-illegal-alien-actually-587848>

### **PENNSYLVANIA REGULATORS REVERSE COURSE; MEDICAL MARIJUANA WON'T STOP PATIENT GUN PURCHASES**

“Pennsylvania, and the other 28 states where medical marijuana is legal, need the federal government to recognize what voters and bipartisan legislatures across the nation have overwhelmingly called for, and that is that medical marijuana must be rescheduled as a Schedule II medication,” the Health Department statement read. Other Schedule II drugs include oxycodone and fentanyl. by Sam Wood, Staff Writer - JANUARY 12, 2018 <http://www.philly.com/philly/business/cannabis/pa-medical-marijuana-law-enforcement-stop-patient-gun-purchases-feds-legalize-20180112.html>

### **BUMP STOCK GUN CONTROL OPENS DOOR TO ATF BANS ON MAGAZINES, TRIGGERS**

Gun Owners of America (GOA) is taking the lead against federal gun control and warning that an ATF ban on bump stocks could quickly expand into a ban on magazines and triggers. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) would redefine the word “machine gun” so that non-machine guns can also be banned or heavily regulated by the agency. by AWR HAWKINS - 11 Jan 2018 <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/01/11/gun-owners-america-bump-stock-gun-control-atf-bans/>

### **U.S. BIGGEST SOURCE OF ILLEGAL FOREIGN GUNS IN BRAZIL: REPORT**

Brazilian Federal Police report: Roughly 1,500 guns originated in the United States out of a study of more than 10,000 arms seized by police since 2014, mostly in Rio de Janeiro, the December 2017 report said, although the guns often traveled through a third country before arriving in Brazil. By Lisandra Paraguassu and Ricardo Brito, Reuters - January 10, 2018 <http://uk.businessinsider.com/r-us-biggest-source-of-illegal-foreign-guns-in-brazil-report-2018-1>

### **A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HANDGUN HUNTING**

There's no margin for error—even a small movement of the barrel translates to a large shift of impact downrange. That's why it's so important to practice. by Aaron Carter - Wednesday, January 10, 2018 <https://www.americanhunter.org/articles/2018/1/10/a-beginners-guide-to-handgun-hunting/>

### **MORE KIDS GETTING EYE INJURIES FROM PAINTBALL AND PELLET GUNS: STUDY**

From 1990 to 2012, eye injury rates for these guns more than doubled even as the overall injury rate for all sports declined slightly, and these gun injuries accounted for almost half of all hospitalizations, researchers report in Pediatrics. "These injuries can happen in an instant and can have significant lifelong effects," said senior study author Dr. Gary Smith, director of the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. By LISA RAPAPORT, REUTERS - January 9 2018 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/health-and-fitness/health/more-kids-getting-eye-injuries-from-paintball-and-pellet-guns-study/article37538097/>

**AUSTRALIA - GUN OWNERSHIP: SENATOR SAYS FEDERAL GUN BUY BACK SCHEME WAS 'WASTE' OF MONEY** - Queensland Senator Fraser Anning slammed the LNP for their position on guns, saying they had betrayed their National Party roots by "demonising" gun owners. By Trenton Akers, The Courier-Mail - January 9, 2018 [https://www.reddit.com/r/Ausguns/comments/7pdt9z/gun\\_ownership\\_senator\\_says\\_federal\\_gun\\_buy\\_back/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Ausguns/comments/7pdt9z/gun_ownership_senator_says_federal_gun_buy_back/)

## **9 BOOKS ABOUT GUN CONTROL TO READ IF YOU WANT TO ARGUE IN FAVOR OF STRICTER LAWS**

So, here are nine books that prove we need stricter gun laws in the United States (if the headlines don't have you convinced already, that is.) By E. CE MILLER - January 9, 2018 <https://www.bustle.com/profile/e-ce-miller-1912721>

1. 'The Second Amendment: A Biography' by Michael Waldman
2. 'The Gunning of America: Business and the Making of American Gun Culture' by Pamela Haag
3. 'Lethal Logic: Exploding the Myths That Paralyze American Gun Policy' by Dennis A. Henigan
4. 'A Mother's Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy' by Sue Klebold
5. 'The Hour I First Believed' by Wally Lamb
6. 'Fierce Kingdom' by Gin Phillips
7. 'Gunfight: The Battle Over the Right to Bear Arms in America' by Adam Winkler
8. 'One of Star Wars One of Doom' by Lee K. Abbott
9. 'Living With Guns: A Liberal's Case for the Second Amendment' by Craig Whitney

**GUN OWNERSHIP RATES AND GUN CONTROL LAWS STILL DON'T HAVE MUCH BEARING ON YOUR STATE'S GUN HOMICIDE RATE** - Even if the "more guns, less crime" hypothesis vastly overstates the case, there's no evidence that a more permissive legal regimen invites more gun crime, or that any peculiar set of gun laws represents an ideal for minimizing crime. If you want to figure out why Maryland has so many more shootings per capita than Texas, or Alaska than Massachusetts, you're going to have to look at other differences that take you beyond a myopic focus on gun policy. by David Freddoso - Jan 8, 2018 <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/gun-ownership-rates-and-gun-control-laws-still-dont-have-much-bearing-on-your-states-gun-homicide-rate/article/2645325>

## **CROSSING TRENDS: FIREARM DEATHS: ACCIDENTS AND LEGAL INTERVENTIONS**

GUN FACTS - Posted on 2018/01/06 by admin  
<http://www.gunfacts.info/blog/crossing-trends/>

## **WORLD CHAMPION SHOOTER JULIE GOLOB TEACHES FIREARM SAFETY WITH CHILDREN'S**

**BOOK** - *Toys, Tools, Guns & Rules: A Children's Book About Gun Safety* hits online stores.

Ammoland Inc. Posted on January 5, 2018 by Ammoland <https://www.ammoland.com/2018/01/toys-tools-guns-rules-childrens-book-gun-safety/#ixzz53zS5KSj1>

## **SELF-DEFENSE MYTHS AND CHOICES FOR CIVILIANS**

My personal conclusion is that revolvers remain ideally suited for civilian self-defense needs, be it in a home, car or even for everyday carry. None of the reasons why semi-automatic guns are, indeed, better for law enforcement or military forces apply to civilians. The Saker [vineyardsaker@gmail.com](mailto:vineyardsaker@gmail.com) - January 01, 2018  
<https://thesaker.is/self-defense-myths-and-choices-for-civilians/>



## **OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST**

### **THE GREEN FOSSIL-FUEL DIVESTMENT CRUSADE HURTS THE POOR AND MIDDLE CLASS MOST**

The notion that building subsidized wind turbines and solar panels can replace the jobs, exports and tax revenues of a long-profitable sector is folly. By Mark Milke, Special to Financial Post - January 12, 2018

<http://business.financialpost.com/opinion/the-green-fossil-fuel-divestment-crusade-hurts-the-poor-and-middle-class-most>

### **JOHN ROBSON: IF WE'RE OFFERING ADVICE, HERE'S MINE FOR ANDREW SCHEER AND JUSTIN**

**TRUDEAU** - The Liberals need to stop star-gazing and start studying blueprints. And Tories, don't panic and lurch left or get your leader jiggy socks. By John Robson - January 12, 2018

<http://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-if-were-offering-advice-heres-mine-for-scheer-and-trudeau>

### **CANADIANS CARE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE – SORT OF**

Report says Canadians want to fight climate change – as cheaply as possible By Rachel Gilmore. Jan 11, 2018

<https://ipolitics.ca/2018/01/11/report-says-canadians-want-fight-climate-change-cheaply-possible/>

### **CANADA STUCK ON SIDELINES AS U.S. OIL BOOM CREATES JOBS, CURBS EMISSIONS**

The Canadian sector is held back by pipeline bottlenecks that are depressing both oil and gas prices (WTI rose near US\$64 a barrel Thursday, while Western Canadian Select was trading just above US\$37), governments that are more concerned about transitioning to renewable energy, investors who've moved on to better and faster opportunities elsewhere. By Claudia Cattaneo - January 12, 2018 <http://business.financialpost.com/commodities/energy/u-s-oil-boom-creating-jobs-and-curbing-emissions-in-contrast-to-restrained-canadian-energy-policy>

### **92% OF MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILIES FACE TAX HIKE OF OVER \$2,200 BEGINNING IN 2019: FRASER**

**INSTITUTE** - A new Fraser Institute report — The Effect of Canadian Families of Changes to Federal Income Tax and CPP Payroll Tax — says more than 90% of Canadian families will pay higher taxes once the Canada Pension Plan tax increases are fully implemented by 2025. By Jenny Yuen - January 11, 2018

<http://torontosun.com/news/national/92-of-middle-class-families-face-tax-hike-over-2200-beginning-in-2019-fraser-institute>

### **JOHN IVISON: CANADA SPENDS \$29B A YEAR ON BUSINESS SUBSIDIES — AND HALF OF IT IS**

**WASTED** - The study's analysis is not good news for the federal Liberals, who are in the process of choosing a handful of promising industry 'clusters' for special support. By John Ivison - January 10, 2018

<http://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-canada-spends-29b-a-year-on-business-subsidies-and-half-of-it-is-wasted>

### **GOLDSTEIN: CONSERVATIVES ARE COWARDS ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES**

Conservatives fail to develop a coherent policy for dealing with Canada's Indigenous people, panicked overreactions like federal party leader Andrew Scheer firing Sen. Lynn Beyak from the Tory caucus will rule the day. Conservatives should focus on correcting the main source of the problem, which is not Indigenous people, but an incompetent government bureaucracy which keeps them under its thumb, because the more chaos that exists, the more power it has.

By Lorrie Goldstein January 10, 2018

<http://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-conservatives-are-cowards-on-indigenous-issues>

### **CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD: IN THE SCHEER VERSUS BEYAK BATTLE, SHE GOT MORE RIGHT THAN**

**HE DID** - From the Letter in Question: "If you took a bunch of Amish farmers from southern Ontario and banished them to a reserve in Northern Ontario, within a year they would have built all of their members a new home, a new church and barns for every homestead. "Within a year, they would have dug wells and built a water treatment plant even if it was a

simple sand, gravel and charcoal facility. "Within two years, they would be exporting lumber and furniture to southern Ontario. At the same time, the aboriginals relocated to Amish country near Kitchener would have burned down the house and left the fields to gully and rot." By Christie Blatchford - January 8, 2018

<http://nationalpost.com/opinion/christie-blatchford-in-the-scheer-versus-beyak-battle-she-got-more-right-than-he-did>

#### **TOMSON HIGHWAY HAS A SURPRISINGLY POSITIVE TAKE ON RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS**

Tomson Highway is a Cree storyteller, so it's fitting that the playwright, novelist, classical pianist and Order of Canada recipient. "All we hear is the negative stuff, nobody's interested in the positive, the joy in that school. Nine of the happiest years of my life I spent it at that school. I learned your language, for God's sake. Have you learned my language? No, so who's the privileged one and who is underprivileged? "You may have heard stories from 7,000 witnesses in the process that were negative," he adds. "But what you haven't heard are the 7,000 reports that were positive stories. There are many very successful people today that went to those schools and have brilliant careers and are very functional people, very happy people like myself. I have a thriving international career, and it wouldn't have happened without that school.

By Joshua Ostroff - December 12, 2015 [http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2015/12/15/tomson-highway-residential-schools\\_n\\_8787638.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2015/12/15/tomson-highway-residential-schools_n_8787638.html)

#### **CBC - TAXING MEAT COULD HELP OFFSET ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH PROBLEMS, ACTIVISTS SAY**

- Some groups want to see animal products taxed similarly to tobacco, sugar and carbon.

By Anna Dimoff - Jan 07, 2018 <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/meat-sin-tax-1.4472222>

#### **AL GORE: THE EARTH IS GETTING COLDER BECAUSE IT'S GETTING WARMER**

"It's bitter cold in parts of the US, but climate scientist Dr. Michael Mann explains that's exactly what we should expect from the climate crisis," the politician-turned-guru declared. BY BENJAMIN ARIE - JANUARY 6, 2018

<https://conservativetribune.com/al-gore-earth-colder-warmer/>

#### **'ECO-COLONIALISM': RIFT GROWS BETWEEN INDIGENOUS LEADERS AND GREEN ACTIVISTS**

Indigenous communities say they've had enough of activists invading their lands, misleading them about their agendas and using hard-line tactics against those who don't agree. Martin Louie, the hereditary chief of the Nadleh Whut'en First Nation in north-central British Columbia is now one of the leaders of the proposed \$17-billion Eagle Spirit pipeline, a Northern Gateway alternative championed by First Nations. By Claudia Cattaneo, Financial Post - January 6, 2018

<http://business.financialpost.com/feature/eco-colonialism-rift-grows-between-indigenous-leaders-and-green-activists>

#### **END THE 'WAR ON COAL'**

**Far from being a threat, coal continues to bring health, welfare and prosperity to billions.** The world has vast coal reserves. The USA alone still has a 380-year supply at current usage rates. It could be burned in modern clean power plants. Sadly, in the Western world, radical environmentalists are working to shut down existing coal-fired stations, and prevent new ones from being built. Meanwhile, hundreds of new coal-fired stations are being built annually in the rest of the world, to power expanding economies and bring improved health, welfare and prosperity to billions of people who until recently had no access to electricity. Developing countries must build new coal-fired stations to provide their poverty-stricken populations with reliable low-cost electricity. But environmentalists have convinced international development banks that coal is evil and persuaded the banks to squander vast sums on expensive wind and solar power that keeps a few lights burning a few hours a day. by Tom Harris. Frontier Centre for Public Policy - January 6, 2018

<https://fcpp.org/2018/01/06/end-the-war-on-coal/>



## **TRUDEAU'S PLAIN WRONG TO BE COZYING UP TO IRANIAN REGIME**

The Iranian regime remains the world's top funder of Islamic terror groups. By lifting sanctions and restoring bank accounts, the Trudeau government (like the Obama administration before it) would simply be giving the mad mullahs who run Tehran more money they could give to groups that want to wipe us and our allies off the face of the planet. Talk about cutting our own throats. By Lorne Gunter - January 6, 2018

<http://torontosun.com/uncategorized/gunter-trudeaus-plain-wrong-to-be-cozying-up-to-iranian-regime>

## **IF 'CANADA'S BACK,' LIKE TRUDEAU SAYS, WE SHOULD BE SUPPORTING IRAN'S PROTESTERS**

The answer to why Canada hasn't responded, likely, lies in the prime minister's commitment to reverse Stephen Harper's decision to cut off diplomatic relations with Iran. By Kaveh Shahrooz - January 3, 2018

<http://nationalpost.com/opinion/kaveh-shahrooz-if-canadas-back-like-trudeau-says-we-should-be-supporting-iranian-protesters>

## **CBC - SEN. LYNN BEYAK'S SON, A CITY COUNCILLOR, SAYS CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP COWED BY POLITICAL CORRECTNESS**

Nick Beyak says his mother's views are shared by the 'majority' of Canadians

By Jorge Barrera, CBC News - Jan 05, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/nick-beyak-defends-mother-senator-lynn-beyak-1.4475445>

## **TEACHING THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL STORY**

From all the evidence, it is clear that most teachers, administrators, and supervisors at the schools were decent people, and that good, as well as bad, came from Residential Schools. But I have often been asked why I don't simply shut up about them. Why try to tell the real story? What does it matter? In reply, I ask this question: "Shouldn't we first try and discern what the truth is before we pass it on as truth to our children in school?" If so, we need to learn the truth about Chanie Wenjack's short and tragic life, just as we need to learn the true Residential School story. By Brian Giesbrecht, Frontier Centre for Public Policy - November 2, 2017

<https://fcpp.org/2017/11/02/teaching-the-residential-school-story/>

## **CONRAD BLACK: PREMIER WALL AND SENATOR BEYAK HAVE DARED TO DO WHAT OTHERS WON'T.**

**THEY DESERVE OUR PRAISE** By Conrad Black - May 5, 2017 <http://nationalpost.com/opinion/conrad-black-i-dont-often-laud-our-public-figures-but-in-recent-days-two-have-earned-our-thanks>

EXCERPT: In a general way, I have commented favourably before in this space on Sen. Beyak's remarks to the Senate on March 7 about native residential schools and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She was widely reviled for her address. Fortunately, in recent days, the tide seems to have turned and many, including many native leaders, have come to her defence. Including a subsequent comment, she made seven principal points. These were

- that fewer than a third of aboriginal children attended residential schools while they were operating;
  - that very few of the 150,000 who did so were wrenched from their families, many of which were nomadic and destitute;
  - that we should revisit the Trudeau-Chrétien white paper of 1969;
  - that changing the name of the Langevin Block in Ottawa because of H.-L. Langevin's minor role in the residential schools is nonsense;
  - that the financial compensation paid to many who attended those schools obliges some of them to present a grim recollection of the schools;
  - that there should be a "national audit on every single dollar coming and going out of the indigenous file," and
  - a referendum among all indigenous people aged 12 and over, about what their own ambitions for the future are.
- (The Trudeau-Chrétien white paper recommended a one-time compensation payment to every native person and the exchange of their native status for normal citizenship.)

All of Sen. Beyak's proposals are reasonable, well-informed, and constructively intended. (Langevin was John A. Macdonald's patronage-minded minister of public works and singling him out in this way is outrageous.) She praised aspects of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report and made clear her intimate knowledge of the subject and profound empathy with the native people. For her compassionate and perceptive insights, Sen. Beyak was thrown off the Senate

Aboriginal Peoples' Committee by her own party (Conservatives), and NDP MP Romeo Saganash said that Sen. Beyak's words were "like saying 'Well there are some good sides to what Hitler did to the Jewish community.'" (As a residential school student, Saganash got a trip with his school hockey team to play in a tournament in Switzerland. Nazi death camps didn't do that.) In fact, Sen. Beyak has shown why we have a Senate and why we should keep one, but appoint a larger number of conscientious and expert people in a range of public policy areas, to invest Parliament with more talent and greater integrity. We should be grateful to have such people as Brad Wall and Lynn Beyak in the public life of the country.

#### **DEBUNKING THE HALF-TRUTHS AND EXAGGERATIONS IN THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

**REPORT** When we call all aboriginal children educated in residential schools "survivors," this erroneously implies that they are equivalent to Holocaust survivors. This libel also denigrates the sacrifices made by the many caring Christian teachers, religious leaders, and other school personnel who devoted years of service trying to enhance the life chances of their young charges. By Rodney E. Clifton is professor emeritus of Education at the University of Manitoba and Hymie Rubenstein is professor of anthropology (retired) at the University of Manitoba - June 4, 2015

<http://nationalpost.com/opinion/clifton-rubenstein-debunking-the-half-truths-and-exaggerations-in-the-truth-and-reconciliation-report>

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