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THE PAST WEEK'S POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA

NATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE CONVENTION PACKAGE 2018

<https://cpc18.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/National-Policy-Committee-Convention-Package-2018-EN.pdf>

WORKSHOP B

Criminal Justice – B – 18 – 1360

EDA(s) – St. John's East, Coast of Bays—Central—Notre Dame

Section – M – Firearms #99. (MODIFICATION)

A Conservative Government is committed 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.

Measures will include: mandatory minimum sentences for the criminal use of firearms; strict monitoring of high-risk individuals; increased enforcement and prosecution of smuggling; safe storage provisions; firearms safety training; a certification screening system for all those wishing to acquire firearms legally; and putting more law enforcement officers on our streets. We recognize the legitimacy of private ownership of firearms and will resist any domestic or international pressure to the contrary.

A Conservative Government will not deprive Canadian Citizens of legally owned firearms.

A Conservative government will ensure that lawful licensed firearms owners do not lose their firearms or face criminal charges over simple administrative infractions, such failing to renew their license within the renewal period or possession of a time-expired license.

A Conservative Government recognizes that civilian firearms ownership is a Canadian Heritage.

A Conservative Government would streamline Firearms classification by adopting the Simplified Classification System.

A Conservative government would order a review of firearms related laws to identify parts of those Acts that have no public safety value.

Conservative Convention 2018 Congrès Conservateur

CBC - RCMP COMMISSIONER 'NOT SURE' HANDGUN BAN IS THE ANSWER TO GUN VIOLENCE

"I'm not sure if a complete ban is the answer or tweaking the legislation to ensure more accountability. That's definitely something we need to study," RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki told Chris Hall, host of CBC's The House. "But the bottom line is one life taken by one handgun is one life too many, so we definitely need to look at alternative ways of dealing with that situation." By Catharine Tunney · CBC News · Posted: Aug 18, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/lucki-handguns-ban-1.4789317>

CBC - COUNCIL CAN'T GRANT FORD'S REQUEST TO PUT ANTI-GANGS AND GUNS FUNDING ON SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA, TORY SAYS

Tory says changing meeting isn't possible, but is committed to matching provincial funding

CBC News · Posted: Aug 17, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/doug-ford-guns-gangs-council-1.4788896>

CBC WINNIPEG - STRING OF FIREARMS INCIDENTS FUELLED BY CITY'S METH PROBLEM, POLICE SAY - Officers responded to several robberies and one shooting between Aug. 14 and 16

CBC News · Posted: Aug 17, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/firearms-incidents-winnipeg-police-meth-1.4789285>

THE LIBERALS ARE PLAYING DISHONEST GAMES WITH STATS TO CRACK DOWN ON LEGAL GUN OWNERS - While the Liberal party sees gun control as a possible 'wedge' issue, StatsCan simply has no evidence to support their claims. By Gary Mauser and Vincent Harinam - August 17, 2018

Gary Mauser is professor emeritus at Simon Fraser University. Vincent Harinam is an incoming Ph.D. student at Cambridge University.

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/the-liberals-are-playing-dishonest-games-with-stats-to-crack-down-on-legal-gun-owners>

CSSA COMMENTARY: “DOMESTICALLY-SOURCED” RCMP FIREARM ALMOST COSTS 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL HER LIFE - Hundreds of firearms are stolen from police every year and the RCMP no longer tracks them. While civilians routinely face charges for improper storage, police officers don't. TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | August 16, 2018

<https://cssa-cila.org/2018/08/team-cssa-e-news-august-16-2018/>

<https://www.ammoland.com/2018/08/rcmp-firearm-almost-costs-16-year-old-girl-her-life/#axzz5OXp1Lh70>

MONTREAL ASKS FOR NATIONAL HANDGUN BAN

When firearms were used, 60 per cent of violent crimes committed in 2016 involved handguns, according to Statistics Canada. MONTREAL GAZETTE - Updated: August 16, 2018

<https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/city-of-montreal-to-pressure-ottawa-to-ban-handguns-and-assault-weapons>

<http://mtltimes.ca/Montreal/social-life/montreal-and-toronto-call-for-handgun-and-assault-weapons-ban/>

VIDEO: SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR GUNS HAVE TO BE REDUCED, BILL BLAIR SAYS

Bill Blair, Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction, speaks with BT's Tammie Sutherland about gun crime in Toronto and if Canada is taking in too many asylum seekers. 680 NEWS - Aug 16, 2018, 8:11 AM

<https://www.680news.com/video/2018/08/16/supply-and-demand-for-guns-have-to-be-reduced-bill-blair-says/>

CTV - 12-YEAR-OLD ACCEPTS HANDGUN DELIVERY; CHILLIWACK FATHER FURIOUS

Wade Smith wasn't sure which one would arrive first. He was stunned when his 12-year-old daughter texted him a photo of a plain brown package she'd just signed off on and opened. "I lost my mind for a minute," he told CTV News, showing a photo with an open gun case holding a revolver next to boxes of ammunition. "I was like 'oh my God, put it away -- don't touch it.' She said 'ok' and didn't want to anyway. I've taught her to be responsible with weapons."

By Penny Daflos, Reporter, CTV Vancouver - Last Updated Thursday, August 16, 2018

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/12-year-old-accepts-handgun-delivery-chilliwack-father-furious-1.4054980>

WHY THE 114-YEAR-OLD LEE-ENFIELD RIFLE IS ONLY NOW BEING RETIRED BY THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES - According to the Department of Defence, some 9,500 will be turned over to cadets for use in target practice while 5,000 will be offered as gifts to Canadian Rangers holding valid gun licences.

By Tristin Hopper - August 16, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/why-the-114-year-old-lee-enfield-rifle-is-only-now-being-retired-by-the-canadian-armed-forces>

LETTER: GUNS ONLY GOOD FOR ONE THING

RE: Nothing wrong with guns ad (Aug. 13) This author compares fatal car accidents to gun violence, thus car ads to gun ads. The comparison is a wee bit off. Cars are made for one thing only, transportation. **Guns are made for one thing only, killing a living creature.** By Terrance Odette, Hamilton- Hamilton Spectator - August 16, 2018

<https://www.thespec.com/opinion-story/8840015-aug-16-guns-only-good-for-killing-let-s-talk-buck-a-litre-and-other-letters-to-the-editor/>

<https://www.pressreader.com/canada/the-hamilton-spectator/20180816/281762745096748>

CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD: THE TRUTH IS NO ONE KNOWS WHERE THE GUNS THAT KILL ARE COMING FROM

- The difficulty is that police can usually trace — at best — less than half of crime guns

By Christie Blatchford - August 15, 2018 8:15 PM EDT Email: cblatchford@postmedia.com

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/christie-blatchford-the-truth-is-no-one-knows-where-the-guns-that-kill-are-coming-from>

MORE PEOPLE ARE DYING FROM GUN VIOLENCE IN CANADA. IS AMERICA TO BLAME?

By RUPA SHENOY • AUG 15, 2018

<http://www.kuow.org/post/more-people-are-dying-gun-violence-canada-america-blame>

GUNTER: LET'S EXPLORE THE USELESSNESS OF HANDGUN BANS

The Toronto motion is more about appearing to do something than it is about actually doing something, but that might appeal to the Trudeau government which is usually more about feel-good than do-good. Actually doing something to combat gun crime would mean standing up to individual criminals and gangs. It's just easier to go after duck hunters and sport shooters, then continue to be shocked when gun crime doesn't go away. By Lorne Gunter - August 15, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-lets-explore-the-uselessness-of-handgun-bans>

CANADA'S POLICE CHIEFS TO STUDY 'SPIKE' IN GUN VIOLENCE OVER THE LAST YEAR

The association is not calling for any wholesale legislative changes related to gun violence. It also isn't calling for tighter restrictions for rifles and shotguns. "But we are going to be looking at that issue (violence) and we may come forward with recommendations in the future." Palmer said the association does support measures to strengthen certain aspects of federal gun regulations in Bill C-71, including rules around obtaining a gun licence and the transportation of firearms.

THE CANADIAN PRESS - Last Updated Wednesday, August 15, 2018

<https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/canada-s-police-chiefs-to-study-spike-in-gun-violence-over-the-last-year-1.4054283>

LIBERALS CONSIDERING BAN ON ASSAULT RIFLES AND HAND GUNS: GOODALE

Goodale made the comment last week during a speech to the Canadian Association of Police Governance in Winnipeg, where he outlined measures the government has taken so far to fulfil Liberal gun control commitments. "And most recently, of course, we have the proposal from the families of the victims of the Mosque shooting in Quebec, and now from Toronto City Council, calling for an outright ban on the possession and use of certain specific weapons – at least in certain locations, like within an urban municipality," Goodale told a conference of the national association of police oversight bodies. "The Government of Canada has undertaken to examine all these issues from the perspective of both effectiveness and fairness," Goodale said. A spokesperson for Goodale confirmed the reference to "certain specific weapons" covered both handguns and assault rifles, following a request for a ban on assault rifles from leaders of a Quebec City Mosque where a gunman killed six people during prayers on the evening of Jan. 29, 2017.

By Tim Naumetz. Published on Aug 15, 2018

<https://ipolitics.ca/2018/08/15/liberals-considering-ban-on-assault-rifles-as-well-as-hand-guns-goodale/>

CBC - TRUDEAU SAYS HE'S 'LISTENING' AS MONTREAL MULLS PUSH FOR NATIONAL HANDGUN BAN

City council will debate motion that calls on Ottawa to expand gun control laws

By Elysha Enos · CBC News · Posted: Aug 15, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/ban-montreal-ottawa-gun-1.4786275>

FOR MONTREALERS, GUN CONTROL MATTERS

Given the tragic shootings that haunt this city, it is natural for Montreal to support tougher gun control. In Montreal The number of homicides stands at 16 as of last week, after hitting a 46-year low in 2017 with only 22. And while there has been the odd shooting, there haven't been enough to register unusual alarm with the public. Still, Montrealers won't get too smug about their relative safety — nor should they. The spectre of gun violence casts a long shadow over this city.

By ALLISON HANES, MONTREAL GAZETTE - Updated: August 15, 2018

<https://montrealgazette.com/opinion/columnists/allison-hanes-for-montrealers-gun-control-matters>

GUN MAKERS UP IN ARMS OVER SHOPIFY'S BAN ON CERTAIN FIREARMS AND ACCESSORIES

Shopify is taking aim at weapons companies by banning the sale of some firearms and accessories on its platform.

The Canadian Press - Tara Deschamps - August 15, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/pmnn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/e-commerce-giant-shopify-bans-sale-of-some-firearms-and-accessories>

<https://business.financialpost.com/technology/neutrality-is-not-a-possibility-shopify-bans-sale-of-semi-automatic-guns-on-its-platform>

<https://www.thestar.com/business/technology/2018/08/15/shopify-bans-merchants-from-selling-certain-guns-on-its-platform.html>

MONTREAL SET TO PRESS OTTAWA FOR NATIONAL HANDGUN BAN

The City of Montreal is set to call for a nationwide ban on handguns and assault weapons, joining Toronto in pressing the Trudeau government to beef up its proposed firearms legislation.

By DANIEL LEBLANC PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER - PUBLISHED AUGUST 15, 2018

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-montreal-joining-toronto-in-calls-for-nationwide-handgun-and-assault/?cmpid=rss>

GUN LICENCES RISE TO RECORD IN JUNE AFTER 21 QUARTERLY INCREASES

The country counted 2.169 million individuals with a firearm Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) at June 30, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police told TheGunBlog.ca on Aug. 10 by e-mail in response to questions.

THE GUN BLOG - AUGUST 15, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/08/15/gun-licences-rise-to-record-in-june-after-21-quarterly-increases/>

GLOBE EDITORIAL: FOR AN INFORMED DEBATE ON GUN POLICY, CANADA NEEDS MORE DATA

Before proposing new policy solutions to gun violence, the federal government would do well to place some priority on collecting data that elucidates the problem. Moving beyond the usual, hot-button gun debates between firearms owners and control advocates, and building national consensus on any regulatory changes, would be helped by all concerned operating from a common set of facts. August 14, 2018 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-globe-editorial-for-an-informed-debate-on-gun-policy-canada-needs/>

GLOBE AND MAIL - FIREARMS DO NOT BELONG IN CANADA'S CITIES

The liberty argument for deadly firearms carried weight in a by-gone era when proper human stewardship over gun safety was assumed; when Canadians were mostly rural folks for whom guns were necessary tools for subsistence and livestock protection and management; and when the death and suffering from gun misuse was acceptably suppressed or ignored. But of course none of that is urban reality today, so yesterday's arguments wither to weightlessness.

By David Butt, Toronto-based criminal lawyer - August 14, 2018

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-firearms-do-not-belong-in-canadas-cities/>

EDITOR'S COMMENTARY: GUN REVIEW WELCOME

Finding ways to ensure that all communities, large and small, are protected from unlawful gun use is in everyone's best interest. BY DAN SINGLETON, Mountain View Gazette editor AUG 14, 2018

<https://www.innisfailprovince.ca/article/gun-review-welcome-20180814>

EDITORS OF CANADA'S NO. 2 PAPER URGE SEIZURE OF PAL HOLDER GUNS

The Toronto Star Editorial Board joined outgoing Toronto Mayor John Tory in asking the government to confiscate property from Canada's 2 million men and women with a firearm Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) authorized by the federal police. THE GUN BLOG - AUGUST 14, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/08/14/editors-of-canadas-no-2-paper-urge-seizure-of-pal-holder-guns/>

SELKIRK INTERLAKE EASTMAN CPC PRESENTS A SHOOT, STEAK, AND SHOT EVENT

Join us for a Shoot, Steak, and Shot event at the Selkirk Game and Fish range. After two rounds of clay shooting there will be a cash bar followed by a steak dinner catered by Danny's Whole Hog. Come and hear speakers MP James Bezan and MP Glen Motz explain how Bill C-71 will impact law-abiding firearm owners and hear what we can do. BILL C-71 COULD BE LAW BY THIS FALL!

WHEN: September 08, 2018 at 2pm - 7pm

WHERE: Selkirk Game & Fish Range, 29115 Road 80N, East Selkirk, MB R0E 0M0

https://www.selkirkinterlakeeastmancpc.ca/shoot_steak_shot

GUN USED IN FREDERICTON SHOOTING IS LEGALLY OBTAINABLE, SUSPECT HAD LICENCE, POLICE SAY - "It's a firearm that can be purchased here in Canada and the suspect does have a licence," Deputy Chief Martin Gaudet told reporters at a news conference outside the Fredericton Police Department, where a memorial with flowers, cards and teddy bears has been set up. "It's a shouldered weapon — a long gun."

By MORGAN LOWRIE, The Canadian Press - Mon., Aug. 13, 2018

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2018/08/13/gun-used-in-fredericton-shooting-is-legally-obtainable-suspect-had-licence-police-say.html>

TORONTO STAR EDITORIAL: SOLUTIONS TO GUN CRIME DON'T BOIL DOWN TO FORD'S 'GOOD GUYS AND BAD GUYS' RHETORIC - We recently learned that Ontario Premier Doug Ford does not support a ban on the sale of handguns in Toronto. That's disappointing. But, to be effective, it's a national handgun ban that we need anyway. By STAR EDITORIAL BOARD Mon., Aug. 13, 2018

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorials/2018/08/13/solutions-to-gun-crime-dont-boil-down-to-fords-good-guys-and-bad-guys-rhetoric.html>

MY COMMENT: The real problem is that the Firearms Act only allows police to track the 'good guys' – NOT the 'bad guys'.

HOUSE OF COMMONS FIREARMS PETITION E-1605 AIMING LIBERALS AT THE RIGHT TARGET – STARTED MAY 28, 2018 • 1,765 Signatures – Closed for Signatures July 26, 2018

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1605>

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/03/28/firearms-petition-e-1605-aiming-liberals-right-target/>

LIBERAL'S GUN CONTROL REGIME STILL MISSING THE REAL TARGET!

Laws control law-abiding gun owners but those too dangerous to own firearms, not so much.

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2017/03/10/liberals-gun-control-regime-still-missing-the-real-target/>

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A CANADIAN SPORT SHOOTER

Who am I? I'm one of millions of responsible people around the world who enjoy target shooting. By Allan Harding is from B.C.'s Sunshine Coast and is the 2018 Canadian National Pistol Champion.

<https://www.vancouverisawesome.com/2018/08/08/canadian-sport-shooter-allan-harding/>

WINNIPEG FIRM WINS \$1M DEAL TO SEND SNIPER RIFLES TO UKRAINE

PGW Defence Technologies of Winnipeg will be delivering its LRT-3 .50 calibre sniper rifle to Ukraine's military. Postmedia News - August 13, 2018

<https://winnipegssun.com/news/national/ukraine-military-to-get-canadian-made-50-calibre-sniper-rifles>

REAL SCOOP: POLICE SAY GANG ARRESTS WILL REDUCE VIOLENCE

Public Safety Minister Mike Farnworth said the arrest of 14 gangsters linked to the Red Scorpions and the Kang group "sends a very strong message" to those caught up in organized crime in B.C. Farnworth praised the work of the Vancouver Police Department and other agencies Friday after 92 charges were laid against the gangsters, including participating in a criminal organization, drug trafficking, conspiracy and possession of firearms and even explosives.

By KIM BOLAN - Updated: August 13, 2018

<https://vancouverssun.com/news/staff-blogs/real-scoop-police-say-gang-arrests-will-reduce-violence>

TORONTO SUN - RESIDENTS SHAKEN AFTER WILD-WEST SHOOTOUT

All of this was caught on surveillance video that police released Monday. It shows a Mercedes-Benz rolling into the complex and heading into the parking garage before the shoot-out in which one gunman fired from the open sunroof as the car sped off. The other shooter fired back using a 9-mm handgun. All of this on a sunny summer day at 5 p.m. In this case, residents literally had to dodge flying bullets. And since none of the bullets struck a child or passerby, Toronto also dodged a bullet. When a count is done of shots fired during the two shootings, 31 bullets were dodged.

By Joe Warmington - August 13, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/warmington-residents-shaken-after-wild-west-shootout>

CBC 'CRIME GUN' ANALYSIS WITH ADDITIONAL RESEARCH LINKS

Additional supporting documentation for CBC's Evan Dyer's: *Canada can't say where its crime guns are coming from* URL Links added by Dennis R. Young - August 13, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/08/13/cbc-crime-gun-analysis-additional-research-links/>

LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLANS TO BRING BACK LONG-GUN REGISTRY, TRUDEAU SAYS

"We will not be bringing back a long-gun registry – it's not part of our plan and has never been," Trudeau said after a town hall meeting with seniors in the community of North Milton, P.E.I.

By MICHAEL TUTTON, THE CANADIAN PRESS - AUGUST 13, 2018

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-trudeau-says-no-plans-to-bring-back-long-gun-registry/>

TORONTO STAR: OTTAWA NEEDS TO MAKE HANDGUN OWNERSHIP MORE DIFFICULT

A better idea is to limit handgun ownership across Canada to those who can prove they need such weapons. This wouldn't stop the illegal flow of handguns from the U.S. Nor would it deter those, such as the North York van attacker, who are determined to kill. But it would go a long way toward making this country safer. And that's something.

By THOMAS WALKOM, National Affairs Columnist - Mon., Aug. 13, 2018 <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/star-columnists/2018/08/13/ottawa-needs-to-make-handgun-ownership-more-difficult.html>

TORONTO STAR STRAW POLL: SHOULD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAKE IT HARDER TO OBTAIN RESTRICTED WEAPONS?

Yes - Gun violence is out of control across the country. 10.96% (337 votes)

No - We need to empower and grow law enforcement. 74.48% (2,291 votes)

Maybe - Just as it is illegal to shoot someone, I am not sure a law for weapons will help. 14.56% (448 votes)

Total Votes: 3,076 (Results as of 5 pm Alberta time August 13, 2018)

ONLY OTTAWA CAN BAN HANDGUNS, SAYS CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER

it would take an act of Parliament amending the Firearms Act and new regulations by the federal cabinet to do it, Ottawa lawyer Solomon Friedman told iPolitics. By Tim Naumetz - Published on Aug 13, 2018

<https://ipolitics.ca/2018/08/13/only-ottawa-can-ban-handguns-says-constitutional-lawyer/>

FORMER DARTMOUTH RESIDENT SHOOTING FOR THE TOP SPOT AT NATIONALS

manda Fisher at the Atlantic Marksmans Club in Dartmouth August 2.

By BILL SPURR THE CHRONICLE HERALD - Published August 13, 2018

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/artslife/1590480-former-dartmouth-resident-shooting-for-the-top-spot-at-nationals>

DIGGING DEEPER TO VERIFY RCMP SOURCES OF CRIME GUNS

Please provide a breakdown of the number of RCMP seized firearms that were recorded as "Seized – Criminal Investigation" by the type of criminal investigation indicating whether the investigation was related to: (1) a violent crime, (2) a non-violent crime, (3) a property crime, or (4) an administrative paper crime. Access to Information request to RCMP by Dennis R. Young - August 12, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/08/12/digging-deeper-verify-rcmp-sources-crime-guns/>

ALLEGED GUNMAN AN AVID BIKER, LOVED FIRST-PERSON SHOOTER VIDEO GAMES: ACQUAINTANCE

A Fredericton business owner who knew the 48-year-old man accused in a deadly shooting in the city described him as a "lonely person" who spent much of his time biking and playing first-person shooter video games. Brendan Doyle, the former owner of recently closed Read's Newsstand & Cafe in Fredericton, said he also asked Matthew Vincent Raymond to stop frequenting his coffee shop after he allegedly expressed Islamophobic views and shared his dislike for Syrian refugees with patrons. The Canadian Press - AUGUST 12, 2018

<https://www.timescolonist.com/alleged-gunman-an-avid-biker-loved-first-person-shooter-video-games-acquaintance-1.23397435>

GAT SHOW SHOOT-BEFORE-YOU-BUY RUNS THIS WEEKEND AT SILVERDALE

TheGunBlog.ca — The Guns And Tactical (GAT) Show is running this weekend at Silverdale Gun Club in southwestern Ontario as the first shoot-before-you-buy event of its kind. Here's a rundown of the details.

THE GUN BLOG - AUGUST 11, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/08/11/gat-show-shoot-before-you-buy-runs-this-weekend-at-silverdale/>

RCMP HANDGUN STOLEN FROM UNMARKED VEHICLE IN SASKATOON HOTEL PARKADE

An RCMP firearm and ammunition were stolen from an unmarked police vehicle parked at a hotel parkade in downtown Saskatoon. The handgun is a 9-millimetre Smith & Wesson 5946 with serial number BDX1238. It is silver with a black handgrip and has an RCMP image etched on the side.

By David Giles, Senior Web Producer - Global News - Updated: August 15, 2018

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4380597/rcmp-handgun-stolen-unmarked-vehicle-saskatoon-hotel-parkade/>

LETTER: ARE FIREARMS THE REAL ISSUE?

Don't punish the law-abiding firearms owners as this method will have minimal effect on the true issue at hand.

By Kurtis Bachman, Coalhurst - The United Hunters Association <http://www.unitedhuntersassoc.ca>
<https://lethbridgeherald.com/commentary/letters-to-the-editor/2018/08/12/are-firearms-the-real-issue/>

THE RIGHT TO DEFEND

Two recent cases have shone a spotlight on the very limited right that Canadians now have to defend themselves and their property. They are the Gerald Stanley case from Saskatchewan, and the recent Khil case in Ontario. In both cases property owners shot men who had invaded their property to commit crimes. The fact that two juries have now acquitted in self defence cases sends a strong message that the status quo is unacceptable.

By Brian Giesbrecht, Frontier Centre for Public Policy - July 27, 2018

<https://fcpp.org/2018/07/27/the-right-to-defend/>

WORTH A SECOND READ!

CBC - LIBERALS' CLAIM OF 'STEADY INCREASE' IN GUN CRIME RESTS ON A 'DRASTIC' COMPARISON TO A LOW-CRIME YEAR

Experts say Trudeau government's choice of baseline year makes crime stats look worse than they really are. Pierre-Jérôme Bergeron, who teaches statistics at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Ottawa. The McGill-trained statistician, who authored a paper called How to Engage in Pseudoscience With Real Data, said it doesn't look like an honest mistake, either. By Evan Dyer · CBC News · Posted: Mar 22, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/gun-crime-goodale-canada-1.4585097>

HOUSE OF COMMONS FIREARMS PETITION E-1608

SCRAP BILL C-71 and devote greater resources to policing in Canada – STARTED MAY 28, 2018

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<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1608>

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POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

CANADA: MONTREAL TO ENDORSE NATIONWIDE HANDGUN BAN, POLICE CONTENT WITH

CURRENT LAWS - Politicians from the largest city in the Canadian gun control stronghold of Quebec plan to put their weight behind a raft of severe gun restrictions next week. According to a report from Radio Canada International, the Montreal City Council is set to vote Monday to adopt a resolution that would echo the Toronto City Council's call for new federal gun controls. On Wednesday, newly-elected Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police President and Vancouver Chief Constable Adam Palmer has [quoted by the CBC](#) as saying that Canada's current gun control regime is "actually very good." Summarizing some of Palmer's comments, the news outlet reported, "[Palmer] says the issue isn't law-abiding people who want to possess firearms, but rather people who are involved in criminal activity who obtain guns through illegal means." NRA-ILA - FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20180817/canada-montreal-to-endorse-nationwide-handgun-ban-police-content-with-current-laws>

NEW STUDY: 17.25 MILLION CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS, BIGGEST INCREASES FOR WOMEN AND MINORITIES - Despite the expectations of many after the 2016 elections, the number of concealed handgun permits has again increased. In 2018, the number of concealed handgun permits soared to now over 17.25 million – a 273% increase since 2007. 7.14% of American adults have permits. Unlike surveys that may be affected by people's unwillingness to answer some personal questions, concealed handgun permit data is the only really "hard data" that we have on gun ownership across the United States. Still, an even larger number of people carry because in 14 states people don't need a permit to carry in all or virtually all those states. By John Lott, Crime Prevention Research Centre - 17 AUG 2018 <https://crimeresearch.org/2018/08/new-study-17-25-million-concealed-handgun-permits-biggest-increases-for-women-and-minorities/>

CBS - SHOPIFY BANS SALES OF SOME GUNS, WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION

Canadian online-store provider Shopify is prohibiting the sale of many types of guns and ammunition, saying that "solely deferring to the law" no longer works amid political gridlock and the internet's rapid pace. In an update of its rules earlier this week, the Ottawa-based e-commerce giant, which services more than 600,000 small businesses, banned merchants from using its technology to sell weapons including semi-automatic firearms, silencers, grenades, rocket launchers and 3D-printed guns. By KATE GIBSON MONEYWATCH - Updated Aug 16, 2018 <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/shopify-bans-guns-firearms-ammo-accessories-policy-today-2018-08-15/>

BEFORE AND AFTER THE BANG: TREATMENT AND PREVENTION FOR SCHOOL VIOLENCE

The school safety movement is growing. Parents, school staff, and law enforcement officers are working together. They are slowly solving the complex and interrelated issues of protecting our students from armed murderers in our schools. Ammoland Inc. Posted on August 16, 2018 by Rob Morse. Read more: <https://www.ammoland.com/2018/08/before-and-after-the-bang-treatment-and-prevention-for-school-violence/#ixzz5ORlvaYxD>
WE SEE MANY FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO CELEBRITY VIOLENCE.

- Keep your marriage intact because most mass murderers come from a broken home.
- Be an engaged parent and monitor what your child sees and the games they play. Violent entertainment normalizes aggression.
- Therapists and teachers should report individuals that are obviously disturbed.
- The media should stop breeding the next generation of celebrity murderers. Our kids and their friends watched the media turn murderers into rock-stars.
- Report bullying and threats to local officials.
- Schools, therapists and law enforcement should act on threats to students and the school.
- Make our schools as secure as our homes and businesses.
- Harden our classrooms the way we harden our bedrooms and offices. This doesn't have to cost a lot of money.
- Train and equip school staff to stop a physical threat at their school until police arrive.
- Train school staff to treat the injured until EMTs arrive.
- Your local school should conduct a safety audit to see if they live up to their safety plan.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE NOW BEING ARMED WITH LONG RIFLES - The Fayette County School System is setting up gun safes in every middle and high school to provide School Resource Officers (SROs) with an area to safely store their long rifles. The safes will be located in the SROs' office and will be locked, have an alarm attached to them and video surveillance on them at all times. Not even the school's principal will have access to the firearm. by Beth Baumann - Posted: Aug 16, 2018 <https://townhall.com/notebook/bethbaumann/2018/08/16/school-resource-officers-in-one-school-district-are-now-being-armed-with-long-rifles-n2510520>

FIVE BEST HANDGUNS FOR WHITETAILS

- Ruger Blackhawk, .44 Remington Magnum
- Taurus Raging Bull, .454 Casull
- Smith and Wesson 629 Classic, .357 Magnum
- Freedom Arms .500 Wyoming Express
- Thompson/Center Contender G2, .41 Remington Magnum.

By PETE ROGERS - August 15, 2018

<http://www.northcarolinasportsman.com/details.php?id=15199>

VIDEO - COPY OF DR. JOHN LOTT'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SAFETY

This video contains the audio of Dr. John Lott's recent testimony before the Arkansas legislature on school safety. The video also contains the PowerPoint that was presented to the legislature.

Crime Prevention Research Centre - 13 AUG 2018

<https://crimeresearch.org/2018/08/copy-of-dr-john-lotts-testimony-before-the-arkansas-legislature-joint-performance-review-committee-on-school-safety/>

WALL STREET JOURNAL - CANADA SHOOTINGS SPUR DEBATE OVER GUN CONTROL

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government has said it would consider banning handguns

By Vipal Monga - Aug. 12, 2018

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/canada-shootings-spur-debate-over-gun-control-1534100184>

JOHN LOTT - A GOOD GUY WITH A GUN HAS SAVED MANY LIVES IN FLORIDA – SOMETHING THE MEDIA RARELY REPORT

Dr. John Lott has a new piece at Fox News that starts this way: Thankfully, a heroic citizen with a permit to legally carry a concealed handgun was able to save countless lives in Florida Saturday when he shot a gunman who opened fire on a back-to-school event attended by over 150 students at a park in Titusville, Florida.

Crime Prevention Research Centre - 7 AUG 2018

<https://crimeresearch.org/2018/08/at-fox-news-a-good-guy-with-a-gun-has-saved-many-lives-in-florida-something-the-media-rarely-report/>

OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

BERNIER TO GET THE BOOT?

Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer was under mounting pressure to denounce Maxime Bernier's public statements and kick him out of caucus Wednesday after the maverick MP used his Twitter feed to renew a sustained attack on "extreme Liberal multiculturalism." The Canadian Press - Aug 15, 2018

<https://www.castanet.net/edition/news-story-234011-4-.htm>

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2018/08/17/biased-cbc-attacks-bernier-rosemary-barton-criticized-after-acting-like-propaganda-minister-for-trudeau-government/>

MAXIME BERNIER IS FIGHTING AGAINST IDENTITY POLITICS

"Identity politics has become pervasive and is being practiced by all political parties trying to buy votes. Political debate has degenerated into a contest between different ways of pandering to specific groups instead of appealing to our common interests," says Bernier. By SPENCER FERNANDO - AUGUST 16, 2018

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2018/08/16/maxime-bernier-is-fighting-against-identity-politics/>

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TORONTO SUN - CLIMATE CHANGE DATA IS WILDLY OVERESTIMATED

If the goal is to have the costly climate policies, Liberals are on the right track – but if the goal is sound environmental policy, they’re missing the mark.

By Matthew Lau, Contributing writer to Canadians for Affordable Energy - August 14, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/guest-column-climate-change-data-is-wildly-over-estimated>

HISTORY TELLS A MUCH MORE BALANCED TALE OF SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD

MacDonald also said, “There is no paramount race in this country ...” And he wanted First Nations people to have the right to vote. Yes, you heard correctly. Macdonald also wanted women to have the vote.

By NAOMI LAKRITZ -Updated: August 13, 2018

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/lakritz-history-tells-a-much-more-balanced-tale-of-macdonald>

GOLDSTEIN: COME CLEAN ON CLIMATE CHANGE, TORIES

Just because the Trudeau Liberals aren’t being honest with the public on the issue of man-made climate change, doesn’t mean Andrew Scheer and the Conservatives should get a pass on it. By Lorrie Goldstein - August 11, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-come-clean-on-climate-change-tories>

GUNTER: THE CURRENT HEAT WAVE? IT'S CALLED SUMMER, PEOPLE, NOT GLOBAL WARMING

If this time the cause is climate change, what caused the heatwave 35 years ago? Couldn’t have been SUVs, pipelines or the oilsands. Maybe the current heat is just weather, not the beginning of the end. By Lorne Gunter - August 11, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-the-current-heat-wave-its-called-summer-people-not-global-warming>

THE ENVIRONMENT: A TRUE STORY PART 21 – OH THAT LITTLE ICE AGE

Part 21 of John Robson’s documentary comparing climate change alarmism with widely accepted facts about the past state and present condition of the Earth. John Robson, Video - August 9, 2018

<https://fcpp.org/2018/08/09/the-environment-a-true-story-part-21-oh-that-little-ice-age/>

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