



## THE PAST WEEK'S POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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### **POSTS FROM CANADA**

#### **GUN OWNERS FIRE BACK AT MINISTER BLAIR DURING CONSULTATION IN CALGARY**

Participants made the most of the 60-minutes available to them, discussing the effects a handgun ban would have on information privacy, civil liberties, manufacturing, and business investment. **The message was clear: this is viewed as yet another legislative tool to punish responsible and law-abiding gun owners.** The Minister heard loud and clear opposition to Justin Trudeau's methodology for reducing violent crime. Stephanie herself questioned whether the outcome of the consultation will ultimately reflect the views expressed by the stakeholders consulted. Minister Blair, when pressed, agreed to accept additional submissions in writing to his office, to be coordinated by Stephanie. Grateful for the opportunity to attend, yet undoubtedly dissatisfied by the Minister's responses, attendees left the meeting without any assurances. By Calgary Midnapore MP Stephanie Kusie - February 8, 2019

<http://stephaniekusiemp.ca/2019/02/08/gun-owners-fire-back-at-minister-blair-during-consultation-in-calgary/>

#### **NORWAY CONTINUES TO DOMINATE AT BIATHLON WORLD CUP IN CANMORE**

Men's relay team takes top prize to bring country's gold medal total to 3

The Canadian Press · February 8, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/sports/olympics/biathlon/world-cup-biathlon-canmore-results-1.5012342>

#### **LETTER: MORE FACT CHECKING NECESSARY WHEN REPORTING ON WEAPONS**

By Blair Zinkhan - DurhamRegion.com Feb 08, 2019

<https://www.durhamregion.com/opinion-story/9167136-more-fact-checking-necessary-when-reporting-on-weapons/>

EXCERPT: In Canada a RPAL holder (restricted possession acquisition licence) can't even purchase such a pistol; it's prohibited. Criminals, on the other hand, seem to have no problem buying such weapons through the black market where it is much, much easier. Being a prohibited firearm would also mean that this one came from outside Canada and was not stolen from a law-abiding citizen. It is lazy research and writing like this only serves as a disservice to Canadians, gun owners and the general public alike. I would like you to be aware that my name, and the names of every PAL/RPAL holder in the country, will be run through the Canadian Police Information Centre in the morning while you sip your coffee. Just to check up on us. Not the actual criminals, but us, the proven good guys.

#### **ONE YEAR AFTER THE ACQUITTAL OF GERALD STANLEY, LITTLE HAS CHANGED**

What has changed in the year since Gerald Stanley was acquitted, on Feb. 9, 2018, for the killing of Colton Boushie on Stanley's Saskatchewan farm? Not much. Indigenous people remain underrepresented on juries throughout Canada, despite being grossly overrepresented among both accused and crime victims. In places like Spiritwood, Sask., and Okotoks, Alta., farmers continue to fire warning shots to ward off rural crime.

By KENT ROACH, SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL - FEBRUARY 8, 2019 - Kent Roach is the Prichard Wilson Chair in Law and Public Policy and the author of Canadian Justice Indigenous Injustice The Gerald Stanley and Colten Boushie Case published by McGill Queens Press last month. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-one-year-after-the-acquittal-of-gerald-stanley-little-has-changed/>

## **FISH AND GAME NIGHT ONCE AGAIN A SUCCESS**

The annual Vulcan and District Gun Club trophy night and banquet took place Feb. 2 at the Cultural-Recreational Centre (CRC). The event was well attended with around 200 people there. With three guns up for grabs, the gun raffle generally sells out in around 40 minutes. The 150 raffle tickets cost \$20 each. “Everybody wants a gun, if you can get a gun for a ticket for \$20, it is a good deal,” Mix said. “You see the prices up there, a shotgun is \$1,200, and it only takes one ticket to win. Some guys will come up and spend \$100 and get five tickets.” Neil Friesen won a Ruger PC Carbine rifle, Jay Lewis won a Churchill shotgun, and Dennis Stretch a Henry .22 long rifle. The following is a list of awards the gun club handed out Feb. 2. By Jasmine O'Halloran Published on: February 8, 2019

<https://www.vulcanadvocate.com/news/local-news/fish-and-game-night-once-again-a-success>

## **CHOOSING THE BEST OUTFITTER FOR A MANITOBA BLACK BEAR HUNT**

It is estimated that the Manitoba black bear population could be as high as 30,000 to 50,000 animals and with only 1,657 resident hunters in 2017/18, it isn't hard to deduce that most bears never see a hunter.

The Outdoor Hub - February 8, 2019

<https://www.outdoorhub.com/how-to/2019/02/08/choosing-the-best-outfitter-for-a-manitoba-black-bear-hunt/>

**EXCERPT:** To bring firearms into Canada contact the Canadian Firearm Program at 1-800-731-4000. You can find a fact sheet and Firearms Declaration Form at [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/information/visit/index-eng.htm](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/information/visit/index-eng.htm) . Click on English, then on Visitors/non-resident. Fill out your forms with the information for the firearm you might be bringing to Canada, but don't sign it until asked by a Canada Border Agency officer.

**CBC - MEN KILLED IN WINNIPEG RESTAURANT SHOT EACH OTHER AT THE SAME TIME, POLICE SAY** - Female employee also hurt and sent to hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. **Victims of a double homicide in downtown Winnipeg earlier this week were members of the same street gang, and shot and killed each other, police say.** Anthony Brian Cromastey, 30, and Rodney Albert Kirton, 25, died after opening fire on each other inside Johnny G's, a popular late-night restaurant and pub on Main Street, around 1:30 a.m. CT Wednesday.

CBC News · Feb 08, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/double-homicide-johnnyg-winnipeg-1.5011296>

## **SENATOR DEAN ‘UNIMPRESSED’ IF YOU WORRY ABOUT BEING DISARMED**

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian Senator Tony Dean said today he's “unimpressed” by recreational shooters who worry about being disarmed as he promotes a draft law to disarm recreational shooters. THE GUN BLOG - FEBRUARY 7, 2019

**Update Feb. 8:** Responses to the tweet began pouring in after TheGunBlog.ca drew attention to it late on Feb. 7. He had 80 replies as of 8:40 a.m. Ottawa time on Feb. 8, a record high since he created his account in May 2013, including as the senate sponsor of the government's high-profile cannabis bill last year. The responses were mainly antipathetic. Most of his Twitter posts get zero replies.

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/07/senator-dean-unimpressed-by-shooters-worried-of-being-disarmed/>

## **DUELLING POLITICIANS SEEK MIDDLE GROUND ON CANADA'S GUN CONTROL DEBATE**

Marco Mendicino, Liberal MP and former Crown Prosecutor from Toronto, squares off with Glen Motz, Conservative MP and former Police Chief from Medicine Hat, Alberta, about Canada's relationship with guns.

By SANDRO CONTENTA, Feature Writer - Toronto Star - Fri., Feb. 8, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2019/02/08/duelling-politicians-seek-middle-ground-on-canadas-gun-control-debate.html>

### **CANADA'S ROSANNA CRAWFORD DIGGING DEEP IN HER FINAL BIATHLON SEASON**

The three-time Olympian decided to race one more year to build on breakthroughs of the 2017-18 season, in which she stood on a World Cup podium for the first time in her career. Crawford's bronze in a 15-kilometre race just over a year ago in Ruhpolding, Germany, was the first World Cup biathlon medal by a Canadian woman since Zina Kocher's bronze in 2006. A last, and rare, chance to race in her hometown of Canmore, Alta., this week was added incentive to keep skiing and shooting a little longer. By The Canadian Press - Feb 7, 2019 <https://nanaimonewsnow.com/article/608059/norways-johannes-thingnes-boe-wins-world-cup-biathlon-race-canadas-gow-10th>

### **CBC - MEET CANADA'S 17-YEAR-OLD NATIONAL WOMEN'S AIR RIFLE CHAMPION**

The Delaware, Ont. native claimed the 2018 title for the 10 metre smallbore air rifle event in July

By Hala Ghonaim · CBC News · Posted: Feb 07, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/canada-air-rifle-champ-aylmer-london-1.5005911>

### **CANADIAN UNIVERSITY SHOOTING FEDERATION: Q&A WITH THE PRESIDENT**

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian University Shooting Federation has added two shooting clubs as members this year, expanding to six clubs and about 250 students. Lethbridge College in Alberta joined in January, and University of Saskatchewan joined this month. Following is an interview with David Fahlman, the president of the CUSF. We spoke by e-mail last month with an update today. THE GUN BLOG - February 7, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/07/canadian-university-shooting-federation-qa-with-the-president/>

### **US CUSTOMS OFFICER CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY SELLING GUNS FROM TRUNK**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles prosecutors say a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer has been arrested on charges of illegally selling guns. Wei Xu was due in federal court Wednesday for allegedly selling guns illegally to an undercover officer from the trunk of a car. Xu is a watch commander at the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports. February 6, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/pmnn/news-pmn/us-customs-officer-charged-with-illegally-selling-guns>

<https://o.canada.com/pmnn/news-pmn/us-customs-officer-charged-with-illegally-selling-guns/wcm/2480c7c6-22b0-449b-bf58-fae71e95ae08>

### **12-YEAR-OLD B.C. BOY SHOT IN EYE WITH PELLET GUN WHILE SLEDDING**

A boy is recovering after being shot with a pellet gun while sledding in Surrey over the weekend. A 12-year-old boy who was shot with a pellet gun in Surrey, B.C., says he was first hit “all over” the back of his head. "I turned right around and then I got shot right in the eye ... and then I just started running and running, terrified," the boy told CTV Vancouver.

Police have not been able to locate the two alleged shooters. They believe both are boys or young men and say they were carrying what looked like assault rifle-style pellet guns.

By Ryan Flanagan, CTVNews.ca with a report from CTV Vancouver's Maria Weisgarber - Wednesday, February 6, 2019

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/12-year-old-b-c-boy-shot-in-eye-with-pellet-gun-while-sledding-1.4284651>

### **AUCTION PROMOTER PUTS TOGETHER UNIQUE MASSIVE INTERNATIONAL FIREARM AUCTION**

**FEB 9-10 2019 - RICHMOND, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, February 6, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Auctions in Richmond, BC and around the world via exclusive online bidding, this Saturday and Sunday February 9 and 10, 2019.**

Collector Concierge International was pivotal in representing the core collection consignment while also assembling a partnership that is a Canadian firearms auction game changer.”— Ricky Sky. Collector Concierge International is proud to be representing the main consignor with approximately (600 pieces) in this historic collectible 900 lot plus firearm auction partnering with Maynards Auctions and Borderview International Firearms logistics. This two-day spectacular auction is historic as three industry leaders have come together to make the purchasing and shipping of the firearms across

borders with ease and at a reduced cost to the successful buyers. Collector Concierge International was pivotal in representing the core collection consignment while also assembling a partnership that is a Canadian firearms auction game changer. Maynards is the highly recognized auction house, and Borderview International Firearms Logistics is key with transfer of items to new owners in the USA. [https://www.einnews.com/pr\\_news/475781937/auction-promoter-puts-together-unique-massive-international-firearm-auction-feb-9-10-2019](https://www.einnews.com/pr_news/475781937/auction-promoter-puts-together-unique-massive-international-firearm-auction-feb-9-10-2019)

### **EXPLOSIVES AND MORE THAN 100 GUNS SEIZED DURING SEARCH OF HOME OF SUSPECT WHO ALLEGEDLY POINTED HANDGUN AT OFF-DUTY OFFICER**

Police have seized explosives and more than 100 guns from the home of a Campbell River man who is accused of pointing a handgun at an off-duty RCMP officer while looking for a lost dog. Posted By: CHEKon: February 07, 2019 <https://www.cheknews.ca/explosives-and-more-than-100-guns-seized-during-search-of-home-of-suspect-who-allegedly-pointed-handgun-at-off-duty-officer-532876/>  
<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/vancouver-island-police-seize-huge-trove-of-guns-explosives-homemade-silencers/ar-BBTjWl5>

### **SENATE REPRESENTS LAST HOPE FOR CONSERVATIVES TO HALT LIBERAL GUN BILL**

By Tim Naumetz. Published on Feb 6, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/02/06/senate-represents-last-hope-for-conservatives-to-halt-liberal-gun-bill/>

### **NO CHARGES IN HANNA-AREA RURAL CRIME SHOOTING INCIDENT**

A group of Alberta farmers involved in an act of vigilante justice where at least two gunshots were fired in the air will not be facing charges. Const. Mike Hibbs with the Alberta RCMP said on Wednesday the Hanna RCMP detachment would not be laying charges against locals who banded together to track down a stolen vehicle last month.

By Ryan Rumbolt, Calgary Sun - February 6, 2019

<https://calgarysun.com/news/crime/no-charges-in-hanna-area-rural-crime-shooting-incident>

### **OPEN LETTER #4 TO SENATORS**

#### **RE: EVIDENCE LACKING ON HIGH, MEDIUM AND LOW PRIORITY GUN CONTROL TARGETS**

Why are 443,043 convicted criminals prohibited from owning firearms by the courts allowed to roam Canada free of any of the government's gun control programs? On November 24, 2004, Firearms Commissioner Bill Baker testified before the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights: "On the change of address, if someone is prohibited from having a firearm in the country they are no longer effectively covered by the Firearms Act." Maybe it's time they should. By Dennis R. Young – February 5, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/02/05/evidence-lacking-on-high-medium-and-low-priority-gun-control-targets/>

### **NOT ONE LETTER IN SUPPORT OF BILL C-71, SENATOR TELLS IPOLITICS**

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian Senator Mobina Jaffer hasn't received a single letter supporting Bill C-7, but has gotten many letters opposing the government's planned law against hunters, farmers and sport shooters, iPolitics reported yesterday, citing the politician. "I haven't received one letter that is in support of the bill," the news website quoted Jaffer as saying in an interview. Jaffer, who could hold the deciding vote to pass or defeat amendments to Bill C-71 in the senate review committee, has received many messages of opposition from lawful gun owners being blamed for violence in cities, iPolitics reported. "What they're saying is, 'Don't punish us instead of going after them (gangs and criminals),' " the British Columbia senator told the news organization. THE GUN BLOG - FEBRUARY 5, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/05/not-one-letter-in-support-of-bill-c-71-senator-tells-ipolitics/>

## **NEW GUN-CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS DUE 'IN THE COMING WEEKS,' MINISTER SAYS**

Blair's mandate also includes supporting Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale's Bill C-71, currently in its second reading in the Senate. The bill includes changes to the Firearms Act and Criminal Code. Among its amendments are considering events more than five years in the past when judging applicants' eligibility for gun licences; requiring a buyer's licence be verified in the sale of non-restricted firearms; and having businesses record information about the people to whom they sell guns. The Liberal government is concerned that the bill's provisions won't do enough to stop gang violence in large cities such as Toronto. In 2016, more than half of firearm-related violent crimes involved handguns, according to Statistics Canada. By Stephen Cook, The Canadian Press - February 5, 2019

<https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/canada/new-gun-control-recommendations-due-in-the-coming-weeks-minister-says-281871/>

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/new-gun-control-recommendations-due-in-the-coming-weeks-minister-says-1.4283712>

<https://www.thestar.com/politics/federal/2019/02/05/new-gun-control-recommendations-due-in-the-coming-weeks-minister-says.html>

## **PLANS STALL FOR TORONTO POLICE SERVICE'S GUNSHOT-DETECTION SYSTEM**

Toronto Police Service's plans to set up a controversial gunshot-detection system called ShotSpotter and double the number of police security cameras in the city have stalled, as the provincial and federal governments have failed to come with any funding. By JEFF GRAY, TORONTO CITY HALL REPORTER & MOLLY HAYES STAFF, NATIONAL REPORTER GLOBE AND MAIL - PUBLISHED FEBRUARY 4, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/toronto/article-plans-stall-for-toronto-police-services-gunshot-detection-system/>

## **FORMER LIBERAL SENATOR NOT SET ON GUN BILL, BUT CONSERVATIVE AMENDMENTS FACE UPHILL BATTLE**

Sen. Mobina Jaffer said Monday that as the bill has worked its way through Senate chamber debate in advance of its final stages she has received no letters of support for Bill C-71 — only messages of opposition from legal gun owners who say they're bearing the brunt of a government push to address gun crime and shootings in big cities. By Tim Naumetz. Published on Feb 4, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/02/04/former-liberal-senator-not-set-on-gun-bill-but-conservative-amendments-face-uphill-battle/>

## **WHAT HAS GUN CONTROL COST TAXPAYERS AND HAS IT BEEN EFFECTIVE? SUMMARY OF REPORTED FIREARMS PROGRAM SPENDING 1995 TO 2017**

- Highest Spending Amounts Reported = \$1.79 Billion
- Lowest Spending Amounts Reported = \$1.60 Billion

### **PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA BACKGROUNDER: Costs and Crime Statistics**

#### **QUESTIONS GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO ANSWER**

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/02/03/what-has-gun-control-cost-taxpayers/>

## **MISSISSAUGA STORE OWNER FIGHTS OFF ROBBER WITH BANANAS, VIDEO SHOWS**

"I had to do something so I reached for whatever was there," she said. "I hit him hard with the bananas and he ran away." She said she "kept swinging and swinging" until the suspect retreated and even then, she felt the need to throw the tropical fruit at him as he escaped. She said she was less concerned about the cash in the till and more concerned with protecting her husband. The suspect fled on foot empty-handed. By LOUIE ROSELLA, Mississauga News - Mon., Feb. 4, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/02/04/mississauga-store-owner-fights-off-robber-with-bananas-video-shows.html>

## **BILL BLAIR SPEAKS IN DURHAM ABOUT HIS HANDGUN/ASSAULT WEAPON BAN REVIEW**

The review is being "conducted in a way which was respectful of lawful firearm owners," Blair said. The "overwhelming majority of firearm owners are exceptionally responsible in their ownership," he said. Over and above measures in C-71, he's looking at making it more difficult for those who buy guns legally to then sell them illegally. He's also looking at

requiring “secure” storage, not just “safe” storage, which he said lawful gun owners “overwhelmingly” support. The idea is to make guns harder to steal from homes or shops, he said. Another measure would look at people with licences to possess weapons whose circumstances change to the point that that licence could be suspended. “And not to revoke but to suspend, make it safe until we figure it out.” By Scott Dunn - February 3, 2019

<https://www.owensoundsuntimes.com/news/local-news/bill-blair-speaks-in-durham-about-his-handgun-assault-weapon-ban-review>

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FIREARM ENGAGEMENT PAPER**

#### **“REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME: A DIALOGUE ON HANDGUNS AND ASSAULT WEAPONS”**

By Daniel Balofsky – February 3, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/02/09/questions-about-the-firearm-engagement-paper/>

### **CBC - QUEBEC 'OUT OF THEIR JURISDICTION' WITH LONG-GUN REGISTRY, SAYS FORMER BAND COUNCILLOR**

Kitigan Zibi's Joel Odjick says registry infringes on Indigenous rights

By Mario Carlucci · CBC News · Posted: Feb 03, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/former-kitigan-zibi-councillor-defies-quebec-long-gun-registry-1.5003019>

### **NEW CANADIAN DOCTORS GROUP AIMS TO BAN GUNS FROM LICENSED OWNERS**

TheGunBlog.ca — A new group of Canadian doctors backed by the country’s main medical organizations is urging the government to ban and seize guns from federally licensed hunters, farmers and sport shooters. Its leader compared new restrictions to a “preventive vaccine” against a disease. “No civilian needs access to guns,” Najma Ahmed, the lead activist behind Canadian Doctors for Protection From Guns, said Jan. 15 on Twitter.

THE GUN BLOG - FEBRUARY 2, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/02/new-canadian-doctors-group-aims-to-ban-guns-from-licence-holders/>

### **WHY AND HOW PEOPLE GET GUNS ILLEGALLY: 2010 GOVERNMENT STUDY**

TheGunBlog.ca — Following are excerpts from a 2010 report to the Canadian government on why, where and how people get guns illegally. THE GUN BLOG - FEBRUARY 2, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/02/why-and-how-people-get-guns-illegally-2010-government-study/>

### **CBC - QUEBEC'S NEW LONG-GUN REGISTRY IS A SYMBOL, NOT A SOLUTION, SAYS OPPONENT**

"It's easy for the government to make a symbol, and it's easy for them to say: 'We are doing our job,' and not invest correctly in mental health, in support for women's groups, etc," said Claire Bolduc, prefect of the region of Témiscamingue, Que. Bolduc and the local government in Témiscamingue have adopted a resolution calling for a moratorium on the registry. Investing in protecting vulnerable populations would be more effective, she said, adding that the issue was highlighting a divide between rural and urban populations. Deadline for Quebecers to register guns passed, with 25 per cent compliance. CBC Radio · February 1, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/the-current-for-february-1-2019-1.5000876/quebec-s-new-long-gun-registry-is-a-symbol-not-a-solution-says-opponent-1.5001776>

### **PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA CONSULTATIONS: BANNING HANDGUNS AND ASSAULT WEAPONS**

Access to Information Act request By Dennis R. Young - February 1, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/ATI-233-Public-Safety-Consultations-on-Banning-Handguns-Feb-1-2019.pdf>

**SENATE CONSERVATIVES PLAN TO ‘GUT’ LIBERAL GUN BILL, AND THEY MAY HAVE THE NUMBERS TO DO IT** - A 12-member Senate committee, composed of five Conservatives and at least one unaffiliated Senator who, like the Tories, has criticized Bill C-71, means some of those Conservative changes could make it through to the Upper Chamber as a whole. By CHARELLE EVELYN, The Hill Times - JAN. 30, 2019  
<https://www.hilltimes.com/2019/01/30/senate-committee-cocked-contentious-firearms-bill-debate/>

### **IDENTIFYING ILLEGAL FIREARM MARKET ACQUISITION PATTERNS - FINAL REPORT**

This research presents the results of a qualitative survey of 20 incarcerated and nonincarcerated illicit firearm market consumers in Quebec. Its general aim is to identify key acquisition patterns for illegal firearms. 'Illegal firearms' are defined as all firearms that are proscribed by Canadian law and all firearms (legal or illegal) that are acquired through prohibited or unofficial channels. Two specific objectives extend from this general aim: 1) to gather data on individual level experiences in the illegal firearm market and 2) to generalize these individual experiences so as to establish a projection of the scope and shape of the illegal firearm market. Meeting these objectives will help Public Safety Canada meet its own needs established in the 2004 Investments to Combat the Criminal Use of Firearms Initiative. By Carlo Morselli, Ph.D., Sévrine Petit, M.Sc., Mathilde Turcotte, Ph.D., Claudine Gagnon, M.Sc. Prepared for Firearms and Operational Policing Policy Division, Public Safety Canada - September 15, 2010  
<https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrcs/pblctns/archive-dntfng-llgl-frms-2010/index-en.aspx>

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

#### **“I DON’T LIKE LAWS” FLORIDA STUDENT ARRESTED FOR HOMEMADE DIAS**

University of Central Florida police arrested a student on Tuesday the 29th for possessing three Drop-In Auto Sears, more commonly known by their acronym of DIAS. Police had received an anonymous tip that the student, Max Bennett Chambers, was in possession of an unregistered machinegun. During the search, the police found an AR-15 with one of the DIAS’ installed. The rifle had a 6-round 5.56 magazine already inserted when the police found it. A police armorer verified that the rifle functioned as a machinegun. It fired all 6 rounds without stoppages and fired 19 shots out of a magazine loaded with 22 before a stoppage occurred. The Firearms Blog - February 9, 2019  
<https://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/2019/02/07/florida-student-arrested-for-unregistered-dias/>

#### **PEOPLE OF SWITZERLAND FORCE REFERENDUM AGAINST EU GUN REGULATIONS**

According to Swissinfo.ch, the Campaign for an Independent and Neutral Switzerland and the Swiss gun lobbyists mounted the opposition ahead of Parliament’s vote and said they would launch a referendum. According to a Swiss resident on ar15.com, they only had 100 days to get 50,000 verified signatures. Since that time, they were able to collect 125,000 signatures. The referendum vote will take place in May, the same month that compliance with the Schengen Treaty is required. Lawmakers had warned that failure to comply could lead to a dispute with the EU. THEFIREARMBLOG.COM - February 8, 2019  
<https://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/2019/02/08/people-of-switzerland-force-referendum-against-eu-gun-regulations/>

#### **EDITORIAL: CALIFORNIA’S TOUGH GUN LAWS TO FACE US SUPREME COURT TEST**

California is seriously tough on gun safety, piling up 109 state restrictions and rules over the decades. Gov. Gavin Newsom came to office proclaiming he’ll enhance that record and eager gun control forces are urging him on with a batch of suggested bills. But overshadowing this promising picture is another reality. After nearly a decade of silence on the topic, the U.S. Supreme Court is poised to rule on a gun control case with the only doubt being how far the new conservative majority will go in widening Second Amendment gun rights. San Francisco Chronicle Editorial Board Feb. 8, 2019  
<https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/article/Editorial-California-s-tough-gun-laws-to-face-13599845.php>

## **NEWSWEEK - GUN CONTROL BILL WOULD REQUIRE POLICE TO REVIEW SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS BEFORE ALLOWING PURCHASE**

An Illinois legislator has proposed a bill that would require prospective gun buyers to show social media accounts to state police before receiving a firearm license. The bill also proposes that individuals with existing an Firearm Owner's Identification Card could have their gun license revoked if a social media review reveals "any information that would disqualify the person." BY DANIEL MORITZ-RABSON ON 2/8/19

<https://www.newsweek.com/social-media-review-gun-purchase-illinois-bill-1323850>

## **SHOOTOUT: 5 BEST AND WORST GUNS TO EVER FIRE A SHOT**

What would you choose? by Kyle Mizokami - February 8, 2019

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/shootout-5-best-and-worst-guns-ever-fire-shot-43947>

## **AMERICANS SUPPORT GUN CONTROL BUT DOUBT LAWMAKERS WILL ACT: REUTERS/IPSOS POLL**

According to the poll, 69 percent of Americans, including 85 percent of Democrats and 57 percent of Republicans, want strong or moderate restrictions placed on firearms. To stop gun violence, 55 percent said they wanted policies that make it tougher to own guns, while 10 percent said making firearm ownership easier would be better. The poll shows public support for strong firearms restrictions dipped slightly from a year ago, when the media was closely following the Parkland shooting, but overall support for gun restrictions has risen since the poll started asking about gun control in 2012. By Chris Kahn. Reuters - February 8, 2019

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-florida-shooting-anniversary-poll/americans-support-gun-control-but-doubt-lawmakers-will-act-reuters-ipsos-poll-idUSKCN1PX11I>

## **STUDY: NUMBER OF REGISTERED GUNS IN HAWAII UNKNOWN**

According to the study, the state attorney general's office counted nearly 450,000 new firearm registrations from 2007 to 2017. The office "cautiously" estimated that Hawaii has about 2 million privately owned guns. The attorney general's office says in the report that figuring out the current number of guns would be a "monumental task of limited practical value." Hawaii News Now - February 7, 2019

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2019/02/07/study-number-registered-guns-hawaii-unknown/>

## **BORDER PROTECTION AGENT ILLEGALLY SOLD DOZENS OF GUNS IN PRIVATE DEALS**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles prosecutors say a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer has been arrested on charges of illegally selling guns. Wei Xu was due in federal court Wednesday for allegedly selling guns illegally to an undercover officer from the trunk of a car. Xu is a watch commander at the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports.

By Anna Merlan - February 6, 2019

<https://splinternews.com/prosecutors-border-patrol-agent-illegally-sold-dozens-1832395463>

## **TRUMP ADMINISTRATION BREAKS CAMPAIGN PLEDGE, PLACES GUN OWNERS UNDER SIEGE**

Actually, the people "defending the Second Amendment" are the ones President Trump's Department of Justice has been fighting. Ammoland Inc. Posted on February 7, 2019 by David Codrea

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/02/trump-administration-breaks-campaign-pledge-places-gun-owners-under-siege/#axzz5ex4yNp00>

## **PARKLAND ATTACK FUELED BIG SHIFT IN AMERICA'S GUN POLITICS**

As the one-year anniversary of the shooting approaches, the legacy of the massacre remains an ever-present force in the nation's politics and gun laws. "What we've seen here is a tectonic shift in our politics on the guns issue," said Peter Ambler, executive director of Giffords, the gun violence prevention group founded by former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

These people “didn’t get elected despite their advocacy for safer gun laws. They got elected because of their advocacy for safer gun laws. They made that a core part of their message to the American people.” The political landscape began to change just days after a former student shot and killed 17 students and adults at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Canada.com - The Associated Press - Updated: February 7, 2019

<https://o.canada.com/pmn/news-pmn/parkland-attack-fueled-big-shift-in-americas-gun-politics/wcm/80c56036-072c-45e8-b927-6970a0be742a>

### **US CUSTOMS OFFICER CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY SELLING GUNS FROM TRUNK**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles prosecutors say a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer has been arrested on charges of illegally selling guns. Wei Xu was due in federal court Wednesday for allegedly selling guns illegally to an undercover officer from the trunk of a car. Xu is a watch commander at the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports. February 6, 2019 <https://www.mantecabulletin.com/news/state/us-customs-officer-charged-illegally-selling-guns-trunk/>

### **WORKING TO PREVENT TRAGEDIES VS WAITING TO EXPLOIT THEM**

Editor’s Note: Today’s op-ed from National Shooting Sports Foundation President Joe Bartozzi is reprinted with permission. The Outdoor Wire - Feb 5, 2019

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/c5333a98-73fd-4bf5-b10f-7ac6bad836cd>

### **THE CRIME RATE PERCEPTION GAP**

Is crime actually more prevalent in society? Today’s graphic, amalgamating crime rate data from the FBI, shows a very different reality. By NICK ROUTLEY - February 5, 2019

<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/crime-rate-perception-gap/>

### **WILL THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS BECOME A “CONSTITUTIONAL ORPHAN”?**

After nearly a decade rejecting Second Amendment cases, the Supreme Court has just agreed to hear New York Rifle & Pistol Association v. City of New York. It is high time and not a moment too soon. Since McDonald v. City of Chicago in 2010 when the Court incorporated “the right of individuals to keep and bear those arms in common use for self-defense and other lawful purposes” a batch of state and local statutes, with the approval of the lower courts, have made a nonsense of the Court’s ruling, reducing, in Justice Thomas’s words, the individual right to be armed to “a constitutional orphan.” by JOYCE LEE MALCOLM, Law and Liberty - FEBRUARY 5, 2019 - Joyce Lee Malcolm is Patrick Henry Professor of Constitutional Law and the Second Amendment at Antonin Scalia Law School. Her work was cited several times in the landmark case District of Columbia v. Heller.

<https://www.lawliberty.org/2019/02/05/will-the-right-to-bear-arms-become-a-constitutional-orphan/>

### **WOMEN AND FIREARMS: WHY MORE FEMALES ARE CHOOSING TO CARRY GUNS**

Target Masters General Manager Joe Gilbert said women like Dr. K. are the stores fastest growing demographic. "Women want to carry, so there's a lot of growth in that area and it's kind of exciting," Gilbert said. The latest Crime Prevention Research Center report showed between 2012 and 2018, concealed carry permits for women grew 111 percent faster than for men. by Megan Sanchez - February 4, 2019

<https://krcgtv.com/news/local/women-and-firearms-why-more-females-are-choosing-to-carry-guns>

### **LOCKED UP IN T&T: CANADIAN SPENDS WEEK IN PRISON FOR BULLET KEY-CHAINS**

While going through the security check, Airport security found three shell casings fashioned into keychains. The shell casings were inert and could not be fired from a firearm, as Doubt pointed out, but even shells containing no explosive are

considered ammunition and are illegal under the Firearms Act of Trinidad and Tobago. LOOP NEWS CREATED : 2 FEBRUARY 2019 <http://www.looptt.com/content/locked-tt-canadian-spends-week-prison-bullet-key-chains>

### **CBC - SASKATOON POLICE LAY 66 FIREARMS CHARGES AFTER EARLY MORNING BREAK-IN**

Loaded shotguns and ammo found in getaway truck, police say

CBC News · Posted: Feb 01, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/saskatoon-police-firearms-break-in-1.5002332>

### **THREE SEPARATE 2018 STUDIES FOUND ZERO EVIDENCE THAT UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS PREVENT GUN DEATHS**

Over this past year, three separate studies investigating the effects of comprehensive background checks (CBCs) have come up with a whole lot of nothing to show for it.

BY STAFF WRITER, The Truth About Guns - January 21, 2019

<https://www.thetruthaboutguns.com/2019/01/staff-writer/three-separate-2018-studies-found-zero-evidence-that-comprehensive-checks-cbcs-prevent-gun-deaths/>

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#### **ANDREW COYNE: HARD TO OVERSTATE SERIOUSNESS OF SNC-LAVALIN ALLEGATIONS**

Will the pattern be repeated? We're about to find out whether this really is a country governed by the rule of law at all.

By Andrew Coyne, National Post - February 8, 2019

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#### **LAWRENCE SOLOMON: THE UNSPOKEN DANGER OF CO2: IT MAKES PEOPLE GO ABSOLUTELY**

**NUTTY** - When the inmates run the asylum, whispers of 'climate' explain everything. In fact, none of the predicted man-made climate change disasters have occurred, except in the extrapolations of true believers. All weather events have been consistent with historical norms, including hurricanes, wildfires, droughts and also glaciers, some of which today recede while others today advance. Studies show polar bears are thriving. So is the global biota — as demonstrated by satellite data, the planet is greener than ever, a consequence of higher levels of carbon dioxide, aka “nature’s fertilizer.” Starvation is less rampant, too — so much food is being produced that obesity has become a major health concern in much of the Third World. By Lawrence Solomon, Financial Post - February 8, 2019 <https://business.financialpost.com/opinion/lawrence-solomon-the-unsspoken-danger-of-co2-it-makes-people-go-absolutely-nutty>

#### **CHRIS SELLEY: TALE OF PROSECUTORIAL INTERFERENCE A MORTAL THREAT TO THE TRUDEAU**

**BRAND** - It would be perfectly emblematic of a government that promised a new way of doing things, but is capable of cynicism that could make Jean Chrétien blush - By Chris Selley, National Post - February 7, 2019

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## **BOMBHELL CORRUPTION REPORT & FIRING OF JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD WILL LEAD TO TRUDEAU FACING GROWING ACCUSATIONS OF RACISM & SEXISM**

Here's what former Liberal strategist Warren Kinsella wrote about it: "And did they punish the first female indigenous leader for refusing to go along with a dirty deal for their cronies? This Globe and Mail story strongly suggests the answer is yes, to both questions. If true, this is corruption at the very highest levels of the federal government. I've known this story was coming, but didn't know it would be this bad. It's bad. It's now clear that Justin Trudeau knifed Jody Wilson-Raybould because she refused to protect friends of Justin Trudeau. Friends enmeshed in multiple corruption scandals. This one has it all: racism, cronyism, corruption." By SPENCER FERNANDO - FEBRUARY 7, 2019

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## **CONCERNS RAISED OVER NATIONAL SECURITY AMID REFUGEE SCREENING BACKLOG**

As of last February, Canada Border Services Agency had 11,745 asylum seekers in the queue for security assessment, up from just 1,683 two years earlier. Refugee claimants accounted for 41 per cent of the overall security backlog, which also included screenings required for those applying for permanent residence, international students, foreign workers and visitors. By NICHOLAS KEUNG, Immigration Reporter, Toronto Star - Tues., Feb. 5, 2019

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**JOHN IVISON: TORIES SCORE WITH CLAIMS TRUDEAU INTENDS TO RAISE TAXES, AND ATTACK ON HIS 'FAMILY FORTUNE'** - There is good reason why the Conservatives are adopting such deceptive tactics: they are working By John Ivison - February 5, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-tories-score-with-claim-trudeau-intends-to-raise-taxes-and-attack-on-his-family-fortune>

## **ANDREW COYNE: THERE ARE LIES, DAMN LIES AND ELECTION CAMPAIGNS**

There is something quite ludicrous about a political party raising the alarm over the spreading of falsehoods during an election campaign. By Andrew Coyne - February 4, 2019

[https://nationalpost.com/opinion/andrew-coyne-there-are-lies-damn-lies-and-election-campaigns?video\\_autoplay=true](https://nationalpost.com/opinion/andrew-coyne-there-are-lies-damn-lies-and-election-campaigns?video_autoplay=true)

**YES, THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING FOR OUR ELECTION, BUT U.S. BILLIONAIRES ARE ALREADY HERE** - Former chief electoral officer Jean-Pierre Kingsley has said: "We simply cannot allow any kind of money that is not Canadian to find its way into the Canadian electoral system. That backdoor must be slammed shut." Bill C-76 leaves the door open. Third parties that receive foreign money will not be barred from involving themselves in our elections as long as the money is received six months prior to the writ being dropped. Meanwhile, MPs and Canadian political parties must adhere to strict spending limits. As B.C. researcher Vivian Krause has revealed, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund has paid many millions of dollars since 2007 to Corporate Ethics to launch the Tar Sands Campaign, which then distributes those funds to Canadian environmental groups, the useful idiots helping the Rockefellers get richer and Canadians poorer. By LICIA CORBELLA, Calgary Herald - Updated: February 1, 2019 <https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/corbella-yes-the-russians-are-coming-for-our-election-but-u-s-billionaires-are-already-here>

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