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POSTS FROM CANADA

ALBERTA SENIOR 'VICIOUSLY ASSAULTED' BY STRANGER WHO BROKE INTO HER HOME: POLICE

An Ontario man is facing charges in what Lethbridge police are calling a “vicious and random” attack. The man is accused of hiding in a 75-year-old woman's basement for almost a full day before assaulting her. Demi Knight reports.

By Melissa Gilligan, Online Reporter Global News - May 24, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5311147/alberta-senior-viciously-assaulted-by-stranger-who-broke-into-her-home-police/amp/>

CSSA COMMENTARY: THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO BAN ITS THIRD FIREARM THIS

YEAR - Let the Liberals know you are mad as hell and aren't going to take it anymore. They need to know you will actively work to defeat them in the next federal election. Let them know gun bans will earn them your unabated disdain. Don't believe that the Liberals animosity only extends to the AR-15 or the CZ-858 or the Swiss Arms rifles. They are after all of them – all semis – all handguns – pumps – and finally bolt actions, break opens and single shots. And your guns are next. Team CSSA E-News | May 24, 2019 <https://cssa-cila.org/2019/05/team-cssa-e-news-may-24-2019/>

'WE DON'T NEED THEM IN CANADA': POLL FINDS 6 IN 10 CANADIANS WANT BAN ON HANDGUNS, ASSAULT WEAPONS

- “Assault weapons both in Canada and especially in the United States are associated with some pretty terrible crimes, some really profound tragedies and so I think we do see a greater level of support for a ban in that regard,” said Angus Reid Institute executive director Shachi Kurl. By Caryn Lieberman, Reporter Global News - May 24, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/5313386/canadian-gun-laws-danforth-shooting/>

NFA TO SEEK LEAVE TO APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA OVER UNCONSTITUTIONAL QUEBEC LONG-GUN REGISTRY

“It is important that the Supreme Court of Canada review and invalidate Quebec’s legislation.” Said Sheldon Clare, president of the NFA. “The Supreme Court was very clear, in 2000, that such a firearms registry is a federal matter, and not for the provinces - so we expect a consistent decision on this matter and look forward to continuing this fight on behalf of firearm owners and users.” National Firearms Association News Release - May 24, 2019

<https://nfa.ca/2019/05/24/nfa-seeks-leave-to-appeal-to-supreme-court-of-canada-on-quebec-firearms-registry/>

WOLVERINE SUPPLIES: 'NEVER STOP FIGHTING ... TIME TO TAKE A STAND'

TheGunBlog.ca — Wolverine Supplies, one of Canada’s largest independent gun stores, made the following comment on Instagram today as speculation rises the government will ban new sales of AR-15 target rifles and use Bill C-71 to confiscate the guns from existing owners after they die. THEGUNBLOG.CA - MAY 24, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/24/wolverine-supplies-never-stop-fighting-time-to-take-a-stand/>

GUN-CONTROL SURVEY FINDS SUPPORT FOR LIMITING ACCESS TO HANDGUNS AND ASSAULT WEAPONS, COUNTERING GOVERNMENT SURVEY

- The survey, conducted by the Angus Reid Institute, found

64 per cent of those polled supported limiting access to handguns, while 27 per cent did not. For assault weapons, support for additional limits was even stronger, at 77 per cent, with 17 per cent opposed.

by TOM CARDOSO - PUBLISHED MAY 24, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-gun-control-survey-finds-support-for-limiting-access-to-handguns-and/>

AMID CONCERN OVER SPREAD OF GUN VIOLENCE, MAJORITIES SUPPORT BAN ON HANDGUNS, ASSAULT WEAPONS - Concern over this issue is greatest in Ontario, where gang violence has contributed to stark increases in gun-related homicides. Canadians appear to come to more consensus, regarding proposed policy responses. Six-in-ten Canadians (61%) say they would support an outright ban on civilian possession of handguns – something being pushed for by some of the country’s largest cities. The support level jumps to three-quarters (75%) when considering a ban on assault weapons. Further, there is significant support for proposals to strengthen elements of the licensing and purchase process, including expanded background checks and comprehensive tracking of gun sale records. This includes majority support from current and former gun owners. Opposition to ban on firearms driven largely by men, rural Canadians, gun owners. Angus-Reid Institute - May 24, 2019 <http://angusreid.org/gun-control-handgun-ban/>
<https://vocm.com/news/majority-of-canadians-support-full-ban-on-civilian-handguns-says-angus-reid-study/>

100S OF DRUG CARTEL MEMBERS HAVE ENTERED CANADA SINCE LIBERALS WAIVED MEXICAN VISA: REPORT - Hundreds of criminals connected to the illegal drug trade are freely plying their trades as importers, go-betweens and hitmen in Canada — according to Quebec news outlet TVA Nouvelles — largely because Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s Liberal government dropped the visa requirement for Mexican travelers. TVA investigative journalist Felix Seguin spoke to several in-the-know sources who revealed there are 400 criminals who have recently entered Canada to traffic drugs — half of them living in Quebec while the other half are presumed to be mainly operating in the Toronto area. At least several of the estimated 400 who recently infiltrated the Canadian border are believed to have used fake Mexican passports By Graeme Gordon, Toronto Sun - May 24, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/news/crime/100s-of-drug-cartel-members-have-entered-canada-since-liberals-waived-mexican-visa-report>

EDOUARD MAURICE CONDEMNS LIBERAL GOVERNMENT'S THREE-PAGE REPORT ON RURAL CRIME - 'They do not understand what it means to live miles from the RCMP station which is understaffed and unable to protect us' - By Tyler Dawson - May 23, 2019
<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/edouard-maurice-condemns-liberal-governments-three-page-report-on-rural-crime>

CSSA - BILL BLAIR: GREATEST AR-15 SALESMAN IN CANADIAN HISTORY

You have until June 2nd to buy your very own AR-15 before the Liberal government makes it impossible for ordinary Canadians to own a beautiful .22 calibre, 5-shot, semi-automatic target rifle of their very own. Yes, the AR-15 is classified as a Restricted firearm. Yes, the AR-15 may only be fired at a government-approved shooting range. Yes, you may have less than 10 days to purchase the world’s most popular sport shooting rifle. Do it now! See below: CSSA NEWS RELEASE - May 23, 2019 <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/BREAKING--Bill-Blair---The-Greatest-AR-15-Salesman-in-Canadian-History.html?soid=1124731702303&aid=s8N4ELACe0s>

'WHAT'S NEXT? KNIFE BUY-BACK?' TPA PREZ CONCERNED T.O. LACKS 'REAL' GUN VIOLENCE PLAN - “Violent long-weekend saw 2 shootings and 6 stabbings reported in the media. 10 victims — one a 10 yr old child. Waiting to see if @TorontoPolice uses the same strategy as the gun buy-back program, a ‘knife buy-back’ program to get knives off the street,” TPA President Mike McCormack tweeted Monday. While admittedly being flippant about the recent gun buy-back program, which cost the City \$660,000, McCormack is concerned little else is being done to prepare

for what could be another summer filled with gang and gun violence. By Chris Doucette, Toronto Sun - May 23, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/whats-next-knife-buy-back-tpa-prez-concerned-t-o-lacks-real-gun-violence-plan>

OTTAWA'S APATHY ON RURAL CRIME 'OUTRAGEOUS,' SAY CENTRAL ALBERTA MPS

Lakeland MP Shannon Stubbs delivered a scathing attack on the federal Liberals' record on crime at a news conference in front of the Alberta legislature. Opposition politicians roundly criticized a long-awaited report on rural crime from a parliamentary committee that came out last week. Stubbs said it was "outrageous" that the Liberal-dominated standing committee on public safety and national security tasked with examining rural crime last year produced a much-delayed, two-page report with no formal recommendations.

By PAUL COWLEY - May 23, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/5299379/rural-crime-report/>
<https://www.reddeeradvocate.com/news/ottawas-apaty-on-rural-crime-outrageous-say-central-alberta-mps/>
<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/politics/federal-conservatives-target-alberta-to-slam-rural-crime-report>

NEW MANITOBA POLICING STRATEGY INCLUDES CO-OPERATION ON FIREARMS TRACKING, MISSING PEOPLE - Government promises \$835,000 for new intelligence model to encourage collaboration among policing agencies. **The current method of tracking firearms relies on a federal database that can take 100 days to reflect new information.** "This is an opportunity for us to develop a system here provincially that would provide us all with information on a much quicker turnaround," Smyth said. It "would help us to track and source guns much more expediently. By Ian Froese · CBC News · Posted: May 23, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/manitoba-outside-expert-policing-agencies-1.5146659>

POLICE ALLEGE EDMONTON MAN USED STOLEN FIREARMS LICENCE TO PURCHASE GUNS

"(The arrest) was in regards to an investigation that was forwarded to us from the Canadian Firearms Program in relation to a fraudulent Possession Acquisition Licence (PAL) that was potentially being utilized," said Staff Sgt. Greg Cooper of the Calgary police guns and gangs unit. By Zach Laing, Calgary Sun - May 23, 2019

<https://calgarysun.com/news/crime/police-allege-edmonton-man-used-stolen-firearms-license-to-purchase-guns>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/fraudulent-firearms-edmonton-man-charged-1.5147588>

LILLEY: ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS ARE UP, THE TRUDEAU LIBERALS CONTINUE TO DO

NOTHING - The Trudeau Liberals are pretending that they are acting to solve this issue by saying they will turn back those that have made asylum claims in the United States but that won't solve anything. The vast majority of people coming in at Roxham Rd. never make, nor intend to make a claim in the States. They are simply travelling through the US to take advantage of the loophole that says we must accept them if they cross illegally.

By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - May 23, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-illegal-border-crossings-are-up-the-trudeau-liberals-continue-to-do-nothing>

RCMP DECISIONS ON RESTRICTED, PROHIBITED FIREARMS GOING PUBLIC

"Of course the FRT should be public," said Dennis Young, a former member of the RCMP who did the heavy-lifting anti-registry research for former Saskatchewan Reform and Conservative MP Garry Breitkreuz. "My concern is about the lack of transparency in the classification, re-classification procedures," said Young, who last year tried but failed to get an RCMP explanation of the kind of equipment, parts, time and gunsmith ability required to convert the CZ858 into fully automatic rifles. By Tim Naumetz, iPolitics - May 23, 2019 <https://ipolitics.ca/2019/05/23/rcmp-decisions-on-restricted-prohibited-firearms-going-public/>

APRIL 9, 2018 - RCMP WON'T SAY HOW CZ858 IS 'EASILY CONVERTED TO FULL AUTO'

RCMP Response to Access to Information Request dated April 3, 2018 - Received April 9, 2018 (14 months to process)

RCMP ATIP response fails to answer 5 out of 5 questions to justify their claim: *"CZ858 Tactical-2P firearm proofed 2007 can be converted to a fully automatic firearm in a relatively short period of time with relative ease"*. January 9, 2017

Brian News 35 <https://canadianfirearmsblog.ca/cz858-spartan-declared-prohibited/>

SEE THE RCMP'S 28-PAGES OF NON-ANSWERS TO MY FIVE QUESTIONS HERE:

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/04/10/rcmp-wont-say-cz858-easily-converted-full-auto/>

- (1) NOT ANSWERED: the number and types of equipment used to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto;
- (2) NOT ANSWERED: the parts required to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto;
- (3) NOT ANSWERED: the person-minutes required to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto;
- (4) NOT ANSWERED: the qualifications of the gunsmith(s) that easily converted the CZ858 to full auto; and
- (5) NOT ANSWERED: the estimated cost to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto.

LETTER: LEGAL FIREARM OWNERS ARE WRONG TARGET

Gangs, criminals and terrorists will not be affected because they do not abide by the law.

BY Dale Brooks, Lethbridge MAY 23, 2019.

<https://lethbridgeherald.com/commentary/letters-to-the-editor/2019/05/23/legal-firearm-owners-are-wrong-target/>

CBC - ILLEGAL GUNS TAKEN OFF ALBERTA STREETS IN STRAW-BUYER BUSTS, ALERT SAYS

Teams in Edmonton and Grande Prairie lay charges, seize numerous illegal firearms. Straw buyers are typically people with valid possession and acquisition licences who purchase firearms for someone who otherwise could not, police say. In a search of the accused's Athabasca home, police seized four other firearms, including a prohibited sawed-off shotgun. ALERT's investigation began in December 2018 after the RCMP's national weapons enforcement team provided information about suspicious purchases. CBC News · May 22, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/alert-guns-investigations-weapons-drugs-straw-buyers-1.5145282>

<https://calgarysun.com/news/local-news/accused-gun-supplier-bought-and-sold-15-firearms-since-april-alert/wcm/11c849f1-7972-4db2-a342-bf64a9fd28ab>

<https://www.dailyheraldtribune.com/news/local-news/alert-busts-trio-during-alleged-firearms-transaction>

PARRY SOUND-MUSKOKA MP TONY CLEMENT RINGS ALARM OF GUN LAW CHANGE

Parry Sound-Muskoka MP Tony Clement raises concern of some guns becoming illegal without parliamentary debate. Bill Blair, minister of border security and organized crime, responded that the "government remains absolutely committed to undertaking all measures that are effective in keeping Canadians safe ... and we are prepared to consider whatever measures would be effective in this regard." That nondenial, said Clement in a later interview, spoke volumes. "If he had denied it, you and I wouldn't be having this conversation, it wouldn't have gone anywhere. But he didn't deny it. He added a lot of fuel to the fire and that's why it's become a story ... because (of) his response to my question, not my question per se." May 22, 2019 by Sarah Bissonette Parry Sound North Star <https://www.parrysound.com/news-story/9364045-parry-sound-muskoka-mp-tony-clement-rings-alarm-of-gun-law-change/>

FIREARMS PROHIBITION WAIVED FOR WORK PURPOSES

A provincial court judge has agreed to vary a prohibition against a Lake Babine Nation man so he can use a firearm while working as a security guard. As part of a August 2016 sentencing for a series of assaults and probation breaches, Edward Herbert Williams, 41, was issued a 10-year firearms prohibition. Prince Rupert to add second container terminal, quadruple TEU handling As of that point, Williams had a criminal record consisting of 22 convictions showing an unbroken pattern dating back to December 2002. The record included 10 convictions for assault and one for assaulting a peace officer. By Mark NIELSEN / Prince George Citizen - MAY 22, 2019

<https://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/news/local-news/firearms-prohibition-waived-for-work-purposes-1.23829347>

CANADIAN GUN LICENCES AND HANDGUN OWNERS RISE TO NEW RECORDS

TheGunBlog.ca — The number of Canadians with a gun licence rose to a record in March after 24 straight quarterly gains, RCMP data show. The increasing appeal of sport shooting, particularly for women, also drove Canadian handgun owners to a new high. The country counted 2,186,161 adults with a firearm Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) at March 31, the Ottawa-based Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which oversees permitting, told TheGunBlog.ca May 15 in response to our request for the data. THEGUNBLOG.CA - 22 May 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/22/canadian-gun-licences-and-handgun-owners-rise-to-new-records/>

BANS FAIL TO ADDRESS ROOT ISSUES BEHIND GUN VIOLENCE

Handgun bans are not the solution to violent crime because they chiefly affect law-abiding citizens, says Toronto criminal lawyer Jordana Goldlist. “Banning handguns, making guns illegal, is not going to make the people who are already carrying illegal handguns pay attention to the laws. It doesn’t make sense,” Goldlist, principal of JHG Criminal Law, tells AdvocateDaily.com. “The only group it’s going to impact is law-abiding citizens who are already following the law in the way in which their handguns are purchased, owned and stored,” she says. By Peter Small, AdvocateDaily.com

Contributor - May 2019 <https://www.advocatedaily.com/jordana-goldlist-bans-fail-to-address-root-issues-behind-gun-violence.html>

SUMMER ISSUE OF CANADIAN OUTDOORSMAN MAGAZINE IS NOW AVAILABLE

There is a terrific variety of editorials from Coast to Coast. ENJOY, and please feel free to tell all of your friends. The Management And Staff Outdoor Specialty Publications Group - May 22, 2019

<https://mailchi.mp/shaw/canadian-outdoorsman-magazine-summer-issue-now-available-1449945?e=7d7064d463>

LILLEY: TRUDEAU'S GUN BAN IDEA MISSES THE MARK

If the government were to ban them they would either have to “grandfather” current owners and allow them to keep the rifles or buy them out. At an average price of \$1,600 per rifle, that would see the government paying gun owners as much as \$137 million. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - May 21, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-trudeaus-gun-ban-idea-misses-the-mark>

<https://www.change.org/p/justin-trudeau-shouldn-t-police-know-where-these-bad-guys-with-guns-live/u/24596485>

DECEMBER 5, 2017 - RCMP: NO EVIDENCE BANNING HALF A MILLION+ GUNS IN 1995 IMPROVED PUBLIC SAFETY <https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/19/rcmp-no-evidence-banning-half-million-guns-improved-public-safety/>

'AN INSULT TO ALL CANADIANS': LIBERALS BLASTED OVER THREE-PAGE COMMITTEE REPORT ON RURAL CRIME

- The parliamentary committee suggests that federal hands are tied, given that policing is primarily the responsibility of provincial governments. The Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill - May 21, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/liberals-shrugging-off-concerns-about-rural-crime-opposition-mps-charge>

CCFR - GUN BANS, OIC'S AND WHAT YOU CAN DO. A CALL TO ACTION!!

Well, it’s painfully clear the Liberals have completely given up on doing anything credible or effective to combat crime. Here we are, in the eleventh hour with a government deep in scandals and controversy, desperate to change the channel on their plummeting ratings, weeks before the writ will drop on the next federal election. What do they propose? Targeting millions of good, hard working Canadians who have complied with every law, every regulation, despite how ridiculous – a sweeping gun ban of some sort. The rumour mill is in high gear with everything from handguns, AR-15’s and semi autos on the chopping block. By Tracey Wilson, Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights - May 21, 2019

<https://firearmrights.ca/en/gun-bans-oics-and-what-you-can-do-a-call-to-action/>

ACCUSED GUN SUPPLIER BOUGHT AND SOLD 15 FIREARMS SINCE APRIL: ALERT

Three people were arrested in the lot May 13 after a straw purchasing investigation, where those with valid possession and acquisition gun licences but no criminal records supply firearms to those who cannot obtain them or those who do not want to be identified, said the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) in a Tuesday release. Two vehicles were also searched and officers seized four handguns, a rifle ammunition and magazines, body armour, 810 grams of suspected cocaine, and \$5,665 cash. By Nicole Bergot, Edmonton Sun - May 21, 2019

<https://edmontonsun.com/news/local-news/accused-gun-supplier-bought-and-sold-15-firearms-since-april-alert/wcm/814d83f6-b473-4357-9a47-a0ec6fafd0d2>

TIGHTER GUN LAWS APPROVED BY VOTERS IN SWITZERLAND, A COUNTRY KNOWN FOR GUN TRADITIONS

Swiss voters on Sunday approved a measure to tighten the Alpine nation's gun laws, bringing the country in line with many of its European partners despite the objections of local gun owners, official results showed. The Federal Chancellery said provisional results showed nearly 64 per cent of voters nationwide agreed to align with European Union firearms rules adopted two years ago after deadly attacks in France, Belgium, Germany and Britain. The vote was part of Switzerland's regular referendums that give citizens a direct say in policymaking. It had stoked passions in a country with long, proud traditions of gun ownership and sport and target shooting. Switzerland, unlike many other European nations, allows veterans of its obligatory military service for men to take home their service weapons after tours of duty. By Jamey Keaten, The Associated Press - May 19, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5294396/switzerland-tighter-gun-laws/>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/switzerland-gun-referendum-1.5142042>

CTV - BLAIR NOT RULING OUT FEDERAL ORDER TO IMPLEMENT POTENTIAL HANDGUN BAN

In an interview on CTV's Question Period, Blair was asked whether the handgun ban that the government had consulted on was still on the table, and if it's possible it'll be brought forward before the next election, or as part of the Liberal re-election campaign. He was also asked if it was something he was pushing Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on, and if an Order in Council, essentially an order recommended by the executive branch, could be a way that a ban is brought forward. Blair said that for him, "there is no greater responsibility than the safety of our communities and the safety of our kids," and that he believes "it's a view shared by my government."

By Rachel Aiello, Ottawa News Bureau Online Producer - Sunday, May 19, 2019

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/blair-not-ruling-out-federal-order-to-implement-potential-handgun-ban-1.4427928>
<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/19/trudeau-may-order-handgun-ban-ctv-news-reports-citing-blair/>

QUEBEC CREDITS NEW GUN REGISTRY FOR SPIKE IN VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

Between April 1, 2018, and March 31, 2019, 5,250 long-guns were voluntarily given to authorities to be destroyed, according to provincial police spokeswoman Joyce Kemp. The previous year, 2,406 long guns — such as rifles and shotguns — were surrendered. That's an 118 per cent increase. The government estimated in 2015 there were 1.6 million long guns in Quebec. By GIUSEPPE VALIANTE, MONTREAL, THE CANADIAN PRESS UPDATED MAY 19, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-quebec-credits-new-gun-registry-for-spike-in-voluntary-surrenders/>
<https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/quebec-sees-118-per-cent-increase-in-long-guns-surrendered-to-police>

THE STAR - HOW TORONTO POLICE HOPE TO AVOID ANOTHER SUMMER OF THE GUN IN 2019

Toronto police Chief Mark Saunders stressed that the proliferation of shootings in the city should be defined as street gang violence, not the anonymous "gun violence." The vast majority of shootings are associated with the roughly 725 known gang members and affiliates in the city, he said. By Wendy Gillis, Crime Reporter - Sat., May 18, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/05/18/how-toronto-police-hope-to-avoid-another-summer-of-the-gun-in-2019.html?sfns=mo>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

FORGET DISARMING ‘BAD GUYS,’ WE MUST MAKE ALL GUNS HARDER TO GET

Six days. That’s how long it took lawmakers in New Zealand to ban military-style assault weapons following an attack in Christchurch that left 50 people dead and injured about 50 others. Meanwhile, here in the United States, it’s been over 145 days (counting from March 21) since the Pittsburgh shooting, 400 days since the Parkland shooting, 500 days since the Las Vegas shooting, over 7,275 days since the Columbine shooting and yet we have failed to pass any significant federal changes to make firearms harder to get. By Igor Volsky | May 24, 2019 - Igor Volsky (@igorvolsky) is the executive director of Guns Down America. His book, “Guns Down: How To Defeat The NRA And Build A Safer Future With Fewer Guns,” was published in April. <https://jjie.org/2019/05/24/forget-disarming-bad-guys-we-must-make-all-guns-harder-to-get/>

DO GUNS IN YOUR HOME MAKE YOU SAFER?

The FBI says that more than one-out-of-four of us will be victims of violent crime during our lifetime. I think of it this way. On average, you or your family will be victimized. Your chances of being attacked are much higher if you live in Baltimore and your relatives are druggies. In contrast, you’re much less likely to be attacked if you live a quiet life in Bismarck, North Dakota. Your chances are never zero. I’ve met people who were violently attacked for no good reason. Fortunately, they were armed. Having a gun saved their lives. Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 24, 2019 by Rob Morse <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/do-guns-in-your-home-make-you-safer/#axzz5ox1Regni>

GUNS FROM THE UNITED STATES ARE FLOODING LATIN AMERICA

A US-made gun is more likely to murder a Mexican than an American

The Economist Print edition - The Americas - May 23rd 2019 | MEXICO CITY AND SÃO PAULO

<https://www.economist.com/the-americas/2019/05/25/guns-from-the-united-states-are-flooding-latin-america>

SCIENTISTS SHOWED HOW MORE GUNS LED TO MORE VIOLENT CRIME

Right-to-carry handgun laws trigger a 13% to 15% increase in violent crime a decade after the typical state adopts them, suggests a new statistical analysis of 33 US states. The Journal of Empirical Legal Studies report released Monday is the latest in a thorny academic fight over how letting people more freely carry around guns affects those crimes. By Dan Vergano, BuzzFeed News Reporter - Posted on May 23, 2019,

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/danvergono/more-guns-more-crime>

CNN - ATF ON THE HUNT FOR THOUSANDS OF ILLEGAL MACHINE GUN CONVERSION DEVICES SMUGGLED INTO US

- PayPal accounts linked to the suspected Chinese exporter -- "revealed over 3,800 sales transactions by US customers who are believed to have illegally purchased and obtained" the weapons, according to court records. By Scott Glover, CNN - Thu May 23, 2019

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/23/us/atf-agents-hunting-down-illegal-machine-gun-device-invs/index.html>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - MAY 23, 2019 COMMENTARY: SURPRISE, UNITED ISN'T....UNITED

When United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz made what he called a “personal” decision to end the carrier’s relationship with the National Rifle Association, the firearms industry looked at it as just another example of “virtue signaling”. You know, the idea that espousing some position that you label as a high-minded decision but is actually a backhanded way of signaling that “if you don’t like (your group here), travel with us.” Seems many of the employees and a few of the shareholders, in fact, disagree with Munoz’s decision. <https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/8f3f32bc-8c02-461e-ba3e-758ec2502bf6>

WHY 'LORD OF WAR' STARRING NICOLAS CAGE BOUGHT 3,000 REAL GUNS INSTEAD OF PROPS

Writer-director Andrew Niccol went ahead and bought a whopping 3000 Kalashnikov automatic rifles. But here's the kicker: the movie team didn't purchase these high power rifles simply to make the flick a bit more authentic or realistic. Instead, the filmmakers behind Lord of War discovered that it would ultimately be cheaper to buy real guns instead of fakes. Yes, really. By WILL ASHTON - May 23, 2019 <https://www.cinemablend.com/news/2472161/why-lord-of-war-starring-nicolas-cage-bought-3000-real-guns-instead-of-props>

VENEZUELA IS A POSTER CHILD FOR GUN CONTROL GONE WRONG

In 2012, the Venezuelan National Assembly -- under Hugo Chavez's dictatorship -- enacted the "Control of Arms, Munitions and Disarmament Law" in an attempt to "disarm all citizens." The law explicitly banned the exchange of firearms and ammunition to all with the exception of government entities. After the ban, gun store owners were restricted to selling fishing supplies. Any type of weaponry (even a slingshot) was prohibited, while airsoft guns and BB ammunition were reserved for military officers and police. By Cliff Maloney | Fox News - May 22, 2019 <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/cliff-maloney-venezuela-is-a-poster-child-of-gun-control-gone-wrong>

JOHN HICKENLOOPER ROLLS OUT GUN CONTROL WISH LIST

Former Democratic Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, a 2020 hopeful, released a list of proposed gun measures Tuesday, including national gun licenses with safety training requirements. Hickenlooper published his plan, which includes initiatives proposed by fellow 2020 Democratic candidates, such as federal gun licensing, bans on AR-style weapons, magazine capacity limits, universal background checks and "red flag" gun confiscation. By Whitney Tipton | Reporter - May 22, 2019 <https://dailycaller.com/2019/05/22/hickenlooper-gun-control-wish-list/>

DESPITE AUSTRALIA'S STRICT GUN CONTROL, THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS

Despite Australia's incredibly strict laws, the enforcement isn't quite what Aussie anti-gunners would prefer. There are issues, and those are issues that won't stay on their side of the Pacific. There are none of the listed issues that are likely to be unique to Australian law enforcement. By Tom Knighton - Posted May 22, 2019 8:00 pm by R.P. Mcmurphy
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'SIGNIFICANT WEAKNESSES' IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S GUN CONTROL OPERATIONS

WA Police "has significant weaknesses in its regulatory controls and information systems", says state Auditor General Caroline Spencer in a new audit looking at the effectiveness of WA Police's regulatory approach to firearms licensing and monitoring, and key information systems used to support these functions. Assessments and decision making "lack demonstrated rigour and transparency", increasing the risk the wrong decision will be made, says the auditor. "Further, the audit also found there is limited monitoring of compliance with licence conditions, and when police does inspect, it is not informed by a documented risk assessment. Police is also slow to follow up when licences have expired or for deceased estate firearms. "Risk-based and timely compliance activities are essential to effective regulation of firearms. Police's key firearm licensing information system does not effectively support the entity to carry out its licensing and compliance activities. Basic licence and compliance information is unreliable and hard to get. By David Donaldson • 21/05/2019 <https://www.themandarin.com.au/108838-significant-weaknesses-in-was-gun-control-operations/>

MY COMMENT: Too bad our own Auditor General and the Parliamentary Budget Office won't examine the 'significant weaknesses' in and full cost of Canada's gun control regime.

THIS WEEK ON SHOOTING USA – FORT BENNING MULTIGUN CHALLENGE

Nashville, TN -(AmmoLand.com)- This time, The Army hosts 3-Gun Competition at the Fort Benning Multi-Gun Challenge. Plus, speed shooting family fun at the Rimfire Challenge World Championships, shooting steel with the world's most popular cartridge. AND NOW IN CANADA – On The New Sportsman Canada Channel Our Same Show, the Same Week, as in the USA. Sportsman Canada Channel is available in 750,000 Canadian Households. Find the channel and find us North of the Border. • Ammoland Inc. May 21, 2019 by Johnnie Scoutten

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/this-week-on-shooting-usa-fort-benning-multigun-challenge/#axzz5oaNoqD42>

PROBLEM: RUSSIAN SOLDIERS ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT EXPLODING GUNS

When combined with an open bolt gun like the Shpagin submachine gun, the results are catastrophic. Because of the fixed firing pin on the bolt of the gun, the cartridge detonated before the bolt was fully locked, destroying the firearm. The ammo might be the issue. By Charlie Gao - May 21, 2019 <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/problem-russian-soldiers-are-complaining-about-exploding-guns-58737>

IS THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT GOING TO BAN THE AR-15? YES OR NO?

It seems Minister Blair put PMO chief of staff Katie Telford's bought-and-paid-for government media gnomes to work right away. “Justin Trudeau will not be announcing a sweeping handgun ban when he appears next month at the big Women Deliver conference in Vancouver,” Liberal toady Susan Delacourt exclaimed in the Toronto Star.[i] Except nobody ever said the government planned to ban handguns. CSSA Commentary - Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 20, 2019 by AmmoLand Editor Duncan Johnson <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/is-the-canadian-government-going-to-ban-the-ar-15-yes-or-no/#axzz5oaNoqD42>

REASON: DOES THE SECOND AMENDMENT SECURE A RIGHT TO CARRY GUNS IN MOST PUBLIC PLACES? The Supreme Court will consider the petition Thursday.

By EUGENE VOLOKH |THE VOLOKH CONSPIRACY | 5.19.2019

<https://reason.com/2019/05/19/does-the-second-amendment-secure-a-right-to-carry-guns-in-most-public-places/>

THE FREEDOM OF BUYING & SELLING GUNS IS A BASIC RIGHT

An anonymous person has started a petition on the site, SumOfUs, related to the ability to buy guns and ammunition with credit cards. This petition, which comes with a content warning that the subject of gun violence will be discussed—akin to a peanut warning on a jar of peanuts—calls on credit card companies to freeze accounts that engage in “excessive, erratic gun and ammo purchases” and report them to law enforcement. The belief of the petition's author is that such purchases indicate preparation to commit a mass shooting. Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 19, 2019 by Greg Camp

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/the-freedom-of-buying-selling-guns-is-a-basic-right/#axzz5oTYyloDJ>

BBC - SWITZERLAND GUN CONTROL: VOTERS BACK EU REGULATIONS

Voters in Switzerland have backed a tightening of gun laws to conform with European Union regulations. Almost 64% of voters in Sunday's referendum supported tougher restrictions on semi-automatic and automatic weapons, final results show. Switzerland is not an EU member, but risked removal from the open-border Schengen Area if it had voted "no". Nearly 48% of Swiss households own a gun - among the highest rates of private ownership in Europe. May 19, 2019

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-48328867>

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2019/05/19/tighter-gun-laws-appear-pass-switzerland-despite-opposition/3731629002/>

NBC - GHOST GUNS SKYROCKETING IN POPULARITY AMONG CRIMINALS

A hidden danger is skyrocketing in popularity among criminals. Home-made guns have been used in some high-profile crimes in Southern California. Investigative reporter Lolita Lopez reports for NBC4 News - Saturday, May 18, 2019)
<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/investigations/Ghost-Guns-are-Everywhere-in-California-510100831.html>
https://www.nbclosangeles.com/on-air/as-seen-on/Ghost-Guns-Skyrocketing-in-Popularity-Among-Criminals_Los-Angeles-510108992.html

BBC - GUN-LOVING SWISS ASKED TO TOUGHEN LAWS OR RISK EU TENSION

Switzerland is not a member of the EU, but is part of the Schengen open-border treaty. After the 2015 Paris attacks in which 130 people died, the EU issued Schengen members with new restrictions on automatic and semi-automatic weapons. The EU hopes the rules will help police in Schengen countries. These states now work together and share information on a daily basis, to establish where weapons used in crimes came from. But the proposals have raised hackles in Switzerland, which has a long, and for many Swiss, proud tradition of gun ownership. After Swiss men complete their obligatory military service, they are permitted to keep their assault rifles. There are gun clubs in every town and village, and target-shooting is a hugely popular sport. Swiss law does require gun owners to have a permit, but getting one is relatively easy. By Imogen Foulkes, BBC News, Geneva - May 18, 2019
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-48299708>

OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

CARBON TAX SMACKDOWN: TERENCE CORCORAN SAYS HIGHER PRICES AT THE PUMP DON'T MEAN FEWER EMISSIONS

- Newsflash: People do not change their behaviour in the face of rising prices when the product is essential to their economic success. By Terence Corcoran, National Post - May 25, 2019
<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/carbon-tax-smackdown-terence-corcoran-says-higher-prices-at-the-pump-dont-mean-fewer-emissions>

EXCERPT: *Another folly: For Canada to impose a carbon tax independently is a form of economic suicide. If other trading partners — in North America, Europe, Asia, South America — do not adopt similar carbon taxation, the Canadian economy will become increasingly uncompetitive. So far, no other country is joining the national carbon tax crusade. Australia just said no to one. Elsewhere, carbon tax schemes are either weak or marginal.*

LIBERAL PERSPECTIVE ON MEDIA SUBSIDIES OUT OF STEP WITH REST OF COUNTRY

The Liberals are so self-satisfied they're shoveling tax money at friendly media through an arms-length panel whose bias they don't even see any point in pretending to hide. In case you missed it, the CBC reports that eight organizations will each nominate one member to the "independent panel" that will hand out \$600 million over five years to media who say the right sorts of things. And those organizations are (drum roll please) "News Media Canada, the Association de la presse francophone, the Quebec Community Newspaper Association, the National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada, the Canadian Association of Journalists, the Fédération professionnelle des journalistes du Québec, Unifor and the Fédération nationale des communications." Now possibly you, the consumer of news, do not recognize many of these outfits and wonder why they get to distribute your dollars to people you did not choose to buy newspapers from or otherwise support. Well, if it feels like an "inside job", it is. Loonie Politics - May 24, 2019 - By John Robson
<https://looniepolitics.com/liberal-perspective-on-media-subsidies-out-of-step-with-rest-of-country/>

WESTERN VALUES ARE TESTED BY POLITICAL INSANITY

When we talk about Calgary and just what it means to be a Calgarian, we talk about the importance of western values, handshake honesty and our reputation for hospitality. I hope that is still true, but lately, when I watch some of the

shenanigans from our political leaders, I begin to wonder if some of those values are not being excessively tested at this moment in our history. By GEORGE BROOKMAN, CALGARY HERALD - May 24, 2019

George Brookman is CEO of West Canadian Digital Imaging Inc. and former president of the Calgary Stampede.

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/brookman-western-values-are-tested-by-political-insanity>

CHRIS SELLEY: LIBERALS' MEDIA BAILOUT PUTS FOXES IN CHARGE OF THE CHICKENS

If the heritage minister had explicitly set out to bolster the notion that Canadian media are bought and paid for by the Liberals, he could have done no better. By Chris Selley, National Post - May 22, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/chris-selley-liberals-media-bailout-puts-foxes-in-charge-of-the-chickens>

KELLY MCPARLAND: AUSTRALIA'S VOTE SHOULD WORRY CANADA'S LIBERALS

As it was noted, when climate change is a moral issue, it does well with voters, but when it becomes an economic matter, opinions change. By Kelly McParland , National Post - May 22, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/kelly-mcparland-australias-vote-should-worry-canadas-liberals>

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UP ENDED DOWN UNDER

The opposition blew it by going all in on climate.

Climate Discussion Nexus - 22 May 2019 | News Roundup

<https://climatediscussionnexus.com/2019/05/22/up-ended-down-under/>

EXCERPT: In Australia the conservative “Liberal” party just won a “stunning” election victory which the New York Times ascribed to the reassuringly abstract “politics of grievance” while quietly admitting what others said more loudly: The opposition blew it by going all in on climate. Aussie climate skeptic Ian Plimer, author of Heaven and Earth, predicted as much shortly beforehand. But for alarmists the whole world is upside down. Opinion polls show millennials are increasingly embracing Donald Trump despite his climate skepticism and Joe Biden’s bid for the U.S. Democratic nomination for president may be derailed because his climate plan isn’t wacky enough for the Alexandria Ocasio-Cortezes of this world. Here in Canada all parties jumped on the climate emergency bandwagon although the Tories meekly wanted an acknowledgement of the “global context” of global warming. But having declared an emergency they’re now surprised to find it means having to do something. And the somethings they can think of don’t seem to impress the public.

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