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THIS WEEKS POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST
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POSTS FROM CANADA

CANADA UNDER ANDREW SCHEER: SIX WAYS CONSERVATIVES LOOK TO BREAK WITH TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT - While he didn't abandon the Paris targets as some speculated, he would, he pledged to roll back almost every other Liberal environmental policy, starting with the carbon-pricing regime.

By NINA RUSSELL, The Hill Times - JUL. 26, 2019 <https://www.hilltimes.com/2019/07/26/canada-under-andrew-scheer-six-policy-changes-conservatives-plan-to-usher-in-if-elected/209306>

- 'Total reset' of relations with Beijing
- Carbon tax is out, green technology is in
- Elimination of immigration 'loopholes'
- **Appointment of firearms ombudsman**
- Conservative Senators for a conservative Canada
- Review of food guide

CORRECTION: This story has been corrected to reflect that Conservative Party Leader Andrew Scheer has not pledged to roll back all federal restrictions on firearms ownership, as previously stated, but would repeal specific changes to firearm ownership rules introduced by the Liberals in Bill C-71. It has also been updated to include information about the restrictions on firearms ownership that Mr. Scheer has proposed. The Hill Times apologizes for the error.

EDITORIAL: BAN WON'T STOP GUN CRIMES

Statistics Canada data suggests roughly 25% of households own a firearm. That makes a war on legal gun ownership a difficult political sell. The solution some propose — handgun bans in major cities across the country — won't address real issues. Of course, there are no easy solutions to our gun crime problems. But political posturing and pointless bans won't help. Winnipeg Sun - Published: July 26, 2019

<https://winnipegsun.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-ban-wont-stop-gun-crimes>

SUBMACHINE GUN, SILENCERS, \$50K WORTH OF DRUGS SEIZED IN AJAX

OPP officers that make up the provincial weapons enforcement unit, along with officers from Durham Regional Police, searched a home and parked car on Thursday. They allegedly seized a fully automatic machine pistol, two silencers, a 9mm handgun and a .22 calibre Smith and Wesson handgun. By Chris Herhalt, CP24.com - July 26, 2019

<https://www.cp24.com/news/submachine-gun-silencers-50k-worth-of-drugs-seized-in-ajax-1.4525327>

CBC - 35 ARRESTED IN PRINCE ALBERT POLICE ANTI-GANG OPERATION

Drugs, cash, guns and other weapons were seized in what police called a "gang suppression" initiative that increased patrols, curfew checks and vehicle stops on known offenders. Four guns, many rounds of ammunition, knives, machetes and six cans of bear spray were seized during the operation. CBC News · Posted: Jul 26, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/prince-albert-police-gang-suppression-1.5226563>

CBC - IQALUIT WOMAN SAYS CITY'S SHOOTING ASSOCIATION NOT OFFERING PROGRAMS TO COMMUNITY

- 'It's not enough that we have a range in theory, we need to have a range on paper,' says Robyn Pavia.

"We want to start a group that is active, that cares that they are not leaving garbage behind, leaving brass, or that can offer some programs," said Pavia, an army reservist who has been shooting guns since she was 12. "I know there are some really good shooters in the community." By Jackie McKay · CBC News · Posted: Jul 26, 2019
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/igluuit-shooting-association-city-1.5224632>

WEYBURN SHOOTER QUALIFIES FOR WORLD COMPETITION

A target-shooting enthusiast from Weyburn, Jeremy Murray, has qualified to represent Canada at a world-level competition in pistol-shooting in October. He teaches firearm safety and hunter education classes in the Weyburn area, and has been involved with the International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) for the past few years. He has qualified to attend the world competition set for Talladega, Alabama, on Oct. 23, and Murray has set up a gofundme page to help him a little bit with expenses. The goal he has set on the page is \$2,500. By Greg Nikkel / Weyburn Review - July 26, 2019 <https://www.weyburnreview.com/news/local-news/weyburn-shooter-qualifies-for-world-competition-1.23894745>

CANADA'S GUN REGISTRY USED AS 'USEFUL' EXAMPLE BY NEW ZEALAND POLICE

This week Police Association president Chris Cahill claimed Canadian "police officers" check registers (a gun registry remains for restricted weapons) about 11,000 times a day. "That gives you an idea of how useful it can be," he reportedly said. In reality, police computer systems trigger automatic registry searches thousands of times daily, usually in relation to routine policing like traffic stops. In 2006, Canada's then auditor general Sheila Fraser called such hits "an activity indicator [rather] than an indicator of effectiveness." Column by Kate MacNamara www.stuff.co.nz July 25, 2019 READ THE REST: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/opinion-analysis/114472787/plan-to-tighter-gun-laws-to-cost-up-to-53m-over-10-years--stuart-nash-says>
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/07/25/canadas-gun-registry-used-as-useful-example-by-new-zealand-police/>

MP GARRY BREITKREUZ FIREARMS FACTS UPDATE MAY 31, 2006

AUDITOR GENERAL: 5,000 HITS A DAY AN INDICATOR OF ACTIVITY - NOT EFFECTIVENESS

http://cssa-cila.org/garryb/publications/2006_new/71.htm

GUN RANGE PROPOSAL IN AJAX NIXED

Firearms Outlet Canada had submitted a plan with Ajax to build a 17-lane shooting range next to its existing store at 282 Monarch Ave., at the corner of Bayly Street. Owner Fred Pellegrino said the business was asked to pull the proposal because the building landlord is planning to redevelop the site. by Keith Gilligan Ajax News Advertiser - July 25, 2019
<https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/9515754-gun-range-proposal-in-ajax-nixed/>

CBC - POLICE ARREST ST. BONIFACE MAN IN 'STRAW-MAN' GUN TRAFFICKING SCHEME

A straw-man purchase is when someone with a clean record obtains a possession acquisition licence (PAL), buys a gun legally, and then illegally sells it to someone else. Guns and gang unit makes bust in trafficking method Winnipeg police say could be on the rise. The majority of illegally obtained guns flowing into Winnipeg aren't necessarily smuggled in from abroad or stolen and resold locally, Winnipeg police Insp. Max Waddell said. "That's not always the case, and this is the perfect example of what our belief is, and what caused the formation of the unit," Waddell said. Guns are also trafficked through word of mouth and the dark web online, he added. CBC News · Posted: Jul 24, 2019
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/straw-man-purchase-guns-winnipeg-1.5223438>
<https://www.chvnradio.com/news/guns-and-gangs-unit-makes-large-weapons-seizure>
<https://www.manitobapost.com/winnipeg-crime/almost-dollar-1-million-of-illicit-drugs-seized-in-search-117920>

MAN FOUND WITH STOLEN FIREARM AS POLICE SAY GUNS CONTINUE TO BE AN ISSUE

Regina Police Chief Evan Bray, "The number of firearms that are being used in the commission of an offence is a problem." By Lynn Giesbrecht, Regina Leader-Post Updated: July 24, 2019

<https://leaderpost.com/news/crime/man-found-with-stolen-firearm-as-police-say-guns-continue-to-be-an-issue>

CBC - SAFE CONTAINING 6 HANDGUNS STOLEN FROM HOME IN COLCHESTER COUNTY

RCMP say nothing else in the home was disturbed. CBC News · Posted: Jul 24, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/handguns-rifles-stolen-safe-home-colchester-county-1.5223328>

LILLEY: HUNDREDS OF GUNS GO MISSING FROM THE MOUNTIES, MILITARY AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun Updated: July 22, 2019 6:49 PM EDT.

READ THE REST: <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-hundreds-of-guns-go-missing-from-the-mounties-military-and-other-departments>

MPP BACKS CALL FOR CURBS TO GUN VIOLENCE AS VIDEO SHOWS SUSPECTED KILLER

BRANTFORD – An area Tory MPP is backing calls for provincial help to curb gun violence in this Southwestern Ontario city, which has seen three homicides this month alone. By Vincent Ball, Brantford Expositor Updated: July 23, 2019

<https://lfpress.com/news/local-news/mpp-urges-gun-control-as-video-shows-suspected-killer-racing-to-scene>

OTTAWA GUN CRIME STATS SHOW THE NEED FOR ACTION, AUTHORITIES SAY

What all this data don't consider, however, are the circumstances in which gun crimes occurred and how these crimes are reported by police forces in different jurisdictions. Ottawa police Insp. Carl Cartright works with the criminal investigations directorate and the guns and gangs unit. He cites OPS reporting improvements plus Ottawa's unique geographical size and rural nature as reasons for its high gun crime rate. "If somebody is out there hunting on somebody else's land and discharges a firearm on private property, that's considered into that data," Cartwright said. "You're not going to have those incidents on Yonge Street." By Taylor Blewett Updated: July 24, 2019

<https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/ottawa-gun-crime-stats-show-the-need-for-action-authorities-say>

LATEST WEEKEND SHOOTINGS RAISING CONCERNS AMONG REGINA CITIZENS

Police in Regina are continuing to investigate a number of firearm offences that have taken place in different parts of the city since Saturday night. They occurred around the same time Statistics Canada released their report of police-related crime statistics from 2018, showing a 30-per-cent increase in total firearm offences last year in Regina compared to numbers from 2017. By Moises Canales - July 23, 2019 - 620 CKRM The Source.

<https://www.620ckrm.com/2019/07/23/latest-weekend-shootings-raising-concerns-among-regina-citizens/>

NATIONAL DEFENCE REPORTS HOLDING 159,759 FIREARMS

DND Response to Question #2: ATIP File: A-2018-00795 - July 18, 2019 Received July 23, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/07/23/national-defence-reports-holding-159759-firearms/>

- 117,281 Prohibited
- 17,649 Restricted
- 24,829 Non-Restricted

CBC - CRIME UP, HOMICIDE DOWN: FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2018 CRIME STATISTICS

The data also shows decreases in firearm-related (by eight per cent) and gang-related (by five per cent) homicides across the country, the first time they have decreased since 2013 and 2014, respectively. By Christian Paas-Lang · The Canadian Press · Posted: Jul 22, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/crime-statistics-canada-2018-1.5221011>

LILLEY: HUNDREDS OF GUNS GO MISSING FROM THE MOUNTIES, MILITARY AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Firearms researcher Dennis Young obtained a list of the number of guns lost or stolen by police or public agencies from 2005 through 2019 and the numbers might shock you. A total of 640 firearms were reported lost in that time frame, another 173 were reported stolen. That includes 469 handguns reported lost and another 117 handguns stolen. One of the sources of the guns floating around in the public is the Department of National Defence. In a third access to information request, Young obtained documents showing 559 firearms reported lost by the military and another 14 stolen between 2008-18. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun Updated: July 22, 2019 6:49 PM EDT.

READ THE REST: <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-hundreds-of-guns-go-missing-from-the-mounties-military-and-other-departments>

ONE YEAR LATER, QUESTIONS SURROUNDING DANFORTH ATTACK REMAIN UNANSWERED

Following the deadly attack, those calls to strengthen Canada's gun laws have increased, with family members of victims advocating for a handgun ban. But, gun advocates say it's already difficult to purchase a gun in Canada "It's very difficult to get guns legally in Canada, it's long and expensive," Nicolas Johnson, who runs a website called thegunblog.ca, said. "It's basically impossible to stop someone who is committed to disobeying the law." By Heather Wright, Reporter, CTV News Toronto - Published Monday, July 22, 2019 <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/one-year-later-questions-surrounding-danforth-attack-remain-unanswered-1.4518590>

CBC - 2 TEENS CHARGED WITH 15 FIREARMS OFFENCES

19-year-old faces 8 charges including **possession of firearm contrary to court order**. CBC News · Posted: Jul 22, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-police-services-amarjot-jandiala-firearms-1.5220599>

NOVEMBER 9, 2018 - TARGETING BAD GUYS WITH GUNS: PETITION TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: SHOULDN'T POLICE KNOW WHERE THESE BAD GUYS WITH GUNS LIVE?

By Dennis R. Young - November 9, 2018 <https://lnkd.in/eKnCw4n>
<https://www.change.org/p/justin-trudeau-shouldn-t-police-know-where-these-bad-guys-with-guns-live>

THE STAR - LEGACY OF THE DANFORTH SHOOTING — THE REALIZATION THAT WE'RE NOT SO UNLIKE THE U.S. WHEN IT COMES TO GUN VIOLENCE

Whether a ban on handguns — or further restrictions on access to ammunition — would accomplish a reduction in violent crime is the subject of heated debate. Gun rights activists say targeting legal gun owners would do little to keep the city safe, while gun control proponents believe that fewer guns simply means fewer deaths. By May Warren, Staff Reporter; Jim Rankin, Staff Reporter; Wendy Gillis, Crime Reporter - Mon., July 22, 2019 <https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/07/22/legacy-of-the-danforth-shooting-the-realization-that-were-not-so-unlike-the-us-when-it-comes-to-gun-violence.html>

EXCERPT: How the 29-year-old obtained the ammunition is unclear — he did not have a firearms licence, required to purchase ammunition — but the magazines that hold ammunition can be purchased without a permit. Police found a credit card record from a Toronto-area sports store and determined he purchased seven handgun magazines.

OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD LOOKS TO CURB GUN VIOLENCE

Councillor Rawlson King tabled a motion at City Council in June, recommending Mayor Jim Watson ask the Federal and Ontario Governments to ban handguns in the capital. Council voted to send the motion to the Ottawa Police Services Board for debate. Vice-chair Sandy Smallwood will introduce a motion asking the service to look at ways to curb gun violence in the capital. By Josh Pringle, CTV Morning Live - Published Monday, July 22, 2019 <https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/police-services-board-looks-to-curb-gun-violence-1.4517744>

THE STAR - PROPOSED NEW ZEALAND LAW SAYS OWNING GUNS IS NOT A RIGHT

The new law would ban the sale of guns to overseas visitors, create a register to track all guns in the country, and require gun owners to renew their gun licenses every five years instead of every 10. It would also allow police to weigh other factors such as a person's mental health and even what they had been posting on social media to determine whether they were fit to own a gun. The government hopes lawmakers will approve the legislation by the end of the year. By Nick Perry, The Associated Press - Mon., July 22, 2019 <https://www.thestar.com/news/world/australia/2019/07/22/proposed-new-zealand-law-says-owning-guns-is-not-a-right.html>

LILLEY: GUN POLL SHOWS TORONTONIANS WANT A BAN

In total, 62% of Toronto residents answered "yes" when asked: "In your opinion, would a handgun ban reduce the number of shootings committed by gangs in Toronto?" By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - July 21, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-gun-poll-shows-torontonians-want-a-ban>

NEW ZEALANDERS HAND OVER 10,000-PLUS GUNS AND WEAPONS PARTS IN BUY-BACK SCHEME

More than 2,000 people have surrendered 3,275 firearms, 7,827 parts and accessories and in return authorities have paid them slightly more than NZ\$6 million (\$4.06 million) since the buy-back began last Saturday, a police spokesperson told Reuters by telephone on Sunday. National Post - Reuters Alison Bevege - July 21, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/pmnn/news-pmnn/politics-news-pmnn/new-zealanders-hand-over-10000-plus-guns-and-weapons-parts-in-buy-back-scheme>

A YEAR AFTER DANFORTH SHOOTING, CANADA'S NOWHERE CLOSE TO BANNING HANDGUNS

The Liberals have been reluctant to consider sweeping changes until after the federal election. Community leader Louis March, founder of the Zero Gun Violence Movement, works with victims of gun violence, said banning handguns isn't enough, but rather a "blatant deflection." The city needs to tackle the more complex root causes of violence. "What about banning poverty?" he said. By Samantha Beattie - July 20, 2019 https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/danforth-shooting-banning-handguns_ca_5d320f94e4b020cd9943607c?utm_hp_ref=ca-politics

JOHN ROBSON: OTTAWA'S PROPOSED HANDGUN BAN IS AS DUMB AS ALL THE OTHERS

Ottawa councillor Mathieu Fleury, a handgun ban supporter, just asked 'Who carries a gun?' Uh, that'd be criminals By John Robson, National Post - June 11, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-ottawas-proposed-handgun-ban-is-as-dumb-as-all-the-others>

2011 - CBC: RCMP OFFICERS ROBBED AT GUNPOINT IN HAITI

United Nations security officials and the Haitian National Police are investigating the armed robbery of three RCMP officers in Haiti's capital. One by one, the thieves took the men to their rooms and forced them to hand over keys to their barrack boxes. Speaking French and Creole, the armed men assured their captives that they would not be killed. They stole the Mounties' service pistols, roughly \$5,000 US in cash, a laptop computer and one officer's wedding ring. By Alison Crawford · CBC News · Posted: May 17, 2011 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rcmp-officers-robbled-at-gunpoint-in-haiti-1.1116592>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

NY POST - CANADIANS 'SLEEPING WITH GUNS' AS SUSPECTED KILLERS STILL HIDING IN

WILDERNESS - The two teen suspects in the murder of a young couple in British Columbia — who authorities say also killed a third man — are likely still hiding out in the rugged wilderness, leaving local residents so horrified that they're

“sleeping with guns,” according to new reports. By Amanda Woods, July 26, 2019

<https://nypost.com/2019/07/26/canadians-sleeping-with-guns-as-suspected-killers-still-hiding-in-wilderness/>

<https://nytimespost.com/canadians-sleeping-with-guns-as-suspected-killers-still-hiding-in-wilderness/>

<https://www.news.com.au/world/north-america/canada-highway-murders-suspected-killer-bought-a-black-funeral-suit-father-says/news-story/daca5a6ba3f2ceee2c0aa8f9efd3f546>

<https://www.smh.com.au/world/north-america/this-is-challenging-terrain-police-narrow-down-search-for-lucas-fowler-killers-20190726-p52ax4.html>

VA GUN OWNERS CAN COMMENT ON GOV. NORTHAM’S GUN CONTROL SCHEME

The NRA’s Institute for Legislative Action noted in a report about these proposals, “.It is clear that Gov. Northam and his gun grabbing allies have no real interest in pursuing meaningful, evidence-based policies to reduce crime. Rather, he simply seized this opportunity to launch a political stunt to distract from scandals involving himself and other statewide office holders.” Here’s what Northam wants, as detailed by NRA:

Ammoland Inc. Posted on July 26, 2019 by Dave Workman <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/07/va-gun-owners-can-comment-on-gov-northams-gun-control-scheme/#axzz5utTHwTkg>

STUDY FINDS GUNS AUTOMATICALLY PRIME AGGRESSIVE THOUGHTS — EVEN WHEN WIELDED BY A ‘GOOD GUY’

- A recent study in Social Psychological and Personality Science has confirmed that not only can the mere presence of a gun increase aggressive thoughts but he also found that photos of individuals holding a gun primed aggressive thoughts in participants regardless of the subjects’ intentions or role in society (e.g. policeman, civilian, criminal). By Rachel Langkau, PSYPOST - July 25, 2019 <https://www.psypost.org/2019/07/study-finds-guns-automatically-prime-aggressive-thoughts-even-when-wielded-by-a-good-guy-54106>

CONSERVATIVE THINK-TANK TAKES AIM AT LEVI STRAUSS OVER GUN CONTROL STANCE

The National Center for Public Policy Research's Free Enterprise Project (FEP) says they have taken to attending shareholder meetings with the intent to get companies to advance "free market ideals" such as gun rights. The conservative brand calls for support and to "STOP the Liberal Corruption & Hostile Takeover of Corporate America." The FEP recently shared their attempt to push Levi Strauss to abandon their support of gun control, presenting the results of a poll the FEP commissioned which showed Levi's favorability rating fell from 89% to 63% after those surveyed learned of the company's stance. by Adrian Mojica - Thursday, July 25th 2019

<https://fox17.com/news/local/conservative-think-tank-takes-aim-at-levi-strauss-over-gun-control-stance>

NZ - PLAN TO TIGHTEN GUN LAWS TO COST UP TO \$53M OVER 10 YEARS, STUART NASH SAYS

The example of Canada's failed gun registry is often cited, and the Canadian situation has been much referenced this week in New Zealand by those on all sides of the debate. Given the prominence of the Canadian example, it is worth considering its lessons if only to avoid the myths and pitfalls, chief among which was a price tag that experts like Alberta-based independent firearms expert Dennis Young and put at C\$3 billion (NZ\$3.4b). By Kate MacNamara - Jul 25 2019

READ THE REST: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/opinion-analysis/114472787/plan-to-tighter-gun-laws-to-cost-up-to-53m-over-10-years--stuart-nash-says>

EXCERPT: Many Canadian misconceptions are now entering the New Zealand conversation. This week Police Association president Chris Cahill claimed Canadian "police officers" check registers (a gun registry remains for restricted weapons) about 11,000 times a day. "That gives you an idea of how useful it can be," he reportedly said. In reality, police computer systems trigger automatic registry searches thousands of times daily, usually in relation to routine policing like traffic stops. In 2006, Canada's then auditor general Sheila Fraser called such hits "an activity indicator [rather] than an indicator of effectiveness." If New Zealand draws any lesson from Canada it should be that nothing short of an independent body answering to parliament should oversee gun laws and regulations and measure the cost against a

clearly defined benefit. It's not a new idea; the 1997 review of New Zealand gun control by retired High Court judge Sir Thomas Thorpe recommended as much. A group of experts reporting to police, as is currently anticipated, isn't enough.

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - JULY 25, 2019

FEATURE: KNIFE RIGHTS HONORS FIRST "CARRY A KNIFE SAVE A LIFE" RECIPIENT

Yesterday in Flowery Branch, Georgia, Knife Rights' Chairman Doug Ritter honored a nineteen-year-old Logan Simmons, a Chick-Fil-A worker who used the pocket knife he was carrying on June 25 to save the life of a child choking in his seatbelt. The quick thinking young man climbed through the drive-through window of the restaurant and cut the choking six year old free. "There are still places in America where the pocket knife Logan used would be illegal to carry," Ritter said, "Knife Rights is committed to ensuring that law-abiding Americans can carry whatever knife they want to be prepared for whatever challenges they may have to meet without irrational restrictions that do nothing to stop criminal activity." <https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/c4bdc108-d5cb-459f-a4e6-a718591541de>

GOA: SENATORS PRESSURED TO PASS GUN CONTROL; 'IT'S FOR THE CHILDREN'

Gun Owners of America (GOA) is asking 2A supporters to contact our US Senators to urge them to reject an anti-gun "study" that's being used to push for more gun control laws, by using children by Russ Chastain - July 24, 2019 <https://www.alloutdoor.com/2019/07/24/goa-senators-pressured-pass-gun-control-children/>

IF STOLEN GUNS REQUIRE GUN BANS, LOOK TO CANADIAN MOUNTIES, MILITARY

Canada's black market is no different than ours. They deal primarily in stolen guns. Yet that black market is also used to justify further restrictions on guns for the law-abiding Canadians. Well, if that's the case, then maybe lawmakers ought to start looking at the military and the Mounties too. By Tom Knighton a Navy veteran, a former newspaperman, a novelist, and a blogger and lifetime shooter. He lives with his family in Southwest Georgia. Trumpsmin - Jul 23, 2019 <https://trumpsminutemen.org/>
<https://trumpsminutemen.org/if-stolen-guns-require-gun-bans-look-to-canadian-mounties-military>
<https://bearingarms.com/author/tomknighton/>

JPFO: CROWDED DEMOCRAT'S PRESIDENTIAL FIELD OFFERS NO PRO-GUN-RIGHTS CANDIDATES

"What is worse," according to JPFO chairman and CEO Alan Gottlieb, "most have taken a position for some form of confiscation of privately owned firearms, which is infringement by definition," he said. "If they can champion such gross violation of our fundamental charter, what other atrocities might they be willing to back if they gain power?" Non-delegated powers fill their platform, he says. by ALAN KORWIN on JULY 23, 2019 <https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/jpfo-democrats-presidential-no-pro-gun-rights-candidates/>

N.Z. - FIREARMS REGISTER A 'POINTLESS EXERCISE' - FORMER POLICE OFFICER

A former police officer turned lawyer says the government's proposed gun register is political grandstanding and won't make New Zealand safer. "Every town and city in New Zealand has a gang pad and in those gang pads, there are small or large arms caches. Police know where the guns are and what criminals have them, but that requires confrontational, hard police work. "All that this is proposing is to target a guy going off for a weekend duck shooting or your local gun club - these are law-abiding people who are going to get targeted and have huge administration costs put on them. It's not going to make diddly-squat worth of difference to the safety of our community." Instead he said police should take responsibility. RNZ - JULY 23, 2019 <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/395003/firearms-register-a-pointless-exercise-former-police-officer>

THE BEST HANDGUNS FOR HUNTING - As handgun hunting's popularity continues on a meteoric rise, more options hit the market each year. Whether hunters favor semi-automatic pistols or the more traditional revolvers, there are ample choices for the shopping hunter. Check out any of these that are sure to put the knockdown on game animals. By GDC Staff, July 23, 2019 <https://www.guns.com/news/2019/07/23/the-best-handguns-for-hunting>

NY TIMES - GUN OWNERSHIP RATES TIED TO DOMESTIC HOMICIDES, BUT NOT OTHER KILLINGS, STUDY FINDS - "It is women, in particular, who are bearing the burden of this increased gun ownership," the lead author of the study said. By Sarah Mervosh - July 22, 2019 <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/22/us/gun-ownership-violence-statistics.html>

GUN OWNERSHIP LINKED TO GREATER INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC HOMICIDES

A new study in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, published by Elsevier, reveals a unique and strong association between firearm ownership and the risk of domestic homicides. For each 10 percent increase in household gun ownership rates, the findings show a significant 13 percent increased incidence of domestic firearm homicide. The homicide risk differed across victim-offender relationships, with nondomestic firearm homicide rising only 2 percent among firearm owners. Science Daily - Date: July 22, 2019 <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/07/190722085828.htm>

HOMEMADE SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AMONG THOUSANDS OF GUNS COLUMBUS POLICE RECOVER EACH YEAR - Those firearms were among more than 25,000 guns Columbus police have taken off the streets in the past 10 years. Most of the guns recovered during 2018 were taken during criminal investigations, including those for drug sales, robberies, assaults and homicides, or in instances where a person was not able to carry the weapon legally. That was because they were felons, didn't have a concealed-carry permit or didn't properly secure weapons in their vehicles, according to an analysis of police gun data by The Dispatch. By Bethany Bruner and Doug Caruso, The Columbus Dispatch - July 22, 2019 <https://www.dispatch.com/news/20190722/homemade-semi-automatic-weapons-among-thousands-of-guns-columbus-police-recover-each-year>

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U.K. - TEENAGER BOUGHT GLOCK 17 HANDGUN ONLINE WITH BITCOIN FOR MASS SHOOTING PLOT - Kyle Davies, 19, from the Wotton area of Gloucester, developed a "deep and persistent" interest in mass shootings during his A-Levels, a court heard By Amber Hicks - 22 JUL 2019 <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/breaking-teenager-accused-plotting-columbine-18585364>

REPORT: 75 PERCENT OF FIREARM MURDERS SINCE 1991 COMMITTED WITH A HANDGUN

A Washington Post analysis shows 75 percent of firearm murders since 1991 were committed with a handgun. In other words, if the Democrats had put an "assault weapons" ban in place in 1991 and it was still in effect in 2019 it would have done nothing to stop three out of every four murders that occurred over the last 28 years. By AWR HAWKINS - JULY 22, 2019 <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/07/21/report-75-percent-of-firearm-murders-since-1991-committed-with-a-handgun/>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - JULY 22, 2019

FEATURE: TAKING A PAGE FROM THE NRA PLAYBOOK, DISGRUNTLED NRA SUPPORTERS GRADE THE BOARD

A majority of the board received “C” ratings, based on what the dissidents say is their ongoing insufficient oversight and direction to LaPierre. The National Rifle Association nor any of the 76 board members have responded publicly to the latest shot in what is becoming an increasingly public fight. By Jim Shepherd - Jul 22, 2019 <https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/8eeef00a-a39f-41f1-9665-937863e173de>

FORMER NYPD OFFICER SUES GUNMAKER OVER FAULTY HANDGUNS

Honor Defense, a Georgia gunmaker dogged by complaints of faulty pistols, has been sued by a former police officer who claims one of its weapons malfunctioned and caused him serious injury. by Alain Stephens - July 22, 2019 <https://www.thetrace.org/2019/07/honor-defense-handgun-drop-fire-lawsuit/>

NZ - GOVERNMENT WANTS GUN REGISTER, TIGHTER RULES ON FIREARMS LICENCES, BAN ON VISITORS BUYING WEAPONS

In announcing the second tranche of gun law reforms today, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern also said licences will have to be renewed every five years - half of the time in the current scheme. By Derek Cheng, New Zealand Herald - 22 Jul, 2019 https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12251738
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/christchurch-shooting/114411129/firearms-register-among-second-raft-of-gun-law-reforms-announced-by-pm>

‘IF OTHERS HAVE RIFLES, WE’LL HAVE RIFLES’: WHY US LEFTIST GROUPS ARE TAKING UP ARMS

The people in the van are members of the Puget Sound John Brown Gun Club (PSJBGC). Their stated aim is to fight white supremacy and build community defense in America’s Pacific north-west, and their presence has become a fixture of protests in the Seattle and Tacoma areas, where the group is often invited to provide security against rightwing aggression. By Kim Kelly in Seattle - Mon 22 Jul 2019 <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/jul/22/if-others-have-rifles-well-have-rifles-why-leftist-groups-are-taking-up-arms>

NJ GOV SIGNS LAW REQUIRING EVERY GUN SHOP SELL ‘SMART GUNS’

The bill that Murphy signed states, “[The bill] requires firearm retailers to have available for purchase at least one personalized handgun approved by the commission and listed on the roster as eligible for sale.” July 21, 2019 by Cheryl Hinneburg <https://americanmilitarynews.com/2019/07/nj-gov-signs-law-requiring-every-gun-shop-sell-smart-guns/>

U.K. - PEOPLE URGED TO HAND IN GUNS DURING FIREARMS AMNESTY

Last summer when Avon and Somerset Police launched a similar scheme, 313 guns and 120 pieces of ammunition were dropped off at police stations dotted across the area. Under the amnesty, people won't have to give their names. Even if they hand in an illegal item, people will not be prosecuted for having it. However, guns and ammunition will be examined by the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) and any crime identified will be investigated. By Emma Grimshaw - 20 JUL 2019 <https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/people-urged-hand-guns-during-3115213>

PETITION FOR GUN SALE BACKGROUND CHECKS IN OHIO CLEARS INITIAL STEP

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A gun safety group hoping to change Ohio law to require background checks on virtually all guns sales has cleared an initial hurdle on its second try. The Ohio Attorney General’s Office on Friday certified a revised petition from Ohioans for Gun Safety. The proposal would close a loophole allowing sales without background checks at gun shows and between private individuals. July 20, 2019, by Associated Press <https://fox8.com/2019/07/20/petition-for-gun-sale-background-checks-clears-initial-step/>

HOW A GUN-CONTROL STUDY BECAME FAKE NEWS

In sum, this is a complex topic that these researchers have obviously treated in a certain way to get a desired political outcome. And they're being rewarded for it by tons of favorable coverage from the mainstream media outlets that brainlessly advocate for more gun control. by Frank Miniter, Editor in Chief - Friday, July 19, 2019

<https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2019/7/19/how-a-gun-control-study-became-fake-news/>

STUDY: PREVENTING FIREARM-RELATED DEATH AND INJURY

By Rocco Pallin, MPH; Sarabeth A. Spitzer, BA; Megan L. Ranney, MD, MPH; Marian E. Betz, MD, MPH; Garen J. Wintemute, MD, MPH - Annals of Internal Medicine - June 4, 2019

ABSTRACT: Deaths and injuries from firearms are significant public health problems, and clinicians are in a unique position to identify risk among their patients and discuss the importance of safe firearm practices. Although clinicians may be ill-prepared to engage in such discussions, an adequate body of evidence is available for support, and patients are generally receptive to this type of discussion with their physician. Here, we provide an overview of existing research and recommended strategies for counseling and intervention to reduce firearm-related death and injury.

<https://annals.org/aim/fullarticle/2735389/preventing-firearm-related-death-injury>

EXCERPT: Firearm-related death and injury are significant public health problems in the United States. From 2008 to 2017 (the 10 most recent years for which data are available), there were 342 439 firearm-related deaths in the United States. The firearm-related suicide rate has increased each year since 2006; firearm-related homicide trended downward from 2006 to 2014 but has since increased (1).

OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

MAXIME BERNIER SUGGESTS BUILDING A BORDER BARRIER IN QUEBEC TO KEEP "ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS" OUT - The People's Party of Canada leader said that he wants to "fence off" parts of the border at a rally on Wednesday. According to Huffington Post, Bernier "made a pitch" for constructing a border fence along sections of the Canada-U.S. border in Quebec. In almost a direct response to Trudeau's diversity mantra, the PPC wants to make it "more difficult" for "illegal refugees" to enter Canada. Bernier said that, should he win the election, he will make the Canada-U.S. border and official port of entry and "send back to the U.S. anyone trying to enter Canada illegally." By Teddy Elliot - July 25, 2019 <https://www.mtlblog.com/news/canada/qc/maxime-bernier-suggests-building-a-border-wall-in-quebec-to-keep-illegal-immigrants-out>

"IT'S A QUIET COMMON SENSE REVOLUTION FOR A BETTER AND FREER CANADA" SAYS PPC LEADER - Canada's newest political party has introduced its local candidates for the October federal election. The local People's Party of Canada (PPC) Association held a meet the candidates rally on Tuesday evening at the Essex Civic Centre where about 30 people showed up. By Paul Pedro - July 25, 2019 <https://blackburnnews.com/windsor/windsor-news/2019/07/25/quiet-common-sense-revolution-better-freer-canada-says-ppc-leader/>

CCLA RAISES CONCERNS OVER BREADTH OF POLICE ACCESS TO INFORMATION UNDER NEW ACT

To assist in the search of a missing person, Ontario's recently proclaimed Missing Persons Act provides the police with "additional tools," including the ability to make an "urgent demand for certain records without a court order." While the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) notes that the legislation includes "important" safeguards for privacy protection, it is concerned about the amount of information available to police. According to a government release, the Act, proclaimed by the government on July 1, gives police "three additional tools to use when there is no evidence a crime has been committed. These will allow police to: obtain copies of records that may assist in a search; obtain a search warrant to enter a premises to locate a missing person; and make an urgent demand for certain records without a court

order.” By Amanda Jerome, The Lawyer's Daily - July 23, 2019 <https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/13926/ccla-raises-concerns-over-breadth-of-police-access-to-information-under-new-act?category=news>

LONGTIME CONSERVATIVE PARTY MEMBER SALIM MANSUR TO RUN IN LONDON RIDING — AS PPC CANDIDATE - Snubbed by the Conservative Party of Canada, Dr. Salim Mansur is now a candidate for the People's Party of Canada. By David Menzies, Mission Specialist, THE REBEL - July 22, 2019 <https://www.therebel.media/news-conservative-party-salim-mansur-candidate-london-ontario-ppc-bernier-election>

CENSORSHIP OVER COCKTAILS

The conference was co-hosted by the UK and my own country, Canada. Furthering the affair's devotion to ironic hypocrisy, I was at one point barred from attending a press conference by Canada's foreign minister, Chrystia Freeland, because the room selected at the 16-acre facility was "too small" (though it had room for a three-person Al Jazeera crew and nearly a dozen others from mainstream Canadian media outlets.) by Andrew Lawton, The War on Free Speech - July 16, 2019 <https://www.steynonline.com/9553/censorship-over-cocktails>

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