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THIS WEEKS POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST
National and International Gun Control News for the week ending August 2, 2019

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POSTS FROM CANADA

CBC - FIGHT AGAINST GUNS AND GANGS IN N.L. GETS \$1.8-MILLION SHOT OF FEDERAL MONEY

Announcement comes just weeks after police pulled a bag of guns from waters near Cape Spear CBC News · Aug 02, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/federal-funding-combat-guns-1.5234355>

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-invests-1-8-million-to-combat-guns-and-gangs-in-newfoundland-and-labrador-851079847.html>

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-provides-2-7-million-to-new-brunswick-to-tackle-gun-and-gang-violence-808667635.html>

JULY 11, 2019 COST & BENEFITS OF INVESTMENTS TO COMBAT THE CRIMINAL USE OF FIREARMS

(ICCUF) Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale's response to MP Brad Trost's Order Paper Question Q-2477 – June 19, 2019 – Posted by Dennis R. Young July 11, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/07/11/cost-benefits-of-investments-to-combat-the-criminal-use-of-firearms/>

EXCERPT #1: PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA (PS)

COST: \$1.2 million spent since May 2004.

BENEFITS: *"PS does not gather or track statistical data with respect to the number of firearms prosecutions initiated or successfully prosecuted."*

EXCERPT #2: CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY (CBSA)

COST: \$19.95 Million spent since May 2004

BENEFITS: *"The CBSA was successful in 536 successful firearms persecutions."*

EXCERPT #3: ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP)

COST: \$104.35 million spent since May 2004

BENEFITS: *"Under ICCUF, the RCMP provided investigative support to law enforcement and did not initiate firearm prosecutions. As such, these statistics are not available."*

MAY 12, 2018 - NUMBER OF FIREARMS PROSECUTIONS THE RCMP GOT FOR OUR \$136 MILLION?

STILL UNKNOWN - Investments to Combat the Criminal Use of Firearms (ICCUF): Amount spent to March 31, 2016: \$136,169,188.

After going back and asking the RCMP sections the ATIP branch should have asked in the first place they got the same answer: *"The answer that I've sent you still stand both Business Line has no records regarding your request."*

Makes us all wonder if the \$327.5 million the government plans to spend over the next five years to target gun and gang crime will produce similar results.

Missing Information Complaint to the Information Commissioner - May 12, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/05/13/number-firearms-prosecutions-rcmp-got-136-million-still-unknown/>

CSSA COMMENTARY: IS ACCESS TO GASOLINE THE PROBLEM?

Japan's worst mass murder in almost two decades highlights what we've said for decades. People with a grudge will always find a way to inflict carnage on innocent victims. Team CSSA E-News | August 2, 2019 <https://cssa-cila.org/2019/08/team-cssa-e-news-august-1-2019/>

THESE WERE THE MOST-SIGNED E-PETITIONS SENT TO THE TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT

#2: Firearms and Bill C-71. Sponsor: Conservative MP Rachael Harder - Number of signatures: 86,082

By Rachel Gilmore , CTVNews.ca Writer - Published Thursday, August 1, 2019

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/these-were-the-most-signed-e-petitions-sent-to-the-trudeau-government-1.4532602>

TRYING TO GET A COPY OF THE RCMP HIGH RIVER 'LEGAL AUTHORITIES PAPER' ALBERTA INFORMATION COMMISSIONER'S HIGH RIVER INQUIRY CASE #004838

On June 25, 2013 Alberta Justice Minister Jonathan Denis asked: *"What legal authority do the police rely upon to forcibly enter private property in the flood-stricken area?"* The answer is in a Crown paper that has been declared privileged information by the Office of Alberta Justice and Solicitor General. Initial Submission to the Inquiry by Dennis R. Young – July 31, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/08/02/information-commissioners-high-river-inquiry-case-004838/>

CANADA GUN FACTS & STATS

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<https://thegunblog.ca/facts-stats/>

CANADA FACES A RECKONING ON GUNS

In 2012, the previous Conservative government rolled back significant Canadian gun laws. The Institut national de santé publique du Québec estimates 300 lives per year were saved under a national firearms registry that was abolished as part of these changes. The previous legislative changes, and the tepid approach to new measures, is a result of a small but disproportionately powerful industry-supported gun lobby that infuses the debate and mobilizes its supporters with the rhetoric of fear and isolationism. A few weeks ago, the CEO of one prominent group compared me to lead Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels. By Christopher Holcroft in Opinion, Politics - July 31st 2019. Christopher Holcroft is a writer and principal of Empower Consulting. He is providing services to Canadian Doctors for Protection from Guns. <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2019/07/31/opinion/canada-faces-reckoning-guns>

CBC - POLICE INVESTIGATE SHOOTING OUTSIDE NORTHEAST CALGARY CONVENIENCE STORE READER'S COMMENTS:

Sam Gill: Calgary NE has officially become a hood. There seems to be a shooting every other day. Need to start fighting real crime before Calgary turns into a shooting range like metro Vancouver.

Penny Catt: Luckily these criminals are obviously licensed and have registered firearms so should be easy to track.

Scott Nelson: It's unfortunate that the Liberals chose to focus their firearms Bill C-71 on legal guns and licensed owners rather than gangs and criminal use of firearms.

CBC News · Posted: Jul 31, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/shooting-northeast-calgary-711-1.5232718>

COPS WITH SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES 'NEW REALITY' AT BURNABY EVENTS: RCMP

"This is totally unacceptable," Dawn Danzel told the NOW. "You don't even see this level of artillery at airports, so why would you ever need this at a festival?" By Cornelia Naylor / Burnaby Now - July 31, 2019

<https://www.burnabynow.com/news/cops-with-semi-automatic-rifles-new-reality-at-burnaby-events-rcmp-1.23901715>

PAN AMERICAN GAMES: CANADA TOOK BRONZE IN MIXED TRAP SHOOTING

Winnipeg's Curtis Wennberg and Amanda Chuboda of Spruce Grove, Alta., took bronze in mixed trap shooting, finishing behind two American teams. Wennberg and Chuboda just missed out on an Olympic berth, as the top two finishers earned spots for the Tokyo Games. "In this event I was on all day and it feels wonderful because it's been 28 years since my first team medal in the Pan Am Games where I got gold in Cuba in 1991," said Wennberg. "And so it's almost three centuries or three decades here before for winning another medal." The Canadian Press - July 31, 2019

<https://www.squamishchief.com/canada-earns-olympic-berth-in-artistic-swimming-with-duet-gold-in-lima-1.23902013>

LIBERAL GUN BANS

The governing Liberal Party of Canada promised the biggest single gun bans in the country's history if re-elected. This makes Election 2019 the most-critical election in a generation for gun owners and businesses.

Newest update of this page: 31 July 2019 THEGUNBLOG.CA <https://thegunblog.ca/liberal-gun-bans/>

CANADIANS TO WATCH WEDNESDAY AT THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES

JIM SANDALL (SHOOTING) The native of Red Deer, Alta., is a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force. He competes in the men's individual 25-metre rapid fire pistol. The Canadian Press July 30, 2019

<https://www.timminstoday.com/national-sports/gimme-five-canadians-to-watch-wednesday-at-the-pan-american-games-1615309>

BE SAFE IN BEAR COUNTRY

Feeding wildlife is prohibited and dangerous. Parks Canada has focused efforts on educating the public about protecting wildlife and staying safe, making sure that individuals follow rules and regulations, and enforcing the laws that protect wildlife and the ecological integrity of our places and ensure visitor safety. Battlefords News-Optimist - July 30, 2019

<https://www.newsoptimist.ca/news/northwest-region/be-safe-in-bear-country-1.23900889>

BACKGROUNDER: PROPOSED NATIONAL PARKS OF CANADA WILD ANIMALS REGULATIONS

USE OF FIREARMS FOR PROTECTION - The following categories of park users may be authorized to carry and use firearms for self-protection and the protection of others from bears:

<file:///C:/Users/Dennis/Downloads/BACKGROUNDER-useoffirearms.pdf>

PARDONS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE VISIBLE AT THE U.S. BORDER. HERE'S WHY THEY OFTEN ARE

"A record suspension removes a person's criminal record from the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) database. This means that a search of CPIC will not show that the individual has a criminal record or a record suspension." But immigration lawyers familiar with the issue say that isn't entirely true. "There's a tremendous amount of secrecy around what is and is not shared between Canadian authorities and the Department of Homeland Security," Robichaud says. "We've tried on many occasions to find out what exactly they have access to. We've never got a clear answer." The border is the wrong place for CPIC, Robichaud argues. By Patrick Cain, National Online Journalist, News Global News - July 31, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/5416881/marijuana-us-border-pardon/>

SHOOTING AT THE 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

Shooting competitions at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru are scheduled to be held between August 8th and 10th, 2019 at the Las Palmas Air Base.[1][2] 15 medal events are scheduled to be contested. Six for men, six for women and three mixed gender events. The men's 50 m pistol, men's 50 m rifle and men's double trap events have been dropped in favour of three mixed gender events. This was done after the International Olympic Committee pushed for gender equal events across all sports.[3][4] A total of 256 sport shooters will qualify to compete at the games.[5] The top two shooters, not already qualified, in each individual event will qualify for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.[6]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shooting_at_the_2019_Pan_American_Games

PAN AM GAMES 2019 SHOOTING ON TWITTER

https://twitter.com/search?q=pan+am+games+2019+shooting&ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Esearch

LETTER: DETERRENT REMOVED

Re: "Ban won't stop gun crimes," Editorial, July 26.

By Larry Comeau | Winnipeg Sun | July 30, 2019

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Stiff penalties may not be a strong enough deterrent, but they would at least take bad guys off the streets. <https://winnipegsun.com/opinion/letters/letters-july-28-2019>

911 CALL IN PENETANG LEADS TO FIREARMS CHARGES

Officers continued to investigate the incident and at 9:15 a.m. they arrested Tanner McCue, 22 years old, of Midland. OPP officers were called to a Chatham Street home around 3:30 a.m. this morning for a male making threats.

Barrie Today Staff - July 29, 2019

EXCERPT: He remains in custody facing the following offences under the Criminal Code of Canada-

- Fail to Comply with Probation Order- 2 counts
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Occupant of Motor Vehicle knowing there was Firearm
- Transport firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition in a careless manner
- Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm
- Pointing a Firearm
- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Firearm
- Assault with A Weapon

LETTER: DOUBLE BARREL

Re "Handgun ban a fake fix" (Brian Lilley, July 22)

By Dan Cashmore | Toronto Sun | July 28, 2019

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Indeed the justice system in this country is too soft on criminals.

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/letters/letters-to-the-editor-july-28-2>

ELEVEN PEOPLE 'DOWN' AFTER ACTIVE SHOOTER FIRES AT CALIFORNIA GARLIC FESTIVAL

Videos posted on social media appeared to show festival attendees scattering in confusion as at least one loud popping sound could be heard in the background. National Post - By Sharon Bernstein, Reuters - July 28, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/news/active-shooter-reported-at-food-festival-in-california-police>

CBC - GTA LEADS CANADA IN ORGANIZED CRIME HOMICIDES, STATSCAN REVEALS IN NEW

GANGLAND DATA - There were 36 gang-related homicides in the GTA in 2018, Statistics Canada says. Provincially, there were 51 homicides either linked to or suspected to be linked to organized crime or street gangs in 2018, Statistics Canada says, a rate that's been rising since 2014 and 2015. There were 21 such homicides in each of those years. By Adam Carter. CBC News · Jul 28, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/organized-crime-statistics-1.5226940>

LETTER: GUN CONTROL NOT JUST ABOUT STREET CRIME

Re: Gun ban debate leads board to ask Ottawa police for report on how to curb gun violence, July 18. If we restrict the parameters of gun control solutions to street crime, we are missing a valuable opportunity to create legislation that will effectively save more lives. Gun control has been shown to reduce deaths, but we must expand our scope of treating it

simply as a crime issue, and address it instead as a public health epidemic. Rob MacDonald, Ottawa Citizen - July 27 , 2019 <https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/todays-letters-24-sussex-is-a-shambles-tear-it-down>

SPORTSMEN'S LOBBY GROUP WELCOMES INCREASED FINES FOR HUNTING AND FISHING

VIOLATIONS - Ontario has increased existing fines and implemented many new ones. John Kaplanis of the Northwestern Ontario Sportsmen's Alliance welcomed the fee changes, calling them "a step in the right direction." Jul 25, 2019 by: Gary Rinne <https://www.tbnewswatch.com/local-news/sportsmens-lobby-group-welcomes-increased-fines-for-hunting-and-fishing-violations-1606888>

PAL RENEWAL DELAYS WORRY SOPUCK

Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa Conservative MP Robert Sopuck raised the issue in a July 12 letter to Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale. Sopuck himself had issues renewing his PAL, which is required in Canada to legally own rifles and shotguns. In an interview with The Sun, he said he submitted his firearms licence renewal in April, months before it was scheduled to expire at the end of July. By early July, he still hadn't received his renewal, which made him anxious. "Mine expires on July 31, and if you don't have the PAL, through no fault of your own, you're an automatic criminal with potentially serious charges against you." By Drew May, Brandon Sun Posted: 07/24/2019 <https://www.brandonsun.com/local/pal-renewal-delays-worry-sopuck-513127372.html>

LOGAN KING THRIVES AT ALBERTA TRAPSHOOTING EVENT

Local athlete Logan King had an excellent showing at the 2019 Alberta Trapshooting Championships at the Calgary Firearms Centre from July 18-21. King was declared the Alberta A doubles open champion. Sixty-two shooters competed in the doubles event. In doubles, the shooters must break two targets launched from the trap house simultaneously. One clay pigeon flies to the left while the other flies to the right. The target path remains constant, but the challenge is if the shooter can hit both targets before they hit the ground. Estevan Mercury - July 24, 2019 <https://www.estevanmercury.ca/sports/other-sports/logan-king-thrives-at-alberta-trapshooting-event-1.23895429>

CBC - POLICE-REPORTED CRIME IN CANADA UP SLIGHTLY IN 2018, HATE CRIME DOWN,

STATSCAN REPORTS - Increase seen in fraud, some sexual assaults, shoplifting and theft, new figures show CBC News · Posted: Jul 22, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/police-reported-crime-statistics-canada-1.5219995>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

CANADIAN GUN OWNERS UPSET OVER MOVE TO TRACK FIREARMS

Canadian firearm-advocacy groups claim that the small-arms category of the ATT could ultimately require thousands of gun hobbyists and sport shooters to register their guns. One group adds another concern about outsiders trying to change societal norms in multiple countries. "The CCFR is opposed to all participation in the Arms Trade Treaty as we believe that regulation concerning private firearm ownership should be formed by Canadians for Canadians," the coalition's chief executive officer and executive director, Rod Giltaca, told iPolitics. by L.A. Luebbert - Friday, August 2, 2019 <https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2019/8/2/canadian-gun-owners-upset-over-move-to-track-firearms/>

CUOMO'S BAN ON ARMED TEACHERS WILL MAKE SCHOOLS LESS SAFE, SAYS CCRKBA

BELLEVUE, WA – By placing his signature on legislation that prevents local New York State school districts from authorizing armed volunteer staff, including teachers, Gov. Andrew Cuomo has made schools more vulnerable to attack and signaled that fact to every deranged person looking for a headline, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said today. By CCRKBA, Canada Free Press - August 2, 2019 https://canadafreepress.com/print_friendly/cuomos-ban-on-armed-teachers-will-make-schools-less-safe-says-ccrkba

LA TIMES - GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL SHOOTER KILLED HIMSELF, CORONER SAYS,

CONTRADICTING POLICE VERSION OF EVENTS - The Gilroy Garlic Festival gunman killed himself, the county medical examiner concluded Friday, contradicting an earlier police account that three officers had shot him dead within a minute. By Matthew Ormseth, Richard Winton - Aug. 2, 2019

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-02/gilroy-garlic-festival-shooter-killed-himself-coroner-says>

STRUGGLING CALIFORNIA TOWN WANTS TO BE ‘SANCTUARY CITY’ FOR GUNS

Last month city leaders declared Needles, California’s a “sanctuary city” for the 2nd Amendment.

By Ed Kilgore, New York Magazine - August 2, 2019

<http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2019/08/california-town-wants-to-be-sanctuary-city-for-guns.html>

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-07-30/needles-second-amendment-sanctuary-california-town>

WASH. TIMES - MEDIA BIAS AND THE GUN CONTROL DEBATE

Shootings occur in places where civilians are banned from having guns, but this doesn't get coverage.

By John R. Lott Jr. and Thomas Massie - - Thursday, August 1, 2019

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/aug/1/media-bias-and-gun-control-debate/>

THREE NRA BOARD MEMBERS RESIGN IN LATEST SIGN OF UPHEAVAL AT GUN RIGHTS GROUP

By Beth Reinhard, The Washington Post - August 1, 2019

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/three-nra-board-members-resign-in-latest-sign-of-upheaval-at-gun-rights-group/2019/08/01/aad49bc0-b49d-11e9-8f6c-7828e68cb15f_story.html

FACT CHECK: THE DANGER OF OWNING A FIREARM IN SA

Africa Check looks at the claim by a South African charity that you are “four times more likely to have your gun used against you” than be able to use it against your attacker. The statistic is often attributed to South African studies published in 1999 and 2000. But the study’s author says his research does not support the charity’s claim. Various experts told Africa Check the survey is too old and too inconclusive to make any claims about the risks of owning a gun in South Africa today. There is no recent, reliable data on the topic. We therefore rate the claim unproven. Researched by Cayley Clifford - August 1, 2019 <https://ewn.co.za/2019/08/01/fact-check-the-danger-of-owning-a-firearm-in-sa>

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

According to the Roanoke Times, Northam has admitted that his proposals would not have prevented the mayhem, had they been in place at the time. He is being accused of exploiting the tragedy to further an agenda that has nothing to do with what happened. Ammoland Inc. Posted on August 1, 2019 by Dave Workman

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/08/gun-owners-can-comment-on-gov-northams-va-gun-control-scheme/#axzz5vSwjTGYt>

FELON DIRECTED 7 WOMEN TO BUY MORE THAN 30 GUNS

CBS DETROIT/AP - Federal investigators say seven women purchased more than 30 handguns at Detroit-area stores at the direction of a convicted felon who couldn’t possess firearms.

August 1, 2019 - Filed Under:detroit news

<https://detroit.cbslocal.com/2019/08/01/felon-directed-7-women-to-buy-more-than-30-guns/>

NEW YORK STATE BANS TEACHERS FROM BRINGING GUNS TO SCHOOL

ALBANY – Schools across New York are now banned from allowing their teachers and principals to carry guns on school grounds under a bill signed Wednesday by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. The new law, which took effect immediately, prohibits schools from allowing any employee to carry a firearm unless they are a police officer, school resource officer, peace officer or an armed security guard with the proper registration. By Jon Campbell, Albany Bureau - July 31, 2019
<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/politics/albany/2019/07/31/andrew-cuomo-signs-another-new-gun-control-measure-new-york/1877920001/>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/31/nyregion/guns-schools-ban-teachers-ny.html>
<https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/455698-cuomo-signs-bill-banning-teachers-from-bringing-guns-to-school>
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/arming-teachers-school-new-york-firearm-gun-andrew-cuomo/>

DEMOCRATS EMBRACE GUN CONTROL ON DEBATE STAGE; RESEARCHERS QUESTION POLICIES' IMPACT

Candidate after candidate repeated a list of proposals they would try to enact if they become president: universal background checks, a so-called assault weapons ban, restrictions on magazine capacity, and laws to prevent those with history of mental illness or domestic violence from buying guns. But researchers who study gun violence question how effective some of the Democrats' proposals would actually be if turned into law.

By Lisa Hagen, Chris Haxel, Brett Neely - July 31, 2019 Reporters Lisa Hagen and Chris Haxel are part of the Guns & America reporting collaboration. <https://www.npr.org/2019/07/31/746813004/democrats-embrace-gun-control-on-debate-stage-researchers-question-policies-imp>

ASSAULT WEAPONS DEFINITION COULD BE KEY UNDER PROPOSED BAN

TALLAHASSEE --- Exactly which guns would be outlawed under a proposed constitutional amendment aimed at stopping Floridians from possessing assault weapons is posing a puzzle for state economists. The economists' task is to predict the financial impact that the proposed amendment, backed by the political committee Ban Assault Weapons NOW, would have on state and local economies. The proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit "possession of assault weapons, defined as semiautomatic rifles and shotguns capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition at once, either in fixed or detachable magazine, or any other ammunition-feeding device." The measure, which would not prohibit handguns, includes an exemption for military and law-enforcement personnel "in their official duties." By Dara Kam, News Service of Florida - July 31, 2019
<https://www.pnj.com/story/news/2019/07/31/assault-weapons-definition-could-key-under-proposed-ban/1872451001/>
https://www.thecentersquare.com/florida/state-wants-proposed-assault-weapon-ban-banned-from-ballot/article_b39ca0b6-b314-11e9-901e-93d9171c9fa1.html

NEW ZEALAND PM: MAKE GUN OWNERSHIP A PRIVILEGE, REQUIRE GUN REGISTRY

In New Zealand, there is an official government censor that works hard to prevent New Zealanders from knowing that the environmental leftist who committed the murders planned for his act to spark more gun control laws in New Zealand and in the United States. He chose to use semi-automatic rifles precisely for that reason. His manifesto has been banned in New Zealand. John Lott, a prestigious American academic who has been critical of restrictive gun control schemes, was banned from twitter when he referenced that fact. Ammoland Inc. Posted on July 31, 2019 by Dean Weingarten
<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/07/new-zealand-pm-make-gun-ownership-a-privilege-require-gun-registry/#axzz5vM5U1P3T>

OFFICIALS: FESTIVAL SHOOTER TOOK GUN TO CALIFORNIA ILLEGALLY

Officials say a 19-year-old gunman used a rifle he legally bought in Nevada and illegally brought into California to kill two children and a man at a food festival before he was killed by police. Gilroy Police Chief Scot Smithee initially

described the weapon as an "SKS," which is a semi-automatic rifle designed by the Soviet Union during World War II and later widely manufactured in Eastern Europe and China. It has a traditional wooden stock with a fixed magazine that holds 10 bullets. July 31, 2019 <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/officials-festival-shooter-took-gun-to-california-illegally/ar-AAF6NI9>

JOHN HOWARD REJECTS US GUN LOBBY'S CRITICISM OF AUSTRALIAN GUN LAWS

Associate professor Philip Alpers, director of GunPolicy.org at the University of Sydney's school of public health, which tracks and compares gun laws around the world, says Ms Meadow's characterisation of the effect of the laws in Australia misses the point. By Nick O'Malley - July 31, 2019 <https://www.smh.com.au/world/north-america/john-howard-rejects-us-gun-lobby-s-criticism-of-australian-gun-laws-20190730-p52c41.html>

EDUCATION THE BLOOMBERG WAY

The Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University has announced they are launching an open online course titled "Reducing Gun Violence in America: Evidence for Change." The internet course is designed for high school and college students. Its intent is to turn them into anti-gun activists. by NRA-ILA Staff - Wednesday, July 31, 2019 <https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2019/7/31/education-the-bloomberg-way/>

WE TALKED TO EXPERTS ABOUT HOW DEBATE MODERATORS CAN STOP ASKING LOUSY GUN VIOLENCE QUESTIONS

- The majority of U.S. gun deaths are suicides -- nearly 24,000 in 2016 alone -- and they agreed that moderators need to ask candidates what specific policies they would support to reduce that number.

By CYDNEY HARGIS, Media Matters - July 30, 2019 <https://www.mediamatters.org/blog/2019/07/30/we-talked-experts-about-how-debate-moderators-can-stop-asking-lousy-gun-violence-questions/224344>

FEELINGS OVER FACTS: NO, GILROY SHOOTER DID NOT USE AN AK-47

Reports that the 19-year-old shooter used an "AK-47 style assault rifle" to kill three people at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in California led to anguished calls for gun control. There was just one problem: no such weapon exists.

A SKS carbine (middle) shown between two AK-47 rifles in this 2013 file photo © Global Look Press/Eddie Moore -

Edited time: 30 Jul, 2019 <https://www.rt.com/usa/465340-gilroy-shoter-sks-not-ak47/>

SOMEONE IS BREAKING INTO MIAMI COP CARS AND STEALING GUNS

In what has become a recurring theme over the past few years, the Miami Police Department is, once again, struggling with theft and missing property. According to internal documents obtained by New Times, the department recently warned its officers about valuables left inside their cruisers, because four were burgled between July 6 and 24. By Jerry Iannelli - July 29, 2019 <https://www.miaminewtimes.com/news/guns-stolen-from-city-of-miami-police-cruisers-11230216>

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

DEPARTMENTS - By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun Updated: July 22, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-hundreds-of-guns-go-missing-from-the-mounties-military-and-other-departments>

BIDEN BLOWS GARLIC REACTION, SAYS 'BROKEN GUN LAWS NEED FIX,' BUT WAIT...

U.S.A. --(Ammoland.com)- Former Vice President and 2020 Democrat hopeful Joe Biden may have once again unintentionally inserted foot in mouth when he reacted to the Sunday mass shooting at the Garlic Festival in Gilroy, Calif.—a state with possibly the strictest gun laws in the nation—by tweeting, "How many more families will have to lose a loved one before we fix our broken gun laws? We must take action, starting with real reform," according to Fox News. With its strict gun control laws—all passed in a state by lawmakers who claimed each new restriction was designed to "fix" and "reform" a "broken gun law"—California legislators, Biden and some of his equally-exploitive competitors

evidently don't get it, critics could say. Ammoland Inc. Posted on July 29, 2019 by Dave Workman
<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/07/biden-blows-garlic-reaction-says-broken-gun-laws-need-fix-but-wait/#axzz5vBoYumeD>

GARLIC FESTIVAL SHOOTING HIGHLIGHTS A COMMON PATTERN: GUNS FROM NEVADA, USED TO KILL IN CALIFORNIA - California has among the strictest gun laws in the country. Some of its neighbors are another story. by Alain Stephens and Daniel Nass · July 29, 2019 · Updated July 29, 2019

<https://www.thetrace.org/2019/07/gilroy-garlic-festival-california-nevada/>
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/jul/29/gilroy-shooting-us-gun-control-california>
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LA TIMES - GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL GUNMAN WAS SHOT BY POLICE LESS THAN A MINUTE AFTER SHOOTING BEGAN - GILROY, Calif. — When the shooting started Sunday at the garlic festival, Gilroy police officers were patrolling the event. Three officers began shooting at the gunman in less than a minute, Gilroy Police Chief Scot Smithee said Monday at a news conference, “despite the fact that they were outgunned, with their handguns, against a rifle.” By Laura J. Nelson, Staff Writer - July 29, 2019

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-07-29/gilroy-garlic-festival-gunman-police>

CNN - FESTIVAL SHOOTER SANTINO LEGAN LEGALLY PURCHASED HIS RIFLE IN NEVADA. HERE'S WHAT ELSE WE KNOW ABOUT THE TEEN

By Susan Scutti, CNN Updated Tue July 30, 2019
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GILROY TERRORIST HAD CLEAR WHITE SUPREMACIST MOTIVES, INSTAGRAM POSTS SHOW
As police struggle to find an official motive, his Instagram posts make them very clear. By Elias Marat - July 29, 2019
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MASSACHUSETTS AG ADDS INSULT TO INJURY IN DEFENSE OF “ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN”

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey is displaying her contempt for gun owners, firearm retailers, and even the judicial system itself in her latest defense of the sweeping order re-defining “assault weapons” in the state.

Posted on July 29, 2019 by Cam Edwards
<https://bearingarms.com/cam-e/2019/07/29/massachusetts-ag-insult-injury-defense-assault-weapons-ban/>

2020 DEMOCRATIC HOPEFULS RESPOND TO SHOOTING AT GILROY FESTIVAL

The 2020 election Democratic field on Sunday responded to the Gilroy Garlic Festival shooting that killed at least four, including the gunman, and injured 15, saying the incident is a horrible reminder of the country's “gun violence epidemic.” “This violence is not normal,” Joe Biden, the former vice president, tweeted. “How many more families will have to lose a loved one before we fix our broken gun laws? We must take action, starting with real reform.” By Edmund DeMarche | Fox News - July 29, 2019 <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/2020-democratic-hopefuls-respond-to-shooting-at-gilroy-festival>

DEALING WITH WILDLIFE: POLAR BEARS

The first and most important item is a firearm, usually a 12-gauge shotgun with one-ounce slugs. Foreigners coming to Canada have to jump through hoops to bring a firearm into this country, but it's not too hard: Many international hunters visit Canada, and there is a procedure in place. Even travelers who have never hunted in their lives must carry a firearm and know how to use it. By Jerry Kobalenko - 29/07/2019

<https://explorersweb.com/2019/07/29/dealing-with-wildlife-polar-bears/>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - JULY 29, 2019

FEATURE: JULY NOT GOING QUIETLY

On Friday, longtime Board Member Owen "Buz" Mills distributed an open letter to NRA members and his fellow board members that was quickly distributed to various media outlets - including The Outdoor Wire. Unlike others, however, Mills offers a solution for eliminating the controversies: "The quickest way to clear up this superfluous innuendo, venom and invective clouding our lives is a professional, thorough and independent audit." Mills says the results of that audit should then be trusted and relied upon and "set the standards for all membership organizations as Our NRA again leads the nation in setting the example all others only wish they could emulate." For those members of the board and NRA administration who oppose the idea, he asks a single, blunt question: "Why are we fighting this? It makes no sense."

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/86a96ad0-31ed-4c69-a41a-866388a4bfdf>

INDIA FIRMS UP COMMONWEALTH GAMES BOYCOTT THREATS OVER SHOOTING EXCLUSION

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - India's threat to boycott the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham over shooting's absence in the programme has intensified after the country's Olympic association sought approval from the sports ministry for such a move. By Amlan Chakraborty - July 28, 2019 <https://in.reuters.com/article/games-commonwealth-india-idINKCN1UN0EX>

MAKE ENTRY INTO REGISTRY EASY AS POSSIBLE FOR GUN OWNERS

Opinion - The gun buyback scheme is working to remove firearms from society and enforcement laws are strong, but creating a meaningful gun registry is also essential, writes Lew Stoddart

By Lew Stoddart- 27 July 2019 Lew Stoddart is a media analyst, gun owner, and hunter. He writes for Kiwipolitico.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/395056/make-entry-into-registry-easy-as-possible-for-gun-owners>

EXCERPT: The registry will be built and verified on inspection at license renewal time. As that happens, Police will begin to get a picture of who is complying happily, who is complying reluctantly, and who is not complying at all. At that point, once everyone has had plenty of opportunity to demonstrate their law-abiding good faith credentials, police can begin properly targeted enforcement work. And that is how you get the baddies.

NEVER ENOUGH: NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT PUSHES EVEN MORE GUN CONTROL

NRA/ILA - Saturday, July 27, 2019

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20190727/never-enough-new-zealand-government-pushes-even-more-gun-control>

According to a July 22 press release from Ardern and Minister of Police Stuart Nash, comprehensive firearms registration is the government's top firearms legislative priority. The proposed restrictions encumber every aspect of gun ownership in New Zealand. The release stated that the legislation would do the following,

- Establish a register of firearms and licence holders to be rolled out over 5 years
- Tighten the rules to get and keep a firearms licence
- Tighten the rules for gun dealers to get and keep a licence
- Require licences to be renewed every five years

- Introduce a new system of warning flags so Police can intervene and seek improvement if they have concerns about a licence holder's behaviour
- Prohibit visitors to New Zealand from buying a gun
- Establish a licensing system for shooting clubs and ranges for the first time
- Set up a new formal group to give independent firearms advice to Police, which will include people from within and outside the gun-owning community
- Provide for new controls on firearms advertising
- Require a licence to buy magazines, parts and ammunition
- Increase penalties and introduce new offences
- Enshrine in law that owning a firearm is a privilege and comes with an obligation to demonstrate a high level of safety and responsibility

Aside from the registration requirement, the most concerning proposal is the expansion of subjective government discretion in the firearm licensing process. A document accompanying the press release titled, "Arms Amendment Bill: Q+As," made clear just how intrusive the new licensing requirements could be.

POLICY BANNING MILITARY FROM CARRYING GUNS ON US BASES SHOULD END

The anti-gun policy was started by President George H.W. Bush with a Department of Defense directive in February 1992 and was implemented under President Bill Clinton in 1993. As a result, America's finest remain soft targets for jihadists like Abdulazez. In short, the Bush policy has been a security disaster. By Don Brown, Fox News - July 27, 2019
<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/don-brown-troops-at-home-remain-inexcusably-vulnerable-to-terror-attacks>

ANOTHER STUDY CONFIRMS CRIMINALS BREAK GUN LAWS

A recent study, funded by the National Institute of Justice and conducted by anti-gun researcher Phillip Cook, takes an interesting approach to the question of how long criminals possess a firearm before they are arrested and charged with a firearm-related crime. More precisely, the study concludes that "more effective enforcement of the laws governing gun transactions may have a quick and pervasive effect on gun use in crime." By Guns and Gear Contributor Elizabeth McGuigan - July 26, 2019 <https://dailycaller.com/2019/07/26/another-study-confirms-criminals-break-gun-laws/>

LA TIMES - A KEY TO CURBING SUICIDES IS GUN CONTROL

Half of all suicide deaths are caused by firearms. Over the last decade, the number of U.S. suicides by firearm has increased almost 20%, claiming the lives of nearly 22,000 Americans every year. Suicide is now the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S. By James Doti, Los Angeles Times - July 25, 2019
https://www.roanoke.com/opinion/wire/a-key-to-curbng-suicides/article_24bfedd3-29ba-5741-92e8-09a5c55b6cc0.html

POINTER SHOTGUNS DRAWING MORE KIDS INTO WING AND CLAYS SHOOTING

Looking back to April 2019, there were 26,678 student clays-shooting competitors from 1,042 high school teams across 25 states who participated in the USA High School Clay Target League. By Irwin Greenstein, Shotgun Life - July 15, 2019
<https://dailycaller.com/2019/07/15/pointer-shotguns-drawing-more-kids-into-wing-and-clays-shooting/>

NY TIMES - HOW TO BUY A GUN IN 16 COUNTRIES

Many Americans can buy a gun in less than an hour. In New Zealand, the process can take weeks or months. Here are the basic steps for how most people buy a gun in 16 countries. Some of them have exceptions for specialized professions, and local laws vary. By AUDREY CARLSEN and SAHIL CHINOY UPDATED April 10, 2019
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URBAN FLOODING - IT'S NOT ABOUT CLIMATE

Climate Discussion Nexus - 31 Jul 2019 | Fact Checks, Videos

<https://climatediscussionnexus.com/videos/urban-flooding-its-not-about-climate/>

DEER MEAT FROM DISEASED HERD WAS ALLOWED INTO CANADIAN FOOD SYSTEM

MONTREAL -- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is exposing the public to unnecessary risk by allowing deer and elk meat from farms affected by a contagious disease to end up on consumers' plates, a group of experts and advocates say. Chronic wasting disease or CWD, an infection of the central nervous system similar to mad cow disease that is fatal to deer, elk, reindeer and moose, was discovered on a farm in Quebec's Laurentians region last August, resulting in a cull of 2,789 red deer. While the 11 carcasses that tested positive for the disease, as well seven others, were destroyed, the rest were allowed to enter the food system, including some 1,000 young animals that had not been tested because tests aren't sensitive enough to detect CWD in animals under 12 months of age, according to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

By Morgan Lowrie , The Canadian Press - July 31, 2019

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GWYN MORGAN: HERE ARE A FEW CLIMATE-CHANGE HEAD SCRATCHERS FOR CANADIAN VOTERS TO PONDER

An eclectic list of little-known facts, head-scratching paradoxes and utter hypocrisy.

Special to Financial Post - Gwyn Morgan - July 30, 2019 Gwyn Morgan is the retired founding CEO of Encana Corp. 406 Comments

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REX MURPHY: THE YANIV OUTRAGE HAS LEFT CANADA, RIGHTLY, THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE WORLD

The silent passing over of this story is journalistic cowardice, the fear of offending the passing pieties of militant progressivism. By Rex Murphy, National Post - July 27, 2019

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