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POSTS FROM CANADA

IT'S TIME TO STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS

Your community needs you to stand up and defend your rights to own and use firearms

Justice for Gun Owners - 28 September 2019

<https://mailchi.mp/d3b69ad1aeb6/dont-swallow-tv-propaganda?e=bc1823b8e2>

TRUTH TRACKER: LIBERAL PARTY'S GUN CONTROL AD SHOWS CONSERVATIVES HOLDING FIREARMS, BUT LIBERALS HAVE, TOO - But what the ad doesn't show are the many Liberal candidates who have also posed with guns or promoted their use. By Sarah Turnbull, CTVNews.ca Producer, Nicole Bogart, CTVNews.ca Writer - Last Updated Saturday, September 28, 2019 <https://election.ctvnews.ca/truth-tracker-liberal-party-s-gun-control-ad-shows-conservatives-holding-firearms-but-liberals-have-too-1.4613735>

NEW CLUB AT ALGONQUIN SEEKS TO CLEAR MISINFORMATION SURROUNDING GUNS AND GUN OWNERSHIP - The Algonquin Firearms Club is set to receive official club status after a similar club has been successfully launched at Carleton University. The club's founders, Patrick Gauthier, an electrical engineering technology student, and Kelvin Jiang, a business marketing student, want the club to teach students about firearm ownership in Canada as well as provide a hands-on experience. "The goal of the club is to demystify firearm ownership in Canada, and promote new experiences to people," Gauthier said. The club hopes to organize trips to a gun range for students to practice safe firearm use. "People really sign up for the experience, not all the boring talk." September 28, 2019 By Qadeer Popal <http://algonquintimes.com/news/new-club-at-algonquin-seeks-to-clear-misinformation-surrounding-guns-and-gun-ownership/>

WHAT THE INVESTIGATION OF THE NORTHERN B.C. MURDERS FOUND — AND WHAT WE STILL DON'T KNOW - HOW DID THEY OBTAIN GUNS? The investigation found there were two non-restricted, semi-automatic rifles used in the deaths. One gun has unclear origins — police believe it was cobbled together using various parts over several years. The other gun was purchased on July 12 — the day the pair left their Vancouver Island town of Port Alberni, leaving family with the impression they would be travelling in search of work. McLeod, who has a firearms licence, legally purchased the gun as well as 20 rounds of ammunition at a Cabela's location in Nanaimo, B.C. By Kerri Breen Global News - September 27, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/5963000/nothern-bc-murders-what-we-know/>

CANADA MANHUNT SUSPECTS MADE VIDEOS CONFESSING TO MURDERS BUT NO MOTIVE FOUND The bodies of Kam McLeod and Bryer Schmegelsky were discovered in August after a massive manhunt. They shot Fowler and Deese using guns legally purchased days earlier before continuing north to the Yukon, then headed back south a few days later, police said in the 13-page report. - AFP 2019 September 28, 2019 <https://www.thejournal.ie/canada-manhunt-suspects-made-videos-admitting-to-murders-canadian-police-say-4828815-Sep2019/>
<https://ckpgtoday.ca/2019/09/27/public-report-released-into-the-northern-b-c-homicide-investigation/>

WHAT BERMUDA'S 50-YEAR-OLD GUN BAN CAN TEACH CANADA

In the early 1970s, a spate of high-profile murders in Bermuda – including the assassination of the governor – prompted the government to confiscate firearms, resulting in one of the world's strictest gun regimes. Today, only certain members of the Bermuda Police Service are authorized to use handguns; all others must receive authorization from the police commissioner, and that's usually reserved for the military. Members of licensed rifle clubs may possess firearms with a licence that must be renewed annually, and Bermudians cannot keep ammunition at home. By ANGELA WRIGHT, GLOBE AND MAIL SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 - Angela Wright is a writer, political analyst and former Conservative political staffer at the House of Commons. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-what-bermudas-50-year-old-gun-ban-can-teach-canada/>

NENSHI NON-COMMITTAL ON LIBERAL PITCH FOR MUNICIPAL HANDGUN BAN

Calgary police Chief Mark Neufeld, meanwhile, says he isn't sold on a handgun ban fixing any issues when it comes to violence on the streets of Calgary. "I think our position, through the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, has been that the gun laws in Canada are already quite stringent," he said. "When we look at the shooting we have on the streets, these are not lawful gun owners out there committing crimes. "Guns are either stolen or smuggled in from another country but they're illegal guns already. Our position thus far has been that we should be looking in other areas: things like bail provisions, and minimum sentencing and these kinds of things." Neufeld also sees gun storage as an issue that needs to be addressed. "There's a lot of guns that end up falling into criminals hands as a result of break-ins in communities, both rural and urban," he added. By Zach Laing, Calgary Herald - September 27, 2019 <https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/mayor-nenshi-non-committal-on-municipal-handgun-ban-proposed-by-liberal-party>

RCMP TO PICK WHICH GUNS TO CONFISCATE UNDER TRUDEAU, CTV REPORTS

TheGunBlog.ca — The RCMP will decide which guns to confiscate from hunters, farmers and sport shooters if Justin Trudeau is re-elected prime minister of Canada next month, CTV News reported, citing Trudeau's Liberal Party. The Ottawa-based Royal Canadian Mounted Police gives its opinion on the legal class of firearms based on its interpretation of the law. The government decides the law and can arbitrarily prohibit any model of firearm at any time. The RCMP also arrests people and seizes their firearms based on its own opinion, without waiting for the opinion to be validated in court. THEGUNBLOG.CA - SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/09/26/rcmp-to-pick-which-guns-to-confiscate-under-trudeau-ctv-reports/>

LILLEY: LATEST LIBERAL ATTACK AD OPENS FIRE ON LEGAL GUN OWNERS

That is when the ad gets bizarre. The photos and video used at the end of the ad show Andrew Scheer and other Conservative MPs legally firing guns at legal ranges. One photo even shows Michelle Rempel holding a rifle and smiling, notably her finger isn't even on the trigger, which is exactly what people who take the RCMP's firearms safety course are taught. The Liberals have been accused by critics of focusing their gun control efforts on law-abiding and licensed gun owners while not putting anything forward to deal with the criminals shooting up Canada's streets. This video plays into that criticism. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - September 26, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/news/national/election-2019/latest-liberal-attack-ad-opens-fire-on-legal-gun-owners>

GUNTER: THE BURGLAR SUING FARMER WHO FIRED WARNING SHOTS IS NO VICTIM

And for sure, burglars who get shot shouldn't be able to sue their victims for any injuries suffered as a result of their own deliberate crimes. Unfortunately, Canadian law has mutated to a point where the onus is often on the person who acts in self-defence to prove he or she didn't unduly harm the thief. One of the oldest individual rights identified by William Blackstone, the great English constitutional historian, is the right to self-defence. Blackstone said self-defence — especially the right to forcibly repel intruders found on one's property after dark — had existed in English law since

before the 10th century. And Canadians inherited all the rights and precedents that were in English law before Confederation. By Lorne Gunter, Edmonton Sun - September 26, 2019

<https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-the-burglar-suing-farmer-who-fired-warning-shots-is-no-victim>

AS A GANGSTER IN TORONTO, I WAS DRAWN TO THE LURE OF THE GUN. I KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO STOP IT

- In prison, Jose Vivar had time to rethink his love of firearms and life of crime. Here's what he thinks of the gun-control debate today. I am now the executive director of a non-profit organization that works with youth. We take a fitness-based approach to controlling PTSD and other symptoms related to the gang lifestyle. Additionally, I mentor various youths who are trying to escape the street life and transition into a life of normalcy. The lure of the gun gets stopped by understanding the lure of the gun. It gets stopped by understanding the root cause of these violent crimes. It gets stopped by offering gang members business opportunities and grants to start legitimate business as opposed to spending billions of dollars on incarceration. By JOSE VIVAR, GLOBE AND MAIL - SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-as-a-gangster-in-toronto-i-was-drawn-to-the-lure-of-the-gun-i-know/>

MINISTRY COMMENTS ON BILL C-71 PROCEDURES FOR COMING INTO FORCE

TheGunBlog.ca — Canada's Ministry of Public Safety comments below on the steps for the coming into force of Bill C-71, the governing Liberal Party's new law against federally licensed hunters, sport shooters and gun shops.

TheGunBlog.ca asked about the procedures, steps and timing, such as if provisions in the new law could come into force before the next government takes office following the October election, and how the public is notified. The Liberals passed the bill into law in June in a Royal Assent ceremony. Karine Martel, a spokeswoman for the Ottawa-based ministry that proposed Bill C-71, responded today by e-mail: THEGUNBLOG.CA - SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/09/26/ministry-comments-on-bill-c-71-procedures-for-coming-into-force/>

TRUDEAU TARGETS LEGAL GUN OWNERS IN CAMPAIGN AD

Soon, you'll have a choice to make: Let the Conservatives weaken our gun control laws or make our communities safer by making gun laws stronger. #ChooseForward @BillBlair - By Ali Taghva, The Post Millennial - September 26, 2019

<https://www.thepostmillennial.com/trudeau-targets-legal-gun-owners-in-new-campaign-ad/>

VIDEO ANALYSIS: LIBERAL GUN CONTROL MAY MISS MARK ON SASK. FIREARM CRIME

Proposed gun control laws focus on handguns and "assault-style weapons" like the AR-15, but most firearm crime in Saskatchewan involves stolen firearms of an entirely different variety. David Baxter reports. By David Baxter, Reporter Global News - September 26, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/video/5958084/analysis-liberal-gun-control-may-miss-mark-on-sask-firearm-crime>

BELL: KENNEY CALLS EDDIE MAURICE LAWSUIT HARASSMENT

"Mr. Maurice has been through enough. This is a man who did what he thought was necessary using non-lethal force to protect his family and his property," says Kenney. "He went through charges that were withdrawn so he's been completely exonerated. And now to face the legal harassment of a lawsuit from a robber who was threatening his family and his property is, I think, an outrage." But there is one niggling detail. Until Monday afternoon, the Alberta government was suing Eddie. But the government of Alberta was also on the lawsuit, wanting Eddie to cover Watson's health-care costs. The statement of claim even says the provincial government believes Watson's injuries were because of Eddie's "negligence." As we all know, on Monday, as soon as Alberta Justice Minister Doug Schweitzer saw the government was on the lawsuit he laid down the law with the paper shufflers. Get the government off the lawsuit. Anyway, Schweitzer, the province's top lawyer, wants to get to the bottom of how the Alberta government was suing Eddie and make sure it doesn't happen again in another situation. By Rick Bell, Calgary Sun - September 25, 2019

<https://calgarysun.com/opinion/columnists/bell-kenney-calls-eddie-maurice-lawsuit-harassment>
<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/09/25/kenney-calls-robber-suing-maurice-harassment-calgary-herald/>

GUN LOBBYIST BRUSHES OFF LIBERAL COMPLAINT OVER ELECTION ADS

One of Canada's leading sport shooting lobby groups says it is "in the process" of registering as a third party with Elections Canada after the Liberal party filed a complaint claiming the association has contravened elections act rules for third-party advertising. The Liberal candidate for the downtown Toronto electoral district of Spadina-Fort York made public Wednesday a complaint to the Commissioner of Canada Elections calling for an investigation into ads the Canadian Shooting Sports Association sent out in response to a sweeping Liberal gun-control platform Justin Trudeau unveiled in Toronto last week. By Tim Naumetz, iPolitics, Published on Sep 25, 2019 <https://ipolitics.ca/2019/09/25/gun-lobbyist-brushes-off-liberal-complaint-over-election-ads/>

LIBERALS ALLEGE GUN GROUP'S ELECTION ADS BREAK LAW, ASK FOR INVESTIGATION

OTTAWA — The Liberals have filed a complaint about advertising by the Canadian Shooting Sports Association during the federal election campaign. Liberal candidate Adam Vaughan wrote Wednesday to elections commissioner Yves Cote, asking that he investigate nine online videos, produced by the association in English and Mandarin, urging gun owners to vote and warning that their right to own firearms is at stake. Any advocacy group that spends more than \$500 on political activity during the campaign is required to register as a third party with Elections Canada, which comes with obligations to disclose details about where its money comes from and how it's being used. As of Wednesday, the Canadian Shooting Sports Association was not registered, although Vaughan said it would appear to have incurred expenses exceeding \$500. Moreover, he said the videos do not include the legally required tag line identifying who authorized them. The Canadian Press - September 25, 2019 <https://www.timescolonist.com/liberals-allege-gun-group-s-election-ads-break-law-ask-for-investigation-1.23957606>

TRUTH TRACKER: WHAT DOES THE LIBERALS' GUN BAN REALLY INVOLVE?

As expected, Justin Trudeau's Liberals announced a plan last week to ban "all military-style assault rifles, including the AR-15" and to give the power to municipalities to ban handguns. That prompted prominent gun rights advocate Nicolas Johnson, who operates TheGunBlog.ca, to write a post Sept. 20 that led with: "Justin Trudeau promised the biggest instant gun bans against hunters, farmers and sport shooters in Canadian history if he is re-elected prime minister." In a tweet a few days later, @thegunblog wrote: "Trudeau isn't banning assault rifles. He is confiscating hunting and sporting rifles from hundreds of thousands of federally licensed men and women who obey the law, no matter how unjust or immoral. Criminal gangs and terrorists will keep their assault rifles." That's sure to get the attention of gun owners, but it's not accurate, at least not based on what the Liberals have revealed in their campaign promise, says history professor Blake Brown. CTVNews.ca Staff - September 25, 2019 <https://election.ctvnews.ca/truth-tracker-what-does-the-liberals-gun-ban-really-involve-1.4610395>

STATSCAN: VIOLATIONS OF WEAPONS PROHIBITION ORDERS, 2014-2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/09/26/statscan-violations-of-weapons-prohibition-orders-2014-2018/>

- 2014 = 884
- 2015 = 982
- 2016 = 1,071
- 2017 = 1,236
- 2018 = 1,377

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 - OUR GUN CONTROL LAWS NEED TO TARGET BAD GUYS WITH GUNS

Two million licensed gun owners are required to report their addresses to police but NOT the more than 443,000 convicted criminals prohibited from owning firearms by the courts! By Dennis R. Young – September 1, 2019
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/09/01/our-gun-control-laws-need-to-target-bad-guys-with-guns/>

STATEMENT BY THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (OACP) REGARDING THE CONTROL OF FIREARMS IN CANADA AND THE IMPACT OF GUN VIOLENCE ON OUR COMMUNITIES SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

<http://www.oacp.on.ca/Userfiles/Files/NewAndEvents/OACP%20Statement%20Control%20of%20Firearms%20in%20Canada%20and%20Impact%20of%20Gun%20Violence%20on%20our%20Communities%20-%20Sept%202019.pdf>

The use of firearms in the commission of a crime is an issue all Canadians are concerned about. As Ontario's police leaders, we listen carefully to members of all of our communities and work with community leaders and public policy-makers on proactive measures to ensure everyone in Ontario can live and work safely in their communities without fear. The OACP also recognizes that many Ontarians are responsible gun owners. Ontario's police leaders support a prohibition on all military-designed assault rifles. In our view, these weapons have no place in our communities and should be reserved for use by Canada's military and law enforcement. In our discussions with public-policy makers at all levels of government, our association has and will continue to raise concerns about handguns crossing the Canadian border from the United States of America. We believe that this is the root source of illegal guns used in the commission of violent crimes. It is an issue that must be addressed by Canadian policy-makers. Part of the solution may be for municipalities to have the ability to augment federal restrictions on handguns. The OACP also believes that our border security partners require more resources, new authorities, offences, and penalties in order to stop the importation of illegal firearms into Canada. We also support new resources for law enforcement organizations to specifically target illegal firearms as well as new offences and penalties for individuals who choose to put our communities at risk by importing, possessing, and using illegal firearms in the commission of a crime. Ontario's police leaders are aware of public concerns about the ability of police services when it comes to tracing firearms that may be associated to criminal activity. We note that some police services in Ontario do keep statistics related to this for investigative purposes and can provide data on such firearms. Police services comply with all Provincial reporting obligations. The OACP supports the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police's (CACP) Special Purpose Committee that is currently looking at gaps in the data, including a possible new data collection regime. We are in favour of discussions with public-policy makers regarding establishing a national system to support the tracing of firearms, however a system of this nature must come with appropriate funding.

TRUDEAU ACCIDENTALLY ADMITS HARPER WAS FAR BETTER AT STOPPING GUN CRIME

"Gun crime in Canada is on the rise. In 2017 there were 2,500 more victims of gun violence than in 2013..." So begins the text of the Liberals all-out attempt to distract from Justin Trudeau's blackface debacle. Turns out, the Liberals are in power, and just so happen to have been in power during the surge in gun crime they are now claiming to be worried about. By Spencer Fernando, The Post Millennial - September 25, 2019
<https://www.thepostmillennial.com/trudeau-accidentally-admits-harper-was-far-better-at-stopping-gun-crime/>

THE STAR: READERS' LETTERS

A BAN ON HANDGUNS ISN'T GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE

Wed., Sept. 25, 2019 https://www.thestar.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editors/2019/09/25/a-ban-on-handguns-isnt-going-to-solve-the-problem-of-violence.html

LETTERS: TRUDEAU MISSES THE MARK ON GUN CONTROL PLEDGE

Alaska Highway News - September 25, 2019

<https://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/opinion/letters/letters-trudeau-misses-the-mark-on-gun-control-pledge-1.23957387>

GUNS BANS, FORCED CONFISCATIONS, NOTHING ON ACTUAL CRIME – LIBERAL POLICY

This week has been a tough one for Canada's most law-abiding, heavily vetted community – gun owners. In a desperate attempt to change the channel on a scandal-laden leader, the Trudeau Liberals announced their radical firearms platform. By Tracey Wilson, CCFR - September 25, 2019 <https://firearmrights.ca/en/guns-bans-forced-confiscations-nothing-on-actual-crime-liberal-policy/>

VIDEO: TARGET SPORTS TEACH YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCEPT PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

The condemnation of guns is part of a war on traditional cultural values, particularly the importance of fathers in teaching children self-discipline and self-respect. By Justice for Gun Owners - Published on Sep 24, 2019 <https://youtu.be/MS9bZfz3sqo>

CHATELAINE - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GUN CONTROL IN CANADA

Including why it's in the news again. By Melissa Gismondi - Updated Sep 24, 2019 <https://www.chatelaine.com/news/gun-control-canada/>

VANCOUVER POLICE OPPOSES TRUDEAU-STEWART CALLS FOR HANDGUN BAN

TheGunBlog.ca — The Vancouver Police Department opposes Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mayor Kennedy Stewart's goal of banning federally licensed handgun owners and stores from Canada's third-largest city. Adam Palmer, the president of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police lobby group and also the Vancouver police chief, said in August he doesn't support banning handguns from lawful owners and that existing laws are "very strict." THEGUNBLOG.CA - SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/09/24/vancouver-police-opposes-trudeau-stewart-calls-for-handgun-ban/>

LIBERALS RESPOND TO TRUDEAU'S SELF-INFLICTED BROWNFACE CRISIS WITH A CLASSIC COUNTERATTACK - Canada's gun advocates, standing ready to flood the internet and the airwaves with full-on hysteria tinged with paranoia, make an excellent target. The gun "rights" mob certainly isn't going to help Andrew Scheer by yelling, "Break out the Winchesters!" But just try to shut them up! *With any luck, this crack will act as a deterrent. By David J. Climenhaga - September 24, 2019 - David Climenhaga, author of the Alberta Diary blog, is a journalist, author, journalism teacher, poet and trade union communicator who has worked in senior writing and editing positions with The Globe and Mail and the Calgary Herald. This post also appears on David Climenhaga's blog, AlbertaPolitics.ca. <http://rabble.ca/blogs/bloggers/alberta-diary/2019/09/liberals-respond-trudeaus-self-inflicted-brownface-crisis>

LIBERALS TO BAN HANDGUNNERS IN CITIES VIA STORAGE: BLAIR ON CTV

TheGunBlog.ca — The Liberal Party of Canada will help cities ban federally licensed handgun owners unless they keep their guns in government-approved central storage at target ranges, Bill Blair told CTV News yesterday. Blair, the Liberal minister for firearm confiscation, was speaking on CTV's Question Period hosted by Evan Solomon. He was elaborating on plans outlined last week by Justin Trudeau, the Liberal leader and prime minister, if the Liberals win next month's election. THEGUNBLOG.CA - SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/09/23/liberals-to-ban-handgunners-in-cities-via-storage-blair-on-ctv/>

VANCOUVER MAYOR KENNEDY STEWART JOINS CALL FOR NATIONAL HANDGUN BAN

Vancouver Mayor Kennedy Stewart has joined counterparts in other Canadian cities in calling for tighter controls on handguns, saying he supports giving municipalities the power to impose a ban on the weapons. "I would very much like that power," Mr. Stewart said on Monday in an interview. "I think we've had five shootings now within a five-block

radius, and it would be good if we didn't have any handguns." By FRANCES BULA AND WENDY STUECK, VANCOUVER, GLOBE AND MAIL SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/british-columbia/article-vancouver-mayor-kennedy-stewart-joins-call-for-handgun-ban/>

TRUDEAU'S PROPOSED GUN CONTROL LAWS AMOUNT TO USELESS FEARMONGERING

But if Trudeau truly wanted to put his money where his mouth is on the issue and take an actual political risk, he'd propose something that actually had teeth. By Bob Kronbauer - September 23, 2019 <https://www.vancouverisawesome.com/2019/09/23/trudeau-liberals-gun-control-platform/>

EDITORIAL: LIBERAL GUN PLAN IS MORE STYLE THAN SUBSTANCE

What Trudeau is proposing is better than what we have now, but it falls short of being a dramatic improvement in public safety. Opinion Sep 23, 2019 Hamilton Spectator <https://www.thespec.com/opinion-story/9611636-editorial-liberal-gun-plan-is-more-style-than-substance/>

ALBERTA MAN WHO FIRED WARNING SHOTS AT BANDITS IS NOW BEING SUED FOR DAMAGES BY ONE OF THEM

Ryan Watson says injuries sustained to his right forearm in Feb. 2018 caused 'severe damages and disability' and is suing Edouard Maurice for \$100,000. By Tyler Dawson, National Post - September 23, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/news/alberta-man-who-fired-warning-shots-at-bandits-is-now-being-sued-for-damages-by-one-of-them>

EXCERPT: In the civil suit, Watson's lawyer argues Maurice was negligent, having fired a gun without a lookout; without "reasonable consideration" for Watson being nearby; that there was no "reasonable threat" of imminent harm when he fired the rifle; and failing to exercise other options before firing the gun, among other allegations.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/eddie-maurice-rural-homeowner-shooting-trespasser-lawsuit-intruder-watson-1.5295370>

BELL: EDDIE MAURICE SUED BY INTRUDER — THE WHOLE STORY

Eddie Maurice is being sued for more than \$100,000. An intruder hit by the ricocheting bullet of a warning shot is doing the suing. But that's only the beginning. Eddie was also going to be sued by the Government of Alberta until Monday afternoon, when that bureaucratic stupidity got put to bed right quick. Eddie and Jessie Maurice are still shocked. Eddie is again under fire. Eddie is again on the receiving end. Doug Schweitzer, the province's top lawman, says the whole thing is ridiculous. The ridiculous part includes his own department joining the lawsuit for damages and the cost of health services for Ryan Watson, the individual now suing who was rummaging around on Eddie's property. When Schweitzer heard that news, he squashed the province's end of the lawsuit like a bug in less time than you could tell some paper shuffler: What the hell do you think you're doing? By Rick Bell, Calgary Sun - September 23, 2019 - READ THE REST OF THE STORY: <https://calgarysun.com/opinion/columnists/bell-eddie-maurice-sued-by-intruder-the-whole-story>

THE FIFTH ESTATE: TARGETED: INSIDE THE GUN LOBBY'S FIGHT TO SAVE ASSAULT WEAPONS IN CANADA

- With guns like the AR-15 in the spotlight due to high-profile mass shootings in the U.S., restrictions on semi-automatic firearms in Canada have been hotly debated. A small but powerful gun lobby may be the reason why government after government has not banned guns like the AR-15. Now, as the lobby is trying to make protecting gun ownership an election issue, Mark Kelley takes you inside the fight to save assault weapons in Canada.

THE FIFTH ESTATE - 6,565 views - Published on Sep 22, 2019 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbA6VjLTucc>

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1995 MACLEANS: FIGHTING BACK

Farmers, hunters and firearms enthusiasts are turning the gun control debate into trench warfare

By MARY NEMETH - JUNE 5 1995 <https://archive.macleans.ca/article/1995/6/5/fighting-back>

CBC - LETTING CITIES BAN HANDGUNS AN 'EXCELLENT' 1ST STEP, COUNCILLOR SAYS

'It's necessary for us to have more tools,' says Rideau-Rockcliffe Coun. Rawlson King. By Idil Mussa · CBC News · Posted: Sep 23, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/trudeau-restrict-handguns-excellent-first-step-says-city-councillor-1.5292119>

CSSA COMMENTARY: CSSA TO FIREARMS OWNERS: VOTE!

With the 2019 federal election looming, the CSSA is putting its members' money where our mouth is. We commissioned a series of videos in English and Mandarin with a simple message: if you own or use guns, you must vote in Election 2019. These commercials are already running on City TV and the Wild TV networks, where the response from viewers is very good. We've also booked hundreds of time slots to run them. Team CSSA E-News | September 23, 2019 <https://cssa-cila.org/2019/09/team-cssa-e-news-september-23-2019/>

THE STAR EDITORIAL: LIBERALS' HANDGUN PLAN DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH

Scheer now argues that the way to curb gun violence is to crack down on gangs and violent criminals and better equip police to solve the gun problem. And he insists that a ban on handguns would penalize lawful gun owners. It's a weak response. There's no doubt the Liberal plan to allow municipalities to ban handguns (which is supported by the NDP and Green Party) is flawed. For this election campaign, it may have to be enough. But if the Liberals do form the next government, they should go all the way and enact an outright national ban on handguns. That would be the best tribute to Jonathan Davis and the other victims of gun violence. By Star Editorial Board - Mon., Sept. 23, 2019 <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorials/2019/09/23/liberals-handgun-plan-doesnt-go-far-enough.html>

LETTER - LIBERALS TO TAKE AWAY THE RIGHTS OF 2.2 MILLION GUN-OWNING CANADIANS

Will the new policies do what they are promised to do? By Martin Barker, Duncan - Sep. 23, 2019 <https://www.bclocalnews.com/opinion/liberals-to-take-away-the-rights-of-2-2-million-gun-owning-canadians/>

PROVINCIAL GROUP RESPONDS TO LIBERAL GUN PLEDGE

Greg Illerbrun, firearms chair for the SWF, said the proposals are simply not good policy. "It's all about politics, the Liberals don't have a lot of support from the firearms community, so they can invent new firearms laws that only effect the legal owners," he said. Illerbrun added government needs to focus on dealing with people who posses and use guns illegally. By Michael Joel-Hansen - Sep 23, 2019 <https://panow.com/2019/09/23/provincial-group-responds-to-liberal-gun-pledge/>

LACK OF GUN DATA 'A BIG PROBLEM,' TORONTO MAYOR JOHN TORY SAYS

The mayor of Canada's largest city says the country needs a single source of national data about where handguns come from and how they fall into the hands of criminals. Toronto Mayor John Tory called it "a big problem" that so little is known about the origins of the firearms discharged in violent incidents, including what proportion are stolen or diverted from legal domestic sources. By KELLY GRANT, HEALTH REPORTER AND ERIN ANDERSSON, GLOBE AND MAIL - SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-toronto-mayor-john-tory-calls-for-national-gun-database/>

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 - O.P.P. REVEAL VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE CRIME GUNS THEY SEIZE

Firearms seized, surrendered, found, destroyed, and reported stolen: 2008-2018

Ontario Solicitor General FOIP response dated Sept 17, 2019 Received Sept 19, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

EXCERPT: "The ministry is unable to provide the information relating to numbers 7 to 19 on your list as the information is not collected in the manner in which you have requested it."

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/09/20/o-p-p-reveal-very-little-about-the-crime-guns-they-seize/>

JULY 22, 2019 - 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>

WARREN: GOVERNMENTS MUST WORK TOGETHER ON GUN CONTROL

While I respect that hunters and farmers need rifles no one needs a hand gun. I also understand that we need to stop the flood of illegal handguns from the US and to keep gun-toting criminals off our streets. But it is not an either-or debate – we need a commitment from all parties to ban hand guns and assault rifles to help keep our country safe. By Jim Warren, Toronto Sun - September 22, 2019 - Jim Warren is president of Riseley Strategies Inc. and has worked for Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman. <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/warren-governments-must-work-together-on-gun-control>

BLAIR SAYS FEDERAL HANDGUN BAN NOT ON TABLE FOR LIBERALS BECAUSE OF RESPONSIBLE HANDGUN OWNERS - Speaking with CP24 Sunday morning, Blair, who most recently served as Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction, was asked why his party didn't go further with their proposals. "As I travelled across Canada I met a lot of very responsible handgun owners who are incredibly careful about acquiring the guns legally, storing them securely, and using them responsibly," Blair said. He said rather than implement a blanket ban on handguns, the Liberals would tighten safe storage laws to make it harder for criminals to steal legal guns. By Joshua Freeman, CP24.com - Published Sunday, September 22, 2019 <https://www.cp24.com/news/blair-says-federal-handgun-ban-not-on-table-for-liberals-because-of-responsible-handgun-owners-1.4604843>

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE AR-15 IN CANADA

The AR-15 appeared in the Canadian market by the mid to late 1970s. Some Canadians immediately began to express concern about the gun. The Windsor Star, for instance, wrote in 1975 that criminals “might very well show some interest in the high-powered AR-15.” The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police also raised concerns about such firearms, and in 1977 the federal government declared the AR-15 a restricted weapon, meaning that a potential purchaser had to pass a higher threshold to acquire the gun. This move angered some gun groups, who charged that the classification decision was based on the gun’s appearance rather than its capability. An advocate for firearm owners, Michael Martinoff, responded by declaring before a parliamentary committee that he would refuse to register his AR-15. The complaints of the gun community led the government of former prime minister Joe Clark to reclassify the AR-15 as a non-restricted firearm. The Liberals under Jean Chrétien again made the AR-15 a restricted weapon. THE CONVERSATION - September 22, 2019 <https://theconversation.com/a-short-history-of-the-ar-15-in-canada-123959>

FIREARM LEGAL DEFENCE WON'T COVER GUN BANS: Q&A WITH LEAD BROKER

TheGunBlog.ca — Firearm Legal Defence, Canada’s original insurance plan for gun owners, said it defends hunters, farmers and sport shooters who face wrongful criminal charges, but can’t protect against government gun bans. Zach Schwingenschloegl of CapriCMW, the lead broker for Firearm Legal Defence, made the comment to TheGunBlog.ca this week by e-mail. The interview is below. CapriCMW is based in Kelowna, British Columbia.

THEGUNBLOG.CA - SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/09/22/firearm-legal-defence-wont-cover-gun-bans-qa-with-lead-broker/>

ALBERTA GUN OWNERS UP IN ARMS OVER PROPOSED LIBERAL FIREARMS BAN

Gun enthusiasts at a Saturday afternoon gun show in Calgary said the plan won't work. "Criminals will always have the upper hand," said Tyson Colleton, an ex-Canadian Forces member who was at the show at the Thorncliffe-Greenview Community Centre. "They can process and get tools, weapons, they can make them on their own. "The only people they will disarm is the citizens." By Zach Laing, Calgary Sun - September 21, 2019

<https://calgarysun.com/news/national/election-2019/alberta-gun-owners-up-in-arms-over-proposed-liberal-gun-ban>

CCFR VIDEO - "WAKE-UP CANADA, THIS IS NOT A DRILL"

This video may be difficult for some people to listen to, but this election is not a protest. This one is for everything. Please watch and share. We MUST mobilize, before it's too late. 21 Sep 2019 https://twitter.com/CCFR_CCDAF
https://twitter.com/CCFR_CCDAF/status/1175394101237301248/video/1

ENDING THE BLOODBATH: GUN VIOLENCE A CRITICAL 'HEALTH ISSUE'

Guns are strictly controlled in Singapore and anyone caught with one will be sentenced to up to 14 years in prison and six painful canings. In addition, anyone using a gun in committing an offence faces a mandatory death sentence.

Accomplices face the same punishment. Sentences are carried out quickly. This sends a powerful message

By Dr. W. Gifford-Jones, Toronto Sun - September 21, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/health/diet-fitness/ending-the-bloodbath-gun-violence-a-critical-health-issue>

EDWARD BURLEW: LIBERAL PLAN HELPS HOODLUMS KEEP ASSAULT RIFLES

TheGunBlog.ca — Edward Burlew, a leading Canadian firearm lawyer, comments below on the Liberal Party of Canada's election plan to force hundreds of thousands of hunters, farmers and sport shooters to surrender their firearms. The Liberals said yesterday they will criminalize the federally licensed owners of certain hunting and sporting rifles for which they invented the term of "military-style assault rifles." Trudeau Promises Mass Gun Bans, Confiscations in Election 2019 New purchases of automatic rifles have been banned in Canada for decades. THE GUNBLOG.CA - SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/09/21/edward-burlew-liberal-plan-helps-hoodlums-keep-assault-rifles/>

ON GUN CONTROL, JUSTIN TRUDEAU OFFERS NO SURPRISES – AND FEW DETAILS

Mr. Trudeau's announcement, which never veered from its careful script, reminds us why: because the Conservatives have painted themselves into a corner on guns and public opinion makes this issue a handy club with which to batter Andrew Scheer until he bleeds votes By A.J. SOMERSET, GLOBE AND MAIL - UPDATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 - 17 COMMENTS A.J. Somerset is the author of Arms: The Culture and Credo of the Gun.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-on-gun-control-justin-trudeau-offers-no-surprises-and-few-details/>

RCI - LIBERALS PROPOSE BAN ON 'MILITARY-STYLE' GUNS, TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS ON OTHERS

While there is no official Canadian definition for "assault rifle", Bernardo and others, including the Canadian police magazine Blue Line, define assault rifles as having fully automatic capability. Sales and possession of such firearms have been banned in Canada since 1977. The only agreement so far is that more information and details are needed on the Liberal proposals. Responding to a question during the announcement, Trudeau said more details would be coming By Marc Montgomery, Radio Canada International english@rcinet.ca Posted: Friday, September 20, 2019

<https://www.rcinet.ca/en/2019/09/20/liberal-party-proposes-ban-on-military-style-guns-more-laws/>

EXCERPT: Tony Bernardo, executive director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association stated, "It's disappointing but typical for the Liberals to attack Canada's 2.2 million lawful firearms owners whenever they get into deep trouble (...)

the go-to “whipping boy” of the Liberal party- guaranteed to deflect attention away from the latest Liberal scandals. Trudeau’s announcement raises more questions than answers. The Liberals have been unable to define what a “military-style assault weapon” is, or their role within crime. Trudeau’s hyperbolic rhetoric is purely designed to whip up public sentiment against our community and deflect from his own electoral problems, despite the statistical evidence that firearms owners are the most law-abiding people in our country.”

ALBERTA MAN ARRESTED WHILE TRYING TO CROSS U.S. BORDER WITH LOADED GUNS

Manish Sihota, 38, of Foothills county, was nabbed by U.S. border agents Wednesday as he allegedly attempted to enter the United States while in the possession of a loaded prohibited pistol and a loaded shotgun, Mounties said. Sihota is also alleged to have been in the possession of pills suspected to be opioids. Sihota is charged with Controlled Drugs & Substances Act offenses and numerous firearms offenses including allegations of **breaching a lifetime firearms prohibition** order from a previous criminal conviction. By Zach Laing, Calgary Herald - Updated: September 20, 2019
<https://calgaryherald.com/news/crime/foothills-county-man-arrested-after-trying-to-cross-border-with-loaded-guns/wcm/edeeb42a-f5bc-413a-ae0-2f48ac68ab4e>
<https://calgarysun.com/news/crime/foothills-county-man-arrested-after-trying-to-cross-border-with-loaded-guns>

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>

TRUDEAU PLANS ‘TO BAN MILITARY-STYLE ASSAULT RIFLES’ — CRITICS ASK, MEANING WHAT?

However, critics say Trudeau’s promise could be applied to just about anything his Liberal government wants. “Canadian law doesn’t have a definition of ‘military-style’ firearms, so they could be anything the Liberals want them to be,” Nicolas Johnson, editor of TheGunBlog.ca and co-author of Canadian Gun Owners Guide To Election 2019. By David Krayden, Ottawa Bureau Chief, The Daily Caller - September 20, 2019 <https://dailycaller.com/2019/09/20/trudeau-ban-military-style-assault-rifles-critics-meaning-what/>

JUSTIN TRUDEAU’S PROPOSED SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE BAN THE START OF MEANINGFUL LEGISLATION - Far more must be done to combat Canada’s epidemic of gun violence

The Manitoba - The Official University of Manitoba Students' Newspaper - September 19, 2019

<http://www.themanitoban.com/2019/09/justin-trudeaus-proposed-semi-automatic-rifle-ban-the-start-of-meaningful-legislation/38137/>

ANGLING, HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND SPORT SHOOTING: LEAVING A LARGE ECONOMIC

FOOTPRINT - In 2018, Canadians spent \$18.9 billion on fishing, hunting, trapping, and sport shooting. This spending has a ripple effect on the economy and helps a broad range of industries. It contributes \$13.2 billion to Canada’s GDP, supports 107,000 jobs, and generates \$6.1 billion in government revenues. The Conference Board of Canada
<https://view.ceros.com/conference-board-of-canada/economic-impact-of-fishing-hunting-trapping-and-sport-shooting-1-1/p/1>

Fishing: 3 million anglers in Canada. \$10 billion spent on fishing in 2018

Hunting: 1.3 million hunters in Canada. \$5.9 billion spent on hunting in 2018

Shooting: 1.4 million Canadians participate in shooting sports. \$2.6 billion spent on sport shooting in 2018

Trapping: 45,000 trappers in Canada. \$131 million spent on trapping in 2018

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

NZ MP: BALANCE NEEDED IN GUN LAW REFORMS

Getting guns out of the hands of those who would misuse them, such as criminals and gang members, should be the priority. That's especially the case given about 18,200 crimes involving firearms were committed in New Zealand between 2015 and 2018. The police should be given greater powers to crack down on armed criminals to better protect the public and remove dangerous firearms from the black market By Jami-Lee Ross, MP for Botany, The Times Online, September 26, 2019 <https://www.times.co.nz/news/balance-needed-in-gun-law-reforms/>

BEST HANDGUNS FOR COMPETITION SHOOTING

09/26/19 6:00 AM | by GDC Staff

<https://www.guns.com/news/2019/09/26/best-handguns-competition-shooting>

1. Glock 34
2. CZ Shadow 2
3. Sig Sauer P320 XFive Legion
4. Walther Q5 Match
5. Smith & Wesson M&P9

EIGHT REASONS WHY SOUTH AFRICAN GUN DEALERS FACE FIREARM DELAYS

Many firearm dealers are struggling to return firearms which are unsold or resold to the police, but Police Minister General Bheki Cele says the police administration is not to be blamed for the resultant delays. The main problem lies with SAPS' application form, 350A. By Jan-Jan Joubert 2019-09-26 <https://www.thesouthafrican.com/opinion/gun-licensing-law-delays-in-south-africa/>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

FEATURE: AIR POWER

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/cc7f5c4b-cb90-4168-af14-03fbeac027c2>

Air guns, in case you haven't noticed, are sort of a big deal these days. There are guns out there capable of everything from plinking inside your house to taking down big game. The .177 calibers of my childhood are still out there, but these days they're commemoratives. That points to the fact that despite the fact these BB guns and I both qualify for historical tags, but the fact of the matter remains they're still great for teaching basic gun handling.

THE REAL THREAT OF THE DEMOS' 'UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS'

A national firearm registry will ultimately result in firearm confiscation under a Socialist Democrat regime. By Mark Alexander, The Patriot Posty - Sep. 25, 2019 <https://patriotpost.us/alexander/65708-the-real-threat-of-the-demos-universal-background-checks-2019-09-25>

CAN YOUR AMMO CHOICE BE USED AGAINST YOU?

A question I am frequently asked is: "can the choice of ammunition hurt a person at trial if they are forced to defend themselves and later charged with a crime?" The short answer is yes, but it isn't something I generally tell people to worry about, as long as the ammunition they use is legal. You should carry what you train and are comfortable with. By WALKER & TAYLOR, PLLC - September 25, 2019 <https://www.walkertaylorlaw.com/post/can-your-ammo-choice-be-used-against-you>

POLICE: MAN MISTAKENLY DRIVES INTO CANADA, ARRESTED ON GUN CHARGES ON WAY BACK ACROSS PEACE BRIDGE - Skyler R. Kruse, 33, of Omaha, declared to U.S. Customs and Border Patrol officers that he had a loaded semi-automatic pistol upon returning to the United States at the Peace Bridge Plaza Friday, troopers said. Officials said that Kruse had documentation of a firearm being legally purchased and registered in Nebraska, but since he did not have a New York State Pistol Permit, he was taken into custody and processed. By Keith McShea, The Buffalo News . September 25, 2019 <https://buffalonews.com/2019/09/25/police-driver-mistakenly-drives-into-canada-arrested-on-gun-charges-on-way-back-across-peace-bridge/>

SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOSTS FREE HANDGUN SHOOTING AND SAFETY CLASS

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office is hosting a free handgun shooting and safety class for people who are new to handgun shooting or just want to learn more about it. The class begins Tuesday, October 1, 2019. By Williamson Source - September 25, 2019 <https://williamsonsource.com/sheriffs-office-hosts-free-handgun-shooting-and-safety-class/>

NZ INTRODUCES BILL FOR MANDATORY GUN REGISTRY, CLAIMS NO RIGHT TO ARMS

In New Zealand, the far-left government has decided a national gun registry is necessary. They have been unsuccessful in confiscating (with payment) most of the previously legally owned semi-automatic rifles in the country. There has been massive civil disobedience among New Zealand gun owners. The party line of the leftist government is there is no right to own guns in New Zealand. They cannot be entirely sure of that, because part of the new gun control scheme is to place into law the premise that there is no legal right to arms for New Zealanders. Ammoland Inc. Posted on September 24, 2019 by Dean Weingarten <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/09/nz-introduces-bill-for-mandatory-gun-registry-claims-no-right-to-arms/#axzz60Z5cIzIB>

ATF ADMITS NO LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR BUMP STOCK RULING

back up and provide some context. So, on December 26th, 2018, the ATF issued a final ruling on "bump stocks". A bump-stock is a device that allows an operator of a firearm to simulate automatic fire by muscle power. While previously the ATF had decided that bump-fire or slide-fire stocks were legal devices, they then reclassified them as illegal machineguns. All current owners were ordered to destroy them. If you did not do so, you faced up to 10 years in federal prison. In their most recent court filing, the ATF has admitted some truly explosive news. Namely, they concede that they do not have the authority to reinterpret the definition of machine guns in the bump stock ruling under the National Firearms Act (NFA). Let's THEFIREARMBLOG.COM - SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 <https://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/2019/09/21/atf-bump-stock-ruling/>

INDIA: GUNRUNNER HELD WITH IMPROVISED CARBINE, 40 PISTOLS, 20 MAGAZINES

One improvised carbine (automatic rifle), 40 illegally made semi-automatic pistols and 20 pistol magazines were seized from an alleged supplier of illegal firearms who was arrested after a brief chase in east Delhi's Ghazipur in the early hours of Tuesday, the police said. By Hindustan Times Correspondent delhi Updated: Sep 24, 2019 <https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/jamia-millia-islamia-to-go-plastic-free-from-october-2/story-hlKIlv52zBpaePCKMKRIvO.html>

NY POST EDITORIAL: RATIONAL GUN REGULATION SHOULD BE GOLD FOR TRUMP

Red-flag laws will clearly reduce the largest category of gun deaths — suicides. And universal background checks make it easier to keep guns out of the hands of people who by law already aren't supposed to have them. Americans overwhelmingly see that reasonable regulation is no threat to Second Amendment rights. The president will do the country and himself great good by standing with the vast majority of the nation. By Post Editorial Board - September 23, 2019 <https://nypost.com/2019/09/23/rational-gun-regulation-should-be-gold-for-trump/>

FORMER ARMY SPECIALIST SENTENCED FOR STEALING HANDGUNS AT FORT BLISS

Christopher Darnell Harris, a 25-year-old former Army truck driver from Nacogdoches, Texas, pleaded guilty on April 23 to two counts of possession of stolen firearms, one count of theft at Fort Bliss, unlawful carrying of firearms on the base, and simple possession of marijuana while at Fort Bliss, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas. By ROSE L. THAYER | STARS AND STRIPES - Published: September 23, 2019

<https://www.stripes.com/news/us/former-army-specialist-sentenced-for-stealing-handguns-at-fort-bliss-1.600216>

U.K. - BAN SALES OF POINTED KITCHEN KNIVES AS THERE IS NO REASON FOR THEM IN MODERN WORLD, SAYS CHURCH OF ENGLAND

A ban on the sale of pointed kitchen knives has been demanded by the Church of England as it says there is no reason for them in the modern world. In a letter to ministers backed by a judge, top trauma doctors and psychiatrists, police and victims, Church of England bishops say re-designing domestic knives to give them rounded ends would combat knife crime by making "life-threatening" injuries "far less likely." They say sharp knife points were only used historically to pick up food because forks had not been invented and it was a time when they could be carried openly. Sharp points remain only as an anachronistic hangover from 18th century Britain during which forks became commonplace. By Charles Hymas, Home Affairs Editor - 23 September 2019

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/09/23/ban-sales-pointed-kitchen-knives-no-reason-modern-world-says/>

U.S. SUPREME COURT SCHEDULES NRA-SUPPORTED SECOND AMENDMENT CASE FOR ARGUMENT

USA – (Ammoland.com)- In January, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear a Second Amendment challenge to a gun control law for the first time in nearly 10 years. The case arose from a New York City regulation that banned city residents with "premises" handgun licenses from taking their own legally-owned firearms outside Gotham for lawful purposes. The city defended the law all the way to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, insisting it was essential to public safety. But ever since the Supreme Court agreed to hear the appeal of that decision, city and state officials in New York have been running scared, desperately maneuvering to convince the justices to dismiss it. Now, it seems, their reckoning may be nigh, as the high court has scheduled the case for argument on Dec. 2. Ammoland Inc.

Posted on September 21, 2019 by NRAHQ <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/09/u-s-supreme-court-schedules-nra-supported-second-amendment-case-for-argument/#axzz60Gupbne6>

OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

GIESBRECHT: RCMP, WHAT ARE THEY WAITING FOR?

What is the RCMP waiting for? Canada's police force should act now not after the federal election to determine if Justin Trudeau broke the law by pressuring former Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould to protect SNC Lavalin.

By Brian Giesbrecht, Winnipeg Sun - September 27, 2019 NOTE: Brian Giesbrecht is a retired judge.

<https://winnipegsun.com/opinion/columnists/giesbrecht-rcmp-what-are-they-waiting-for>

LILLEY: SCHEER'S BOLD IDEA IN ENEMY TURF

Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer took a bold step on Thursday. He walked into Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's Montreal riding of Papineau and announced that a Conservative government would hold a public inquiry into the SNC-Lavalin scandal. He also promised to give the RCMP more powers to investigate government wrongdoing. "Justin Trudeau lied. He lied to Canadians," Scheer said. Scheer said he doesn't expect any prime minister to be perfect, but added that Trudeau was caught doing something that might actually be illegal and did everything he could to block an investigation. Under Scheer's plan, the RCMP would be able to access cabinet confidences more easily, and any dispute between the Mounties and the government would be settled by the Supreme Court. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun -

September 26, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-scheers-bold-idea-in-enemy-turf>

MAXIME BERNIER TALKS PIPELINES, EQUALIZATION DURING CALGARY CAMPAIGN STOP

“There’s no incentive for Quebec and other provinces to develop their own natural resources. We need to give them a great incentive and the way to do that is to be less generous. No politician will have the courage to say that,” said Bernier. “I’m saying it in French in Quebec. I’m saying that in English in New Brunswick. That’s a solution for Albertans who are frustrated.” By ALANNA SMITH Updated: September 26, 2019 <https://calgaryherald.com/news/politics/election-2019/maxime-bernier-talks-pipelines-equalization-during-calgary-campaign-stop>

GLOBAL EFFORTS TO STOP CLIMATE CHANGE ARE TOO LITTLE TOO LATE, CALGARY REPORT

CONCLUDES - 'I think what we do with this is recognize that global warming is going to continue. What's in our control ... is how can we adapt to the global warming' By Tyler Dawson, National Post and Calgary Herald - Published on: September 26, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/global-efforts-to-stop-climate-change-are-too-little-too-late-calgary-report-concludes>

THE HILL TIMES - POLLS SAY BLACKFACE BOMBHELL DIDN'T SHIFT MUCH, BUT COULD STILL

BE A GAME CHANGER - There are at least three ways this campaign moment could shift the trajectory of the 2019 federal election. By DAVID COLETTI - SEP. 25, 2019 <https://www.hilltimes.com/2019/09/25/polls-say-blackface-bombshell-didnt-shift-much-but-could-still-be-a-game-changer/216391>

CBC FACT CHECK: TRUDEAU'S CLAIM THAT CANADA IS 'ON TRACK' TO MEET 2030 CLIMATE

TARGET IS MISLEADING - It's possible to meet 2030 emissions reduction goal, but Canada is not currently on course By Lucas Powers · CBC News · Posted: Sep 25, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-climate-change-2030-fact-check-1.5295961>

MODELS GAIN CONFIDENCE: CANADA AND WESTERN U.S. ON COURSE FOR HISTORIC LATE

SEPTEMBER SNOWSTORMS - The GFS appears to be doubling-down on the historic cold and snow forecast to wallop Canada and the Northwest U.S this weekend. According to latest runs, we’re now just 42hrs out from the first wave of Arctic air hitting SE Canada/NW U.S., which, by the end of Fri, Sept 27, is expected to have engulfed large swathes of Canada as well as practically all of the Western U.S. All-time monthly cold records are under-threat in central and southern Canada, as well as in the U.S. states of Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Wyoming, N. & S. Dakota, Nebraska and even Kansas. Temperature departures are set to be a staggering 20+C below normal in some spots. September 25, 2019 Cap Allon <https://electroverse.net/models-gain-confidence-canada-western-u-s-set-for-historic-late-september-snowstorms/>

DOWN THE TEMPERATURE HOLE

The big news, or news hole, on environment in Canada this week is that the government scrapped a bunch of historical weather data because they didn’t like it very much. So they chucked everything from 1850 to 1949, and backfilled the blanks with computer model simulations of 1950-2005 instead. We aren’t living in George Orwell’s Oceania, of course. But it’s mighty odd to hear the erasing of actual data for the made-up kind justified as “an important next step in giving our decision-makers even greater access to important climate data for long-term planning.” Simulation is data, and data is down the memory hole. Climate Discussion Nexus - 25 Sep 2019 | News Roundup <https://climatediscussionnexus.com/2019/09/25/down-the-temperature-hole/>

JOHN ROBSON: FEEBLE EVASIVENESS PILED ON SHABBY ERROR, THIS IS WHAT MAKES

ELECTIONS AWFUL - I'm not offering Trudeau a pass. If our society has lost its marbles on such matters, it's because people like him have been deliberately scattering them. By John Robson, National Post - September 24, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/election-2019/john-robson-feeble-evasiveness-piled-on-shabby-error-this-is-what-makes-elections-awful>

TOP-LEVEL CLIMATE MODELER GOES ROGUE, CRITICIZES 'NONSENSE' OF 'GLOBAL WARMING CRISIS'

- A highly qualified and experienced climate modeler with impeccable credentials has rejected the unscientific bases of the doom-mongering over a purported climate crisis. His work has not yet been picked up in this country, but that is about to change. Writing at the Australian site Quadrant, Tony Thomas introduces the English-speaking world to the truth-telling of Dr. Mototaka Nakamura (hat tip: Andrew Bolt, John McMahon).

By Thomas Lifson, The American Thinker - September 24, 2019

https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2019/09/toplevel_climate_modeler_goes_rogue_criticizes_nonsense_of_global_warming_crisis.html

GUNTER: SCHEER GAINS NO TRACTION IN WAKE OF TRUDEAU'S SCANDALS

By Lorne Gunter, Edmonton Sun - September 24, 2019

<https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-scheer-gains-no-traction-in-wake-of-trudeaus-scandals>

LILLEY: TRUDEAU DENOUNCES INTOLERANCE WHILE DUCKING BLACKFACE QUESTIONS

It's not a set of rules that would ever apply to you or to me and definitely not to any of Trudeau's political opponents because those rules are for Justin alone. Maybe though, voters are growing tired of that. While our other poll with DART shows blackface isn't something they are overly excited about, our other poll shows dropping support for Trudeau's Liberals. Maybe it's his two-faced act and not his blackface act that is wearing thin. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun -

September 23, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/news/national/election-2019/lilley-trudeau-denounces-intolerance-while-ducking-blackface-questions>

CANADA'S POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS ARE FAILING. THE NEXT PARLIAMENT MUST SAVE THEM

A 2017 survey by Samara Canada reveals Canadians have little trust in their members of Parliament, that politics repels more Canadians than it attracts and that the legitimacy of our representative democracy is at risk. If we are going to reverse the disintegration of our political institutions, we have little time to lose. On October 21, Canada will elect a new Parliament. Both Canadians and the media need to push those who offer to serve, particularly party leaders, to say how they propose to breathe new life into our national political and administrative institutions. By DONALD SAVOIE, SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL - SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 - Donald Savoie is the Canada Research Chair in Public Administration and Governance at the Université de Moncton and the author of the new book Democracy in Canada: The Disintegration of Our Institutions, from which this essay has been partly adapted.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-canadas-political-institutions-are-failing-the-next-parliament-must/>

TREVOR NOAH: 'TRUDEAU IS NOT DRESSED AS ALADDIN, HE'S DRESSED AS ALADDIN DOING BLACKFACE'

- Last night Trevor Noah, the host of the Daily Show, sunk his teeth into the blackface scandal currently upending the Canadian election campaign. "First of all, it's obviously never okay to do blackface. And secondly, if you are going to darken your skin at least get the colour right. Trudeau is not dressed as Aladdin, he's dressed as Aladdin doing blackface," said Noah, during his monologue. Watch the full video below:

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GOLDSTEIN: FEDS SCRAPPED 100 YEARS OF DATA ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The scrapping of all observed weather data from 1850 to 1949 was necessary, a spokesman for Environment Canada told Blacklock's Reporter, after researchers concluded that historically, there weren't enough weather stations to create a reliable data set for that 100-year period. "The historical data is not observed historical data," the spokesman said. "It is modelled historical data ... 24 models from historical simulations spanning 1950 to 2005 were used." By Lorrie Goldstein, Toronto Sun - September 17, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-feds-scrapped-100-years-of-data-on-climate-change>

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