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Gun-Control Continues To Be A Hot Topic In The PA Legislature

In spite of all the hearings and all the scientific evidence that weighs heavily against gun control in any form, a small minority of Pennsylvania legislators spearheaded by the Pennsylvania legislative Black Caucus is demanding more gun control as an answer to the crime problems in Philadelphia.

Let's be clear there is no foundation to their claims nor is there any record of success at stopping crime for the measures that they have offered so far. In fact the National Academy of Sciences and the Centers for Disease Control have studied 57 different measures related to gun control legislation in law throughout the United States. The results of these peer-reviewed studies has been that not one measure has any record of success at stopping crime.

When you examine the headlines from various newspapers throughout Pennsylvania, most notable is the Philadelphia Inquirer, one finds a disturbing lack of investigative journalism. As an example the headlines below shows some of the biased agenda of this newspaper and can be found represented in other newspapers from Pittsburgh to Reading, etc.

- **Some Say Gun-Suit Loss Could Be Win** The effort by 2 Council members is said to be a long shot in court but could spur changes. (July 12, 2007 Philadelphia Inquirer)
- **Phila. Set To Sue For Tougher Gun Laws** By Jeff Shields- Inquirer Staff Writer (July 11, 2007 Philadelphia Inquirer)
- **Philadelphia Council Members Plan to Sue Legislature Over Gun Laws.** By PATRICK WALTERS-(July 10, 2007 Associated Press)
- **Gun Bills Get Wide Support In Pa. House** By Amy Worden- (July 6, 2007 Philadelphia Inquirer)

- **Gun issue won't stall budget** Pa.'s black caucus leader met with the NRA. He sees progress. By Amy Worden- (July 3, 2007 Philadelphia Inquirer)
- **Black Legislators, NRA Meet Over Gun Violence Problem** MARK SCOLFORO-Associated Press (July 2, 2007 Philadelphia Inquirer)

Despite all of the naysayers as to the worth of gun owners visiting Harrisburg as we did before the press conference in May of this year, without that level of grassroots lobbying it is most likely that we would have already seen more restrictive gun control enacted into law.

We strongly encourage all gun owners to pay attention to these warning signs of a coordinated assault on our freedoms to cover up for the failures of the Justice Department and our courts to hold accountable those who commit the most heinous acts of crime.

Pro-Gun Bill Passes Pennsylvania House Unanimously

As part of the pro-gun package of legislation introduced in the May news conference, House Bill 1235 past the Pennsylvania House of Representatives unanimously. Thanks to the hard work of Representative Jesse White in the legislative committee of the Allegheny County sportsman's league, anyone denied after the date of enactment of this legislation will have the opportunity to avail themselves of all the information the Pennsylvania State police uses to make a determination regarding the purchase of a firearm.

Heretofore individuals denied the purchase of a firearm found themselves facing obscurity, ambiguity and indifference on the part of the Pennsylvania State police instant check system when trying to confront unseen and, in many cases, incomplete records that do not fulfill the requirements of the Pennsylvania uniform firearms act to make a determination of disqualification.

In particular we commend Representative Jesse White, who is a freshman legislator, for his dogged determination in seeing this legislation to fruition and success in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. We look forward to working with him in advancing this legislation through the Pennsylvania Senate and to the governors desk for signing into law.

Philadelphia Council Members Plan to Sue Legislature Over Gun Laws.

By PATRICK WALTERS-Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP, July 10) - Two City Council members plan to sue the state Legislature for preventing Philadelphia from passing its own, more restrictive, gun laws, claiming that the city's surging murder rate is partly a "state-created danger."

Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller said the Legislature has tied the city's hands by refusing to give it authority to pass laws that would limit gun purchases to one a month and institute reporting requirements for lost or stolen guns.

Miller and Councilman Darrell Clarke plan to file the city-funded lawsuit in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas on Wednesday, naming the House and Senate as defendants.

"It's a state-created danger because our hands are tied," Miller said. "And it's the state that can help to diffuse this danger."

The city recorded 406 homicides last year, the most in nearly a decade, and is on pace to surpass that total in 2007. An overwhelming majority of the homicides involve handguns, many of them stolen and unregistered, according to police.

Mayor John F. Street has urged residents to lobby state lawmakers to pass bills that would allow the city to require lost or stolen guns to be reported; limit gun purchases to one a month; require trigger locks; and increase penalties for illegal possession of weapons.

While still holding out hope for tougher state gun laws, Clark decided to pursue the lawsuit after he saw many proposals going nowhere.

"I hope that our lawsuit ends up being pointless because the Legislature says 'You know what, we have to figure out a way to stem the tide of violence,'" he said.

Opponents in the Legislature argue that allowing the city to pass its own gun laws would not actually reduce violent crime. They also say that only the state should be allowed to pass such laws.

Like many other states, Pennsylvania does not let municipalities set their own gun laws. The state has no waiting period before buying a gun, other than a

background check, and does not allow police to restrict who can get a license to carry a concealed weapon.

Erik Arneson, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware, declined to comment specifically on the lawsuit. But Arneson said he thought it would be more productive to work with the General Assembly on legislation than to spend time and money on a lawsuit.

A spokesman for House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese, D-Greene, declined comment.

Chuck Ardo, a spokesman for Gov. Ed Rendell, said the governor declined to comment on pending litigation but is "a strong proponent of allowing municipalities to enact their own gun laws."

The city has been patient with the Legislature, Miller said, and the lawsuit is a last resort.

"We haven't been successful and the lawsuit is a way to try to get the state to help us," she said.

Senate Panel Nixes Bloomberg's Fiddle On ATF Trace Data

Congressional anti-gunners and their special interest groups suffered a stunning and surprising defeat when the Senate Appropriations Committee voted 19-10 to retain protections of sensitive gun trace data in the Commerce, Justice and Science appropriations bill.

The surprise turnaround-observers had expected the Senate committee to strip away language known as the Tiahrt Amendment-brought cries of anguish from anti-gun New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and gun control organizations, including the Violence Policy Center and Brady Campaign. They had lobbied vigorously to repeal the Tiahrt language, named for Kansas Rep. Todd Tiahrt (R), which protects gun trace information compiled by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. ATF Acting Director Michael Sullivan supports the Tiahrt Amendment, as do the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), the nation's largest police organization, the Southern States Police Benevolent Association and, the Department of Justice (DOJ).

The law enforcement appeals to protect that data had been ignored by Senate antigunners including Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ). Bloomberg had asked Mikulski to strip the Tiahrt language from the appropriations bill, but the full Senate committee voted instead to adopt an amendment by Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL) that keeps trace data in the hands of law enforcement. Police can access that data for legitimate, on-going criminal investigations. Shelby's amendment got strong bipartisan support.

John Snyder, public affairs director for the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA), told Gun Week that the Shelby amendment

actually strengthens the Tiahrt Amendment by requiring police to give a reason why they are requesting trace data.

"It would help prevent police departments under anti-gun mayors from requesting the information that could then be turned over to the mayors for use in civil lawsuits," Snyder said. "However, the gun grabbers most likely will keep trying to strip out Tiahrt in future congressional maneuverings."

Lawrence Keane, VP and general counsel for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, stated, "This is a great victory for law enforcement and a sound defeat for those seeking to misuse firearms tracing data...."

Chris Cox, executive director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action, called the vote "a step forward in the NRA's on-going fight to preserve trace data information as a law enforcement tool and ensure it is not abused by politicians."

Anti-gunners were livid. Bloomberg asserted that the vote "showed Congress at its most craven, buckling to pressure from the gun lobby to protect those who traffic in illegal guns..." He said the amended version of Tiahrt "is worse than anything we've ever seen-and it's a slap in the face to the men and women who put on a uniform every day and risk their lives to protect us."

As Gun Week went to press, the measure faced several hurdles. It was supposed to be considered by the House Appropriations Committee following the July 4 recess, and the full Senate still has to debate the issue. *The New GUN WEEK*, July 15, 2007

Proposed OSHA Regulations Could Shut Down Ammunition and Firearms Industry

Note: As of 7/9/2007, the comment period has been extended to 9/10/2007 -- meaning we have time to motivate shooters and freedom advocates everywhere.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the government agency that enforces its arcane and often ridiculous workplace safety rules, is proposing new regulations that will affect the manufacturing, transportation and storage of small arms ammunition, primers and smokeless propellants.

As it currently stands the proposed regulations would force the closure of nearly all ammunition manufacturers, effectively collapsing the industry by forcing the cost of small arms ammunition to skyrocket beyond what the free market will bear. Adding these new regulations to the already skyrocketing price of ammunition -- due to the rapid increase in prices in the metals markets, the demand on ammunition for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and South Africa ceasing to sell surplus ammunition (due to

pressure from the anti-gun zealots in the U.N.) -- will undoubtedly destroy the small arms ammunition market.

This is gun control in a very insidious wrapping, and it must be stopped.

I wish that I could say this was hyperbole or exaggeration. The cost to comply with the proposed regulations for the ammunition industry, including manufacturer, wholesale distributors and retailers, will be massive. The cost of compliance with these new anti-gun regulations could easily exceed \$100 million.

These ridiculous regulations would make doing business in the ammunition industry practically impossible. One of the new regulations would require ammunition and smokeless propellant manufacturers to shut down and evacuate a factory when a thunderstorm approached and customers would not be allowed within 50 feet of any ammunition (displayed or otherwise stored) without first being searched for matches or lighters.

Make no mistake, this is an attempt to ban gun ownership. By forcing ammunition manufacturers out of business, and artificially inflating the price of ammunition to prohibitive levels through outrageous regulation changes, OSHA will affectively prevent the use of firearms.

The Allegheny County Sportsmen's League is urging all gun owners -- that's you -- to contact OSHA directly to inform them that the proposed regulations constitutes a "significant regulatory action" as defined in Executive Order 12866 (1993) Section 3(f)(1) in that it will clearly "adversely affect in a material way" the retail sector of the firearms and ammunition industry, productivity, competition and jobs and that the annual compliance cost for all retailers of ammunition will far exceed \$100 million dollars.

E-mail or fax your concerns (at 202-693-1648) to OSHA today.

Letters must include the following: Docket No. OSHA-2007-0032 (Formerly Docket No. OSHA-S031-2006-0665 and OSHA Docket No. S-031)

Please fax your concerns to: 202-693-1648 (include the docket number and Department of Labor/OSHA on the cover sheet and in the reference section of your letter). Please e-mail the letter by visiting www.Regulations.Gov and following the submission instructions.

Read the full proposed regulations [here](#).

NEWS RELEASE:

Second Amendment Foundation Lauds Nj Mayor For 'Blunt Honesty' In Exit From Bloomberg Group

BELLEVUE, WA -- Applauding the blunt honesty of Oldmans Township, NJ Mayor Harry Moore in his

resignation letter to New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's anti-gun Mayors Against Illegal Guns, the Second Amendment Foundation today said Moore's candor should be an inspiration to everyone who opposes political demagoguery. Mr. Moore is the sixth mayor to quit the coalition.

"Regrettably," Moore wrote in his letter to Bloomberg, "it has become abundantly clear to me that you are using this coalition of mayors to advance a hidden agenda of bringing lawsuits against members of the firearms industry and spreading anti-gun propaganda." Cautioning Bloomberg against further "gun shop sting" operations – which brought a warning from the Department of Justice about interfering with genuine criminal investigations – Mayor Moore added, "I do not want the blood of a police officer on my hands so that you can advance your anti-gun litigation campaign."

"Mayor Moore's brutally candid assessment should stand as a warning signal to other municipal leaders who have been beguiled by billionaire Bloomberg's siren song," said SAF founder Alan Gottlieb. "This anti-gun coalition has never been about public safety, and Bloomberg and his closest colleagues know it. This has always been about getting access to sensitive gun trace data to fuel harassment lawsuits against the firearms industry, and to advance Bloomberg's agenda of personal and political self-aggrandizement.

"We've known for a long time what Mayor Moore discovered with a little digging," Gottlieb continued. "He learned that Mayor Bloomberg has actually rebuffed efforts by the firearms community to work with local, state and federal law enforcement to prevent criminal access to firearms. He also realized, and says so in his letter, that Bloomberg's ultimate goal is 'to end lawful firearms ownership and destroy a lawful American industry.'

"Michael Bloomberg and his vigilante mayors' group must be stopped," Gottlieb concluded. "It will come through the courageous leadership of people like Mayor Moore and other mayors who have quit Bloomberg's coalition. In the real fight against crime, there is no room for lawsuit-happy, publicity-seeking demagogues like Michael Bloomberg."

Reaction Divided on [HR 2640] **NICS "Improvement" Bill**

by Dave Workman Senior Editor

Even before they had seen any legislation, gun rights activists across the country were deluging Internet forums and chat lists with criticism, contradiction and cautious optimism about a so-called agreement hammered out between Congressional Democrats and the National Rifle Association (NRA) aimed at improving the National Instant Check System (NICS).

But in a remarkably fast-track move, two days after the legislation was introduced in the House, it was passed on a voice vote after suspension of the rules and sent to the Senate. HR-2640 requires states to automate the records they share with the FBI that are included in the NICS system database. It will provide \$250 million annually to the states over the next three years to implement these updates, while penalizing states that do not update their systems by certain deadlines.

Quiet, behind-the-scenes negotiations on the legislation began shortly after the Apr. 16 Virginia Tech massacre that claimed 32 victims. If approved, this would be the first federal gun control law since 1994, the year Democrats lost Congress because they rammed through the Brady Act and the Clinton crime bill that contained a ban on some semiauto rifles and shotguns and full-capacity magazines.

Many in the gun rights movement were furious at the NRA, calling the agreement a "sellout." Others countered that without NRA participation in the negotiating process, a far worse measure would have been the result. According to *The Washington Post*, the NRA "drove a hard bargain" to produce an agreement that protects the rights of law-abiding gunowners, and actually contains some provisions that will remove thousands of people from the "disqualified" list.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) also endorsed the compromise bill.

Gun Owners of America (GOA) urged its members to pressure Congress to defeat the "compromise" measure, even before there was a compromise. On its website, GOA argued, "Congress can create as many redundant procedures for cleaning up these records as it wants, but the bottom line is, there is nothing that will force the FBI to scrub gunowners' names from the NICS system."

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) said that the agreement did not go far enough to benefit gunowners. CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb argued that legislation should include a provision to "fully restore the process through which citizens can get relief from disabilities (RFD) that prevent them from owning and buying firearms."

"Though the process remains on the books," Gottlieb noted, "there has been no implementing funding since 1991. People who have a mistake in their past, but have since been good citizens cannot get their rights restored. There should be a mechanism in place to allow funding of RFD investigations, even if the petitioner pays the costs himself."

CCRKBA Public Affairs Director John Snyder also suggested that while the agreement offers funding to states to update their NICS data, and withholds funding from states that do not, there should be additional pressure on colleges and universities that refuse to allow legally licensed faculty, students and administrators from carrying handguns for self-defense on campus to prevent further tragedies like the one at Virginia Tech.

"This proposal is in response to Virginia Tech," Snyder noted, "and such tragedies might be stopped by legally armed students or professors. Schools that prohibit those citizens from defending themselves should have their federal funding withheld."

According to a summary of the agreement provided to *Gun Week* by NRA lobbyist Chuck Cunningham, the substitute

language in the new legislation would prevent federal "adjudications" based on medical diagnoses without a finding of dangerousness or mental incapacity.

In layman's terms, that means NICS could no longer accept decisions from the Veterans' Administration (VA) that a veteran or other patient is an "adjudicated mental defective" when there has actually been no "adjudication" but only a mental diagnosis of a condition for the purpose of receiving disability benefits. Thousands of veterans apparently have had a financial incentive to agree to such a determination just so they could get their benefits, without realizing this could cost them their firearms rights.

About seven years ago, the VA dumped the names of some 83,000 veterans into the NICS system, and this agreement provides that those veterans can petition to have their names expunged. Gottlieb contends that it should be the responsibility of the VA to remove those names, not the individual citizens.

Also under the agreement, which was intended as a substitute version of HR-297 the bill sponsored originally by anti-gun New York Rep. Carolyn McCarthy-gun ownership rights would only be lost as a result of a specific finding that a person is a danger to himself or others, or lacks the mental capacity to handle his own affairs, according to Cunningham's summary.

Further, the substitute language requires all federal agencies that impose mental health adjudications or commitments to provide a process for "relief from disabilities" (RFD). Under this scenario, a court could look at an RFD application on its own merits, rather than simply accept a decision by some government agency.

Currently, a mental health disqualifier can never be removed. Under the agreement, "even if a person is inappropriately committed or declared incompetent by a federal agency, the person would have an opportunity to correct the error-either through the agency, or in court."

CCRKBAs position is that the individual should not have to pay for this process. CCRKBA also wants funding restored to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to conduct RFD investigations.

Under HR-2460, if a federal adjudication or commitment has expired or been removed, it would no longer prevent a person from possessing or receiving a firearm under provisions of the Gun Control Act. Cunningham says this actually restores a person's rights, while deleting the record from NICS.

States would also need an RFD program for mental adjudications and commitments, and those programs would have to provide for de novo judicial review, same as the federal program.

"Many states have processes for temporary emergency commitments that allow a short-term commitment based only on affidavits from police, doctors or family members, without opportunity for a hearing," according to Cunningham's analysis. "Because federal law prohibits gun possession by a person who 'has been' committed, a person committed under such a process can't possess a gun even after full release from the temporary order. By requiring participating states to have a relief program that actually removes the disability, H.R. 297 would be a significant improvement over current law."

Not everyone agrees with that assessment. On gun rights forums like KeepAndBearArms.com (KABA) and TheHighRoad.org (THR), opinions were split to the extremes in most cases. On KABA

especially, activists there turned thumbs down almost unanimously, with many accusing NRA of "selling out" gunowners.

They kept up the crescendo for a second day when they learned that McCarthy would still be the sponsor of the substitute measure.

THR participants were a bit more circumspect, and there was a better balance of pro and con, but it appeared that even on that forum, there were as many critics of the announced compromise as there were cautiously optimistic supporters. But the rhetoric was hardly congenial or collegial with very little movement toward the proverbial "middle ground." One either hated the news of an agreement, or one hoped for the best.

While the NRA signed off on the compromise, it should be noted that the organization apparently agreed to support legislation only if it remained as agreed upon. That is, any attempt to tack on anti-gun amendments or back away from the agreement as it moves through the Senate will likely find the NRA pulling its support.

That is essentially what NRA's chief lobbyist, Chris Cox, told *The Washington Post*. The newspaper noted that Democrats desperately want to demonstrate that they can put together a gun law that responds to what happened at Virginia Tech while not causing a backlash from average gunowners. That could become a very fine line that is easily crossed.

Some gun forum activists suggested above all that Democrats cannot be trusted on the gun issue, that they will find it impossible to resist tacking on additional gun control restrictions. A handful worried that now that the NRA has endorsed a compromise, no matter how the resulting legislation progresses and perhaps evolves, that initial support will be used against the 4-million member association.

Democrats needed a win, so it remains to be seen how willing they are to control their traditional anti-gun impulses, and that would include the introduction of any other gun control legislation on the heels of HR-2640. *The New GUN WEEK*, July 1, 2007

Repeal of Second Amendment, Fascist Gun Plan Advanced

by Joseph P. Tartaro Executive Editor

The Virginia Tech shootings have brought out the extremists in the debate over the right to keep and bear arms.

For example, while admitting that the Second Amendment guarantees the right of an individual to own guns, a legal affairs analyst recently recommended that because it guarantees such a right it should be repealed.

"The Second Amendment is one of the clearest statements of right in the Constitution," said Benjamin Wittes, a guest scholar at the center-left Brookings Institution, in a discussion held on June 11. "We've had decades of sort of intellectual gymnastics to try to make those words not mean what they say."

Wittes, who said he has "no particular enthusiasm for the idea of a gun culture," said that rather than try to limit gun ownership through regulation that potentially violates the Second Amendment, opponents of gun ownership should set their sights on repealing the amendment altogether.

"Rather than debating the meaning of the Second Amendment, I think the appropriate debate is whether we want a Second Amendment," Wittes said. He conceded, however, that the political likelihood of getting the amendment repealed is "pretty limited."

According to CNSNews.com and other media outlets, Wittes said the Second Amendment guarantee of the right to bear arms meant more when it was crafted more than 200 years ago than it does today. Modern society is "much more ambivalent than they (the Founders) were about whether gun ownership really is fundamental to liberty," he said.

But challenging the Second Amendment on the basis that society's circumstances have changed since the drafting would similarly open up to question all other constitutional rights, according to Georgetown University law professor Randy Barnett, who also participated in the same policy discussion.

"The techniques that are used to show that the Second Amendment really doesn't have any contemporary relevance are absolutely available to anybody who wants to show that aspects of the First Amendment and the Fourth Amendment and the Fifth Amendment have no contemporary relevance," he said.

Barnett said that advocates of warrantless searches could make an "appeal to changing circumstances," on the basis that the Fourth Amendment is "archaic (and) we don't need it anymore," he added.

But the Second Amendment isn't the only part of the Bill of Rights that contemporary commentators would trash. Given the chances, they would gut the whole Bill of Rights to get rid of the guns.

An example of this thinking comes in a late April column by Dan Simpson of *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

Simpson's approach to getting rid of the hundreds of millions of guns in US hands is sort of a fascist's dream linked to the Nike slogan: "just do it."

"When people talk about doing something about guns in America, one of the points that comes to the fore is, 'How could America disarm even if it wanted to? There are so many guns out there,'" Simpson wrote. Then he focused on "how" to get the job done. But before proceeding, he offered his own gun credentials, as a youth and in his military service days.

Then Simpson lays out his plan.

"First of all, federal or state laws would need to make it a crime punishable by a \$1,000 fine and one year in prison per weapon to possess a firearm. The population would then be given three months to turn in their guns, without penalty.

"Hunters would be able to deposit their hunting weapons in a centrally located arsenal, heavily guarded, from which they would be able to withdraw them each hunting season upon presentation of a valid hunting license. The weapons would be required to be redeposited at the end of the season on pain of arrest. When hunters submitted their request for their weapons, federal, state and local checks would be made to establish that they had not been convicted of a violent crime since the last time they withdrew their weapons. In the process, arsenal staff would take at least a quick look at each hunter to try to affirm that he was not obviously unhinged," Simpson continued, apparently oblivious to the fact that anti-gun politicians such as then New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller had proposed a similar "arsenal" plan back in the 1960s.

Simpson continued:

"All antique or interesting non-hunting weapons would be required to be delivered to a local or regional museum, also to be under strict 24-hour-a-day guard. There they would be on display,

if the owner desired, as part of an interesting exhibit of antique American weapons, as family heirlooms from proud wars past or as part of collections.

"Gun dealers could continue their work, selling hunting and antique firearms. Dealers would be required to maintain very tight inventories. Any gun sold would be delivered immediately by the dealer to the nearest arsenal or the museum, not to the buyer.

"The disarmament process would begin after the initial three-month amnesty. Special squads of police would be formed and trained to carry out the work. Then, on a random basis to permit no advance warning, city blocks and stretches of suburban and rural areas would be cordoned off and searches carried out in every business, dwelling and empty building. Thoroughness would be at the level of the sort of search that is carried out in Crime Scene Investigations. All firearms would be seized. The owners of weapons found in the searches would be prosecuted: \$1,000 and one year in prison for each firearm.

"Clearly, since such sweeps could not take place all across a city, county, state or the country at the same time, guns would move. But fairly quickly there would begin to be gun-swept, gun-free areas where there should be no firearms. If there were, those carrying them would be subject to quick confiscation and prosecution. On the streets it would be a question of stopping and searching anyone, even Grandma with her walker, with the same penalties for 'carrying.' "

Let's see: That's Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments trampled in one jackbooted scheme. [The New GUN WEEK](http://TheNewGUNWEEK), July 1, 2007

N.J. Senator Proposes Toy Gun Ban

Would make it illegal for anyone under 18 to purchase toy gun (New Jersey- WABC, July 11, 2007)

A New Jersey senator wants to make it illegal to sell or give to anyone under age 18 toy guns that look so realistic they can be mistaken for a real firearm.

"The margin between a child's stupid mistake and a tragic ending is far too thin," said Sen. Nicholas Scutari.

Scutari, D-Union, introduced the proposal in late June and plans to push it when the Legislature reconvenes late this year. He said the bill stems from an incident in a Union Township where four students were suspended after bringing a cap gun to school.

"We need to stress to our children that guns are not toys, but deadly weapons which should always be regarded with extreme caution and handled with respect," Scutari said. "Restricting access to imitation firearms will help to drive that point home."

Gun rights advocates plan to fight the bill.

"It misses the mark because it demonizes toys instead of criminal behavior," said Scott Bach, president of the New Jersey Association of Rifle and Pistol Clubs, which is the National Rifle Association's New Jersey organization.

If the measure is enacted, New Jersey would join several states that have restricted access to realistic toy guns to minors.

New York, for instance, got Wal-Mart in 2003 to stop selling toy guns that fail to have a non-removable orange stripe along the barrel. The retailer also agreed to stop selling toy guns in realistic colors such as black, blue and silver and paid \$200,000 in civil penalties.

Scutari's bill would make it illegal to sell or give to anyone under 18 and imitation firearm, which is defined as anything "reasonably capable of being mistaken for a firearm."

The bill is based on a 1987 New Jersey law that bars the sale of hunting, fishing, combat and survival knives with blades of more than five inches to anyone under 18.

Violators would face a fine of up to \$1,000 and up to six months in prison.

Scutari said the bill would help police and school officials figure out whether a firearm is either fake or real, but Bach said it would intrude upon retailers and parents.

"This bill seeks to intimidate retailers of even toy water pistols rather than to address the bad acts of criminals who use imitation guns in furtherance of crime," Bach said. "A parent who gives a child a toy firearm as a gift would be guilty under this legislation."

Maine AG Takes Over Probe Of Guns Missing from Police

The Maine Attorney General's Office has taken over the investigation into the missing guns from the evidence locker at the Washington County Sheriff's Department, according to The Bangor Daily News.

"Brian McMaster, the lead investigator for the Attorney General's Office, came and he took all the inventory list that Chief Deputy Mike St. Louis had put together," Sheriff Donnie Smith said on June 11, according to The Daily News.

While McMaster is doing his part of the investigation, the publicity into the missing guns has led to the return of five weapons to the Sheriff's Department. That information also has been turned over to the AG's office, Smith said.

"(McMaster) asked me not to talk about the investigation until its completed," he said. Smith did not elaborate about the returned guns except to say that "two of them were guns we knew were missing, one was actually county property that was not out of the evidence locker, and another was turned back that we didn't have it logged."

Guns that were not part of the missing gun investigation have been returned to their owners. Smith recalled one incident. "(This man's) son is serving in either Iraq or Afghanistan, and his gun had been stolen and recovered, and it was here. He asked his father to come get it ... so we turned it over," he said.

When first reported in April, it was believed that 25 guns were unaccounted for. That number later changed to 70; now it appears that about 45 guns are unaccounted for.

In April, Smith announced the guns were missing before he took over the job from former Sheriff Joseph Tibbetts. The guns were logged in between 1995 and 2006. Smith has never suggested the guns were stolen, but rather shoddy record keeping may be one of the reasons some of them are unaccounted for.

For weeks, St. Louis compared receipts with weapons. He discovered that although some of the guns may have been returned to their original owners, there though some of the guns may have been returned to their original owners, there was no record of that happening. St. Louis then compared the firearms still in the evidence locker with those that should

have been there; those that were returned to the owner or designee; and those that were destroyed or swapped for ammunition for the department. He came up with a bunch of missing or unaccounted for guns. Smith said the problem in the past was some guns were returned but never logged out of the evidence locker.

On Monday, a tour of the evidence locker located in a former jail cell at the Sheriff's Department revealed guns neatly stacked in racks against the wall, while handguns were individually categorized and sitting on shelves. There also was a section in the cell for computer crime cases. The front part of the cell housed other evidence collected as a result of a crime, including VCRs and household items.

Smith said he instituted a new evidence locker policy.

Now deputies are required to log the gun into a logbook they carry with them. After that the deputy and another officer log the weapon into the master logbook in the evidence locker. The new policy also requires that two officers log the weapon out when it is returned to its owner. There also is a procedure in place for when a gun is returned to its owner once a case is closed. "The case officer then has to be the one who returns the weapon to the owner," the sheriff said.

The chief deputy also is responsible for regularly inventorying the evidence locker. St. Louis said under the new policy, guns will be held for seven years. "Once it has cleared in seven years, we will put it out in the newspaper that we have a weapon owned by so and so, and anybody who has any right to claim it to do so," he said. Unclaimed guns will be traded for equipment for the department. "With a letter of understanding. That's the way the new policy is," he said.

But right now, nothing will be done, St. Louis said, until the AG's office has completed its investigation.

Louis said, until the AG's office has completed its investigation. [The New GUN WEEK](#), July 1, 2007

Ohio Legislature Considering "Stand-Your-Ground" Protection

by Dave Workman Senior Editor

Legislation introduced last month in Ohio would protect private citizens who defend themselves with lethal force from civil lawsuits, and it quickly got the support of the Buckeye Firearms Association (BFA).

There are currently 17 states with such protections for armed citizens. The National Rifle Association (NRA) has pushed these laws, which reinforce so-called "right-to carry" statutes that have been adopted in 40 states over the past several years.

The legislation is sponsored by state Sen. Steve Buehrer (R-Delta). A companion bill was introduced in the House by state Rep. Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon). They are SB-184 and HB-264, respectively, and according to Associated Press, there are about 50 co-sponsors so far.

The BFA, on its website, admitted up front that anti-gunners will label the bill as "license to murder" legislation, and almost on schedule, Ohio's most vocal anti-gunner, Toby Hoover, said the proposal will allow citizens to "take the law into their own hands."

Hoover, executive director of the Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence, was quoted by Associated Press as stating, "The big fear is that people with deadly weapons will now assume they are capable of making a decision of when that can be used, wherever they are."

But Ken Hanson, BFA legislative chairman, fired back, "This bill accomplishes two important reforms. First, if someone is forcibly trespassing in your home or violently and feloniously assaulting you, you are legally presumed to be acting in self-defense. Second, if you act properly in self-defense, you cannot be sued civilly. What is controversial about shifting the presumption away from the victim and back against the bad guy?"

Anti-self-defense activists have traditionally campaigned against passage of such laws, calling them "shoot first" statutes. They may have trouble stopping this legislation, however, because the legislature is dominated by Republicans, and Democrat Gov. Ted Strickland reportedly supports the measure.

"This legislation is an important step toward making Ohioans feel safer in their homes, businesses and communities," Buehrer said. "People should have every right to defend themselves without fear of prosecution."

"We all learned in school that you are innocent until proven guilty," Wachtmann added. "Judges have twisted that around so that crime victims now must spend their own money to prove they are innocent. This bill will put the burden of proof back where it belongs."

Among the states where such legislation is now on the books are Ohio neighbors Michigan, Kentucky and Indiana.

"We know from decades of crime studies supported by the FBI Uniform Crime Reports that when someone breaks into your home, you are in immediate danger and it is reasonable to act upon that knowledge," said BFA Chairman Jim Irvine. "This bill simply aligns Ohio law with that knowledge." *The New GUN WEEK, July 1, 2007*

West Virginia AG Announces CPL Reciprocity Agreements

West Virginia Attorney General Darrell McGraw (D) announced on June 8 concealed pistol license (CPL) reciprocity agreements with several other states.

"West Virginians with valid concealed handgun permits are allowed to carry concealed handguns in KY, VA, NC, OH, FL and SD pursuant to existing and new reciprocity agreements. We are currently in active discussion with other states. We have received recognition by Michigan, Montana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Vermont, but we do not have a reciprocity agreement with the states," stated McGraw.

In conjunction with his announcement, McGraw said that in order to raise awareness of gun safety consumers in the state could receive a free gun lock from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the state police detachments in Beckley, Elkins, Logan, Morgantown, Moundsville, Parkersburg, South Charleston, and Sutton. Consumers can also receive free gun locks from some of the local gun shops in these regions. These locations include Flat Top Arms Inc. in Beckley, B & J Pawn and Sport in Elkins, Marstiller's Gun Shop in Morgantown, Hartley's Gun Shop in Moundsville, Carl's Gun Shop in Parkersburg, and Mack & Dave's in Huntington.

"We have added a new section to our website detailing handgun reciprocity agreements with other states. This information can be a reference guide to the West Virginia concealed handgun reciprocity agreements with other states for consumers, business owners and visitors. For more information log on to www.wvago.gov or call the Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-800-3688808," McGraw said.

During the 2007 legislative session HB-3074 was passed and signed into law by Gov. Joe Manchin III (D) in March, legislation that transferred the authority from the governor to attorney general to negotiate CPLs with other states.

In order to enter into concealed weapon reciprocity agreements with other states certain criteria must be met to ensure their licensing requirements for their applicants are as stringent as West Virginia's. Additionally, the other state must have a database that is readily available 24/7 that can verify the continuing validity of a CPL, and the states having concealed handgun reciprocity agreements with West Virginia must notify the state if and when their state concealed handgun laws change.

Attorney General Darrell McGraw's staff has been researching and negotiating diligently with states over the last couple of months preparing for the reciprocity law to go into effect. "There are five different categories of states concerning reciprocity agreements. We have focused on the contiguous states first. There are states who match us and there are five or six states interested in reciprocity with us, but questions exist as to whether West Virginia's requirements meet theirs. There are about fifteen states that appear to recognize any valid concealed weapons permit. Then there are states that don't meet our criteria. The last category of states are very strict about concealed weapons and do not have reciprocity laws with other states. These would include New York, California and Illinois," stated Attorney General Darrell McGraw.

"If West Virginia wants to maximize concealed weapon reciprocity with other states the scope of a background check needs to be clarified and updated. We hope to have recommendations for the legislature to consider at its next regular session. The database needs to cover the entire state and include all information about possible disabling behaviors. In the states where there is some type of statutory problem that prevents West Virginia from granting reciprocity, we are actively seeking West Virginia's recognition of concealed weapons in their state," McGraw said. *The New GUN WEEK, July 1, 2007*

Virginia MMMs Cancel Meeting Over Pro-Gun Video Cameras

by Dave Workman Senior Editor
An early June "gun violence prevention" meeting was cancelled by the "Million" Mom March (MMM) of Northern Virginia when gun rights activists showed up to videotape the event, and apparently balked at an agreement not to distribute what they filmed.

According to a story that ran in the Connection Newspapers, the meeting had been scheduled at the Centreville Regional Library June 4. But, when two men "associated with" the Virginia Citizens

Defense League (VCDL) showed up to videotape the session, there was something of a confrontation.

Gun Week has viewed segments of videotapes recorded by two different individuals. There did not appear to be any attempt to disrupt the meeting, although it was intimated that their mere presence with the cameras was disruptive.

VCDL President Philip Van Cleave noted in a bulletin he posted to the Internet, "Sorry, MMMs, but you disrupted your own meeting."

He also posed the question, "What were they going to say that they didn't want to be held accountable for?"

In an e-mail to Gun Week, Van Cleave said, "I don't understand the MMM's fear of a simple video camera at a `public' meeting. The bright white light of truth and facts caused them to scurry for cover in the shadows."

About 20 people showed up for the event, though it is not clear how many were gun rights activists. One of the intended speakers was gun control lobbyist Bob Ricker, currently associated with the American Hunting and Shooting Association, who can be seen in some of the video segments standing off to the side of the room.

Also in the room was a police officer. Activist Chris Rohland did sign the contract, according to the report, but later posted an image of that agreement on the Internet. His unidentified companion refused to sign, and the meeting was cancelled. What appeared on camera to be a hastily-written agreement read, "I agree that any photographic representations recorded at this meeting will be used solely by me for my private use and will not be copied, or made available to any other person or organization without the prior consent of the Northern Virginia Million Mom March." The agreement was written in long hand.

Rohland told a reporter that it was "a public meeting that was publicly advertised."

One of the organizers of the event, MMM Past President Terry Hartnett, offered this explanation to the newspaper: "We just want to have meetings without everything getting distorted and ending up on YouTube."

Reacting to that, Van Cleave told Gun Week in his e-mail, "Were they planning to take something out of context to benefit their agenda and were worried that-the gunowner's video could then be used to refute them?"

The contract would have limited the VCDL activists from using the videotape for anything except private use. Rohland confirmed he wanted to record the meeting to share it with other gun rights activists.

The newspaper report said the MMM group has about 100 members in Fairfax County, which has a population well over 1 million people, and it became more active in the wake of the Apr. 16 Virginia Tech shooting. Six of the victims graduated from schools in Fairfax County.

Another MMM member identified as Dorothy Fonow reportedly claimed that the two VCDL activists were trying to "intimidate people."

After the meeting was cancelled, a member of the audience, who did not appear on camera, uttered a vulgar remark about one of the activist cameramen that is clearly audible on the recording, which has been posted on YouTube.

This is not the first time the MMM and VCDL have clashed. At an earlier gun control meeting held at the Burke Library, the

newspaper said, "a handful of gun activists attended openly carrying guns." VCDL promotes open carry.

Meanwhile, at a gun giveaway held to raise funds to help battle gun control efforts spearheaded by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, several people showed up to protest.

The MMM meeting at the Centreville Library was rescheduled to a private location, the newspaper said. [The New GUN WEEK, July 1, 2007](#)

Proposed Anti-gun PA Legislation:

House:

HB 0018 HB 0020 HB 0021 HB 0022 HB 0023 HB 0025
HB 0028 HB 0029 HB 0030 HB 0073 HB 0277 HB 0291
HB 0452 HB 0481 HB 0485 HB 0608 HB 0760 HB 0957
HB 0960 HB 1198 HB 1478 HB 1536 HB 1633 HB 1701

Senate:

SB 0048 SB 0049 SB 0151 SB 0291 SB 0701 SR 0009

News Briefs:

MN Motorist Who Shot UC Cop Released

A Minnesota father who shot and wounded an undercover Robinsdale police officer during a traffic dispute was released without charges while the investigation into what officials and the Minnesota media are calling a "road rage incident" continued.

According to *The Minneapolis Star Tribune, St. Paul Pioneer Press* and Associated Press, the June 7 incident left the unidentified cop wounded in the arm and both legs. It was not clear whether he actually fired his gun during the incident.

But Martin Treptow, 35, did fire in what he claims was self-defense. He has stated that the undercover officer never identified himself after driving erratically in traffic and exchanging shouts with Treptow. What ignited the beef has not been explained.

When Treptow's SUV came to a stop, the officer's car was alongside on the passenger side of Treptow's vehicle. Treptow's wife was in the passenger seat and their two young children were in the back seat.

According to Treptow's much-reported account, the unidentified officer aimed a gun at Mrs. Treptow. It was then that Treptow, who is a former security guard and is licensed to carry a concealed handgun, drew his pistol and fired, aiming through his wife's window.

Treptow then pulled away to a nearby gas station while his wife called police. When the cops arrived, they arrested the Treptows. His wife was released later that day and Treptow spent the night in jail before being released the following afternoon. The incident happened in Coon Rapids. [The New GUN WEEK, July 1, 2007](#)

No Way to Cure Insomnia

From the "Only Cops Should Have Kevlar Pillows" file comes this story out of Albany, GA, where Sgt. Kinshishi Adams was reportedly lying in bed June 10 with a gun under her pillow when it discharged, putting a bullet through her left wrist.

If sleeping with a gat under a *pillow* is supposed to make someone sleep more soundly, in this case it failed.

Making matters worse, the gun in question was her service pistol, a .40-caliber semi-auto, according to Associated Press. Dougherty County Police Chief Don Cheek was quoted as calling it a "freak accident."

"She apparently sleeps with a weapon under her pillow," Cheek said, "and somehow it discharged."

The chief and Albany, GA, police both told a reporter that gun safety is paramount and indicated it would be stressed in the wake of the accident. An internal investigation is underway. [The New GUN WEEK, July 15, 2007](#)

Gun vs. Bat: Guess Who Loses

Here's something you don't see every day, primarily because it is often fatally stupid as the following story will illustrate.

Robert Wolfe, 49, will not be swinging a baseball bat anymore, having made the decision to try and clobber his ex-wife and her boyfriend with the one he had, only to discover that women can be good shots, even under stress.

According to *The Sequoyah County Times*, the Sallislaw, OK, man broke into the home of his ex, identified as Kimberly Wolfe, sometime between 1 and 1:35 a.m. on June 8, and found her and the boyfriend, Timothy Sizemore, asleep. He woke them up by whacking them with the baseball bat, at which point Kimberly reached for her gun and capped off three rounds, one of which put Robert out of the game permanently. The report indicated that he was hit in the forehead, right between the eyes.

Turns out that Robert evidently had some gruesome plans for his former bride, as investigators reportedly discovered a bag of butcher knives that he had apparently brought into the house. They believe his scheme involved torture before murder. No small wonder, then, why Kimberly had protective orders against her former hubby.

Investigators believe the shooting was in self-defense. The newspaper quoted Jon Loffi, assistant director with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, who said the shooting "had all the appearances of a heat of passion type thing."

Sizemore was beaten pretty severely, suffering a shattered elbow, broken hand and blows to the face and ribs. [The New GUN WEEK, July 15, 2007](#)

Big Gun Search Draws Blanks

More than two dozen law enforcement officers from several agencies conducted a massive search in Brockton, MA, in an effort to get guns off the streets before Summer began, WBZ, the Boston CBS affiliate reported on June 6.

Federal agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and police officers fanned out across Brockton and scoured 17 different locations, Agents had already conducted similar raids in neighboring Roxbury and New Bedford.

"A lot of the big cities have problems. We were in Boston about a month ago doing something simiiar," said ATF agent Jim McNally. Using dogs trained to sniff out weapons and explosives, they searched areas where weapons might be hidden.

WBZ reported that residents were overjoyed with the police presence. However, law enforcement did not find a single weapon during the search. [The New GUN WEEK, July 15, 2007](#)

Oh, Not in a Gun Free Zone!

Some people go through the proverbial motions of "robbing Peter to pay Paul," and others just rob.

And so it went last month at the First Apostolic Church in Monroe, LA, when a gunman walked into the sanctuary on the

evening of June 16 and robbed several people who were there, rehearsing for a Father's Day event. The lone gunman must not have realized that guns aren't allowed in churches.

According to Associated Press and *Monroe News-Star*, there were eight adults and seven children in the sanctuary when the crime went down, and they lost a total of four wallets and a couple of cell phones. The Rev. Simeon Strickland said nobody was hurt. [The New GUN WEEK, July 15, 2007](#)

Early Gunshot Victim Found

From the "Indiana Jones" file comes a report out of Peru, where archaeologists have found what may be the first known remains of a fatal gunshot victim in the Western Hemisphere, according to Associated Press (AP).

A skull found in a shallow grave near Lima in 2002 had an unusual round hole in it, suggesting that the person died rather suddenly. For the past couple of years, researchers have apparently been studying the skull and discovered fragments of what was a lead musket ball around the wound, the AP reported.

The archaeologist who found the skull was identified as Guillermo, Cock. It appears the skull may have belonged to an ancient Inca, who died at the hands of Spanish Conquistadors as early as 1536, the story suggested. [The New GUN WEEK, July 15, 2007](#)

A Story with Legs...Sort Of

Bellingham, WA, is not exactly a hotbed of foolishness, but some people have their moments, and the following story illustrates one of them.

An unidentified woman called police May 24 to report that she had just seen a man walking into St. Joseph Hospital carrying what appeared to be an "assault rifle." A herd of cops from Western Washington University, Washington State Patrol, Whatcom County Sheriff's Department and even the Border Patrol responded.

Lawmen dutifully "swept the building," checking each floor and each room looking for the alleged gunman, but when the dust settled (there was no smoke to clear), it turned out the rifle was a prosthetic leg. According to Associated Press, Bellingham's Deputy Police Chief David Doll made the announcement after the posse' turned up nothing other than this poor guy with a fake appendage. [The New GUN WEEK, July 1, 2007](#)

From Illinois with Love

From the "Shaken but not stirred" file comes this goofy report out of Illinois involving a high school student newspaper called *Kaneland Krier*, and a Spring prom supplement in which students, trying to achieve a "James Bond theme" were photographed holding-are you sitting down?-water pistols.

But the newspaper at Kaneland High School in anti-gun Maple Park, IL, never was circulated in the community, as it normally is, because of concerns that it might not be appropriate in the wake of the Virginia Tech massacre.

There are a couple of problems with this story, however, as detailed on a website belonging to the Student Press Law Center (SPLC). The newspaper was distributed to Kaneland students on Apr. 5, eleven days before the Apr. 16 Virginia Tech shooting. According to the website, the cover photo of the special prom section was to have been uploaded to the high school's website

later that month, and remaining copies of the Krier would have been distributed to the community.

The questionable photo, according to the SPLC report, showed a male student in a tuxedo pointing a water pistol out of the page at the reader, and a female student holding another prop pistol. This was done against a martini glass backdrop.

But the newspaper staff reportedly decided to spike the paper's distribution to the community, an act of censorship that earned a good review from newspaper advisor Laurie Erdmann.

Apparently, this fiasco was ignited by a formal complaint from a parent identified as Heather Lyons. She reportedly thought the Bond photo of students with toy guns sent "the wrong message." An elementary school principal also complained about the cover photo.

Lyons was quoted by the SPLC, complaining that the newspaper was "glamorizing alcohol and firearms." Oh, perish the thought! *The New GUN WEEK*, July 1, 2007

News Links:

07/07/06 Hunting and fishing on decline, says Census Bureau survey
Preliminary data released June 19 from the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, which was conducted for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, reported a 15 percent decline in hunting and fishing over the last 10 years.
<http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20070629/SPORTS/70629009>

07/07/06 More gun control isn't the answer After Saturday's fatal car-to-car shooting in the same troubled area of north Toronto that has also seen a deadly school shooting and three teens killed during a high-speed chase with police in the past three weeks, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty called on Ottawa to ban handguns. We recognize that Mr. McGuinty and his government are up for re-election this October, so the Premier must appear to be doing something about crime in Canada's largest city. But why is it the first instinct of most liberal-left politicians to go after the property of law-abiding citizens when the problem is so obviously the actions of criminals? Confiscating the former will have no impact on the latter.
<http://www.canada.com/nationalpost/news/editorialsletters/story.html?id=610759c9-f7a5-4ea3-b15e-806f35b20e28>

07/07/05 Pistol education camp in Oswego County loaded with fun for women Women of all ages will gather this summer for the Ladies Action Pistol Camp, a four-day, three-night how-to camp on handguns.
<http://www.syracuse.com/poststandard/stories/index.ssf?base/news-8/1183625818107580.xml&coll=1>

07/07/05 Ohio Newspaper Under Fire for Outing Gun Owners (CNSNews.com) - An Ohio newspaper's decision to publish the non-public records of concealed carry permit holders drew a strong response, and one gun rights advocacy group published personal but public information about the newspaper's editor.
<http://www.cnsnews.com/news/viewstory.asp?Page=/Nation/archive/2007/NAT20070705a.html>

07/07/05 Of Guns, Citizens, and Soldiers Washington, DC (TLS). A small but vocal minority in America has made its presence known by protesting various and sundry actions of citizens, such as, for example, the erecting of a statue in honor of a fallen Iraq War hero who was from Littleton, Colorado. <http://thelibertysphere.blogspot.com/2007/07/of-guns-citizens-and-soldiers.html>

07/07/05 Ohio sheriff rips Senate for failing to solve border problem "The U.S. Senate's job is to protect and serve the citizens of this country. At times it seems as though they have forgotten whence they came," said Butler County Sheriff Richard K. Jones, a frequent critic of the government's immigration-enforcement policies.
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070705/NATION/107050062/1002>

07/07/05 Constitution & Law The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the government agency charged with assuring the safety and health of America's workers, is proposing a regulatory rule affecting the manufacturing, transportation and storage of small arms ammunition, primers and smokeless propellants.
<http://libertypost.org/cgi-bin/readart.cgi?ArtNum=193092>

07/07/05 Governor signs Castle Doctrine bill Ten years ago this past March, Wilma Bragg was shot to death in her home near Stella when she surprised Alis Ben Johns, a wanted murderer who had broken into her home to steal supplies he needed to stay on the run during what turned into the largest manhunt in Missouri history.
<http://www.neoshodailynews.com/articles/2007/07/05/news/03castle.txt>

07/07/05 CNSNews.com: Ohio Newspaper Under Fire for Outing Gun Owners (CNSNews.com) - An Ohio newspaper's decision to publish the non-public records of concealed carry permit holders drew a strong response, and one gun rights advocacy group published personal but public information about the newspaper's editor.
<http://www.cnsnews.com/news/viewstory.asp?Page=/Nation/archive/2007/NAT20070705a.html>

07/07/05 Tourist with gun arrested at Sears Tower A tourist from Tennessee was arrested at the Sears Tower on Thursday morning after she tried to visit the Skydeck with a loaded gun in her purse, police said. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-070705sears-towerjul05.1.7727687.story?coll=chi-news-hed&ctrack=1&cset=true>

07/07/04 79-Year-Old Man Shoots Intruder During Hickory Home Invasion HICKORY, N.C. -- An elderly man feared for his life and shot a 23-year-old man who broke into his home Tuesday night in Hickory.
<http://www.wsocvt.com/news/13621816/detail.html>

07/07/04 Mountain lion sighting investigated by state OAKLAND, Maine --State biologists have begun investigating the second reported sighting in a week of a mountain lion in central Maine.
http://www.boston.com/news/local/maine/articles/2007/07/04/mountain_lion_sighting_investigated_by_state/

07/07/04 Fort Worth Robbery Suspect Shot, But Not By Police (CBS 11 News) FORT WORTH Gunshots rang out at an Albertsons grocery store in Fort Worth after a robbery attempt on Tuesday night. A suspect was shot, but not by the police.
http://cbs11tv.com/topstories/local_story_185074228.html

07/07/04 Former Trooper to Editor Westerhold: "That's no public service" As a regular citizen my background, training, experience and attitudes are unchanged. I am prepared to step forward to defend innocent life at any time and any place -- the schoolhouse, the courthouse, the park, the playground or the all-night convenience store. But unfortunately, these are all places where a law-abiding citizen cannot legally carry a firearm.
<http://www.buckeyefirearms.org/article3829.html>

07/07/04 Americans call for gun freedom "Imagine you are in a restaurant and a mad man is walking around from table to table, pointing a gun, taking aim and pulling the trigger, going to the next

person, taking aim, pulling the trigger and so on," says Suzanna Hupp. Suzanna had a gun. But since Texan state law at the time banned people from carrying guns in public places, she had left it in her car. "My gun was 100 feet away in my car, completely useless to me," she says. http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/crossing_continents/6266558.stm

07/07/04 Plan to Laud Declaration Signers Fizzles TRENTON, N.J. (AP) -- When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to honor the grave sites of Declaration of Independence signers, don't count New Jersey in. It says it can't afford it. <http://libertypost.org/cgi-bin/readart.cgi?ArtNum=193006>

07/07/04 Immigration Bill Dead For Now -- Gun owners unheralded in media, but played a huge role in the defeat Well, the American public has spoken. If you ever wondered whether your activism pays off, then look no further than the immigration debate. The bill went down in flames yesterday by a vote of 53-46. <http://libertypost.org/cgi-bin/readart.cgi?ArtNum=193056>

07/07/04 Home invasion is 3rd in 6 weeks for Ettrick A man and woman were awakened early yesterday by three masked gunmen who broke into their Ettrick home and robbed them of money, police said. <http://www.inrich.com/cva/ric/news.apx.-content-articles-RTD-2007-07-04-0088.html>

07/07/04 Gun Enthusiasts and Politicians Most folks use rifles for hunting or pistols for protection, but it's all about sport and history for one "machine gun" group. In Scioto County gun enthusiasts defend their hobby despite constant calls for reform. <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/8324227.html>

07/07/03 Gun issue won't stall budget Pa.'s black caucus leader met with the NRA. He sees progress HARRISBURG - The president of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus said yesterday that after meeting with House Democratic leaders and the National Rifle Association, he would not seek to hold up the state budget over gun control legislation. http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/20070703_Guns_wont_stall_Pa_budget_black_caucus_leader_says.html

07/07/03 Anti-Second Amendment Chief of Police Gets the Boot Falmouth, MA, Police Chief David Cusolito is out of a job. Since becoming Falmouth's Chief of Police in 1997, Cusolito has continuously been in the news because of his reported hostile attitude towards the public's right to self-defense and his general antipathy to citizens' gun rights. His tenure has been marked by an ongoing controversy regarding firearms use and ownership -- even by his own police officers. <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1860935/posts>

07/07/03 ATF halts 'blanket' checks of gun-show sales Washington--The ATF no longer routinely checks addresses of some buyers at gun shows after being accused of chilling sales at one show in 2005, the Justice Department reported Monday. <http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/news/1183463739168190.xml&coll=2>

07/07/03 Schumer pledges support for Remington HERKIMER — U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., pledged Monday to do everything in his power to ensure Remington Arms continued operating in Ilion. <http://www.uticaod.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2007707030328>

07/07/03 Jesse Jackson plans protests for Aug. 28 From the "Rainbow Coalition" website: "Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., founder and president of Rainbow PUSH Coalition, announced today he will organize a national day of protest in 25 cities on Aug. 28, 2007, to rally

support for legislation to restrict gun sales."

http://www.armsandthelaw.com/archives/antigun_groups/index.php

07/07/03 Laws require flags to be born in USA HAPPY 4TH OF JULY ROSEMOUNT, Minn. -- What's red, white and blue - and made in China? A move is on in state legislatures to ensure that the flags folks will be flying and buying this Independence Day were made on this fruited plain. Minnesota has passed the strongest measure, a new law that goes into effect at year's end requiring every Old Glory sold in state stores to be domestically produced. Violations are a misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and 90 days in jail. <http://libertypost.org/cgi-bin/readart.cgi?ArtNum=192981>

07/07/03 Editorial: Local cops lose on gun data issue Minneapolis, St. Paul police need Congress's help to trace guns....Progress seemed even more likely after the 33 killings at Virginia Tech in April, when it was discovered that a lack of free-flowing information among federal, state and local officials had led to the sale of semiautomatic weapons to a clearly disqualified buyer. But never underestimate the power of the gun lobby -- and its campaign contributions. <http://www.startribune.com/editorials/story/1281468.html>

07/07/03 Hagerstown woman shoots, stabs, armed burglar HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) - A woman fatally shot and stabbed an armed man who forced his way into her Hagerstown apartment looking for drugs and money, police said. http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2007/07_02-42/ODU

07/07/02 Law widens landowners' immunity from hunting accident lawsuits HARRISBURG, Pa. --Pennsylvania property owners who allow hunting on their land are now shielded from lawsuits over accidents involving victims off the property, under a bill that Gov. Ed Rendell has signed into law. <http://www.centredaily.com/news/state/story/141766.html>

07/07/02 The N.R.A.'s Senate Given a choice last week between helping local police combat illegal gun trafficking and helping the National Rifle Association protect rogue gun dealers responsible for arming violent criminals, the Senate Appropriations Committee made the outrageously wrong choice. http://www.nytimes.com/2007/07/02/opinion/02mon3.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

07/07/02 Gun-control bill recalled by state Legislature AUGUSTA -- The Legislature's 11th-hour decision to recall a firearms bill before the governor could sign it into law has angered a leading gun-control advocate in Maine. <http://kennebecjournal.maintoday.com/news/local/4052363.html>

07/07/02 Disagrees on who should and should not have guns ...The truth is, a gun is an inanimate object which is totally incapable of being either "wrong" or "right." It is only a tool. It is the intention of the person using it that matters. Oh and by the way, "no guns except for law enforcement officers" is not "how they do it in France." Though there are many more restrictions there, civilian gun ownership in France is possible. <http://www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200770629043>

07/07/02 OK CCW Law 10 Years Later: It's Working! ...In the beginning, some people thought a wave of shootings by license holders would occur, but those fears have proved to be unfounded, Brown said. <http://www.alphecca.com/?p=278>

07/07/02 Woman discovers and then stabs would-be burglar A Columbus woman stabbed an intruder early Sunday after she came home and discovered the man in her mobile home, said Columbus

Police Lt. Steve Cox. <http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/news/story/74659.html>

07/07/02 Pensioner used live artillery shell as a doorstep for 20 years

For decades the seven-inch-long shell had been a family memento, polished and given pride of place on the mantelpiece. http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/news/news.html?in_article_id=465694&in_page_id=1770

07/07/02 Weaver suspects 'prowler' Randy Weaver is a name some people remember, but he sometimes wishes some other people would forget... In 1992, federal agents laid siege to Weaver's residence near Naples in northern Idaho in a 10-day confrontation over weapons violations alleged against Weaver, now known ominously as *Ruby Ridge*. When they stormed the Weaver home, federal agents shot and killed Weaver's wife, Vicki, and their 14-year-old son, Samuel, as well as wounding Weaver and a family friend inside the house. <http://libertypost.org/cgi-bin/readart.cgi?ArtNum=192888>

07/07/02 Intruder shot, killed in apartment HAGERSTOWN - A 32-year-old Hagerstown man is dead and a 21-year-old man faces 18 charges after an apparent attempted robbery early Sunday at Youngstown Court turned violent, according to the Washington County Sheriff's Office. http://www.herald-mail.com/?module=displaystory&story_id=169237&format=html

07/07/02 'Late Great USA,'; bestseller on planned North American merger (book review) The federal government's controversial – many say outrageous – unwillingness to enforce immigration laws and border security is, at least in part, a result of plans to promote political, social and economic integration of the U.S., Mexico and Canada, charges the explosive new bestseller, "The Late Great USA" by Jerome Corsi. <http://libertypost.org/cgi-bin/readart.cgi?ArtNum=192871>

07/07/01 4-H members learn hunter safety NATCHEZ — Gunfire filled the air at Adams County Sheriff's Range for five mornings straight and no handguns or uniformed officers were in sight. Monday to Friday 32 kids shot muzzleloaders, shotguns, rifles and bows for two hours a day and spend two more hours in the classroom. <http://www.natchezdemocrat.com/news/2007/jul/01/4-h-members-learn-hunter-safety/>

07/07/01 State Police Implement New Restrictions On Handgun Purchases MSP has quietly notified dealers around the state that new restrictions on purchase of regulated firearms (handguns and select long guns) will take effect on August 1. Starting that date, any application to purchase such firearms will be administratively denied if it does not contain a release authorizing police to access medical records which may be on file at any state agency – or at any agency anywhere – in order to decide if the applicant is eligible to possess a gun. <http://www.myguns.net/Articles/mental.htm>

07/07/01 Buying into the gun culture It is just a simple click, but it gets my mind racing. That's the sound that a Colt .380 pocket pistol makes when it is being cocked. I know that's the sound it makes, but it is still an attention-getter when you hear it in person. http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2007/jul/01/buying_gun_culture/?city_local

07/07/01 Carmel mayor changes his mind on guns After so heavily orchestrating his endorsement of the Bloomberg anti-gun proposal, the mayor apparently has seen the light, given the obvious citizen backlash. Such a timely reversal of his own supposed principles gives rise to questions about his motivations. <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070701/OPINION01/707010304/-1/LOCAL17>

07/07/01 Armed and Licensed: Concealed carry law hitting mark With an increasing number of state residents legally packing heat, more robbers may be taking away some hot lead. http://tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?articleID=070701_238_A1_hTeny75637

07/07/01 NATION'S SUPPORT OF HUNTING ON THE RISE . . . The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Sunday spotlighted a survey conducted by Responsive Management Inc. indicating the number of Americans accepting and approving of hunting has increased. Despite a drop in the nation's number of hunters by four percent since 2001, some 78 percent of the public support hunting as an outdoor activity, up five percent since 1995. Eighty percent indicated "hunting has a legitimate place in modern society." Mark Damian Duda, executive director of Responsive Management, said, "Americans seem to be acquiring a more realistic view of hunting and wildlife management." <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/07182/798452-358.stm>

07/06/30 Another illustration of how far things have come Over at the Huffington Post, the head of Brady Campaign is rejoicing in a survey that finds a whole 30% thought that stricter gun laws (the term being left undefined) might have helped a lot at Va Tech, and that on the question of whether allowing lawful carrying of guns on campus would help or hurt, 23% thought it would help and 26% thought it would hurt. http://www.armsandthelaw.com/archives/antigun_groups/index.php

07/06/30 Subway shooter 'used his training' Two friends accused of robbing a Subway sandwich shop didn't count on a customer packing a gun. <http://www.miamiherald.com/467/story/156261.html>

07/06/29 Take the ATF Challenge! Since we have been going through this ordeal with the ATF, many of my friends in law enforcement have come forward to support us and to also tell us about their disrespect for the BATFE. The reason is not just because they are shutting down honest gun dealers over paperwork errors but the fact that when they find felons in possession of a firearm or guns used in a crime that the ATF REFUSES to press federal charges. <http://redstradingpost.blogspot.com/2007/06/take-atf-challenge.html>

07/06/29 Pistol Packin' Mamas When [Jeanne Capozzi](#) saw two "disreputable characters" coming toward her on Broughton Street, she didn't hesitate to put her hand on the .38 caliber revolver in her purse. "The one man was watching me, and they backed off and walked away. Maybe it was all innocent, but I felt very uncomfortable," she said. <http://www.savannahnow.com/node/314909>

07/06/29 .357—Don't Leave Home Without It I never doubted the value of my little bottle of pepper spray. As a Washington, D.C., intern last summer, I spent countless hours on the public subway system and walked to my car at the station late at night many times. I was aware it was a station where five attempted sexual assaults had previously occurred. <http://www.townhall.com/columnists/column.aspx?UrlTitle=357%e2%80%94don%e2%80%99t+leave+home+without+it&ns=AllisonAldrich&dt=06/29/2007&page=full&comments=true>

07/06/29 Immigration Bill Dead For Now --Gun owners unheralded in media, but played a huge role in the defeat of bill Well, the American public has spoken. If you ever wondered whether your activism pays off, then look no further than the immigration debate. The bill went down in flames yesterday by a vote of 53-46. And good thing too, because this bill was packing more than just immigration stuff -- it also contained anti-gun language as well. <http://www.gunowners.org/a062907.htm>

07/06/29 When is a gun not a gun? A gun dealer specialising in antique firearms has been acquitted of selling weapons which the prosecution had claimed could have ended up in the hands of gangsters. The trial highlighted a "grey area" in the 1968 Firearms Act. http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/6223750.stm

07/06/29 Bloomberg's Gun Campaign Is Dealt a Blow In a blow to Mayor Bloomberg's campaign against illegal guns, a Senate committee yesterday voted 19–10 to pass an amendment that mandates prison time for police officers who use federal gun-trace data for anything except specific investigations. <http://www.nysun.com/article/57582>

07/06/29 Gun Lobbies at Odds Over Victories, Defeats Since Virginia Tech Tragedy (CNSNews.com) - Legislatures in several states have passed laws restricting the ownership and use of firearms since the shootings at Virginia Tech University, a gun control group said Thursday. <http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewNation.asp?Page=/Nation/archive/2007/6/NAT20070629a.html>

07/06/29 Portland Homeowner Shoots Intruder PORTLAND - An early-morning home invasion ended with a man near death in a local hospital. <http://www.koin.com/Global/story.asp?S=6729900>

07/06/29 Gun permits rise as some fight back against crime Marc Thom drew his 9 mm pistol on two shotgun-wielding men who confronted him and a woman outside his MetroWest apartment early Sunday. <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/state/orl-mfightback2107jun21.0.2565369.story>

07/06/28 ANTI-GUN MAYORS' HYPOCRISY BLASTED BY SECOND AMENDMENT FOUNDATION BELLEVUE, WA – Several members of New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's anti-gun Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition are annoyed by freedom of information requests about their activities from a California law firm, yet these same mayors have no problem demanding complete access to sensitive gun trace data. <http://www.saf.org/viewpr-new.asp?id=227>

07/06/28 Separating Criminal From Illegal Gun is the Only Solution Closing a loophole?? Could it be that legislators have actually awoken to the huge hole our laws that is the gun show loophole? <http://www.gunguys.com/?cat=10>

07/06/28 Animal rights activists claimed they firebombed primate researcher's vehicle LOS ANGELES - Animal activists Thursday claimed they firebombed an automobile belonging to a UCLA primate researcher. http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2007/06/29/news/state/12_17_156_28_07.txt

07/06/28 Pa. black caucus: No gun laws, no budget Angry Phila. legislators aim to hold up spending bill over crime relief. http://www.philly.com/inquirer/front_page/8219987.html

07/06/28 Customer who police say shot Plantation robbes a "Clint Eastwood-type," friend says PLANTATION -- One gunman is dead and another is in critical condition after they tried to rob a sandwich store and were shot by an armed customer Wednesday night, authorities said. <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/broward/sfl-628subway.0.1807670.story?coll=sfla-home-headlines>

07/06/28 Ron Paul Leads the Fight to Defend and Restore the Second Amendment Ron Paul has represented areas near Houston, Texas for nearly 20 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has

the reputation of the paramount defender of the Constitution and seeks to follow it in casting every one of his votes. <http://www.buchanan.org/blog/?p=791>

07/06/28 Armed citizens patrol the streets of Conn. City NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Edgewood neighborhood near downtown New Haven, Conn., is probably one of the last places you'd expect to find residents patrolling the streets with pistols. <http://www.policeone.com/community-policing/articles/1284558/>

07/06/28 Corraling the illegal guns in our streets THE DOMINOS pizza arrived at the home of Liquarry Jefferson about the same time as Boston police. The night the 8-year-old died of a gunshot wound was just another night in the life of a typical dysfunctional American family. http://www.boston.com/news/globe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2007/06/28/corraling_the_illegal_guns_in_our_streets/

07/06/28 My Response to the Managing Editor of Sandusky Register Matt Westerhold, the Managing Editor of the Sandusky Register, printed a response on Wednesday attempting to explain his dangerous and reckless decision to publish the personal information of people that have merely chosen to exercise their rights guaranteed under the U.S. and Ohio Constitutions. <http://www.ohioccw.org/content/view/3899/83/>

07/06/28 INDUSTRY HAILS PASSAGE OF SHELBY AMENDMENT . . . NSSF is hailing passage of a law enforcement friendly amendment sponsored by Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) that cleared the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday. The amendment, part of a spending bill, will prohibit local politicians and the general public from accessing confidential firearms tracing data, putting public safety and law enforcement ahead of gun-control politics. The amendment passed with a 19-10 vote. Similar language was approved by a House subcommittee handling that chamber's version of the legislation. http://www.nssf.org/news/PR_idx.cfm?PRloc=common/PR/&PR=062807.cfm

07/06/28 American released after bullets found in bags LA PAZ, Bolivia - An American woman detained at the La Paz airport for entering Bolivia with 500 rounds of .45-caliber ammunition in her luggage was released Thursday and will not face charges, officials said. <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/19491794/>

07/06/27 Women take shot at sport shooting Looking down the barrel of a 20-gauge shotgun isn't everyone's cup of tea. But then, this was no ordinary afternoon outing with the girls. http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/beaconnews/news/444570.2_1_AU27_WOMENGUNS_S1.article

07/06/27 Man charged with shooting at intruder A MAN has been charged after allegedly firing a shot through the front door of his home in southwest Victoria to scare off intruders. <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0.20867.21976040-1702.00.html>

07/06/27 Fans gun for Rosie over shot of kid in war garb Rosie O'Donnell is sparking shock and awe by posting a photo on her blog of her 4-year-old daughter dressed in camouflage clothes and ammo belts. http://www.nydailynews.com/gossip/2007/06/27/2007-06-27_untitled_rosie27m-1.html

07/06/27 Nevada College System Wants to Arm Faculty

The University of Nevada system is one step closer to letting professors, faculty and staff carry guns on campus.

http://www.lasvegasnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=6698362&nav=menu102_2

07/06/27 ANOTHER MAYOR WITHDRAWS FROM ANTI-GUN COALITION . . .

Citing confusion about what New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's coalition of American mayors was all about, Carmel, Ind., Mayor Jim Brainard has withdrawn from "Mayors Against Illegal Guns." Brainard said he originally joined because he was told the coalition's main goal was to "get guns out of the hands of convicted felons." He became discontented and, according to The Indianapolis Star, said, "There's a lot of confusion on what the coalition was and was not doing."

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070627/LOCAL0101/706270329/1015/LOCAL01>

07/06/26 New gun control: Shut down shops The government is using paperwork errors as small as the abbreviation of a city name to shut down some of the nation's longest-serving gun shops, and 2nd Amendment advocates fear the right to bear arms will mean little if there's no way to obtain a gun.

http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=56389

07/06/26 Self-defense law troubles prosecutor State Attorney Barry Krischer doesn't like the Castle Doctrine self-defense law used to acquit Norman Borden of murder on Monday, but he says he has no misgivings about prosecuting the case.

http://www.palmbeachpost.com/localnews/content/local_news/epaper/2007/06/26/0626selfdefense.html

07/06/25 Punishing the Good Samaritan One recent case of a Good Samaritan getting punished is that of Colin Bruley, 24, who was fired June 12 after he saved a woman's life in the Florida apartment complex where he both worked and lived. His termination papers accuse him of 'gross misconduct,' mainly because he carried a shotgun with him while administering first aid to a neighbor who had been shot.

<http://www.management-issues.com/2007/6/25/opinion/punishing-the-good-samaritan.asp>

07/06/25 Firearms Industry Warns: Passage of Microstamping Bill is Tantamount to Gun Ban

NEWTOWN, Conn., June 25 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The California Senate Public Safety Committee will take up the issue of firearms microstamping early tomorrow morning and the National Shooting Sports Foundation

<http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/06-25-2007/0004614963&EDATE=>

07/06/25 More Violence in Philadelphia as Legislators Ignore the Solution

Monica Yant Kinney from the Philadelphia Inquirer has [yet another column up](#) about the violence that's claiming hundreds of lives in that city. Pennsylvania's loose gun laws make firearms plentiful in that state, even among people who clearly shouldn't have them.

<http://www.gunguys.com/?p=2266>

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NEWTOWN, Conn., June 25 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The California Senate Public Safety Committee will take up the issue of firearms microstamping early tomorrow morning and the National Shooting Sports Foundation

(NSSF) -- the firearm industry's trade association -- is wasting no time in warning all members of the California Senate that passage of the

legislation is a de facto ban of firearms.

http://www.forbes.com/prnewswire/feeds/prnewswire/2007/06/25/prnewswire200706251600PR_NEWS_B_MAT_NY_NYM135.html

07/06/25 NRA seeks to shut down Bloomberg's antigun ads

NEW YORK -- The National Rifle Association, which has portrayed Mayor Michael Bloomberg as a villain preying on America's gun owners, has asked local television affiliates in several states not to air an ad created by his anti-gun group.

http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newyork/ny-bc-ny--gunad-nra0625jun25.0,4895871_story?coll=ny-region-apnewyork

07/06/24 Governor signs bill on lost and stolen guns

HARTFORD, Conn. --Gov. M. Jodi Rell has approved a new law that will penalize gun owners if they fail to report lost or stolen firearms to police within 72 hours.

http://www.boston.com/news/local/connecticut/articles/2007/06/24/governor_signs_bill_on_lost_and_stolen_guns/

07/06/24 Monica Yant Kinney | Who'll stand up to fight city gun violence?

Chris Pearo was cheery for a guy who took a bullet to the neck because two thugs weren't satisfied with the \$15 in his wallet.

<http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/nj/8154707.html>

07/06/24 Look Out! The Ladies are Armed If you're already wondering what you might get your favorite gal for her birthday, perhaps you should turn your attention to one of the fastest growing recreational activities for women - shooting sports.

http://www.the-signal.com/?module=displaystory&story_id=49194&format=html

07/06/24 Police Arrest Jackson, Pflieger At Gun Protest - Two of the city's best-known activists wound up in police custody Saturday after a protest against gun violence outside a suburban gun store. Revs. Jesse Jackson and Michael Pflieger, a South Side priest, were arrested about 1:30 p.m. for trespassing outside Chuck's Gun Shop in south suburban Riverdale, authorities said.

http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chicago/chicago-jackson_24jun24.1,5875539_story?coll=chi-newslocalchicago-hed&ctrack=2&cset=true

07/06/23 Black clergy stand behind defense patrol

NEW HAVEN — What would persuade the armed residents' patrol in the Edgewood neighborhood to put down its guns?

http://www.nhregister.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18509916&BRD=1281&PAG=461&dept_id=566835&rfti=6

07/06/22 NEVER HAD SHOT RAPED B'KLYN COP HAD LEFT GUN AT STATION

An off-duty Brooklyn cop - who had left her gun at work - was caught defenseless when a masked intruder ambushed her as she arrived home and raped her at knifepoint, cops said yesterday.

http://www.nypost.com/seven/06222007/news/regionalnews/never_had_shot_regionalnews_john_doyle_murray_weiss_and_leela_de_kretser.htm

07/06/22 Immigration Bill Update -- Montana Senator offering amendment that has benefit for gun owners ...

* First, section 205 of the bill could, in the hands of an anti-gun administration, PUT EVERY MAJOR GUN SHOP OUT OF BUSINESS. * Second, the immigration bill could deny many gun owners their right to find a job or buy a gun.

<http://www.gunowners.org/a062207.htm>

07/06/22 McCarthy Bill Rammed Through The House**-- Deal between NRA leadership and Democrats leaves most Republicans in the dark**

Wednesday started out as a routine day in the U.S. Congress, with Representatives attending congressional hearings, meeting with constituents, perhaps devising clever new ways to pick our pockets.

Its passage in the House is a case study in backroom deal making, unholy alliances and deceit. A sausage factory in a third world country with no running water has nothing on today's U.S. Congress.

<http://www.gunowners.org/a061407.htm>

07/06/22 Men use stun gun on clerk during store robbery

WOODLEAF — Two men used a stun gun on a clerk late Wednesday night when they robbed the Handi Cupboard in Woodleaf. The clerk still managed to shoot at the fleeing suspects, according to the Rowan County Sheriff's Office.

<http://www.salisburypost.com/area/15645161197237.php>

07/06/21 Bloggers, Columnists, Gun Lobby Support Fired

Apartment Worker JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- An apartment leasing agent fired last week after grabbing his shotgun and running to help a woman who was shot is being praised by talk-show host Neal Boortz, celebrated on Internet blogs, supported by the National Rifle Association and called a hero by a columnist with the *Washington Post*.

<http://www.news4jax.com/news/13545696/detail.html>

07/06/21 Your doctor could put you on no-gun list

Congress fast-tracks plan to let physicians ban weapons ownership

http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=56311

07/06/21 Off-duty police officer fatally shoots intruder

04:42 PST HAYWARD -- An off-duty San Leandro police officer fatally shot an intruder who entered his home Wednesday evening, Hayward police said today.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/baycitynews/archive/2007/06/21/hayward21.DTL>

07/06/21 Ted Nugent: More Than Meets The Eye

Ted Nugent is not shy about his stand on guns (he's currently serving his fourth year on the National Rifle Association's board of directors), hunting (among Nugent's New York Times bestsellers is "Kill it and Grill It," which he co-authored with his wife, Shemane) and his support of conservative causes.

<http://www.pressconnects.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200706210310>

07/06/21 Courts back police, order shop to surrender firearms

ARLINGTON -- The days of a decades-old Arlington gun shop appear to be numbered after a judge last week ordered the owner to relinquish the shop's remaining firearms to police.

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/06/21/courts_back_police_order_shop_to_surrender_firearms/

07/06/21 Area Towns, Residents Hope For Drop In Geese Population

Local governments, park supervisors and private landowners are hiring help to rid them of seemingly ever-growing flocks of Canada geese.

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/southwest/s_513345.html

07/06/21 Travolta: Drugs Kill, Not Guns

The Sun John Travolta blames school shootings sprees on mind-altering prescription drugs rather than poor gun control. The Pulp Fiction star claimed: "If you analyze most of the school shootings, its not gun control."

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/article/0,,2-2007280631,00.html>

07/06/21 SoCal Founder Of No Guns Pleads Not Guilty To Gun Crime

- *San Diego Union-Tribune*

The founder of an anti-violence group called No Guns pleaded not guilty Thursday to federal weapons charges. Hector Big Weasel Marroquin is accused of selling an assault rifle, a machine gun, two pistols and two silencers to undercover federal agents last fall. He could face up to 50 years in prison if convicted.

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/state/20070621-1625-ca-brf-socal-noguns.html>

07/06/20 Shooting For "Pure Enjoyment"

- *Jacksonville.com*

Kenny Dickerson's idea of fun would leave most liberals aghast. He thinks it's fun to pick up a gun and shoot at targets. He's good at it but he was raised around guns.

http://www.jacksonville.com/tu-online/stories/062007/dic_178834438.shtml

07/06/20 Death As Deterrent

- *Fox News*

"Capital punishment clearly increases the risk to criminals of engaging in various crimes, especially murder," writes John Lott. "But does this increased risk affect criminals behavior? Last week the academic debate erupted in the media with an Associated Press article headlined "Studies: Death Penalty Discourages Crime, but even this recognition downplays the general consensus on the findings."

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,284336,00.html>

07/06/20 A Hunting We Will Go

MENDOTA -- Standing in muddy, calf-deep water among eye-high tule reeds, four camouflaged figures are barely perceptible in the gray pre-dawn light.

<http://www.modbee.com/life/readsetgo/story/13707599p-14295209c.html>

07/06/20 Family Handcuffed, Robbed in Home Invasion

Investigators say a home in the 4-hundred block of Longshore Avenue became the scene of a home invasion around 1 this afternoon.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=local&id=5401970>

07/06/20 Animal-rights activists vandalize Geistown store

An act of animal-rights terrorism at Linda's Fashions and Fur Salon in Geistown was misdirected, police said Wednesday.

http://www.tribune-democrat.com/local/local_story_171233119.html

07/06/19 Seniors feel safer when they carry gun

Even at 69 years old, Russ Geis has enough vitality to bike through Stark County's remote nature trails.

http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2007/06/seniors_feel_safer_when_they_c.html

07/06/19 Swiss await showdown over guns and bullets

Switzerland is preparing for a lively debate this summer over its long-standing tradition of keeping army guns and ammunition at home.

http://www.swissinfo.org/eng/front/detail/Swiss_await_showdown_over_guns_and_bullets.html?siteSect=105&sid=7941744&cKey=1182262486000

07/06/19 Editorial | Curbs on Handgun Purchases N.J. shows Pa. the way

Pennsylvania lawmakers should follow the good example of the New Jersey Assembly by moving ahead on a one-handgun-a-month law.

<http://www.philly.com/philly/opinion/8065107.html>

07/06/19 Seniors Feel Safer When They Carry Gun

- *Plain Dealer*

Even at 69 years old, Russ Geis has enough vitality to bike through

Stark County's remote nature trails. He said the .380-caliber handgun on his handlebars will ensure he's doing it at 70.

http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2007/06/seniors_feel_safer_when_they_c.html

07/06/19 Gun-rights and gun-control advocates can find common ground in Senate

The shocking deaths of 32 students and faculty at Virginia Tech in April spurred into action people on Capitol Hill who usually sit on opposing sides of the fence in gun-control debates.

<http://www.mcall.com/news/opinion/all-editorial1.5903708jun19.0.1543071.story?coll=all-newsopinion-head>

07/06/19 Swiss Await Showdown Over Guns And Bullets

- *Swissinfo*

Switzerland is preparing for a lively debate this summer over its long-standing tradition of keeping army guns and ammunition at home.

<http://www.swissinfo.org/eng/swissinfo.html?siteSect=881&sid=7941744>

07/06/19 Louisiana teenager grabs gun to foil carjacking

METAIRIE, La. - A 17-year-old boy foiled an attempted carjacking, wrestling a gun from a would-be robber and shooting him after the man grabbed his mother, authorities said.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/19312164/>

07/06/18 Utah boy attacked in tent and killed by black bear near campground

AMERICAN FORK, Utah (AP) - An 11-year-old boy was attacked and killed by a black bear as he slept in a tent with his family, police said.

<http://news.bostonherald.com/national/west/view.bg?articleid=1007063>

07/06/18 'Hunting gets a bad rap' With one sound - "ping" - I felt a surge of adrenaline rip through my veins and into the fingers I wrapped tightly around the handle of the .357-magnum Smith & Wesson.

<http://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/webapp/sitepages/content.asp?contentid=575024&catname=Editorial&classif=News%20Live>

07/06/18 Americans Spent \$120 Billion On Wildlife Related Recreation In 2006

- *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

America's passion for wildlife and the outdoors continues to be a major engine of the nation's economy, according to preliminary survey data released today by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

<http://www.fws.gov/news/NewsReleases/showNews.cfm?newsId=3FCF5C3E-9D8A-682C-8154BFD40A3656AF>

07/06/18 ISRA Asks Senator Kotowski to Explain State Police Infringements on First Amendment Rights of Illinois Gun Owners

CHICAGO, PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The following was released today by the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA): The ISRA is expressing great concern over reports that Illinois State Police (ISP) detectives have been visiting the homes of people who phoned or faxed Sen. Dan Kotowski (D-Park Ridge) to express opposition to gun control legislation sponsored by the senator. <http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/06-18-2007/0004610614&EDATE=>

07/06/17 Webb says it was his gun that that led to aide's arrest

RICHMOND, Va. -- Sen. Jim Webb said he owns the gun that an aide was arrested for carrying into the U.S. Capitol complex in March.

<http://www.dailypress.com/news/local/virginia/dp-va--webb-gun0617jun17.0.3378200.story?coll=dp-headlines-virginia>

07/06/17 The Two-Fisted Attack On Crime - Commercial Appeal

Tennessee police and prosecutors have a more powerful weapon in their arsenal with passage of the Crooks with Guns Law, which takes aim at that 5% of criminals, the experts say, who commit 50% of the violent crime.

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/mca/editorials/article/0.2845.MCA.25348.5588143.00.html>

07/06/17 Not our fathers' America EDITORIAL - ...America, for the most part, has been able to maintain the fundamental underpinnings that made our country unique. But, Ladies and Gentlemen, those underpinnings are very quickly disappearing.

<http://www.smallgovtimes.com/story/07jun17.fathers.america/>

07/06/17 Self-defense claims common in murder, assault cases

NORTH COUNTY ---- Is it self-defense to shoot a man who is beating you with his fists?

http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2007/06/18/news/top_stories/61707190849.txt

07/06/16 Samuel L. Jackson is petrified of intruders in his home

Washington, June 16: 'Pulp Fiction' star Samuel L. Jackson has revealed that he might be having an onscreen hard man image, but he is not brave enough to take on anyone who tries to intrude his home-the reason why he sleeps with a gun on his bedside.

<http://www.dailyindia.com/show/149914.php/Samuel-L-Jackson-is-petrified-of-intruders-in-his-home>

07/06/16 Rifle range ordered to stop shots The Lancaster building inspector has issued a cease-and-desist order on shooting at the Clinton-owned rifle range off South Meadow Road, just six weeks after jubilant sportsmen celebrated its reopening.

<http://www.telegram.com/article/20070616/NEWS/706160350/0/FRONTPAGE>

07/06/15 Gun Plan Aims At Wrong Target- Tribune-Democrat

Crime and violence are problems that not only affect our states largest cities but also have spilled into rural and suburban towns across the commonwealth, writes **Melody Zullinger**. Gov. Ed Rendell thinks the answer to this problem is simple: Add more gun-control laws to free our streets of crime. Dont be misled by the governor or any of his supporters. Rendell recently joined with mayors and members of the General Assembly to support legislation that aims to take away our Second Amendment rights and punish law-abiding citizens. One proposal includes limiting gun purchases to one firearm a month, a plan based on speculation with no proof or support of decreasing crime

http://www.tribune-democrat.com/editorials/local_story_166132744.html

07/06/15 West Virginia Strikes Right-to-Carry Reciprocity

Agreements! In West Virginia Right-to-Carry reciprocity agreements have been reached by Attorney General Darrel McGraw (D) with North Carolina, Ohio, Florida, and South

Dakota. <http://www.nraila.org/Legislation/Read.aspx?ID=3109>

07/06/15 Smith & Wesson Hits a Bullseye

Guns are a slow-growing market, but the company is finding ways to boost sales by double digits. Smith & Wesson Holding Corp. (SWHC) blew away Wall Street on June 15 with record sales and profits, signs the gun maker's two-year-old turnaround strategy is working. Sales grew 59.7% in the fourth quarter from a year ago. That included a recent acquisition, Thompson/Center Arms, but even without adding in the rifle maker sales were up 22.3%. Profits were up 41% in fiscal 2007, despite a hit to fourth quarter earnings, which were 11 cents per share, due to charges related to the acquisition.

http://www.businessweek.com/investor/content/jun2007/pi20070615_583751.htm?campaign_id=yhoo

07/06/15 Misguided Hero Worship In an age when Fox News is a ratings juggernaut and Katie Couric is ratings roadkill, it seems almost antique to talk about liberal media bias. But it's still out there, my friends. Just look at the hilarious press release masquerading as a news story in *Time* magazine. With a picture of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg looking like henchmen from Murder Inc., *Time* [proclaims](#) these politicians "The New Action Heroes."

<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=MThhY2IxZWRhZDU3NmZmYmZiYzE5YzY5YmE2NmMwNzk=>

07/06/15 Gun plan aims at wrong target Crime and violence are problems that not only affect our state's largest cities but also have spilled into rural and suburban towns across the commonwealth.

http://www.tribune-democrat.com/editorials/local_story_166132744.html

07/06/14 The history of gun control, part 2 [Read "The history of gun control, part 1."](#) Until Lyndon Johnson came to the White House in 1963 following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, gun control was simply not a national issue. There were no significant federal gun control laws on the books, and the NRA was a shoot ...

http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=56156

07/06/14 NRA aims to change Ohio self-defense law Columbus-Trying to build on success that began in Florida, the National Rifle Association started a push in Ohio on Wednesday that would give people more authority to use deadly force to defend themselves both in and outside their homes.

<http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/news/1181809897292680.xml&coll=2>

07/06/14 Ex-Marine at GMU Presses to Let Students Have Guns Soon after [Virginia Tech's](#) mass shooting, some [George Mason University](#) students formed a group to do something about guns on campus: They want the right to carry them.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/12/AR2007061202408.html>

07/06/14 Upholding the right to bear arms ... Their rejection of the deterrence factor of firearms has been refuted over and over again by academic research. John Lott, an economist, researched the relationship of firearms ownership and crime while he was a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Chicago. His research, which has never been refuted, found that firearms ownership reduced the crime rate in cities where citizens were permitted to have firearms. His later book, "More Guns, Less Crime," expands on this thesis. Lott was not a gun owner nor an NRA member when he did his research. I defy anyone to challenge his findings.

<http://www.roanoke.com/editorials/commentary/wb/wb/xp-120596>

07/06/13 Burglar pursues suit against doctor who shot him Convicted burglar Kurt Prochaska is proceeding with his lawsuit against the doctor who shot him after he broke into the doctor's house.

<http://www.gazetteextra.com/prochaska061307.asp>

07/06/13 Woman shot in home invasion A woman is shot inside her home in Northwest Huntsville.

<http://www.waff.com/Global/story.asp?S=6654440>

07/06/13 BILL WOULD CHANGE WILDLIFE POLICIES A bill that would change the size, scope and political loyalties and, as opponents claim, lead to a direct attack on hunting and fishing in the state, goes before an Assembly committee meeting on Thursday. The bill, A3275, and its Senate companion, S 2041, were introduced a year ago and Thursday's session before the Environment and Solid Waste Committee will be its first airing in the Legislature.

<http://www.njherald.com/289110008650991.php>

07/06/12 Repeal Second Amendment, Analyst Advises

(CNSNews.com) - The Second Amendment guarantees the right of an individual to own guns and for that reason should be repealed, according to a legal affairs analyst who opposes gun ownership.

<http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewCulture.asp?Page=/Culture/archive/200706/CUL20070612a.html>

07/06/12 Americans Reject Stricter Gun Control (Angus Reid Global Monitor) - More people in the United States believe their country's current firearm legislation should remain untouched, according to a poll by Rasmussen Reports. 49 per cent of respondents believe there is no need to introduce stricter gun control laws, up 12 points since mid-April. <http://www.angus-reid.com/polls/index.cfm/fuseaction/viewItem/itemID/16079>

07/06/11 Hands off my gun! Guns have long been a fixture of life in Switzerland, with its militia army, strong traditions and liberal laws. Up to 20 million are kept in cellars and attics.

<http://www.swissinfo.org/eng/swissinfo.html?siteSect=881&sid=7914213>

07/06/11 Gun registry lives on Conservatives back away from promise to scrap firearm regulations one year after bill introduced. OTTAWA--The gun registry is dead. Long live the gun registry.

<http://www.thestar.com/News/article/223882>

07/06/11 New Jersey closer to becoming 4th state to limit handgun buys TRENTON, N.J. -- New Jersey moved closer on Monday to becoming the fourth state to prohibit people from buying more than one handgun a month when the Assembly voted 51-25 to impose the proposed limit.

http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newjersey/ny-bc-nj--handgunlimit0611jun11.0_544025.story?coll=ny-region-apnewjersey

07/06/11 PETA pushes for excise tax on meat Should hunters -- or anyone who enjoys a steak or a hamburger -- have to pay extra for that little indulgence? People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals thinks so. One of the nation's largest anti-hunting organizations, the group has kicked off a "Tax Meat" Campaign, proposing a 10-cent-per-pound excise tax on meat. Animal activists have also asked federal lawmakers to give tax breaks to those who have sworn off the consumption of animals.

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/sports/outdoors/s_511961.html

"In the next place, the state governments are, by the very theory of the constitution, essential constituent parts of the general government. They can exist without the latter, but the latter cannot exist without them."

-- Joseph Story (Commentaries on the Constitution, 1833)
Reference: Story, Commentaries on the Constitution, 191.