



# Allegheny County Sportsmen's League Legislative Committee Report

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## US House of Representatives Passes Instant Check Update Bill

The US House of Representatives yesterday passed **H.R. 2640** that provides incentives, and penalties, for states to enhance and computerize criminal and mental health records and make such records available to the FBI's National Instant Check System (NICS).

**H.R.2640**, sponsored by New York Democrat Carolyn McCarthy, is a modified version of a bill (H.R. 297) Rep. McCarthy has offered in each of the past several sessions of Congress. This version of the bill was just introduced this past Monday (June 11) and differs significantly from previous versions in that it includes several provisions for the removal of names arbitrarily added to the NICS list and to ensure ways for a person who is on the list to regain their rights. These provisions were negotiated by the NRA over the past several weeks.

This bill is Congress' response to the murders of 32 students at Virginia Tech last month and was fast-tracked straight to the House floor, bypassing the normal committee process - and public scrutiny.

The Senate is expected to deviate from their traditional, drawn out deliberative process and vote on the bill in the next few days. It is clear that the skids are greased and I would be very surprised if the Senate doesn't pass this bill and send it up to the President for his guaranteed signature.

There has been much argument within the gun-rights community about this bill, NRA's support for past versions, and their participation in reaching a

passable "compromise." Much of the opposition seems to be more concerned with the idea of dealing with long-time enemies than with the actual impact the bill will have.

With the negotiated language of the new bill, reduced negative impact, and inclusion of some very specific, positive improvements to the NICS system, we feel that, though it is still a large-scale waste of taxpayer money, this is not a gun control bill and the good in this bill outweighs the bad.

## Rendell & Philadelphia Anti-gun Legislators Want Gun Tax Increase

On June 4<sup>th</sup> the ACSL Legislative Committee was alerted to the possibility that a bill, HB 1478, sponsored by Rep. Dwight Evans to raise the Instant Check Fee to purchase a firearm to \$20 was scheduled for a vote in the House Judiciary Committee the next day.

We informed the legislators on the Judiciary Committee that the ACSL did not support a fee increase in 'any' way and that we would hold supporters accountable.

The rapid response and firm commitment in opposition to this measure saw supporters in the Judiciary Committee become tentative and fearful of losing the vote and they pulled the bill for consideration. Doing this allows them to bring it up on a moments notice or add it as an amendment to other bills. We will have to be especially careful to make sure that this bill does not advance to the floor.

## Are PA Gun Owners and Hunters Considered to be Terrorists?

A Pennsylvania website dedicated to educating the public and officials on signs and behaviors associated with terrorists' states that 'opposition to gun control' is at the top of the list as an indicator of likely domestic terrorist behavior as defined by certain issues and beliefs.

The date of this website begins in 2003 and the site is run by the PA Dept. of Health and the address is as follows: <http://www.pa-aware.org/who-are-terrorists/domestic-6.asp>.

The fact that taxpayers are funding this kind of diatribe against our own citizens is appalling and troubling. We invite everyone to visit this site and express your feelings to your legislators regarding this clear and present prejudice against our constitutional freedoms.

### Proposed Anti-gun PA Legislation:

<a href="#">HB 0018</a>	<a href="#">HB 0020</a>	<a href="#">HB 0021</a>	<a href="#">HB 0022</a>
<a href="#">HB 0023</a>	<a href="#">HB 0024</a>	<a href="#">HB 0025</a>	<a href="#">HB 0028</a>
<a href="#">HB 0029</a>	<a href="#">HB 0030</a>	<a href="#">HB 0073</a>	<a href="#">HB 0277</a>
<a href="#">HB 0291</a>	<a href="#">HB 0452</a>	<a href="#">HB 0467</a>	<a href="#">HB 0485</a>
<a href="#">HB 0608</a>	<a href="#">HB 0649</a>	<a href="#">HB 0760</a>	<a href="#">HR 0035</a>

### News Briefs:

#### DC Mayor, Anti -Gunners Admit Fears of Appeal

by Dave Workman Senior Editor

Anti-gun Washington, DC, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty has admitted, along with other gun control advocates, that the Mar. 9 federal appeals court ruling in Parker v. District of Columbia has them worried, perhaps even politically and philosophically terrified. (See related Hindsight column on Page 15.)

So deep are their concerns, in fact, that according to The Washington Post, the city is now seriously questioning whether it should carry an appeal to the US Supreme Court for fear that a loss there will begin the process of unraveling decades of restrictive gun laws across the country. The city has until Aug. 11 to make that decision.

The Parker ruling held the city's 30-year-old gun ban to be unconstitutional under the Second Amendment. The court also ruled that the Second Amendment protects an individual civil right, something anti-gunners have argued is not true since they began interpreting the 1939 ruling in US v. Miller.

The Post quoted Josh Horwitz, executive director of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, admitting, "Despite all the rhetoric about 'We're taking this all the way to the Supreme Court,' you have to really think this one through. Everyone is cognizant of the fact that this is probably the high-water mark for Second Amendment cases."

The report set off a furious debate on The Post's website where public comments were accepted, and the newspaper also hosted an on-line discussion with historian and legal scholar Sanford Levinson, author of *The Embarrassing Second Amendment*.

Levinson, who believes the Amendment protects an individual right, suggested that if the Parker case does go to the Supreme Court, it could be a close call on how the case is decided.

"I'd be more than a little surprised if any of the four 'moderates' on the Court-Ginsburg, Breyer, Souter, and Stevens-would vote to uphold the DC Circuit," Levinson said. "So that means we have to predict the five 'conservatives.' I think it's quite likely that Scalia and Thomas would vote to uphold the Circuit, and I think there's some reason to think that Auto might as well. Roberts has no known track record on the Second Amendment. Kennedy, as a [ways, could turn out to be the person in the middle."

He noted, however, that "it takes four votes for the Supreme Court to grant certiorari, and it may be that six of the Justices will be cautious enough to prefer to wait for another day (and to see the results of the next presidential election)."

Levinson acknowledged that the high court may not take this case, based on their feel for the political climate. "Judges are quite aware of the political seas within which they swim," he observed, "and sometimes time their decisions accordingly. One can argue, of course, that this is a corruption of the notion that law should be entirely separated from politics, but, as an empirical matter, I don't think that one can understand American constitutional history without realizing that members of the Court have often been cognizant of political realities (anti have sometimes gotten into hot water when they haven't).

"For better and worse," Levinson continued, "the Supreme Court, unlike circuit courts of appeal, has complete control over its own docket, so it is always reasonable to wonder why they choose to take certain cases and ignore others (that many people think are easily as significant as the cases on which they grant review)."

Anti-gunners are evidently not holding out the hope that the Supreme Court may decide to not hear an appeal, if one is filed. According to The Post, Mayor Fenty knows he is in "a high-stakes debate over the Second Amendment" and he does not want to be in the position of loser in a case that could "undercut decades of hard-fought gun control legislation across the country. No antigun mayor wants to be remembered as the man whose efforts brought down gun laws around the country.

The Post also noted that gun control advocates have been "meeting in conference rooms to analyze the potential damage that could be done nationwide if the DC law falls apart." [The New GUN WEEK](#), June 1, 2007

#### Violent Youth Gangs Contributing To Rising Crime Rates, DOJ Reports

Increasing violence among teenagers and other youths appears to have contributed to a nationwide crime spike, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said on May 15, according to Associated Press and USA Today.

Gangs and gun violence are partly to blame for the rise in crime that is on pace to increase for the second straight year, said Attorney General Alberto Gonzales in a prepared speech.

In response, the DOJ is pledging to spend nearly \$50 million this year to combat gangs and guns, and will push

Congress to enact new laws to let the federal government better investigate and prosecute violent crime.

FBI data from last fall show violent crimes, including murders and robberies, rose by 3.7% nationwide during the first six months of 2006. Those findings came on top of a 2.2% crime hike in 2005—the first increase since 2001.

Faced with the discouraging data, Gonzales last fall ordered a study of 18 cities and suburban regions to show why crime is surging.

According to Gonzales' prepared remarks and a Justice Department fact sheet, obtained by the Associated Press, the study found:

- That a growing number of offenders appear to be younger, and their crimes more violent, and that laws in some states provide few, if any, tough penalties on juvenile offenders.

- Many youths have little parental oversight and are too easily influenced by gang membership and glamorized violence in popular culture.

- Loosely organized gangs present the biggest concern for law enforcement officials because they are hard to investigate and their members often commit random acts of crime out of self-protection.

- Offenses committed by people using firearms pose a major threat not only to communities, but also to police. So-called "straw purchases," where some people buy their firearms through a go-between is an area of concern.

The Justice Department plans to distribute \$18 million in grants nationwide this year to prevent and reduce illegal gun sales and other firearms crimes.

Gonzales also will announce spending \$31 million in new funds this year to combat gangs, according to the DOJ fact sheet. The department also is working on a new crime bill to help federal authorities assist local and state police in cases involving juvenile crime. [The New GUN WEEK](#), June 1, 2007

## Key Democrat Tells Press Gunowners Are 'Type of Cult'

Anti-gun New York Congressman Charles Rangel, a Democrat, likened gunowners to a cult during remarks at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, on Apr. 17, the day after the massacre at Virginia Tech.

Rangel's remarks were in response to a question from moderator Jerry Zremski, president of the National Press Club, a reporter for The Buffalo News.

The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rangel lamented during his remarks that the "national rifle club" is "very powerful." He said the group uses that power to influence members of Congress to vote their way even though a majority of Americans seem to favor more gun control.

"Do you think the (Virginia Tech) tragedy ... could change the political debate on this issue at all," Zremski asked.

"I asked that question in a group of Democrats today," Rangel responded, "and the people that I expected to say no said no. It's a regional thing, it's a cultural thing and it's a sad thing, but it's some type of cult: 'Don't touch; don't take the gun from my dead, cold hands.'"

Rangel, who claims to be opposed to the notion of repealing the Second Amendment, said he is working with Republican New York Rep. Peter King to push Congressional action on the gun issue. He has also been working with anti-gun New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition.

"If you're hunting and are accurate enough not to shoot people in the face," Rangel told Zremski, "I don't really think that your gun right should be taken away from you. But it seems to me that someone with an automatic weapon committing the type of atrocities, and the painfulness, that should be enough to try to put some control over automatic pistols." [The New GUN WEEK](#), June 1, 2007

## S-1237 Inspires SAF Calls For Gonzales Resignation

by Dave Workman Senior Editor

Alarmed that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales had thrown his support behind federal legislation that would apparently allow him and future attorneys general to block firearms purchases without due process caused the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) to call for his resignation.

In a statement, SAF founder Alan Gottlieb noted that the sponsor of S-1237 the so-called Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2007—is perennial anti-gun Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ). Gottlieb said the legislation would give the attorney general discretionary authority to deny the purchase of a firearm or the issuance of a firearm license or permit because of some vague suspicion that an American citizen "may be up to no good."

"This bill," said Gottlieb, "raises serious concerns about how someone becomes a 'suspected terrorist.' Nobody has explained how one gets their name on such a list, and worse, nobody knows how to get one's name off such a list."

SAF's call for Gonzales' resignation set off a wave of reaction on Internet gun rights forums. Both [TheHighRoad.org](#) and [KeepandBearArms.org](#) had blistering discussions, which unanimously supported the SAF position. Much of the discussion was about how someone's name is added to a so-called terrorist watch list and how someone gets his or her name off of such a list.

"The process by which someone may appeal the Attorney General's arbitrary denial seems weak at best," Gottlieb suggested, "and there is a greater concern. When did we decide as a nation that it is a good idea to give a cabinet member the power to deny someone's constitutional right simply on suspicion, without a trial or anything approaching due process?"

Gottlieb said he was not surprised that Gonzales found a willing sponsor in Lautenberg.

"The senator from New Jersey has never seen a restrictive gun control scheme he did not immediately embrace," Gottlieb said, "and S-1237 is loaded with red flags. It would allow an appointed bureaucrat the power to suspend or cancel someone's Second Amendment right without even being charged with a crime."

"Attorney General Gonzales has no business asking for that kind of power over any tenet in the Bill of Rights," Gottlieb ob-

served. "He took an oath to uphold the Constitution, not trample it. Perhaps it is time for him to go." [The New GUN WEEK, June 1, 2007](#)

## Scotland Justice Minister Puts Knife Control on Front Burner

by Dave Workman Senior Editor

Alarmed by an increase in the number of assaults and killings in Scotland by men armed with knives, Scottish Justice Minister Cathy Jamieson on May 5 announced her strategy to disarm these knifers.

Essentially what she said, without saying it, is that violent crime will continue even when guns are essentially banned. Criminals wanting to hurt or kill evidently find other weapons, and in Scotland, it's the knife.

Claiming she wants "to deliver a safer, stronger Scotland through a more efficient and effective justice system ...that stands up to the scourge of anti-social behavior," Jamieson acknowledged there are "no simple, one-off solutions to violence and its many causes."

That said, she proposed new restrictions on the sale of knives. The minimum age for the purpose of purchasing a knife will be raised to 18 years. Some of the rhetoric sounds remarkably like the rhetoric of American anti-gunners.

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Recalling that Scotland had the fourth highest incidence of death by violence in Europe in 2004, Jamieson suggested that "sharp items continue to be the most common method of killing in this country, consistently accounting for around half of all murders each year."

The problem appears to be most acute in Glasgow and the west of Scotland. "Knives can be lethal weapons and to carry them for 'protection' or as a status symbol is not something which we can tolerate," she wrote.

She said police are finding more young men carrying either fixed-blade or folding lockback knives.

Apparently there is also a problem with swords in Scotland. Jamieson noted that "while many might think that swords are part of a bygone age, their threat remains very real in Scotland today." She said police report more samurai swords are appearing.

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the sale and use of knives, yet the crime rate seems to be on the rise. Jamieson admitted that "while we could seek to restrict access to all knives-no matter what their intended purpose-the vast majority of people use knives in the home responsibly and safely every day." As a result, she said there are no additional proposals for restricting the sale of knives with "a legitimate domestic use." [The New GUN WEEK, June 1, 2007](#)

## Open Door

That leaves open the door for additional regulation of knives deemed to have no legitimate domestic use. The proposed definition of a "non-domestic" knife is: "a knife which has a blade or sharp point, and which is not designed only for domestic use, or only for use in the processing, preparation or consumption of food."

This definition would extend to dual- or multi-function knives, where any one of those functions (is) related to a non-domestic purpose. For example, a "hunting knife" might be used for food preparation but since it

is also designed for non-domestic use, it would be subject to the restrictions Jamieson is proposing.

She also noted that knives have a distinguishing feature that makes them dangerous: they have blades and these blades are pointed. [The New GUN WEEK, June 1, 2007](#)

## AL Police Praise Armed Citizen's Help in Robbery

Alabama police and sheriff's deputies have praised the actions of an armed private citizen who intervened in a fatal bank robbery and confronted the robber, giving lawmen time to move in and shoot the suspect.

According to The Birmingham News and several other news agencies, credit for preventing the robber's escape has gone to Chris Chappell, a customer who was in the bank when the alleged robber, later identified as William Merriweather Jr., opened fire on bank tellers, killing two outright and wounding two others.

Chappell darted out of the bank, drew his legally-concealed pistol and took cover behind his SUV

Merriweather, who has been charged with two counts of capital murder, two counts of attempted murder and first-degree kidnapping, emerged from the bank to find himself confronted by Chappell. Merriweather reportedly raised his hands and then scrambled back inside the bank where he took the bank manager, Myron Gooding, hostage and then went back outside.

By then, deputies had arrived and when Gooding stumbled, one of the deputies shot Merriweather in the leg. [The New GUN WEEK, June 1, 2007](#)

## Bonehead Cop Stunts

Once again, truth is stranger than fiction, and an Associated Press and Detroit Free Press report from Dearborn, MI, bears that out with the tale of a now-ex-cop who seems to have skirted jail time for a stunt that would probably land someone else in the pokey.

Enter former Cpl. Edward Sanchez who admitted that he took marijuana from criminal suspects and then-with a helping hand from his wife-baked the dope into brownies, and then started snacking.

This flirtation with foolishness occurred on Apr. 21, 2006. Sanchez, evidently well under the influence of the pot pastry, dialed 911 and told a police dispatcher "I think we're dying ... We made brownies and I think we're dead, I really do."

According to the published report, Sanchez first told investigators that his wife snatched the grass out of his car while he was asleep, but he subsequently admitted that he brought the stuff into the house himself and dumped it in the brownie mix.

Sanchez has since quit the force, and the cops have decided not to pursue charges against him or his wife. That may not be the end of the case, though. City Councilman Doug Thomas is not happy about the handling of this case.

"If you're a cop and you're arresting people and you're confiscating the marijuana and keeping it for yourself, that's bad. That's real bad," he said.

The newspaper described the situation as having "left a bad taste" in Thomas' mouth.

Gun Week is just guessing, but it probably wasn't near as bad as the after-taste of those brownies! [The New GUN WEEK, June 1, 2007](#)

## 10-Month-Old Gets FOID Card

In Illinois, you're never too young to own a gun, even if you can't carry it anywhere and Mayor Richard Daley and friends would like to take it away.

That's more or less what one father found out, when he registered his 10-month-old son for a Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) card, according to Fox News and The Daily Southtown of Chicago.

Daily Southtown columnist Howard Ludwig registered his son-Howard David Ludwig, nicknamed "Bubba"-online after the child's grandfather bought him a gun shortly after the baby's birth. Ludwig chronicled the road to gun ownership in a story that appeared in the Southtown on May 13.

"Anyone who wants to own a firearm or purchase a firearm needs a FOID card," Ludwig told FOX News. "I applied for one of these for my son. Now ironically he can't buy a gun until he's 18 years old, but if he wants to own one-which he does thanks to Grandpahe needs one of these cards anyhow"

The report said the ID card, complete with a photo of the tot, allows the child to own a firearm and ammunition, and legally transport an unloaded gun, even though Bubba has yet to learn how to walk.

"Not only did I have his birthday on there, it had a picture of him giving a toothless grin," Ludwig reported. "It asked for his weight, which I listed at 20 pounds, and his height, which is 2 feet, 3 inches."

The only tricky thing was getting his son, who has yet to learn how to write, to sign his John Hancock.

"He can't quite sign his name yet, so I just put a pen in his hand," Ludwig told FOX. "He made a scribble in the appropriate box and that came superimposed at the bottom of the card."

Officials say that while it's rare to issue a FOID card to minors, it's not illegal.

"There is nothing in the FOID Act or any of the rules that says anything about age restrictions," Lt. Scott Compton, of the Illinois State Police, told the elder Ludwig.

Bubba got his ID card a few weeks after his father sent in the application and \$5 fee.

"It's pretty rare that anyone would need a FOID card at 10 months, but the fact that they're issuing them I think is pretty interesting as well," he said. [The New GUN WEEK, June 1, 2007](#)

## Town Bans Renting to Illegals

Voters in Farmers Branch, TX, a Dallas suburb, on May 12 became the first community in the nation to prohibit landlords from renting to most illegal immigrants, according to Associated Press (AP).

The ban was approved by a vote of 68% to 32% in final, unofficial returns.

The balloting marked the first public vote on a local government measure to crack down on illegal immigration, according to AP "It says especially to Congress that we're tired of the out-of-control illegal immigration problem. That if Congress doesn't do something about it, cities will," said Tim O'Hare, a City Council member who was the ordinance's lead proponent.

The ordinance requires apartment managers to verify that renters are US citizens or legal immigrants before leasing to them, with some exceptions. [The New GUN WEEK, June 1, 2007](#)

## NSSF Bullet Points:

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- **ATF MAKES NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT HANDBOOK AVAILABLE ONLINE . . .** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has made the entire National Firearms Act Handbook available [online](#). It can be viewed chapter by chapter or can be downloaded in its entirety in PDF format. The National Firearms Act Trade and Collectors Association (NFATCA) provided assistance in making the handbook available on ATF's Web site.

- **NSSF SUPPORTIVE OF BILL TO IMPROVE NICS . . .** Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are finishing up negotiations on a bill, HR 297, which would strengthen the National Instant Check System (NICS) database used to identify individuals prohibited from possessing firearms. Under the legislation, states voluntarily participating in the system would have to file an audit with the U.S. attorney general of all the criminal cases, mental health adjudications and court-ordered drug treatments that had not been filed with the instant-check system. The federal government would then cover 90 percent of the cost for the states to get up to date within 180 days of the audit. "There is broad consensus across the ideological spectrum for improving the NICS system," noted Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF senior vice president and general counsel. "This bill will not expand the definition of a prohibited person. It will merely improve the updating of records. As long as no anti-gun amendments are added, given the safeguards in the legislation, NSSF will continue to fully support this bill." [Read the Washington Post story.](#)

- **THREE-IN-ONE FIREARM SAFETY DVD . . .** NSSF's three firearms safety education video programs, McGruff® the Crime Dog on Gun Safety, It's Your Call: Playing It Safe Around Guns, and Firearms Safety Depends on You are now available on one enhanced DVD that includes access to Web links and safety materials. A discussion guide on the two youth safety programs is included in this comprehensive firearm safety-awareness package for children and adults. [Click here](#) to order. Visit [NSSF.org's Safety & Education section](#) for more resources.

- **NEW JERSEY VOTES ON ONE GUN A MONTH . . .** The New Jersey Assembly is expected to vote today on legislation that would make it illegal for law-abiding citizens to purchase more than one handgun a month. The proposed legislation is particularly fruitless because the state police already screen every buyer and pre-approve every firearm sale. Additionally, New Jersey state law requires handgun purchasers to obtain a permit from

local law-enforcement in advance of the sale, and federal law already requires firearm retailers to report all multiple sales of handguns (including more than one to the same person in a five-day period) to both federal law enforcement and the local police chief by close of that business day.

"Legislation to ban New Jersey citizens from purchasing more than one handgun a month only harms the state's law-abiding firearm dealers, mostly small 'mom and pop' businesses, and, according to the Centers for Disease Control, will do nothing to reduce crime," said NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel Lawrence G. Keane. NSSF and the New Jersey Association of Firearms Retailers are actively opposing this anti-gun measure.

- **MICROSOFT FUNDS HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES . . .** A leading anti-hunting organization [has received an injection of funds](#) from Microsoft. In addition to donating \$100,000 to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the computer software giant has included HSUS on a list of 10 organizations from which a Windows Live Messenger user may select his or her designee to be a recipient of advertising revenue gleaned by a pilot program called the i'm Initiative. Microsoft has rejected pleas to end its support of HSUS.

- **PHEASANTS SET ASIDE FOR PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH HUNT . . .** The Pennsylvania Game Commission [has approved a youth pheasant hunt](#) for Oct. 6-12, and in addition to projecting the release of 15,000 pheasants statewide before the hunt, the Game Commission will set aside 1,500 birds for clubs that host a youth pheasant hunt. A 26-page [planning guide](#) for staging successful youth hunts includes a request form for an allotment of pheasants, which must be filed at the local Game Commission Region office by Aug. 15 and which are filled on a first-come basis.

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- **ATTORNEY GENERAL PROPOSES LEGISLATION TO ENHANCE ATF POWERS . . .** U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on Friday [announced plans](#) to expand efforts to combat violent crime, including legislation that, among other things, would give ATF the power to impose suspension and civil fines against FFLs that violate federal firearms laws and regulations. Last year, NSSF supported legislation (HR 5092 - "BATFE Modernization and Reform Act of 2006") that would have overhauled ATF's enforcement procedures to better protect the rights of licensees but would also have given ATF similar compliance tools to distinguish between willful violations and paperwork errors that do not threaten public safety. "NSSF will closely review this legislation and the new powers it would give to ATF," said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF senior vice president and general counsel. "Importantly, last year's bill offered a clear definition as to what is meant by a 'willful violation'. Hopefully, this new bill will strike the proper balance HR 5092 did."

- **CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY PASSES MICROSTAMPING BILL DESPITE FLAWS . . .**

Rejecting the results of a study it requested, the California Assembly passed by a vote of 44-29 legislation that would mandate a new patented, sole-sourced technology known as firearms microstamping. The Assembly's vote, largely [along party lines](#), not only contradicted recommendations of the experts at the University of California at Davis, but also an earlier peer-reviewed study published last year that demonstrated the technology is unreliable and can be easily defeated in seconds using common household tools. Read [NSSF's response](#) to the Assembly vote.

- **PRIEST THREATENS TO 'SNUFF OUT' GUN SHOP OWNER . . .** A priest in Chicago threatened to ["snuff out"](#) a local gun shop owner during a protest. "The comment is particularly disquieting when one considers it was uttered by a member of the clergy," said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF senior vice president and general counsel. A spokesman for the Rev. Michael Pflieger claimed the priest did not realize the word "snuff" could mean murder. An attorney representing the owner of Chuck's Gun Shop & Range who appeared on Fox News' "[Hannity & Colmes](#)" on Friday wasn't buying that explanation.

- **2007 INDUSTRY REFERENCE GUIDE . . .** NSSF has released its [2007 Industry Reference Guide](#), a 110-page resource of statistics and trends in the shooting, hunting and outdoor industry. The guide is available on CD-ROM to NSSF members for \$10, non-members \$135. For a closer look or to order a copy, visit [www.nssf.org/IndustryResearch](#). Also, keep an eye out in your e-mail inbox for a special opportunity to order this year's edition.

- **ACQUISITION OF THE SPORTSMAN CHANNEL COMPLETE . . .** InterMedia Outdoors Holdings announced today that it has [completed its acquisition](#) of The Sportsman Channel, a 24-hour television channel dedicated solely to hunting and fishing programming. InterMedia Outdoors also owns 17 hunting, fishing and shooting magazines, which it acquired recently from PRIMEDIA Inc.

- **NEW YORK TIMES ON 'BLACK RIFLES' . . .** The New York Times on Sunday ran a lengthy, even-handed [business feature](#) on the growing market for military-style rifles, accurately explaining their popularity and functionality.

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- **CALIFORNIA LEGISLATOR URGED TO DROP MICROSTAMPING BILL . . .** NSSF last week called upon California Assemblymember Mike Feuer (D-West Hollywood) to withdraw his Assembly Bill 1471, legislation that would require semiautomatic firearms sold in California to use a patented sole-sourced technology that purports to leave the make, model and serial number of the firearm on a cartridge shell casing. The move by NSSF comes on the heels of a

recently released study by the University of California at Davis that proves the technology -- called firearms microstamping -- is "flawed," "does not work well ..." and is easily defeated.

[Full Story](#)

- **NICS ANNOUNCES CHANGES ON DELAYED TRANSACTIONS . . .** The FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Section is implementing a change in how it obtains Federal Firearm Licensee (FFL) call-back information on delayed background checks. [Full Story](#)

- **AP: WAR PUTS HEAVY DEMAND ON AMMO MAKERS . . .** [The Associated Press](#) last week reported on how ammunition makers are responding to the U.S. military's high demand for small-caliber ammunition, which Army officials say increased from 426 million rounds in 2001 to 1.5 billion rounds in 2006.

- **PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE APPROVES LANDOWNER LIABILITY LAW . . .** After a court found a landowner to be partially responsible for a hunter's errant shot that found its way to an unintended target off his property, House Bill 13 was created to amend the state's landowner liability law. On May 23, the Pennsylvania House [voted 199-0](#) to send the bill to the Senate for further consideration.

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- **REP. TIAHRT REBUKES BLOOMBERG . . .** After taking heat from New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's TV ads, urging public access to firearms tracing data, U.S. Rep. Todd Tiahrt fought back in a 30-minute interview last week. [The New York Sun reported](#) that Tiahrt, sponsor of legislation to limit access of gun tracing data to law enforcement agencies, accused the mayor and his aides of negotiating in bad faith and says the mayor is putting politics over police safety. "I think it's a self-serving effort to put a political agenda above the safety of our law enforcement officers," Tiahrt said.

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- **NEW YORK MAYOR AGREES TO OBEY VIRGINIA LAW . . .** After a stern warning from Virginia Attorney General Bob McDonnell, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg [agreed](#) to abide by Virginia law in pursuing any future actions involving Virginia firearms dealers. McDonnell last week [warned New York](#) that legal action could be taken if private agents continue to target Virginia gun dealers in undercover sting operations. After July 1, a new Virginia law will make such actions a felony. In a [press release](#), McDonnell thanked Bloomberg for agreeing to obey the law.

- **BRADY CENTER DROPS FRIVOLOUS LAWSUIT AGAINST DEALER . . .** Paul Vernon Pardue, president of Cary Jewelry and Pawn in Wake County, N.C., understands first hand what it's like to have his reputation and business attacked in the media and harassed by a frivolous lawsuit. In 2005, in a last-ditch effort to block final passage of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, the Brady Center sued Pardue's business, blaming him for the criminal misuse of a firearm lawfully sold after a background check. The Brady Center at the time said, "The gun dealer chose to

make a quick buck rather than protect public safety -- greed and recklessness caused the death of a brave law enforcement officer." But just last week, fearing a judge would learn how utterly false its allegation was, the Brady Center voluntarily [dropped the lawsuit](#) without getting so much as a red cent out of the dealer.

- **COURT DENIES D.C. APPEAL . . .** The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit last week [ruled 6-4](#) to deny a request by Washington, D.C., officials to reconsider a March ruling that overturned the district's 30-year-old gun ban. Because of the decision, the city officials would need to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if they hope to preserve the city's gun-control laws.

- **ILLINOIS MAGAZINE BAN HEADS TO HOUSE . . .** The Illinois Senate on Wednesday voted 31-26 in favor of a ban on gun magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition. The measure now [heads to the House](#). Sen. Mike Jacobs (D-East Moline), whose area includes several gun manufacturers, warned that passage of the bill would be a serious blow to the state's economy as manufacturers have threatened to move out of state if the bill is passed.

- **VIRGINIA TECH STUDENT TURNS TO TURKEY HUNTING FOR CONSOLATION . . .** A [first-person account](#) by Virginia Tech graduating senior Glenn Dye tells of how he sought -- and found -- comfort and encouragement on a trip back home. There, family, friends and familiar turkey hunting woods provided valuable consolation. "I knew the best treatment for my pain was to do what I love most and continue turkey hunting," Dye writes.

### News Links:

#### **07/06/11 Canada - Gun registry lives on**

The gun registry is dead. Long live the gun registry. It is beginning to look like the Conservatives are not going to be able to keep their long-held promise to scrap the federal firearms-registration system. It is also far from clear if the Conservatives have done any work to prepare the ground for a post-registry regime. **For instance, Canada is a signatory to a United Nations resolution, passed in 2001, which commits states to some national system of registration for firearms.**

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

#### **07/06/07 The History Of Gun Control, Part 1 - World Net Daily**

"Philosopher George Santayana said that those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," writes Sady Froman. "It's true. One of the reasons to study history is to avoid repeating past mistakes. When it comes to freedom, we cannot afford to forget the lessons of the past. So you and I need to know the history of gun control, because history teaches us there is a terrible price to pay when we lose our right to keep and bear arms."

[http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=56047](http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=56047)

#### **07/06/07 Refuge Plan: Increase Hunting, Cut Feeding - Jackson Hole News**

A plan for the National Elk Refuge would reduce the number of elk and bison through hunting while decreasing supplemental feeding during the winter. [http://www.jhguide.com/article.php?art\\_id=1849](http://www.jhguide.com/article.php?art_id=1849)

#### **07/06/07 Court Decision Restricts Gun Sentences - New York Sun**

A federal appellate court just made it more difficult for federal judges in

New York to impose stricter sentences for gun-related crimes.  
<http://www.nysun.com/article/56039>

**07/06/06 Anti-Gun Foundations Bankrolling Advocates For Aliens**  
 Wealthy philanthropic foundations are helping bankroll the pro-immigration movement, while groups advocating for tighter control of U.S. borders say they take a more grass-roots approach to raising money. The Ford Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation and Democratic activist George Soros are among the liberal funders that have donated millions of dollars to pro-immigration groups.  
<http://www.washtimes.com/national/20070606-122212-5421r.htm>

**07/06/06 Gun Control First On U. Security List - Salt Lake Tribune**  
 A University of Utah task force formed to examine campus security initially will focus on policies prohibiting guns in hearing rooms and restricting concealed-weapons-permit holders in dorms.  
[http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci\\_6071928](http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_6071928)

**07/06/05 New violations found at Red's** "Is Adams before Anderson?" Young asked Horsley, to make the point that his files were not ordered alphabetically. "I said, 'Probably not.' She said, 'That's a violation if they aren't in perfect alphabetical order.' In the four previous audits this has never been in question."  
[http://www.magicvalley.com/articles/2007/06/05/news/local\\_state/113584.txt](http://www.magicvalley.com/articles/2007/06/05/news/local_state/113584.txt)

**07/06/04 Walk Away From The United Nations - Washington Times**  
 If a university were to grant Robert Mugabe an honorary degree in human rights, land reform and economic development, it would lose every shred of credibility. Yet on May 11, the United Nations, with so little credibility of its own, actually squandered more of it when Zimbabwe, ravaged by its dictator, was voted the chair of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development -- specializing in economic land and rural development -- as well as the environment.  
<http://www.washtimes.com/op-ed/20070603-101309-3546r.htm>

**07/06/02 Fight with Feds Leads Filmmaker to Twin Falls** Aaron Zelman, a Wisconsin-based documentarian, will premiere his film, "The Gang," in Twin Falls, he said Friday, because of Red's Trading Post's struggles with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives.  
[http://www.magicvalley.com/articles/2007/06/02/news/local\\_state/113429.txt](http://www.magicvalley.com/articles/2007/06/02/news/local_state/113429.txt)

**07/06/01 Thousands Celebrate 100 Years At Camp Perry - Port Clinton News Herald**  
 Up to 6,000 shooters are expected to take part in a historic milestone this July -- the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Camp Perry as the site for the National Matches.  
<http://www.portclintonnewsheald.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2007706010316>

**07/06/01 Mexico's Gun Laws: Draconian And Ineffective - Guns & Ammo**  
 "The inhabitants of the United...States are entitled to have arms of any kind in their possession for their protection and legitimate defense, except such as are expressly forbidden by law, or which the nation may reserve for the exclusive use of the army, navy or national guard; but they may not carry arms within inhabited places without complying with police regulations." Does that proclamation sound plausible? Completed, the first line of the aforementioned clause actually reads "The inhabitants of the United Mexican States" The statement is Article 10 of the Mexican Constitution  
[http://www.gunsandammomag.com/gun\\_columns/border/0706/](http://www.gunsandammomag.com/gun_columns/border/0706/)  
**07/06/01 Anti-Gun Advocate Nabbed On Weapons Charges**

**(CBS) LOS ANGELES** The founder of an anti-gun group will be arraigned June 21 on weapons charges, following his arrest Thursday for allegedly selling firearms to federal undercover officers, a spokesperson for the District Attorney's Office said today.

Hector "Big Weasel" Marroquin, 51 -- who founded the one-time city-funded group "No Guns" in 1996, purportedly to work against gang and gun violence in the inner city -- is charged with the sale of an assault rifle, a machine gun, two pistols and two silencers,  
[http://cbs2.com/topstories/local\\_story\\_152194329.html](http://cbs2.com/topstories/local_story_152194329.html)

**06/03/10 Anti-Gun Advocate Nabbed On Weapons Charges**  
<http://www.knbc.com/news/7882188/detail.html>

**07/06/00 A New Hope?** By now, GUNS readers will have heard Washington DC's firearm ban has been overturned. The 2-1 decision in Parker v District of Columbia by a three-judge panel of the US Court of Appeals reversed a lower court ruling and affirmed the Second Amendment protects an individual right. That sounds like a big deal, a huge deal some say, and they may be proven right. Read the article by David Codrea <http://gunsmagazine.com/Rights06.html>

**07/05/30 Rep. Danny Bump: Second Amendment Legislation is necessary** It is interesting how events in our lives affect us. When I first arrived in Columbus, it was made clear to me that most legislators have strong opinions concerning Second Amendment rights. There are legislators that are pro-gun and there are those that are not. A recent confrontation has changed one legislator's anti-gun stance.  
<http://www.buckeyefirearms.org/article3771.html>

**07/05/29 Counterpoint: Gun Control Does Not Stop Violence - OSU Sentinel**  
 Everybody's first reaction to the massacre at Virginia Tech was one of shock and sorrow, but, for some, what followed that initial reaction was an angry and ridiculous call for more gun-control, writes Matthew Thomas Gross. If you were one such person, who believes that tragedies like the one at Virginia Tech would be stopped by taking guns out of civilians' hands, you need to think again.  
<http://media.www.osusentinel.com/media/storage/paper1151/news/2007/05/29/Commentary/Counterpoint.Gun.Control.Does.Not.Stop.Violence-2909459.shtml>

**07/05/29 Guns and Rudy: The Whole Story - The Conservative Voice**  
 Republican presidential aspirant Rudy Giuliani does not make himself a conservative by calling himself one, writes Michael Gaynor. And he does not make himself a legitimate champion of gun owners by ignoring his anti-gun history and hoping gun owners won't learn about it.  
<http://www.theconservativevoice.com/article/25471.html>

**07/05/29 Rendell Charges NRA In Control Of Gun Legislation - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review**  
 The Pennsylvania General Assembly has resisted gun control legislation because it has been under the control of the National Rifle Association, Gov. Ed Rendell charged. House Minority Leader Sam Smith angrily fired back that Rendell is "delusional."  
[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/cityregion/s\\_509021.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/cityregion/s_509021.html)

**07/05/28 Blame Urban Culture, Not Urban Guns - National Post**  
 Sometimes I wonder whether Toronto Mayor David Miller actually listens to himself talk, writes Lorne Gunter. Probably not. Nothing original ever issues forth from the man's mouth. Instead, he seems only to function as a funnel for every fashionable theory about "root causes" and social engineering advanced in the past quarter century.  
<http://www.canada.com/nationalpost/columnists/story.html?id=72b86ea-a-5af0-4c55-a037-6bedf00b8161>

**07/05/27 UK Minister urges teenagers to take up shooting** Anti-gun campaigners have accused the Government of making a U-turn on firearms after a minister urged teenagers to take up shooting to improve their behaviour. Richard Caborn, the sports minister, has backed a drive by shooting groups to increase participation in the sport among children as young as 12. He believes that the sport helps young people to become more responsible and disciplined, and vowed that significant funds would be made available to help boost participation.  
[http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/05/27/ns\\_hoot27.xml](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/05/27/ns_hoot27.xml)

**07/05/26 Debate Over Sharing Gun Data Turns A Little Testy - Wichita Eagle**  
Rep. Todd Tiahrt of Kansas and Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City are waging a gunfight.  
[http://www.kansas.com/news/nation\\_world/story/80230.html](http://www.kansas.com/news/nation_world/story/80230.html)

**07/05/26 Kevin Costner Calls For Stricter Gun Laws** Kevin Costner is urging lawmakers to come up with a series of strict new gun legislation - even if it limits his own shooting time.  
[http://www.starpulse.com/news/index.php/2007/05/26/kevin\\_costner\\_calls\\_for\\_stricter\\_gun\\_law](http://www.starpulse.com/news/index.php/2007/05/26/kevin_costner_calls_for_stricter_gun_law)

**07/05/24 Bill's Ugly Buddy - New York Post**  
Every year since he left the White House, former President Bill Clinton has been paid by InfoUSA - an Omaha, Neb., company now identified as a key provider of databases that enable criminals to defraud the unsuspecting elderly. Senate rules don't require Hillary Clinton to reveal exactly how much--or for what--the company has paid her husband, but just months after he left the presidency, InfoUSA paid Bill Clinton \$200,000 to give a speech. Since then, it has paid him an undisclosed amount each year - listed only as "more than \$1,000" for "non-employee compensation" on Sen. Hillary Clinton's financial-disclosure forms.  
[http://www.nypost.com/seven/05242007/postopinion/opedcolumnists/bills\\_ugly\\_buddy\\_opedcolumnists\\_dick\\_morris\\_eileen\\_mcgann.htm](http://www.nypost.com/seven/05242007/postopinion/opedcolumnists/bills_ugly_buddy_opedcolumnists_dick_morris_eileen_mcgann.htm)

**07/05/24 D.C. Inmates Suits Rack Up Millions - Washington Times**  
Legal settlements from accusations of civil rights violations, negligence, assaults and other complaints against the D.C. Department of Corrections are costing city taxpayers millions of dollars.  
<http://www.washtimes.com/metro/20070524-121326-9636r.htm>

**07/05/23 Mexico's gun laws are as draconian as they are ineffective**  
Officials in Mexico have twisted the meaning of their constitution to fit their needs, and the situation serves as an example to the few remaining countries in the world where gun ownership is viable.  
[http://www.gunsandammomag.com/gun\\_columns/border/0706/](http://www.gunsandammomag.com/gun_columns/border/0706/)

**07/05/23 TN: Woman claims double murder suspects broke into her home** There is a new twist in the January murders of Christopher Newsom and Channon Christian. An East Knoxville woman says the suspects in the case broke into her home just a day before the couple was carjacked.  
<http://www.wate.com/Global/story.asp?S=6560889&nav=0RYV>

**07/05/23 Rep. Sam Smith: Regarding Rendell's Gun Statement - Pennsylvania GOP**  
Pennsylvania Rep. Sam Smith responds to Gov. Rendell's attack on gun owner's rights. <http://www.pagop.org/News/Read.aspx?ID=4987>

**07/05/23 Michael Bloomberg's War On Guns - NewsMax**  
New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is leading a war on guns, and it may be just the first salvo in his drive to become president.

Today, media entrepreneur Bloomberg is the 44th richest person in the United States and 142nd wealthiest person in the world, according to Forbes magazine, which in 2007 estimated his net worth at \$5.5 billion. Fortune magazine last April calculated that his share of Bloomberg LP is worth \$13 billion.

<http://www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2007/5/22/204735.shtml?sl=hl>

**07/05/23 Kaine Change In Virginias Gun Laws - The Examiner**  
Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine says he is hopeful the General Assembly will overcome its affection for firearms and adopt changes to the Commonwealths gun and ammunition laws in response to the April 16 murders at Virginia Tech. [http://www.examiner.com/a-743269~Kaine\\_wants\\_lawmakers\\_to\\_change\\_Va\\_s\\_gun\\_laws.html](http://www.examiner.com/a-743269~Kaine_wants_lawmakers_to_change_Va_s_gun_laws.html)

**07/05/23 U.N. Force Engaged in Weapons Trafficking- San Diego Union-Tribune**  
Pakistani U.N. peacekeepers charged with disarming Congolese militia instead engaged in gold and weapons trafficking with militia members, the BBC reports.  
[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/C/CONGO\\_UN?SITE=CADIU&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/C/CONGO_UN?SITE=CADIU&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT)

**07/05/22 Trafficking in Corruption - National Review**  
Im never particularly surprised when the United Nations seems to oppose human freedom rather than promote it, writes Fred Thompson. At least a third of its member nations aren't democratic themselves. Many that claim to be, are only barely so.  
<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=OTIzYjgxZmZkYjU3MjIxMmJkZDFhNDc4NzMlMDhmOGU=>

**07/05/21 Judge Applauds Courthouse Gun Law - Tulsa World**  
District Judge Tom Thornbrugh calls it `wise legislation.` He armed himself during a courthouse commotion in 2005. A new law specifying that district judges can have guns in courthouses is "important and wise legislation," said a Tulsa judge who made headlines when he armed himself during a court commotion a year and a half ago.  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?articleID=070521\\_1\\_A1hDist56332](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?articleID=070521_1_A1hDist56332)

**07/05/21 OSU Pistol Club Takes Aim At Gun Education - The Lantern**  
Gunshots rang out from several .22-caliber pistols during the Ohio State Pistol Club's weekly meeting at the firing range in Converse Hall Thursday evening. The group exists to promote fundamentals of firearms safety, maintenance and marksmanship and to spread awareness about the importance of responsible gun use, said Evan Peck, president of the organization.  
<http://media.www.thelantern.com/media/storage/paper333/news/2007/05/21/Campus/Osu-Pistol.Club.Takes.Aim.At.Gun.Education-2905955.shtml>

**07/05/20 Forum: Gun Laws Embolden Criminals - Washington Times**  
Alex Gerber ("The Gun Culture," Commentary, May 13) decried the "absurd contention" that if some Virginia Tech students were armed there would have been far fewer victims. Yet recent examples abound where private citizens with firearms stopped unhinged murderers, such as the Appalachian School of Law, and public schools in Pearl, Miss., and Edinboro, Pa.  
<http://www.washtimes.com/commentary/20070519-101017-1920r.htm>

**07/05/20 Oklahomans Own Guns, Oppose Gun Control - KSWO.com**

A recent poll shows Oklahomans are twice as likely to own guns as the rest of the country. The poll also shows 54% of the Oklahoma poll respondents say they do not believe the U.S. needs stricter gun laws.

<http://www.kswo.com/Global/story.asp?S=6541529>

#### **07/05/18 Illusion of Safety: The False Promise of Gun-Free Zones**

Recent news accounts of the bittersweet commencement exercises at Virginia Tech University refueled debate in my university neighborhood and reinvigorated our search for the real cause of the threat to our safety.

[http://www.townhall.com/Columnists/KenBlackwell/2007/05/18/illusion\\_of\\_safetythe\\_false\\_promise\\_of\\_gun-free\\_zones](http://www.townhall.com/Columnists/KenBlackwell/2007/05/18/illusion_of_safetythe_false_promise_of_gun-free_zones)

#### **07/05/18 Mystery Of Violence - Washington Times**

In 2004 a few dozen members of Congress asked the Federal Communications Commission whether the government could define and regulate "excessively violent programming that is harmful to children" without violating the First Amendment. Last month, after thinking about it for three years, the FCC had an answer: Sure. Go ahead. <http://www.washtimes.com/commentary/20070517-100741-1887r.htm>

**07/05/17 Gun Ban Ruling Puts Fenty on the Spot** D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty must make a risky choice about the District's gun ban: defend it before the Supreme Court or write new, looser laws governing how city residents can keep guns in their homes.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/16/AR2007051602781\\_pf.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/16/AR2007051602781_pf.html)

**07/05/17 Time for a change?** Society does a good job of counting the number of crimes they commit. But those are easier numbers to get than the number of crimes that didn't happen because a criminal worried that a potential victim was armed and dangerous - to the criminal.

[http://www.registerbee.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=DRB%2FMGArticle%2FDRB\\_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173351230448&path=news!opinion](http://www.registerbee.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=DRB%2FMGArticle%2FDRB_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173351230448&path=news!opinion)

#### **07/05/17 Time For A Change? - Danville Bee & Register**

Criminals are opportunistic. They prefer to hunt victims they believe can't fight back. They'll watch out for police officers and security guards. They'll size up bystanders and check for security cameras.

[http://www.registerbee.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=DRB%2FMGArticle%2FDRB\\_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173351230448&path=news!opinion](http://www.registerbee.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=DRB%2FMGArticle%2FDRB_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173351230448&path=news!opinion)

#### **07/05/16 Gonzales To Target Violent Crime - Washington Times**

Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales has called for more prosecutors, increased funding, new training, enhanced prevention efforts and a crackdown on violent offenders in a new Justice Department initiative to assist federal, state and local law-enforcement agencies in combating violent crime. <http://www.washtimes.com/national/20070515-110656-3427r.htm>

#### **07/05/15 Run-In Changes Lawmaker's Stance - Cleveland Plain Dealer**

It's funny how a gun can instantly change your perspective on things, make you wish you could rewrite history. State Rep. Michael DeBose, a southside Cleveland Democrat, discovered this lesson the night of May 1, when he thought he was going to die. That's the night he wished he had that gun vote back.

[http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/phillip\\_morris/index.ssf?/base/opinion/1179218274175560.xml&coll=2](http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/phillip_morris/index.ssf?/base/opinion/1179218274175560.xml&coll=2)

#### **07/05/15 Line Of Duty Deaths Down in 2006 - Washington Times**

Forty-eight law-enforcement officers were killed last year as a result of felonious line-of-duty attacks the FBI said in a new report. The total

was seven less than in 2005.

<http://www.washtimes.com/national/20070514-113728-7699r.htm>

**07/05/15 NY: Gun buyback program only benefits criminals** Let me get this straight. The police officers, firefighters and teachers can't get their raises, which are due them, but we have money to pay criminals — the same ones we lock up — to turn in guns so they can go back out on the street and buy drugs and maybe even better guns than the police have.

<http://www.buffalonews.com/222/story/70246.html>

#### **07/05/13 Passerby Kills Police Officer's Killer - Boston Globe**

New Hampshire authorities say that they will not press charges against a former Marine who stepped into a deadly shooting and killed a 24-year-old high school dropout who had moments earlier fatally shot a police officer.

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/05/13/feud\\_turned\\_deadly\\_in\\_nh/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/05/13/feud_turned_deadly_in_nh/)

#### **07/05/13 Guns Are Back in the News: Here's a Handy Guide - Editor & Publisher**

In the wake of the Virginia Tech atrocity, a new wave of gun control debate and legal measures will remain in the news for months. But sloppiness is a warm gun: It would be nice if the press at least got its technical terminology right in covering the developments

[http://www.mediainfo.com/eandp/columns/shoptalk\\_display.jsp?vnu\\_content\\_id=1003584792](http://www.mediainfo.com/eandp/columns/shoptalk_display.jsp?vnu_content_id=1003584792)

#### **07/05/12 First Things First- National Review**

We have road maps--at least two of them in fact--the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution--to guide us, writes Fred Thompson. How can we look at the world without thinking about inalienable rights, and doing everything necessary to protect our country? How can we think of fiscal policy or even health-care policy without remembering the limitations appropriately placed upon government and the importance of individual freedom?

<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=ZDA3ODFkNTA4NDM3YWYzMzc0NWQ1NjY4ZjlkZjkwNDI==MQ==>

#### **07/05/10 An About-Face On Guns - The American Spectator**

On Monday the New York Times uncharacteristically gave front page space to a story about liberal scholars who have--albeit reluctantly--come round to the individual rights view of the Second Amendment. Among the most prominent is Harvard Law Professor Laurence Tribe (the man reported to have pushed senators to oppose the Robert Bork nomination) who now teaches that any law-abiding American adult who wants a Colt Diamondback to safeguard his family or go racoon hunting has the Second Amendment behind him.

[http://www.spectator.org/dsp\\_article.asp?art\\_id=11413](http://www.spectator.org/dsp_article.asp?art_id=11413)

#### **07/05/09 Axis Soros - Wall Street Journal**

The men and motives behind the World Bank coup attempt.

<http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110010050>

#### **07/05/09 Should Students Be Able To Carry Concealed Weapons?**

NEW YORK — The deadly shooting rampage at Virginia Tech last month has re-ignited an emotional debate about whether students should be allowed to carry concealed weapons on campus.

[http://www.brooklyneagle.com/categories/category.php?category\\_id=4&id=12744](http://www.brooklyneagle.com/categories/category.php?category_id=4&id=12744)

#### **07/05/08 Self-defense bill passes both houses**

Legislation to give people more leeway in defending themselves when faced with a violent threat has passed both houses of the General Assembly.

<http://tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070508/NEWS0201/705080372>

#### 07/05/08 Massacre propels bill to OK guns in parks

Tennesseans who have handgun permits could carry their weapons into state parks legally under a bill on the move in the legislature, and its chances of passing are greater in light of the Virginia Tech massacre, one of its sponsors said.

<http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070508/NEWS0201/705080371>

#### 07/05/08 Your Turn: Second Amendment protects necessary freedoms

"... in response to Jeffrey L. Bineham's April 25 column, "Is the Second Amendment obsolete?" I was quite appalled ..."

<http://www.sctimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070508/OPINION/105080020/1006/NEWS01>

#### 07/05/08 Liberal Money Talks - *Washington Times*

The liberal wealthy super-elites who control private tax-exempt foundations have discovered success in controlling politicians and bankrolling activist organizations ranging from open borders advocates to radical environmentalists. It is especially frightening, though, to witness a recent phenomenon whereby just one of these amoral financiers, George Soros, manipulates the media by stifling and smearing center-right political voices. <http://www.washtimes.com/op-ed/20070507-102427-1433r.htm>

#### 07/05/08 Wildlife Funds Facing Gaps - *Charlottesville Daily Progress*

Here's an irony for you: A decline in hunting is imperiling conservation efforts in states across the nation. State fish and game departments traditionally have relied on hunting and fishing license fees to pay for a variety of conservation programs.

[http://www.dailyprogress.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=CDP%2FGArticle%2FCDP\\_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173351105321&path=!news!opinion](http://www.dailyprogress.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=CDP%2FGArticle%2FCDP_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173351105321&path=!news!opinion)

**07/05/08 TN: Kingsport senior citizen shoots sister-in-law's attacker during intersection fracas** A Monday evening shooting, though still under investigation by Kingsport Police, may have been in self-defense. <http://www.timesnews.net/article.php?id=9001263>

#### 07/05/08 Gun control: Worthwhile or not?

In the wake of the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech, gun rights have been a point of contention. Some think stricter gun control laws would have prevented the massacre; others believe if the laws were less strict, the deaths could have been cut down. <http://www.journal-news.net/columns/articles.asp?articleID=9106>

**07/05/08 Answering the Brady Center...Again: Academic Freedom and Guns DO Mix** Because Freedom and Guns mix. They mix because they are the lethal force which backs citizen authority. <http://www.buckeyefirearms.org/article3721.html>

#### 07/05/08 America must rethink fixation with firearms

I ponder where we went wrong in this country. Not so much in government, business and social institutions, but America in general -- the people. The question weighs most heavily on those of us in advancing years.

<http://www.pressconnects.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=20070508033>

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**07/05/08 SAF SAYS D.C. CIRCUIT DENIAL ON RE-HEARING OF PARKER CASE WAS RIGHT** BELLEVUE, WA – This morning's decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to deny a petition from the District of Columbia for a hearing of Parker v. District of Columbia before the full court was "right and proper," said Alan M. Gottlieb, founder of the Second Amendment Foundation. <http://www.saf.org/viewpr-new.asp?id=225>

#### 07/05/08 The Forgotten War - Part 1

There has been heated debate whether another large terrorist attack would happen here in the United States. If it happens, the first responders will not be the U.S. Military or Federal agents.

<http://www.kpvi.com/Global/story.asp?S=6482099>

#### 07/05/07 Don Kates Responds to NY Times

I had previously posted on the [NY Times](#) article on whether the 2nd Amendment guarantees an individual right to own a gun. Well, Don wrote up a much longer letter here.

<http://johnrlott.tripod.com/2007/05/don-kates-responds-to.html>

#### 07/05/07 The case for owning a gun made top pick

WND readers want to know what to do under fire, and have made "Shooting Back: The Right and Duty of Self Defense" by Charl Van Wyk their top pick this week at [Shop.WND.com](#). As shootings like Columbine become more common, and the death tolls increase, such as at Virginia Tech where 32 innocent people were gunned down, WND readers are concerned about what they can do, especially in areas that are declared to be gun-free, such as Virginia Tech.

[http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=55574](http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=55574)

#### 07/05/07 Gun licenses safe choice

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<http://media.www.thelantern.com/media/storage/paper333/news/2007/05/07/Opinion/Gun-Licenses.Safe.Choice-2896369.shtml>

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#### 07/05/07 Ho hum, yet another study debunks microstamping

Don't the gun grabbers ever get tired of their pet crime-fighting technology being shot down again and again by experts? Nope, they are tenacious as bulldogs. Too bad they aren't half as smart.

<http://www.guntards.net/>

#### 07/05/07 Armed for learning

Good SAT scores and tuition assistance are no longer chief prerequisites for entering college. Many of today's college students are gearing up in other than academic ways to face the many rigors of campus life.

<http://www.aspentimes.com/article/20070507/COLUMN/105070034>

**07/05/07 Deafening silence****No talk of gun control in D.C., on campaign trail**

The murder of 32 people at Virginia Tech by a disturbed student last month sparked an outpouring of shock and sorrow across the nation and triggered debate about mental illness, safety on college campuses, media responsibility and more.

<http://www.telegram.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070507/NEWS/705070314/1020>

**07/05/07 We shouldn't overreact with more gun control****Don't deprive law-abiding citizens their protection; instead enforce purchase regulations.**

"A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

<http://www.stargazette.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2007705070320>

**07/05/07 Gun buyback program only benefits criminals**

Is Mayor Byron Brown serious? Let me get this straight. The police officers, firefighters and teachers can't get their raises, which are due them, but we have money to pay criminals — the same ones we lock up — to turn in guns so they can go back out on the street and buy drugs and maybe even better guns than the police have?

<http://www.buffalonews.com/222/story/70246.html>

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<http://media.www.thelantern.com/media/storage/paper333/news/2007/05/07/Opinion/Gun-Licenses.Safe.Choice-2896369.shtml>

**07/05/06 Women Take Up Arms** Monday is Ladies Night, and Lorrie McNally is a regular here. So is her 62-year-old mom. The air is thick and smoky, and the place is packed. People are forced to shout over the boom, boom, boom. But these women aren't clutching cocktails -- they're gripping guns

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/orl-gungirls0607may06.0,3679289.story?page=1&track=rss>

**07/05/05 Feds Ask For Longer Sentences In Eco-Crimes - The Oregonian**

Government prosecutors have filed court papers seeking longer prison terms for a gang of convicted eco-saboteurs now awaiting sentencing, saying their serial arsons constituted "federal crimes of terrorism."

<http://www.oregonlive.com/oregonian/stories/index.ssf?/base/news/1178335507184270.xml&coll=7>

**07/05/04 Lawless lawmakers in Philadelphia**

Are we the only ones to see the irony in a City Council demanding that citizens follow their gun control laws when they can't be bothered to follow state law themselves? <http://www.guntards.net/lawless-lawmakers-in-philadelphia>

**07/05/03 ESSAY- Fundamentalists: Talk to the armed law students**

In the week following the Virginia Tech tragedy, I read articles in two daily newspapers and the Sunday *New York Times* about gun control in the United Kingdom and heard quotes from shooting victims at Columbine; Dunblane, Scotland; and the University of Texas.

<http://www.readthehook.com/stories/2007/05/03/ESSAY-gunControl-A.rtf.aspx>

*"If the federal government should overpass the just bounds of its authority and make a tyrannical use of its powers, the people, whose creature it is, must appeal to the standard they have formed, and take such measures to redress the injury done to the Constitution as the exigency may suggest and prudence justify."*  
-- **Alexander Hamilton** (Federalist No. 33, 3 January 1788)