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## PA Legislative Battles Over Gun Control Continue

Pennsylvania and our freedoms are yet again at a crossroads where our legislators are being faced with an onslaught of anti-gun legislation in this fall session. The furor in the early part of this year and our subsequent news conference put them on notice that we held our freedoms in the highest regard. Since then groups from the District Attorneys Association, the Governors office, the PA State Police, local Mayors from urban centers and selected urban police spokespersons have been lobbying for legislation that will create minefields for gun owners. Anti-gun legislation such as *HB 1536 (mandatory training before YOU can buy a gun)* and *HB 1744 (numerous gun related issues)* and others have been quietly receiving attention in committees due to this pressure while at the same time pushing pro-gun legislation aside that we worked so hard to get introduced.

Therefore we are planning on taking another trip to Harrisburg on Tuesday Oct 23, 2007 to reinforce in legislators minds the premise that we EXPECT action on 'our' legislation and that we are closely watching the legislative process and every action taken on the anti-gun bills.

This will be a day devoted strictly to Legislator Interaction and Lobbying/Education that will run from 9am to 3 pm in the Capitol building and associated offices in Harrisburg.

Why is it SO important for the average gun owner to take part in this???

Certain Philadelphia legislators have even stooped to using tax money to pay for a poll that 'supposedly' demonstrates that even 'gun owners' want more gun control to include One Gun a Month, Mandatory Training, Assault Weapon Bans and other gun control concepts.

Have YOU or ANYONE you know been surveyed OR does this belief have ANY support in YOUR club? NO!! Well we DIDN'T think so!!

This particular individual lobbying event will be focused on dispelling these notions. It is important to remember that there are dozens of anti-gun bills that are either pending or that have been held up in the Judiciary Committee so far. *Combining that with the fact that over 25% of the PA House* is comprised of new representatives in this session with a large portion of them not having committed to a decision (much less a vote yet) on all of these Anti and PRO gun bills pending. We feel it is imperative that we take the initiative to educate these new Reps and other incumbent Reps as to why they should support and oppose other proposed legislation. We must educate them with facts, figures, and real world realities about crime and criminal problems and how these laws could help and hurt the people of Pennsylvania. If we fail you can expect to have some of these anti-gun, anti-constitution, anti-freedom bills become laws that will negatively affect all Pennsylvanians for decades.

### **DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN!!!!**

You personally can make a huge difference by attending and participating in this event to help educate our legislators with your fellow gun owners as to the reason why firearm ownership is so important to you. YOUR voice could make the all the difference at this Legislator "Lobbying and Education" day in the state capital.

Please make EVERY EFFORT to join us on this most important opportunity, to protect your constitutional rights to keep and bear arms and help pass PRO-gun bills that will make PA a safer place to live for everyone except the criminals.

We PROMISE another spirited day!!

## Brady Campaign Data Fudged To Exploit Miami Cop Shootings

by Dave Workman Senior Editor

The shooting death of a Miami-Dade police sergeant and the wounding of three others by a gunman who was subsequently killed by other officers is reason enough to renew a ban on so-called "assault weapons," according to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

In a press release Sept. 18, the Brady Campaign focused on the gun used in the crime, identified as an AK-47, noting that Sgt. Jose Somohano's death occurred "three years to the day after the Federal Assault Weapons ban expired."

However, in claiming that "More officers are killed with firearms than through any other single cause," the Brady Campaign's own data--taken from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)--does not support that assertion. Gun Week checked the figures after doing some quick math using the Brady press release which stated, "According to the National Law Enforcement Memorial (sic), there have been 132 officer fatalities in the US so far this year, with 54 killed by a firearm of any type, not just military style firearms. In all of last year, 145 officers died in the line of duty, 52 due to firearms. In 2005, 50 officers were killed with firearms."

Those figures suggested that less than half of the police officers who died on the job during those two years were the victims of gunshot wounds. There was no supporting data on the number of officers actually killed with so-called "assault weapons." Gun Week also found that Brady erred on the number of police actually shot in 2005. Fifty-nine, not 50 officers died, but even that figure is less than half of the 162 police officers who died on the job.

In 2004, according to NLEOMF figures, 162 officers died on the job, 59 of those from gunshot wounds. In 2000, 50 of the 147 cop deaths were from shootings, and in 2002, 60 of the 157 officers who died were shot. In 2001, there were 72 shooting deaths out of 239 officer fatalities (the same number that died in the 9/11 terrorist attack). In 2000, 53 of the 161 officers killed on the job died from gunshot wounds. Over the past 10 years, 582 of the 1,649 lawmen and women who died on the job were shot. Do the math. Less than half and closer to a third of the officers who have died on the job in the last decade were shot.

Over the past 10 years, NLEOMF data revealed, 582 police officers were gunshot victims. That is from a total of 1,649 police officers killed on the job in the years from 1997 through 2006.

By contrast, 707 officers died in traffic accidents, including 78 who were killed in motorcycle accidents and

another 151 who were struck by vehicles. Another 478 died in auto crashes.

Add to that figure the 25 who drowned, another 15 who were fatally stabbed, the 73 who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack and 133 who died from "job-related illness," and the number of police officers who have died during the past 10 years numbers far less than half of the total. The figure is actually closer to a third of all law enforcement on-the-job fatalities.

According to the July 17 issue of USA Today, there has been a spike in fatal police shootings for the first six months of the year. The number of officers gunned down during the first half of 2007 was 39, which is up from the 27 who were shot to death during the first six months of 2006.

Traffic-related deaths rose 36% for the same period, the newspaper revealed. The overall total of line-of-duty fatalities for the first six months of this year came to 101, according to USA Today.

In another gaffe, the Brady Campaign asserted that "Through Sept. 14th of this year police officer deaths exceed the total number of officers killed in the line of duty by a firearm in any of the last six years." That allegation is accurate only if the data were to include all of the officer deaths from every cause, not just gunshot wounds. The wording of the Brady claim, however, might lead one to believe that more officers have died in shootings this year than during the past six years. But the Brady Campaign's own figures do not square with that claim.

As of Sept. 14, when the Brady group said 54 cops have been gunned down this year, that figure is eclipsed by the number of officers killed by gunshot wounds in 2005, 2004, 2002 and 2001.

It should be noted that, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, law enforcement is a less risky occupation than logging, commercial fishing, construction, truck driving, roofing and piloting an aircraft.

However, The Christian Science Monitor recently reported that there has been "a spike in the number of police officers who died in the line of duty" that has not been seen since 1978. That newspaper said there has been a 59% increase in the number of police shootings over the same period in 2006, and it has raised alarms in law enforcement.

Miami-Dade cop killer Shawn Sherwin LaBeet was no stranger to law enforcement in south Florida, according to various news agencies. At the time of the shooting, he was reportedly the subject of two other pending cases of alleged aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in North Lauderdale. It also appeared for a time that he had been using a stolen identity. [The New GUN WEEK](#), October 15, 2007

## Washington Gun Ban Under Fire

By STEPHEN MANNING, Associated Press Writer

Thu Oct 4, 2:27 PM ET

Deep inside Washington's police headquarters is a library like few others, with floor-to-ceiling racks displaying 1,700 guns, from a World War II-era rifle with bayonet to rows of pocket-size revolvers, automatic pistols and big six-shooters that look straight out of the Wild West.

Most of the guns, used now for forensic research, were seized during crimes under a 31-year-old law in the nation's capital that bars handgun ownership for nearly everyone except law enforcement — a measure police have praised as a valuable tool against violence.

But that ban is now in jeopardy. The law was struck down by a federal appeals court this year, and now the District of Columbia is asking the Supreme Court to weigh in. Both sides of the gun debate are apprehensive.

The case represents the first time a federal appeals court struck down a gun-control law on the grounds that the Second Amendment guarantees the right of individuals to own guns. Up to now, courts have generally interpreted the amendment to protect only the collective right of states to maintain militias.

If it takes the case, the high court could issue its first direct ruling on the Second Amendment in 70 years, solidifying some of the nation's toughest gun laws or exposing them to a torrent of new challenges.

"It will be the biggest ruling on the Second Amendment ever," Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. "You get nervous when you see something with far-reaching implications."

Even the National Rifle Association, which believes it might have an advantage with a conservative-leaning high court, is uneasy.

"I'd rather be on our side than on their side, given the chances, but there is always a 'but,'" said Wayne LaPierre, the NRA's executive vice president.

Lawyers for the city and the plaintiffs, who are backed by the libertarian Cato Institute, say they believe the court will break its long silence on gun rights. D.C. officials say they expect to learn by early November whether the Supreme Court will take the case.

Passed in 1976, Washington's gun law is one of the nation's toughest firearms regulations. In addition to barring private handgun ownership, it requires D.C. residents to keep shotguns and rifles unloaded and disassembled or fitted with trigger locks.

Critics say the law has done little to curb violence, mainly because guns obtained legally from outside D.C. or through illegal means are still readily available.

Although the city's homicide rate has declined dramatically since its peak in the early 1990s, it still ranks among the nation's highest, with 169 killings in 2006.

Last year, the Washington Metropolitan Police Department seized 2,656 guns, up 13 percent from 2005. Many of the guns flowed in from surrounding states such as Maryland and Virginia.

Linda Singer, the district's attorney general, said public safety is the main reason the city decided to take the case to the Supreme Court. Without the law, the city's homicide rate would probably be higher, she said.

"More guns leads to more gun violence," she said.

The Second Amendment reads: "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."

In March, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit struck down the city's gun law in a 2-1 decision, saying it violated residents' Second Amendment rights. Washington appealed to the Supreme Court in September.

Some cities and states with tough gun laws are getting nervous about D.C.'s appeal. During the lower court proceedings, Washington had the backing of several jurisdictions, including Massachusetts, Maryland and Chicago. But fearing they could lose — and lose big — at the Supreme Court, few have publicly backed the city or filed briefs in support of its appeal.

Chicago, which has a handgun ban similar to Washington's, could be affected the most. Benna Ruth Solomon, Chicago's deputy corporation counsel, declined to comment on Washington's decision but said if the court takes the case, Chicago will "be a strong supporter of the district" and will "absolutely participate."

Helmke, of the Brady Campaign, said the group suggested to Washington that it rework its gun laws rather than press on with an appeal. A broad Supreme Court ruling on the Second Amendment could jeopardize a variety of laws, including waiting periods for handgun sales and California's machine gun ban, he said.

Not everyone shares the gloomy outlook. New York's criminal justice coordinator, John Feinblatt, said a Supreme Court decision would not affect the city's laws since the state does not have an outright handgun ban like Washington. And CeaseFire Maryland, which advocates tough gun laws, said the state's gun regulations could pass muster even if the high court agreed Washington's law is unconstitutional.

Kenneth Barnes Sr., an anti-violence activist whose son was shot in the face and killed during a 2001 robbery in Washington, said a Supreme Court decision against the city would have large symbolic meaning.

"This is the capital of the United States of America," Barnes said. "What kind of message are we sending when you say we want more guns?"

## **OR Teacher Sues for Gun Rights; Senator Vows Campus Ban Guns**

*by Dave Workman Senior Editor*

An Oregon public school teacher was due to be in Jackson County court Oct. 11 in her lawsuit against the Medford school district, seeking the ability to bring her handgun to work for protection against her reportedly violent ex-husband, against whom she has a restraining order.

The lawsuit is being funded by the Oregon Firearms Educational Foundation. The case has taken on national implications, and the woman's attorney, James Leuenberger of Lake Oswego, told Gun Week that depending upon the outcome of the Oct. 11 hearing, there could be an appeal. That prospect seems likely as the school district has dug in, and an anti-gun Oregon state senator from Portland has vowed to introduce legislation that would exempt public schools from the state's pre-emption law.

Sen. Ginny Burdick, who traveled to Washington State earlier this year in support of anti-gun show legislation, has already caught heat from the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms over her announcement. CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb accused the liberal Democrat of "world-class hypocrisy" for supporting legislation to protect nursing mothers, and another bill to prevent discrimination against domestic partners.

"Yet, she obviously thinks single moms don't need protection from abusive ex-spouses, nor is she the least bit concerned about discriminating against law-abiding Oregon female gunowners who happen to be teachers," Gottlieb said.

He characterized the legislation as a bill "designed to make female teachers more vulnerable to abusive ex-spouses by specifically stripping away their right of self-defense on school campuses.

"Sen. Burdick is a text book example of the socially-prejudiced liberal," Gottlieb observed, "She would stand up for a woman's right to choose on every issue except when it comes to the choice of personal protection. In this case, she obviously feels women like the teacher in Medford should simply submit to fear and perhaps being victimized in the workplace. What a horrible, demeaning double standard."

He was joined in his criticism by CCRKBA Executive Director Mark A. Taff, who noted that there has never been a case where a legally-armed teacher ever harmed a student on a public school campus. He reminded Gun Week about Pearl, MS, high school assistant principal Joel Myrick who raced to his car and retrieved a handgun when shooting

broke out at the school in 1997, and subsequently apprehended student Luke Woodham. Myrick held Woodham for the police, and apparently prevented him from going to a nearby junior high school to continue his shooting spree.

Leuenberger admitted to Gun Week that he had not anticipated this case would become something of a cause celeb in the gun rights community. But in the days following his filing of the lawsuit against Medford schools on his client's behalf, he found himself being interviewed by Fox News and CNN.

The teacher has maintained a low profile throughout the ordeal, and Leuenberger told Gun Week that she has been "very stressed." He said the judge "may or may not" announce a decision right away, but no matter how he rules, it is likely there will be an appeal.

The teacher did author an Op-Ed opinion piece in the Sept. 16 edition of The Portland Oregonian, in which she said her ex-husband had threatened to kill her. The ex-husband is apparently approved as a substitute teacher in the Medford school district. [The New GUN WEEK](#), October 15, 2007

## **IACP Summit, "Report" Funded By Anti Gun Group**

The so-called "Great Lakes Summit on Gun Violence" held in Chicago earlier this year by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and the report issued by that organization in September were largely financed by the anti-gun Joyce Foundation.

This revelation prompted Alan Gottlieb, founder of the, Second Amendment Foundation, to question whether the IACP report deserved any credibility in its findings and recommendations. In a stinging opinion piece, co-written by Gun Week Senior Editor Dave Workman, Gottlieb said the IACP is "revealing itself to be the best group of police officials money can buy."

The Gottlieb-Workman piece was not the only criticism leveled at the summit or the report, "Taking a Stand: Reducing Gun Violence in Our Communities." National Rifle Association radio host Cam Edwards, and veteran gun rights activist David Hardy also took swipes at the IACP and Joyce Foundation.

Wrote Edwards on his blog: "This is an anti-gun report bought and paid for by an anti-gun foundation, assembled by antigunners from the Joyce Foundation, Harvard, and the Violence Policy Center. I've seen more serious studies written by Carrot Top and Larry the Cable Guy."

Gun Week obtained data listing Joyce Foundation grants of \$375,000 and \$174,788 for the IACP's summit, along with another \$99,935 "to develop and execute the release of a report on the Great Lakes States Summit on Firearm Violence."

Among the IACP's recommendations were that all gun sales be done only through licensed firearms retailers, with mandatory background checks. IACP also recommends banning so-called "assault weapons" and ".50-caliber sniper rifles." They want Congress to repeal the Tiahrt Amendment, a federal law that protects sensitive federal gun trace data from general access.

The summit was attended by representatives of various law enforcement agencies and several prominent regional and national anti-gun rights organizations, including the Violence Policy Center's Kristen Rand and Tom Diaz, who contributed to the report.

Also receiving criticism was the press for virtually overlooking the links between the Joyce Foundation and the IACP, despite the fact that the foundation trumpeted its involvement in the summit and production of the report on its own website. According to the Joyce website, the foundation "has funded IACP to work collaboratively with law enforcement officials, public and medical health professionals, researchers and policy-makers to address gun violence reduction through a coordinated, regional approach." [The New GUN WEEK](#), October 15, 2007

### **Senators Grill ATF Nominee**

US Attorney Michael Sullivan fielded some tough questions about gun laws while winning praise Sept. 26 at a Senate confirmation hearing to become director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), according to Associated Press.

Sullivan, a former Republican state legislator and district attorney in Massachusetts, was nominated by President Bush for the job in March. He has been acting director of the agency for more than a year.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), who chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, lauded Sullivan's "distinguished career in public service."

Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) introduced Sullivan at the hearing, praising both his professional abilities and his character.

"It is a job that he's proven more than qualified and capable of performing," Kerry said.

Sullivan also faced some grilling from Kennedy and Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) about whether the ATF would be willing to release more gun tracing data, a move the senators said could help state and local law agencies fight gun crime.

Sullivan said there has been confusion about what data ATF could share, but he said he hopes ATF will provide more data.

Sullivan has repeatedly stressed his agency's support for the Tiahrt amendment which restricts release of such

information to local law enforcement engaged in criminal investigations. [The New GUN WEEK](#), October 15, 2007

### **KY Collegians Slate Protest of Campus Gun Ban**

Students at Western Kentucky University reportedly plan a protest at the school during the week of Oct. 22, and here's the surprise: They are up in arms, figuratively anyway, about a campus policy that bans firearms.

The university, in Bowling Green, will be the scene of what one student calls the "empty holster protest," according to Associated Press and *The Bowling Green Daily News*. The protest promises to be creative and somewhat attention-grabbing because those involved will simply go about their business on campus while wearing empty holsters.

The newspaper quoted Caott. Mike Dowell with the Western University Police Department, who said, "It's not the smartest idea to walk around with an empty holster, but there's nothing illegal about it."

Organizers of the event might concur with Dowell's assessment to a point. It is their opinion that there ought to be something in the holster, and that's why they are planning this protest. Their aim is to get the university to reconsider its prohibition, so that students who are legally licensed to carry handguns can do so on the campus.

University officials do not appear ready to budge.

The week-long protest is being organized by the Students for Concealed Carry on Campus. This organization was founded in reaction to the April massacre at Virginia Tech, and there are chapters on several college campuses. [The New GUN WEEK](#), October 15, 2007

## **NEWS RELEASES**

### **ALBANY MACHINE GUN SCANDAL: BLOOMBERG LOOKING IN WRONG PLACE, SAYS SAF**

BELLEVUE, WA – The renewed scandal involving alleged missing machine guns that had been secretly and illicitly purchased by officers with the Albany, NY Police Department several years ago suggests that if New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg wants to go after illegal guns, he need only drive up the Hudson River with his rogue investigators and turn them loose, the Second Amendment Foundation said today.

The Albany Times Union reported this week that dozens of automatic weapons, obtained apparently without approval by police officers in 1993 and 1994 – during the first Clinton Administration – were originally thought to have been rounded up and destroyed a few years ago. But now, the newspaper said, some of these guns are apparently still missing. One of the guns

was reportedly found at a Texas gun store. Another of the guns had been obtained by an assistant district attorney, who ultimately turned it in about four years ago. It was not explained why he had the gun in the first place, but he certainly should have known better, SAF said.

“While Mayor Bloomberg has been bullying gun shops in other states for alleged illegal gun trafficking, he might want to send his vigilante private investigators to harass the Keystone Kops of the Albany Police Department,” said SAF founder Alan Gottlieb. “And instead of suing gun dealers for firearms that show up in New York City crimes, maybe he ought to apologize to the citizens of Texas for the fact that an illicit Albany machine gun showed up in their state.

“Bloomberg and people like him repeatedly argue that one type of firearm or another should be restricted to the police and military,” he continued. “This case, and similar ones in Oregon and Michigan where police officers were charged with federal firearms violations, demonstrates just how ridiculous that argument is. We’re surprised that none of the officers in the Albany scandal were prosecuted.

“Perhaps the worst part about this scandal is that it is a black mark against all the good, decent police officers out there who wouldn’t dream of being mixed up in something like this,” Gottlieb observed. “Millions of law-abiding American citizens, including thousands who currently own fully-automatic firearms, have never been involved in anything remotely similar to this fiasco, yet Mike Bloomberg wants to strip them of their gun rights.

“Contrary to what the Bloomberg Bunch says, maybe these guns should be restricted to anybody but the police,” Gottlieb concluded.

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## **News Briefs:**

### **Judge Rejects Bloomberg Ploy**

A federal district court in Georgia on Sept. 21 denied a request by attorneys for New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to dismiss or transfer a lawsuit filed against the mayor and others by Adventure Outdoors, a Georgia retailer, to a federal court in the Eastern District of New York.

That lawsuit, supported by the Second Amendment Foundation, names as defendants Bloomberg, the city's corporation counsel, criminal justice coordinator and police commissioner, and a private investigation company that was hired to conduct so-called "sting" operations against Adventure Outdoors and several other gun shops in at least five states. The lawsuit was filed in 2006 in federal court in Georgia, with former Rep. Bob Barr and Jasper, GA, attorney Ed Marger representing the dealer.

The US District Court for the Northern District of Georgia ruled there was jurisdiction in Georgia, and that the individuals who were sued were subject to that jurisdiction.

[The New GUN WEEK](#), October 15, 2007

### **KS Robber Gets Headache**

Bid a belated goodbye to a drug store robber identified as Alexander Mies, who strolled into a Wichita, KS, pharmacy on the morning of Aug. 25 with a bogus prescription, and then demanded money at gunpoint.

Surprise of bad surprises for Mies: One of the partners in the drug store had a gun of his own, and he was plenty fast with it. The unidentified pharmacy owner opened fire with a shotgun and nailed Mies with a head shot.

According to KWCH news in Wichita, the case has been turned over to the District Attorney's office for possible action, as appears normal procedure. This was the first shooting in the history of the drug store, Salyer's Pharmacy.

[The New GUN WEEK](#), October 15, 2007

### **Guard Hurt in Mishap**

There was no "China Syndrome" episode, but a lot of people at the Seabrook nuclear power station scrambled Sept. 17 when a guard at the facility accidentally shot himself in the leg, according to *Foster's Daily Democrat* newspaper in Dover, NH.

The unidentified guard, who works for Wackenhut Security, was holstering his handgun when the pistol discharged, sending a bullet into his lower leg. At the time, the guard was just coming on duty, the newspaper reported.

According to the newspaper, the wounded guard had worked at the plant for about a year. He was treated and released from a local hospital. [The New GUN WEEK](#), October 15, 2007

### **Victim Tried to Clear Gun Jam**

Looks like Michael Kurty of Hollidaysburg, PA, was trying to un jam a machinegun on the evening of Sept. 12 when he accidentally was shot in the head fatally, according to WJAC-TV

An auxiliary police officer with, the Duncansville Police Department, Kurty reportedly was working for East Coast Gun Sales at a demonstration of the machinegun. He and another person had reportedly fired several rounds before the gun jammed, and Kurty was apparently shot even after the gun was disconnected from a power source.

He reportedly had trained only for about 24 hours with the firearm, which was being displayed and demonstrated at a gun show in Blair County. [The New GUN WEEK](#), October 15, 2007

## One Crime Too Many in NC

It appears that Howard Jones, 55, of Surry County, NC, made the mistake of returning to the scene of a previous crime, because it turned out to be a one-way trip.

According to WXII news and *The Winston-Salem Journal*, Jones was in the midst of a break-in at a home in Pilot Mountain when he aroused the homeowner at about 8 a.m. on Sept. 17. It was his bad luck that the homeowner came to investigate all the noise with a .223-caliber rifle.

The homeowner confronted Jones, who had raised a ladder to get inside the house via a window. It appears, the newspaper said, that Jones advanced on the homeowner, who fired two shots first into the ground, and then one at Jones when he didn't stop. When police arrived; they found Jones lying on the lawn with a bullet wound in the chest. He was transported to a nearby hospital, where he died. [The New GUN WEEK](#), October 15, 2007

## Anti-Gun Hypocrisy in Chicago

*The Chicago Tribune* reported in late August that Louie Velasquez, an outreach worker for CeaseFire, a local antigun group that reportedly targets gang violence, was busted for possession of an AK47, a handgun, drug paraphernalia and live marijuana plants.

The 23-year-old Velasquez apparently had worked for the antigun program for about four months prior to his arrest, according to CeaseFire founder Gary Slutkin.

The newspaper said that Velasquez was fired.

The arrest happened on the night of Aug. 25. Velasquez faces charges of cannabis production, and having a firearm and ammunition without a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card. The story indicated that Velasquez is a former gang member, and said that CeaseFire recruits and employs former gang members who can work with gangs in their community. [The New GUN WEEK](#), October 15, 2007

## News Links:

**07/10/09 LOUISVILLE, Ky.** -- A driver shot in a Stony Brook shopping center parking lot continues to improve. Police said Darren Pickerill was shot during a "road-rage" incident in June. The gunman who shot him: recently retired Jeffersontown Police Officer Richard Koenig who claimed he fired in self-defense. <http://www.wlky.com/news/14300965/detail.html>

**07/10/08 Off-duty Wis. deputy sheriff kills 6**  
CRANDON, Wis. - The residents of a remote northern Wisconsin community struggled to understand Monday how a sheriff's deputy who killed six young people and critically wounded another could have become a law enforcement officer. Tyler Peterson, 20, was shot to death after opening fire early Sunday on a group of students and recent graduates who had gathered for pizza and movies during their high school's

homecoming weekend. Peterson was off-duty from his full-time job as a Forest County deputy sheriff; he also was a part-time Crandon police officer.

"How do they know somebody's background, especially that young? It is disturbing, to say the least."

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071008/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/wisconsin\\_s\\_hooting](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071008/ap_on_re_us/wisconsin_s_hooting)

## 07/10/07 Workplace gun ban OK

TULSA, Okla. – Employers can ban employees from bringing guns to work and leaving them in their vehicles, a federal judge in Tulsa has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Terence Kern issued a 93-page order in which he said amendments to the Oklahoma Firearms Act and the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act conflict with a federal law meant to protect employees on the job.

Assistant Attorney General Sherry Todd said Friday that Judge Kern's opinion likely will be appealed.

The amendments to the laws were made after Weyerhaeuser Corp. fired eight employees in 2002 when guns were found in their cars on company lots in Oklahoma. Federal courts later upheld the firings.

Judge Kern, in issuing a permanent injunction, said the amendments "criminally prohibit an effective method of reducing gun-related workplace injuries and cannot co-exist with federal obligations and objectives."

[http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/texasouthwest/stories/DN-okgunlaw\\_07tex.ART.State.Edition1.425ebd2.html](http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/texasouthwest/stories/DN-okgunlaw_07tex.ART.State.Edition1.425ebd2.html)

**07/10/07 NY:** Woman fights for life after psycho goes on knife rampage A shirtless madman wielding stolen knives went on a bloody midtown rampage yesterday - stabbing a restaurant worker and a psychologist walking her dog before being shot by an off-duty cop, authorities said

[http://www.nydailynews.com/news/crime\\_file/2007/10/07/2007-10-07\\_woman\\_fights\\_for\\_life\\_after\\_psycho\\_goes\\_.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/crime_file/2007/10/07/2007-10-07_woman_fights_for_life_after_psycho_goes_.html)

## 07/10/06 CNN Pushes Gun Control in Philadelphia, Blames Concealed Carry for Crime

On Thursday's "Anderson Cooper 360," CNN's Randi Kaye filed a story in which she promoted gun control as a solution for Philadelphia's crime problems, as she pushed the argument that the city's high rate of gun violence was the result of Pennsylvania state lawmakers voting to loosen gun laws in the 1990s. And, as if criminals would bother to apply for a permit to legally carry a concealed weapon, Kaye further suggested that the availability of concealed carry permits has contributed to the city's problems. Kaye: "In 1995 there were fewer than 800 applications for concealed weapons here. 'Keeping Them Honest,' we checked, and today there are 29,000 permits to carry. And it's against the law for police to ask anyone why they want one. One law enforcement source told me permits to carry are being passed out like candy."

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/brad-wilmouth/2007/10/06/cnn-pushes-gun-control-philadelphia-blames-concealed-carry-murder>

**07/10/05 The Christian Council of Mozambique (CCM)**, the umbrella body for the mainstream Protestant churches, says that it has collected about 700,000 firearms since launching its project to "Transform Guns into Hoes", a modern version of the biblical injunction to turn swords into ploughshares.  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/printable/200710050956.html>

**07/10/04 Gun Control Doesn't Protect Us -- Guns Do** - Orlando Sentinel  
 When Florida liberalized permits for concealed weapons in the 1980s, critics predicted a Wild West bloodbath. It never happened. Responsible gun owners don't use guns irresponsibly. Go figure. Until the cops get better at enforcing gun control on those who shouldn't have guns, a better alternative for the rest of us is gun education, gun classes and secure gun storage.  
[http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/orl-miket0407oct04.0.3733024.column?coll=orl\\_news\\_util](http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/orl-miket0407oct04.0.3733024.column?coll=orl_news_util)

**07/10/03 Cartels outrun, outgun the law at Ariz. border**  
 Fed report details thriving business behind violent international industry  
 In recent years, officials have arrested drug smugglers in Arizona carrying shoulder-fired rocket launchers. They routinely find assault rifles. "It's like a military operation," said William Newel, head of the Phoenix office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. "If they can lay down suppressing fire to let smugglers get away with their loads, they'll do it. So they want high-capacity, high-power weapons."  
 Smugglers used such weapons five years ago to gun down Kris Eggle, a park ranger at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument and a friend of Harris, the helicopter pilot.  
<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/1003dope1003.html>

**07/10/03 Manhunt Underway For Home Invasion Suspect (CBS13)** SACRAMENTO A manhunt is underway in the Florin Road area of Sacramento for a suspect following a violent home invasion. Sacramento County Sheriff's deputies say a suspect broke into a home on Florin Road and the homeowner fired several shots at the man.  
[http://cbs13.com/local/local\\_story\\_276083020.html](http://cbs13.com/local/local_story_276083020.html)

**07/10/02 Gun Bill Not Anti-Veteran There is no such thing as the "Veterans Disarmament Act."** There is no pending legislation that would take firearms away from veterans. There is no pending legislation that would prevent a person with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), veteran or not, from purchasing a firearm or ammo.  
<http://www.military.com/opinion/0.15202.151321.1.00.html?wh=wh>

**07/10/02 NRA v UN There is a bizarre concern buzzing in the far reaches of the blogosphere that the United Nations is currently plotting to take Americans' guns away.** Wulfe's Mom Alaska asks, "Is more butchering of the US Constitution in our future?" Texas Fred is somewhat less measured, "this is nothing more than an effort to take guns out of the hands of every man and woman on earth, and unless you're a part of this

coming Gestapo, you'll give up your guns or die keeping them..."  
[http://www.undispatch.com/archives/2007/10/nra\\_v\\_un.php](http://www.undispatch.com/archives/2007/10/nra_v_un.php)

**07/10/02 Frayser Home Invasion: Man Fights Back** A man fights back three robbers after being forced inside his Frayser home at gunpoint. It happened just after 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at a home in the 700 block of Frayser Drive. Family members say 31 year-old Kevin Hill was approached by a guy with a gun while getting out of his SUV, after running some morning errands.  
[http://www.myeeyewitnessnews.com/news/local/story.aspx?content\\_id=32f247b2-ddd7-4b5f-acd6-1f34cb27bc6b&rss=59](http://www.myeeyewitnessnews.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=32f247b2-ddd7-4b5f-acd6-1f34cb27bc6b&rss=59)

**07/10/02 HVCC eyes guns for guards TROY** - Would-be criminals beware.  
 Security officers at Hudson Valley Community College may soon have the authority to make arrests and carry weapons. In the wake of the April massacre at Virginia Tech some public and private colleges and universities are taking a closer look at their own security practices.  
[http://www.troyrecord.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18873954&BRD=1170&PAG=461&dept\\_id=7021&rfti=6](http://www.troyrecord.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18873954&BRD=1170&PAG=461&dept_id=7021&rfti=6)

**07/10/02 Gun crazy Even the National Rifle Association admitted after the Virginia Tech** massacre that federal guns laws had to be tightened to keep weapons out of the hands of people who were demonstrably mentally ill. Could anyone oppose background checks to determine whether a would-be gun buyer had ever been deemed dangerously disturbed?  
[http://www.nydailynews.com/opinions/2007/10/02/2007-10-02\\_gun\\_crazy.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/opinions/2007/10/02/2007-10-02_gun_crazy.html)

**07/10/02 Times Attack on Coburn Validates Action Against Gun Grabber Ramrod Tactics**, Says Right to Self-Defense Advocate WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 /PRNewswire/ -- "When The New York Times editorialized Monday against Sen. Tom Coburn (OK) for blocking a gun bill it supports, the Times confirmed the significance of Coburn's action," John M. Snyder of Telum Associates, LL.C., said here today. Coburn last week prevented Sen. Chuck Schumer (NY) from fast-tracking a NICS alleged improvements bill out of committee directly to the Senate floor by objecting to the unanimous consent agreement Schumer and others propose.  
<http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/10-02-2007/0004674510&EDATE=>

**07/10/02 Officer Accidentally Shoots Self In Leg** A police officer accidentally shot himself around noon on the 1900 block of Cheltenham Avenue Tuesday, police said.  
 The warrant officer from Northwest Detectives was serving a warrant when he said he felt threatened by a pit bull at the scene. He went to shoot the dog but accidentally shot himself in the leg, police said.  
<http://www.nbc10.com/news/14253950/detail.html?dl=headlineclick>

**07/10/02 The meaning of the right to bear arms** The Sept. 28 letter Keep U.S. secure asks, "Who is here to defend us with the Army and National Guard overseas?" The militia, of course, as set forth in the Second Amendment -- civilians armed with their own weapons. Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, commander-in-chief of the Japanese Navy during World War II, said, "You cannot invade the mainland United States. There would be a rifle behind each blade of grass." He meant he was afraid of civilians with military rifles, not the National Guard.  
<http://www.miamiherald.com/456/story/257359.html>

**07/10/02 The right of people to bear arms must not be denied**

Apparently the Jackson police returned some guns to someone who then murdered someone else ("Gun Seizures: Smaller cities log more firearms," Sept. 23). The implication from the front-page headline was - I didn't spend \$1.75 just to read the story - that if all guns could be taken away from people that murders would cease. Wrong! Even if every privately owned firearm could be confiscated, it would do no good. Man is an intelligent, resourceful animal, and he will use other tools to rob, rape and murder his fellow man. "Gun control" does not equal crime control. If only the police and military are allowed to possess firearms, we will have a police state, and there will be no way to combat government-sanctioned crimes against citizens.

<http://www.clarionledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071002/OPINION02/710020313>

**07/10/01 New firearm restrictions in force Retailers across the UK who sell airguns** must now be registered firearms dealers, under a change in the law. Dealers must conduct face-to-face sales and record buyers' names and addresses, plus details of the weapons sold.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/scotland/glasgow\\_and\\_west/7021172.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/glasgow_and_west/7021172.stm)

**07/10/01 City Enacts Gun Offender Registry** BALTIMORE -- Baltimore city launched a gun offender registry on Monday to help deal with the city's crime crisis. Mayor Shelia Dixon made Baltimore the second city in the nation to launch such a registry, which means anyone convicted of a gun offense will have to provide police with a current address, name and a picture within 48 hours. "I want to make Baltimore the toughest city on gun crimes," said Mayor Sheila Dixon.

<http://www.wbal.com/news/14246491/detail.html?rss=bal&psp=news>

**07/10/01 Police: Jackson homeowner shoots, kills man during robbery attempt** A homeowner shot and killed a man who he said was trying to rob him early this morning, police said.

<http://www.clarionledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071001/NEWS/71001014>

**07/10/01 Man caught assaulting woman shot by victim** A man who was caught sexually assaulting a Sparks woman early Sunday morning was shot in the foot by the woman after her boyfriend interrupted the attack, Sparks police said.

<http://news.rgi.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071001/NEWS01/710010338>

**07/09/30 Castle Doctrine Law Helping Victims Of Crimes**

- Detroit Free Press

Michigan's self-defense act will be a year old Monday. The law allows people to use deadly force, with no duty to retreat, if they reasonably think they face imminent death, great bodily harm or sexual assault. They can use deadly force anywhere they have a legal right to be.

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070930/NEWS06/709300597/1003/NEWS01>

**07/09/30 W.V. Senator confident about 'castle doctrine' bill passage.**

Based on the old English common law that "a man's home is his castle," it allows a homeowner to use deadly force, if needed, to repel an intruder without fear of facing either criminal charges or civil liability. Actually, the idea harkens back centuries before medieval England. In the Old Testament, under the laws provided to the freshly liberated Hebrews, Exodus 22:2 states, "If a thief is caught while breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there will be no bloodguiltiness on his account" (New American Standard Bible).

To date, the Castle Doctrine has become law in Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Alaska, Idaho, Missouri and Maine.'

[http://www.register-herald.com/local/local\\_story\\_273232939.html](http://www.register-herald.com/local/local_story_273232939.html)

**07/09/30 Some in U.N. pushing for worldwide arms-trade treaty** UNITED NATIONS

In what U.N. officials say is an "overwhelming" response, almost 100 governments have submitted ideas for such a treaty, to be reviewed over the next year. There's an "extremely urgent" need for controls on the international gun trade, says Kenya, echoing the sentiment in much of guns-besieged Africa.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/world/5176387.html>

**07/09/30 Laws make gun trail tracing difficult** A slip of paper stood between Robert Bigi and a gun used in a shooting across the state line in Maryland. In 1998, Bigi, 70, of Fayette County, sold the semiautomatic pistol. He provided record of the sale to Pennsylvania State Police, as state law requires when a handgun changes hands. In spring 2005, Bigi received a call from a Cumberland, Md., sheriff's sergeant. "He says to me, 'Do you own a semiautomatic Makarov pistol?'" said Bigi, a member of Firearm Owners Against Crime. The pistol had been used in a domestic dispute in Maryland. A gun trace by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives turned up Bigi's name.

[http://pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/rss/s\\_530166.html](http://pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/rss/s_530166.html)

**07/09/30 Gun law helping victims of crimes Southfield resident**

Wayne Heath has a few guns. He keeps a shotgun in his car. At 5-foot-7, Heath, 47, calls his collection an equalizer of

sorts. "I absolutely would not hesitate to take somebody's life if it were in defense of my home, my wife or any of my friends," he said. "We've had enough of the thugs owning our streets and neighborhoods. Enough is enough."

And the law is on Heath's side.

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070930/NEWS06/709300597/1003/NEWS01>

**07/09/30 East Memphis homeowner shoots burglar** An East Memphis homeowner shot a burglar who had been prowling around his home Sunday morning, police said.

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2007/sep/30/east-memphis-homeowner-shoots-burglar/>

**07/09/30 Intruders shot, one fatally, in McKeesport** Two suspected robbers were shot, one of them fatally, during an apparent home invasion on Grover Street in McKeesport last night, police said. Police were called at 10:10 p.m. to a home in the 2900 block of Grover, where a resident resisted an apparent robbery. One suspect was killed, and the other was hospitalized with at least one gunshot wound, police said.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/07273/821820-55.stm?cmpid=localstate.xml>

**07/09/29 Man Who Shot Teen after Prank Acquitted**

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. - A Willcox man who shot and wounded a teenage girl after she and her friends banged on his windows in a late-night prank was acquitted of three felonies, but a jury couldn't reach a verdict on a fourth charge.

<http://news.ktar.com/?nid=6&sid=607111>

**07/09/28 Rockwall, Frisco Residents Say Peace Shot By Dove Hunters**

- Dallas Morning News

The same open space that represents a quiet rural life to homeowners moving to the suburbs represents something else to outdoorsmen: hunting ground.

[http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-urbanhunt\\_28eas.ART0.West.Edition1.43173f5.html](http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-urbanhunt_28eas.ART0.West.Edition1.43173f5.html)

**07/09/28 Ice-cream manager facing case** Richmond

prosecutors will seek a felony indictment on a charge of reckless discharge of a firearm against the Baskin-Robbins ice-cream parlor manager who fatally shot a man who robbed the store this month.

<http://www.inrich.com/cva/ric/news.apx.-content-articles-RTD-2007-09-28-0253.html>

**07/09/27 Store Clerk Pulls Gun, Scares Away Robbers**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- A clerk at a Regency area clothing store scared away a group of armed robbers when she produced her own handgun during a shakedown, according to authorities.

<http://www.news4jax.com/news/14221836/detail.html>

**07/09/27 Ex-military to be denied gun ownership** The Gun

Owners of America is launching an urgent campaign encouraging citizens to call their U.S. senators and ask them to oppose a bill that could be described as "disarmament by diagnosis." The legislation would allow a person's right to own a gun in the U.S. to be permanently removed under a wide range of

circumstances. "You'd think that when rabid, anti-gun legislators like Sen. Charles Schumer and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy join together to pass anti-gun legislation, it would raise a few red flags," the alert says. "But these two New York Democrats are currently planning to roll over gun owners with H.R. 2640 – legislation which would bar you from owning guns if: You are a battle-scarred veteran suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; or as a kid, you were diagnosed with ADHD."

[http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=57847](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=57847)

**07/09/27 The D.C. Gun Ban: Supreme Court Preview-**  
CATO Institute

On September 4, the District of Columbia government asked the Supreme Court to reverse a federal appellate decision in *Parker v. District of Columbia*, 478 F.3d 370 (D.C. Cir. 2007), which upheld a Second Amendment challenge to D.C.'s ban on all functional firearms. Sometime before yearend, the justices will decide whether to review the case. If the Supreme Court chooses to intervene, a final decision will probably be issued by June 30, 2008.

[http://www.cato.org/pub\\_display.php?pub\\_id=8717](http://www.cato.org/pub_display.php?pub_id=8717)

**07/09/27 Locked And Loaded** - New York Sun

The 2008 GOP presidential primary is shaping up to be the most competitive nominating process the party has seen in decades, writes Kenneth Blackwell. It is also the most frontloaded. In each of the last four even year general elections gun owners have had a massive impact. And the National Rifle Association has proven to everyone that if you want to win the presidency, earning the support of gun owners and Second Amendment defenders might be the deciding factor

<http://www.nysun.com/article/63517>

**07/09/27 RUDY'S GUN SELLOUT A SORRY PANDER TO THE NRA** -- WHEN Rudy Giuliani spoke to the National Rifle

Association last week, there was no way he could say anything remotely pleasing to the audience and remain consistent to his record. The former mayor was one of the NRA's biggest targets in the 1990s, and for good reason: His positions were largely indistinguishable from the Clinton administration's, from which he received lavish praise for helping the feds impose an assault-weapons ban, among other NRA no-nos.

[http://www.nypost.com/seven/09272007/postopinion/opedcolumnists/rudys\\_gun\\_sellout.htm](http://www.nypost.com/seven/09272007/postopinion/opedcolumnists/rudys_gun_sellout.htm)

**07/09/26 U.S. attorney praised, grilled at confirmation hearing**

U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan fielded some tough questions about gun laws, but he also won praise at a Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday to become director of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Sullivan, a former Republican state legislator and district attorney, was nominated by President Bush for the job in March. He has been acting director of the agency for more than a year.

<http://news.bostonherald.com/news/national/politics/view.bg?articleid=1034375>

**07/09/26 A new report released by the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation** demonstrates that by any measure, America's 34 million hunters and anglers are among the most prominent and influential of all demographic groups. Spending more than \$76 billion dollars a year on hunting and fishing, America's hunters and anglers would rank in the top 20 list on the Fortune 500. In fact their spending is greater than the revenues of high-tech giants Microsoft, Google, eBay and Yahoo - combined.

These latest figures demonstrate that season after season, hunters and anglers drive the economy from big business to rural towns, through booms and recessions. They directly support 1.6 million jobs, which is twice as many jobs as the combined civilian payrolls of the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps  
<http://www.sportsmenslink.org/programs/Report/release.html>

**07/09/26 Gun advocates claim they are not 'nuts.'** The Second Amendment Students of Utah want to change what they call myths about firearms. "The biggest (misconception) is people who think that anyone who would like to have a gun is kind of nuts -- an unintelligent hillbilly," said Brent Tenney, president of the club.  
<http://media.www.dailyutahchronicle.com/media/storage/paper244/news/2007/09/26/News/Gun-Advocates.Claim.They.Are.Not.nuts-2992238.shtml>

**07/09/25 Fort Cherry Schools Will Have Armed Police Officer**  
 McDONALD, Pa. -- The Fort Cherry school board voted Monday to allow a police officer to arm himself with a gun on the small, rural school district's campus. Officer Harold Purdy has patrolled Fort Cherry for the past 12 years, armed only with mace and a billy club. Starting in the 2008-09 school year, he will carry a gun too.  
<http://www.thepittsburghchannel.com/news/14199977/detail.html>

**07/09/25 Shootout in garage VICTORVILLE** — Roger Gilchrist woke from a dead sleep when he heard his pregnant wife screaming for her life as she honked her car horn incessantly in their garage. He grabbed his gun. It wasn't 20 seconds after his wife pulled in and saw a masked gunman standing near her vehicle that gunfire erupted at point-blank range, the couple said.  
[http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/gilchrist\\_2986\\_article.html/wife\\_finney.html](http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/gilchrist_2986_article.html/wife_finney.html)

**07/09/24 Judge: Conceal-Carry Law 'Unconstitutional' In Shooting MILWAUKEE** -- Charges were dropped Monday morning against a Milwaukee pizza delivery man accused of shooting two would-be robbers, and in a 10-page statement, the judge said Wisconsin's law forbidding the carriage of a concealed weapon, as it pertains to this case, was unconstitutional.  
<http://www.wisn.com/news/14195904/detail.html?rss=mil&psp=news>

**07/09/24 Police Apologize To Gun Owner For Stopping Him KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** - Knoxville's police chief has apologized to a gun owner who was stopped by an officer for legally taking a Colt handgun inside a Wal-Mart. Trevor Putnam works with guns every day as vice president of Coal Creek Armory in West Knoxville, and he has a permit to carry a weapon. But Officer Glenn Todd Greene frisked and threatened to arrest Putnam back in June when he took his handgun into Wal-Mart. After an internal investigation, Greene was given a written reprimand and remedial training for rudeness and for not knowing the law. Putnam got a written apology from the police chief.

[http://www.wpsdtv.com/mostpopular/story.aspx?content\\_id=e6da11f4-5561-4d59-a047-4a47ae3f8c21](http://www.wpsdtv.com/mostpopular/story.aspx?content_id=e6da11f4-5561-4d59-a047-4a47ae3f8c21)

**07/09/24 Gun ordinance illegal anyway** "Adams County will consider an ordinance to fix a technicality in the security policy that allows them to stop someone carrying a gun on a sidewalk outside the courthouse." Why would Adams County Commissioners even have such an ordinance when State Law (Title 18, Section 913) already prohibits the carrying of firearms and other dangerous weapons into a court facility? Please note, state law states "in a court facility," not close to or on the same side of the street as.  
[http://www.eveningsun.com/letters/ci\\_6983906](http://www.eveningsun.com/letters/ci_6983906)

**07/09/23 Colorful firearms pop up to attract women hunters**  
 As Gary Goessner, his buddy and their two pre-teen daughters shopped the Gander Mountain store hunting department in Waukesha Friday afternoon, the two girls were immediately drawn to a rifle and a youth shotgun. But it wasn't the firepower of the guns that attracted the girls' attention. It was a color: Call it blaze pink.  
<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=666096>

**07/09/22 KY: Protest planned next month against campus policy banning guns** A group of Western Kentucky University students have planned a protest next month to speak out against a campus policy banning guns.  
<http://www.kplctv.com/Global/story.asp?S=7113865&nav=0nqxWkHy>

**07/09/22 Fred Thompson: Hotter Than a Pistol** It was a not-so-subtle jab directed at Rudy Giuliani, whose past support of gun-control laws raises concern among members of the heavily Republican gun group.  
[http://www.nypost.com/seven/09222007/news/nationalnews/fred\\_hotter\\_than\\_pistol.htm](http://www.nypost.com/seven/09222007/news/nationalnews/fred_hotter_than_pistol.htm)

**07/09/21 Robbery Victim Turns Tables on Bandit** - Philadelphia police had no trouble identifying a robbery suspect. He's the one with the bullet wound in his leg. One of his victims grabbed the bandit's gun and turned the tables on him. "I don't know what came over me. I just grabbed the gun from under his arm. I just started shooting," said Lillian Bailey.  
<http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=local&id=5669426>

### 07/09/20 International Police Chiefs Advocate More Gun Control

An international organization of law enforcement executives has called on the U.S. government "to support strong and effective gun violence prevention policies" to reverse a two-year rise in violent crime.

However, a pro-gun advocate said the group's recommendations show that its members need to "shut up and do their jobs."

<http://www.cnsnews.com/news/viewstory.asp?Page=/Nation/archives/200709/NAT20070921a.html>

### 07/09/20 Student says he accidentally brought gun to school after target shooting at home.

WILKES-BARRE – Soon after school officials found Linnea Holdren's 11-year-old son carrying a loaded gun around the Hunlock Creek Elementary School, Holdren told state police she didn't have the right to lock up her son's guns, a trooper testified.

[http://www.timesleader.com/news/20070919\\_19\\_holdren\\_ART.html](http://www.timesleader.com/news/20070919_19_holdren_ART.html)

**07/09/20 Police chiefs blast gun show loophole** The International Association of Chiefs of Police issued a report Wednesday that calls for stronger gun laws and urges law enforcement agencies to better educate the public about gun violence and to form more partnerships with public health officials in preventing firearms-related deaths.

[http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/332417\\_guns20.html](http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/332417_guns20.html)  
[http://www.miamiherald.com/top\\_stories/story/243811.html](http://www.miamiherald.com/top_stories/story/243811.html)

### 07/09/19 Gun store owner pulls gun, foils robbery

A Lawrence County gun store owner confronted by an armed robber yesterday grabbed his own gun and foiled the attempt, sending the suspect running out of the shop. "I always planned for this," said Donald Pieri, 60, owner of Triangle Gun Shop in Perry Township. "You have to think it out."

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/07262/818763-100.stm>

### 07/09/19 Maryland State Police Broaden Firearms Application - Baltimore Sun

The Maryland State Police are requiring people who want to buy firearms to sign a release allowing authorities to check whether they have ever resided in a state mental health institution for 30 days or more.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/health/bal-md.guns19sep19,0,40249.story>

**07/09/19 Teacher fights to take gun to class** An Oregon high school teacher on Tuesday sued for her right to bring a gun into the classroom for personal protection, clashing with anti-gun advocates fighting for years to rid U.S. schools of weapons. The teacher, who has a legal permit to carry a concealed handgun, filed a lawsuit against the Medford school district in southwestern Oregon to overturn the district's rule that prohibits teachers from bringing a weapon onto school grounds. The standoff between the teacher and the school district has grabbed the attention of both sides of the national gun debate.

<http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=oddlyEnou>

[ghNews&storyid=2007-09-19T145231Z\\_01\\_HAR953546\\_RTRUKOC\\_0\\_US-OREGON-TEACHER-GUN-1.xml](http://ghNews&storyid=2007-09-19T145231Z_01_HAR953546_RTRUKOC_0_US-OREGON-TEACHER-GUN-1.xml)

### 07/09/19 Tens Of Thousands Of CCTV Cameras, Yet 80% Of Crime Unsolved

- This is London

London has 10,000 crime-fighting CCTV cameras which cost 200 million, figures show today. But an analysis of the publicly funded spy network, which is owned and controlled by local authorities and Transport for London, has cast doubt on its ability to help solve crime.

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/article-23412867-details/Tens-of+thousands+of+CCTV+cameras%2C+yet+80%25+of+crime+unsolved/article.do>

### 07/09/18 West Salem man describes how he gunned down intruder trying to pound down his door.

Yev Gerasimenko lives in a West Salem apartment with his wife and newborn child. On Monday, two men came to his door asking for someone who didn't live there. He closed the door and one of them returned minutes later and tried to beat the door down.

...Gerasimenko came forward Wednesday to tell his story, stung by public criticism that he'd been irresponsible in his gun use while defending his home. "I want to let people know I was responsible and that a gun in a good responsible citizen's hand is a blessing," said Gerasimenko, 25, a journeyman electrician.

<http://www.claytoncramer.com/gundefenseblog/labels/concealed%20carry%20permit.html>

### 07/09/18 Residents Know Their Rights, But Are A Bit Hazy On The Details

- Daily News-Miner

Monday was the 220th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. In recognition of the event, Gov. Sarah Palin has declared Sept. 17-23 United States Constitution Week in Alaska.

<http://newsminer.com/2007/09/18/8932>

### 07/09/18 Pennsylvania Sued By Sportsmen Again Over Its Deer Hunting Policy

- Allentown Morning Call

For the second time in two years, the Unified Sportsmen of Pennsylvania has filed a lawsuit it hopes will derail the Game Commission's controversial deer-management plan and allow the state's whitetail population to expand.

<http://www.mcall.com/sports/outdoors/all-lawsuit0918.6039654sep18,0,5586678.story>

### 07/09/18 Md. Mental Records to Be Checked In Gun Buys

Gov. Martin O'Malley's administration has quietly issued a new gun purchase regulation that requires prospective buyers to sign a waiver releasing their mental health records to the Maryland State Police.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wpdyn/content/article/2007/09/17/AR2007091701805.html>

**07/09/17 Authorities: Surry County Intruder Shot, Killed** SURRY COUNTY, N.C. -- Deputies are investigating a breaking-and-entering case in which they said the intruder was shot and killed. The incident occurred just after 8 a.m. Monday in Surry County. Authorities said a man woke up and found another man climbing through a ladder and going through his window.

<http://www.wxii12.com/news/14134299/detail.html?rss=gws&p=ps>

**07/09/17 Students aim to form club that promotes gun ownership** Friends and roommates, juniors Andrew Breza and Ken Stauff share an interest in Second Amendment rights and range shooting. After a failed attempt two years ago to start the GW Gunslingers, the pair began organizing the Colonial Militia, a group concerned with gun rights advocacy and shooting for pleasure. "We chose (the name) Colonial Militia to knock on the Colonial Army, but also the militia is basically what won this country," Stauff said. "We are the Colonials here, so why not expand upon that?"

<http://media.www.gwhatchet.com/media/storage/paper332/news/2007/09/17/News/Students.Aim.To.Form.Club.That.Promotes.Gun.Ownership-2972260.shtml>

**07/09/17 Department Of Justice Highlights Achievements Under Project Safe Neighborhoods** - Department of Justice The Department of Justice highlighted the significant accomplishments of federal, state and local officials in combating gang violence and reducing gun crime through Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) before more than 1,000 members of PSN task forces from across the nation in Atlanta today.

[http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2007/September/07\\_ag\\_722.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2007/September/07_ag_722.html)

**07/09/16 EDITORIAL: It's about how the gun is used** The age and historic import of a gun is not the issue when it comes to controls; its capacity for harm is. We encourage lawmakers to weave this truth into future discussions on the subject here in Massachusetts, in honor and in support of the Cann family of Norton. Police said Robert McDermott used an antique, black powder F.L. Pietta handgun to kill his girlfriend, Elizabeth Cann, and severely wound her two daughters at their Norton home several days ago. He later shot himself.

<http://www.thesunchronicle.com/articles/2007/09/17/opinion/opinion01.txt>

**07/09/15 Our Honorable Hunters And The Pain-In-The-Butt Tree Huggers**

Regnery Publishing is about to further bury the loons on the Left with its latest installment in the Politically Incorrect Guide series. Who's in the crosshairs this time in this destined to be best-selling tome, you ask? Writes Doug Giles. Well, honey, it is the frothy and paranormal twinkies on the left who hate hunting and hunters and spread lies about us and the important role hunting plays within the world we live.

[http://www.townhall.com/Columnists/DougGiles/2007/09/15/our\\_honorable\\_hunters\\_and\\_the\\_pain-in-the-butt\\_tree\\_huggers](http://www.townhall.com/Columnists/DougGiles/2007/09/15/our_honorable_hunters_and_the_pain-in-the-butt_tree_huggers)

**07/09/14 John R. Lott Jr.: D.C. Handgun Ban** - Fox News Is banning handguns a "reasonable regulation"? The District of Columbia certainly hopes that the Supreme Court thinks so. D.C. filed a brief last week asking the U.S. Supreme Court to let it keep its 1976 handgun ban, but how the city argued its case was what was most surprising. Instead of spending a lot of time arguing over what the constitution means, the city largely made a public policy argument. D.C. argues that whatever one thinks about the Second Amendment guaranteeing people a right to own guns, banning handguns should be allowed for public safety reasons.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,296724,00.html>

**07/09/14 Owner Sleeping In Gas Station Over Crimes Surprises, Kills Intruder** 'One Way Or Another, He Had To Go Down,' Says Business Owner PINE HILLS, Fla. -- A gas station owner in Central Florida who was sleeping in his business after a rash of crimes in the area shot and killed a man trying to break into his store early Friday morning, according to sheriff's deputies. Investigators said someone apparently began to break into the Citgo gas station located at the corner of Pine Hills and Silverstar Road at about 2:30 a.m. The owner said when he was awakened by glass breaking he grabbed a gun and opened fire, shooting 14 times.

<http://www.local6.com/news/14112646/detail.html?rss=orlpn&sp=news>

**07/09/13 Philadelphia police chief seeks 10,000 black men to patrol violence-plagued streets** The city's embattled police chief, acknowledging that police alone cannot quell a run of deadly violence, has called on 10,000 men to patrol the streets to reduce crime. "We are definitely encouraging black men to be involved in it," Johnson told The Associated Press on Thursday. "We have an obligation to give back. We have an obligation to protect our women, our children, our elderly. Johnson, who has led the police department for seven years, appears increasingly frustrated by the daily gun violence. He and other city leaders have blamed the Legislature for not passing gun-control measures.<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/09/13/america/NA-GEN-US-Philadelphia-Violence.php>

**07/09/13 New Jersey targets Pennsylvania gun sales** Many firearms used in Garden State crimes came from other side of river. Prosecutors to meet. When detectives trace the guns used in crimes in New Jersey, the trail often leads across the Delaware River into Pennsylvania. Of guns brought to New Jersey that turn up at crime scenes, far more are purchased in Pennsylvania than in any other state, according to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

[http://www.mcall.com/news/local/all-a1\\_3gun.6039913sep13.0,3566422.story?coll=all\\_tab01\\_layout](http://www.mcall.com/news/local/all-a1_3gun.6039913sep13.0,3566422.story?coll=all_tab01_layout)

**07/09/13 Police: Disney Worker Traveled To Have Sex With 14-Year-Old Girl**

Disney will fire an employee, immediately, for having a legal firearm in his/her private vehicle for self-defense and other lawful purposes while parked in a public access parking lot, but

protects the job of a pedophile who has been arrested by the FBI on child-pornography charges.

<http://www.local6.com/news/14111786/detail.html>

#### **07/09/12 Three High-Ranking Mexican Officers Arrested At Phoenix Gun Show**

Three high-ranking Mexican police officers were arrested over the weekend for buying weapons at a gun show in Phoenix in violation of a law barring non-citizens from purchasing firearms, a federal official said Wednesday.

[http://www.abc15.com/news/local/story.aspx?content\\_id=9f7cb369-d340-4159-b801-6f19753b3676](http://www.abc15.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=9f7cb369-d340-4159-b801-6f19753b3676)

#### **07/09/12 Kids Told To Remove Tiny Rifles From Graduation Cap-**

KNBC.com  
Cornerstone Elementary School will review its zero-tolerance policy toward guns on campus this fall after fifth-graders were told to remove weapons from the hands of toy soldiers that festooned their graduation caps.

<http://www.knbc.com/news/14098267/detail.html>

**07/09/12 The War On Deadly Mascots-** Roanoke Times  
Buena Vista's Parry McCluer High School has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to guns on campus. That policy became ludicrous when school officials disarmed their mascot, a flintlock-wielding pirate lost his weapons in a new logo.

<http://www.roanoke.com/editorials/wb/wb/xp-131653>

#### **07/09/12 New Gun Laws Wouldn't Solve Cleveland's Crime Problem**

Plain Dealer  
Columbus Mayor Frank Jackson received intense criticism for keeping mum as bullets whizzed through city streets and claimed innocent lives this summer. On Monday, he took a very public stand to try to curb violence and prevent young thugs from brandishing guns. But even if his proposal had a chance of becoming state law--and, make no mistake, it is DOA in Columbus--it wouldn't do a thing to solve the local problem.

<http://www.cleveland.com/plaindealer/stories/index.ssf?/base/opinion/1189586458312150.xml&coll=2>

**07/09/12 Kids often have access to guns inside homes** Survey of parents with firearms finds majority don't keep them, shells locked up separately. Usually, it's the small children who accidentally shoot themselves or someone else with a parent's gun who make the big headlines. The teens who commit suicide with a family gun tend to attract less attention in many communities. Either way, though, the guns have to be accessible. And the results of a recent survey of gun-owning parents that was carried out in pediatricians' offices across the United States and Canada found that only about 30 percent of families with guns and kids store the weapons safely.

<http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070912/NATION/709120359/1020>

#### **07/09/12 Mexican Officers Arrested at Gun Show PHOENIX**

(AP) — Three high-ranking Mexican police officers were arrested on allegations of buying weapons and ammunition at a gun show in Phoenix in violation of a law barring noncitizens from purchasing firearms, a U.S. official said Wednesday. The

three had crossed the border at Calexico, Calif., in an official police vehicle and driven to Phoenix, said Tom Mangan, a spokesman with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Police and federal agents arrested them after the three bought three guns and about 450 rounds of ammunition Saturday at the gun show, Mangan said

<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5j3JJ3LXm56Ewjc8HjQI96UtMIydQ>

#### **07/09/11 Canton Twp. man placed on probation for gun sale**

Marcus Allen Brown, 20, of 341 Grove Ave., pleaded guilty to sale/transfer of a firearm and receiving stolen property before Washington County Judge John DiSalle. In exchange for his plea, Brown was placed on 3 years of probation and ordered to undergo drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment

[http://www.observer-reporter.com/OR/Story/09\\_11\\_brown\\_plea](http://www.observer-reporter.com/OR/Story/09_11_brown_plea)

#### **07/09/11 OR: Teacher demands to carry gun in school**

A Medford high school teacher is arguing she has the right to carry a concealed semiautomatic pistol to her classes to protect herself from a violent ex-husband in a case certain to set off alarm bells in schools across the state. There is no appellate law in Oregon that would cover this situation. Under Oregon law, people with concealed handgun licenses can carry guns into public buildings. What is murky in the law is whether school districts can stop employees from carrying concealed weapons onto school property. Most Oregon schools have policies against employees - and in some cases the general public -- carrying concealed weapons onto their property.

<http://www.oregonlive.com/printer/printer.ssf?/base/news/118949018187870.xml>

#### **07/09/10 2nd Amendment protects the citizen's right to own guns but not to own bullets.**

Gary spent valuable class time arguing that the 2nd Amendment protects the citizen's right to own guns but not to own bullets. With a straight face, his professor had argued that the key to reducing gun violence in America is to enact a legislative ban on the manufacture, distribution, and sale of bullets. This, he thought, would actually pass constitutional muster. Gary's proposed bullet ban makes him sound a lot like the segregationists I knew when I was a child in Mississippi in the 1960s. They didn't like "colored people" and didn't want them to vote. But they could not actually keep them from voting so they found ways to construct laws that would have the same effect without actually banning blacks from the voting booths. After all, a law that required literacy among voters was really just a way to promote public education, which, after all, is in the best interests of all, regardless of race.

[http://www.townhall.com/Columnists/MikeSAdams/2007/09/10/soc\\_357\\_the\\_sociology\\_of\\_ballistic\\_idiocy](http://www.townhall.com/Columnists/MikeSAdams/2007/09/10/soc_357_the_sociology_of_ballistic_idiocy)

#### **07/09/08 Wouldnt You Feel Safer With A Gun?** - London Times

Despite the recent spate of shootings on our streets, we pride ourselves on our strict gun laws, writes Richard Munday for the London Times. Every time an American gunman goes on a killing spree, we shake our heads in righteous disbelief at our poor benighted colonial cousins. Why is it, even after the

Virginia Tech massacre, that Americans still resist calls for more gun controls? The short answer is that gun controls do not work: they are indeed generally perverse in their effects.

[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest\\_contributors/article2409817.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest_contributors/article2409817.ece)

#### **07/09/05 Control Criminals But Not Firearms** - Washington Times

Just what is it that makes people of a liberal persuasion willing to lay down and die to protect the First Amendment of our Constitution freedom of speech, press and assembly but also not have a problem trampling the Second Amendment, which gives people the right to keep and bear arms? asks Gene Mueller

<http://washingtontimes.com/article/20070905/SPORTS09/109050076/1005/SPORTS>

#### **07/09/05 D.C. Gun Case May Hit Chicago** - Chicago Tribune

Those who would do away with Washington's near-total ban on handguns will tell you point-blank their next target: Chicago.

Gun-rights advocates scored a stunning success earlier this year when a three-judge panel of a federal appeals court in Washington swept aside the District of Columbia's ban on owning handguns, which had been in place since 1976.

[http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chicago\\_wed1sep05.0.3684121.story](http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chicago_wed1sep05.0.3684121.story)

#### **07/09/05 High Murder Rates in Cities with Large Black Populations.**

Last year, among the nation's 10 largest cities, Philadelphia had the highest murder rate with 406 victims. This year could easily top last year's with 240 murders so far. Other cities such as Baltimore, Detroit and Washington, D.C., with large black populations, experience the nation's highest rates of murder and violent crime. This high murder rate is, and has been, predominantly a black problem. According to Bureau of Justice statistics, between 1976 and 2005, blacks, while 13 percent of the population, committed over 52 percent of the nation's homicides and were 46 percent of the homicide victims. Ninety-four percent of black homicide victims had a black person as their murderer. Blacks are not only the major victims of homicide; blacks suffer high rates of all categories of serious violent crime, and another black is most often the perpetrator. Liberals and their political allies say the problem is the easy accessibility of guns and greater gun control is the solution. That has to be nonsense. Guns do not commit crimes; people do. <http://capmag.com/article.asp?ID=5012>

#### **07/09/03 Gun Ownership Said To Parallel City Security** - Washington Times

Professor Keith Krause, program director of the Small Arms Survey at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, discussed the findings of the Small Arms Survey 2007: Guns and the City with The Washington Times reporter John Zarocostas. The annual report on global small-arms violence is funded by United States, European governments and the United Nations.

<http://washingtontimes.com/article/20070903/FOREIGN/10903020/1003>

#### **07/09/02 Man Charged After Washington Co. Shooting**

A Langeloth man apparently intent on stopping two teenagers from trying to rob him for the second time in just a few weeks is in Washington County Jail on charges including attempted homicide after allegedly shooting one of the boys in the back early Saturday.

[http://www.observer-reporter.com/OR/Story/09\\_02\\_shooting](http://www.observer-reporter.com/OR/Story/09_02_shooting)  
[http://kdka.com/topstories/local\\_story\\_244165917.html](http://kdka.com/topstories/local_story_244165917.html)

#### **07/08/30 DIALLO COP SHOT DOWN AGAIN IN BID FOR GUN**

A cop involved in the infamous shooting death of Amadou Diallo isn't entitled to get his gun back, a federal judge has ruled. Kenneth Boss, acquitted of criminal charges and cleared of wrongdoing by the NYPD Firearms Discharge Review Board, said in his Manhattan federal court suit that being deprived of a gun has led to his being "regarded as a pariah" and "forced to endure regular taunts because of his duty status," including "the mocking moniker 'Kenny No-Gun.'" Judge Sidney Stein disagreed, noting the commissioner has the power to prevent ordinary citizens from carrying guns and therefore can prevent one of his employees from being armed.

[http://www.nypost.com/seven/08302007/news/regionalnews/diallo\\_cop\\_shot\\_down\\_again\\_in.htm](http://www.nypost.com/seven/08302007/news/regionalnews/diallo_cop_shot_down_again_in.htm)

#### **07/08/28 Most state-run gun ranges closed till October for toxic lead removal**

Recreational shooters and hunters hoping to sight their guns at state-run shooting ranges in southwestern Pennsylvania will find all but one of them closed until the end of September.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/07240/812655-85.stm>

#### **07/08/20 Armed for first day of school**

Hundreds of thousands of students had their first day of school on Monday. Some of them had to learn to carry guns and be prepared to shoot -- polar bears

Students on the Arctic archipelago of Svalbard aren't allowed to leave their village without a shotgun and ammunition. That's because hungry polar bears can be behind every swing on the island.

Although no one wants to shoot a polar bear, and they're indeed protected by national law, the huge white animals can quickly outrun a human. And humans don't have a chance if confronted by an aggressive bear.

So everyone on Svalbard needs to be able to defend him- or herself, and students undergo weapons training every year.

<http://www.aftenposten.no/english/local/article1948234.ece>

*"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 1