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Peters Township gun ban stopped

On July 23 residents of Peters Township of Washington County showed up at the council meeting to protest and express their dissatisfaction with enactment of an ordinance that prohibited possession of firearms on borrowed property to include parks and all trails.

The Allegheny County sportsmen's league legislative committee along with members of the Dormont/Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's club made it clear in no uncertain terms that this legislation was not only illegal but would lead to more victimization and not make anyone in the Township safer. It was plainly apparent to everyone in attendance that counsel was very surprised at the reaction and level of support expressed by individuals of the Township as well as supporting organizations. In addition to the Allegheny County sportsmen's league a Second Amendment Sister's representative was there as well.

Ron Boocks, 21, asked council to rescind the ordinance, saying he frequently uses walking trails alone and citing statistics that show firearm ownership reduces crime. Allegheny County Sportsmen's League, Inc. legislative committee Chairman Kim Stolfer told council it broke the law and may have committed a misdemeanor by passing the ordinance. "The Pennsylvania Crimes Code makes it illegal to enact ordinances of this type," Stolfer said. Under Pennsylvania law, residents who hold a license to carry firearms are permitted to possess and transport them anywhere in the state except onto school property or courthouse facilities. A

specific provision in the state law prohibits counties and municipalities from regulating the possession, ownership or transportation of firearms.

These actions are part of a larger hole of a broad attack on gun owners and gun ownership throughout the state of Pennsylvania. Ellwood city recently enacted a similar ordinance that banned the possession of firearms on all city property including parks any municipal buildings. Unfortunately the outcome in that area is much less clear due to the fact that gun owners were not motivated and actively solicited to get involved. Elwood city Council rebuffed the NRA complaint letter filed with the mayor and the entire city Council.

At this time the Peters Township Council has been offered our assistance to assist them in drawing out language that comports with Pennsylvania law. Since the July 23 meeting no further contact with Council has occurred. A follow-up effort is planned in the near future to ascertain their intentions on this ordinance.

Hunting licenses & Social Security Numbers

On November 29, 2006 Governor Ed Rendell signed into law house Bill 2134 known as Act 160. This legislation was intended to provide sportsmen and outdoors enthusiasts with the opportunity to acquire hunting licenses without being forced to submit their Social Security number in public and provided for alternate means of identification.

Proving that the devil is in the details government agencies were given one year to prepare for this

change in license issuance procedures. It was the responsibility of the Department of public welfare were known as DPW to submit to the federal government for an exemption to the federal law requiring the submission of Social Security numbers for licenses. As of the writing of this report the Department of DPW has not submitted that request to this federal government and the legislative committee has been informed that this will occur by October 31 of 2007, supposedly. The one-year period for preparations to adjust to this alternate method of acquiring a hunting license begins from the moment of approval by the federal government.

The sponsor of House Bill 2134, Representative Russ Fairchild, is angry about how poorly the implementation of this law has been handled. In fact angry is a very weak way of explaining exactly his feelings on this issue. He has promised to do what he can to spur along the agency to follow the laws guidelines however he points out that this agency, the Department of DPW, is controlled by the governor's office who is not a friend of gun owners or sportsmen.

At the heart of all of this is a continuing legacy of politics controlling every facet of our lives in the unwillingness of many sportsmen to understand that they must get involved if we are to change the face of politics and make our lives better. The alternative is to submit like sheep to the ever encroaching bureaucracy that faces every facet of our lives.

The legislative committee will be contacting every congressman and Congresswoman from Pennsylvania on this issue requesting their support for an expedited granting of exemption when Pennsylvania's Department of DPW finally submits a request. We will report on the progress of this issue as changes occur.

Proposed Anti-gun Legislation:

HB 0018	HB 0020	HB 0021	HB 0022
HB 0023	HB 0024	HB 0025	HB 0028
HB 0029	HB 0030	HB 0073	HB 0277
HB 0291	HB 0452	HB 0467	HB 0485
HB 0608	HB 0649	HB 0760	HR 0035

News Briefs:

OSHA to Revise Ammunition Regulations

After intense direct lobbying by the National Rifle Association (NRA), the National Shooting Sports Foundation and a blizzard of emails from gunowners and gun shops, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), an agency of the Department of Labor, has announced that it will review and revise a regulatory proposal that would have severely impacted gunowners and the ammunition industry.

The proposed OSHA rules were intended to expand protections to employees engaged in the manufacture, storage, sale, transportation, handling, and use of explosives, but as written would have included small arms ammunition, blackpowder, smokeless propellants and primers used by handloaders. The proposal, as originally published in the *Federal Register* in April, was estimated to have cost the industry and consumers more than \$100 million per year.

For example, manufacturers and retailers would have had to shut down and evacuate a factory or retail shop when a thunderstorm approached. Customers with cigarette lighters or matches would not be able to enter a store or other facility or vehicle with blackpowder, small arms ammunition, primers, and smokeless propellants, which were treated like the most volatile high explosives.

The Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI) had also met with OSHA representatives before the agency announced that a 60-day extension for public comment to Sept. 10 had been ordered. Concerns about the safety regulation proposal were raised in a July 11 letter to OSHA signed by Rep. Denny Rehberg (R- MT) and 25 other members of the US House of Representatives. Rehberg had also planned to offer a floor amendment to the Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations bill that would prohibit federal funds from being used to enforce the proposed OSHA regulation.

On July 16, Kristine A. Iverson, assistant secretary of Labor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, wrote to Congress to state "it was never the intention of OSHA to block the sale, transportation, or storage of small arms ammunition" and that OSHA is taking prompt action to clarify the purpose of the regulation.

While OSHA has not withdrawn the proposal altogether, Iverson's letter promised that a significantly revised proposal would be filed promptly and "will be subject to substantial review and scrutiny to ensure that the revisions are prudent and the intent is clear." She said the new proposal would endeavor to "eliminate unclear, inconsistent and repetitive requirements contained in the current standard." OSHA undertook the rulemaking to update the existing explosives standard, which has not been changed for more than 35 years, Iverson explained.

OSHA had originally set out to update workplace safety regulations, but the proposed rules included restrictions that very few gun shops, sporting goods stores, shippers, or ammunition dealers could have complied with.

Also working with the NRA to gather signatures for the letter to OSHA from Congress was Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO). The letter called the proposal "an un= due burden on a single industry where facts do not support the need outlined by this proposed rule" and "not feasible, making it realistically impossible for companies to comply with its tenets."

Among the requirements heavily criticized by industry experts is a mandate that manufacturers of ammunition and smokeless propellants would have to shut down their operations and evacuate their factories if a thunderstorm approached. Under the same regulation, NSSF and others contend were onerous, retail customers would not be permitted within 50 feet of ammunition displays or counters unless they are first searched for cigarette lighters or matches.

The document as published in the *Federal Register* raises this as an issue for discussion, noting that OSHA is seeking specific comments on whether the proposed rule change would have an impact on the storage and retail sale of small arms ammunition, small arms ammunition primers and smokeless and blackpowder or substitutes. [The New GUN WEEK](#), August 1, 2007

ATF Seizes Gun In Alleged *Boston Globe* 'Straw' Buy

by Dave Workman Senior Editor

It appears the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is investigating an anti-gun *Boston Globe* columnist and the head of a Massachusetts gun control group for their self-confessed "straw purchase" of a handgun in 2005 that they boasted about during a live talk show segment July 10 on WRKO 860 AM.

John Rosenthal, head of Stop Handgun Violence in Massachusetts and until recently, president of the American Shooting and Hunting Association Foundation, and *Globe* columnist Steve Bailey revealed stunning details of the gun purchase during a broadcast with WRKO's Tom Finneran and Todd Feinburg. Gun rights organizations and activists called for an immediate investigation. The Second Amendment Foundation called for an ATF probe and asked *Globe* Editor Martin Baron to fire the columnist, Steve Bailey. Gun Owners Action League honcho Jim Wallace, who first complained about the WRKO slot, was certain a crime had been committed.

While the *Globe* may not dismiss Bailey, it appears the ATF moved swiftly, contacting one of the men involved in the purchase at his New Hampshire workplace, and subsequently confiscating the gun, according to Bailey's July 20 follow-up column.

Rosenthal and Bailey both said they enlisted the help of a New Hampshire resident identified as Walter Belair for the alleged purchase.

In his column, a very miffed Bailey wrote that the same day SAF called for an investigation "two ATF agents and a Manchester, NH, cop visited Belair at his work..."

"They had a search warrant and a tape of the radio interview," Bailey wrote. "They wanted to know about the gun, Rosenthal, and me. Belair told them the gun was at home; they went there later in the day, and confiscated it. They did give him a receipt."

Bailey, who wrote about the incident in the Nov. 30, 2005 issue of the newspaper, brusquely told *Gun Week* that he would "let the column speak for itself." In that column, headlined "Live Free and Die," Bailey described a visit to a gun show in West Lebanon, NH, but did not mention Rosenthal. That column left out other critical details, including Bailey's on-air admission that he gave Belair the money to buy the gun, after a dealer refused to sell a handgun to either Bailey or Rosenthal because they are Massachusetts residents. Bailey later expensed the gun purchase to *The Globe*.

Rosenthal told *Gun Week* that "I brought Steve Bailey up to a gun show so he could see what it was like. He brought a friend, an Army Ranger back from Afghanistan." He also insisted that he didn't take possession of the gun afterward, and that to his knowledge, the revolver stayed in New Hampshire with the actual buyer.

Bailey and Rosenthal had different accounts of the transaction, but it is clear from the radio audio they considered it the find of third-party transaction that constitutes a straw sale.

Wallace told *Gun Week* that he is "not astounded by anything Rosenthal does and gets away with. Nobody ever calls him on it. He's a wealthy developer and he can get away with whatever he wants to get away with." [The New GUN WEEK](#), August 1, 2007

DC to Appeal Parker Decision To Supreme Court

Washington, DC, officials said on July 16 that they plan to petition the Supreme Court for review of the decision in *Parker vs. District of Columbia* in an attempt to keep the city's 30-year-old ban on most handguns.

A three judge federal appeals court panel struck down the law in March, rejecting the city's argument that the Second Amendment right to bear arms applied only to militias. The full appeals court refused to reconsider the decision in May.

"We believe we are right on the law and we hope the Supreme Court will agree with us," DC Attorney General Linda Singer said, according to Newsmax.com.

If the high court takes up the case, it would mark the first time in 70 years that justices will consider the breadth of the Second Amendment.

Washington's gun law was enacted in 1976 and bars residents from keeping handguns in their homes and prohibits the carrying of a gun without a license. Registered firearms must be kept unloaded and disassembled, rendering them useless for defense. This last point is one of the key elements in the case brought by six DC residents.

City officials say the ban is needed because of consistently high homicide rates. The law has remained in effect during the appeals process.

Opinion regarding DC's decision to appeal is divided by commentators on both sides of the issue, since nobody can predict how the high court will rule if it agrees to review the decision. *The New GUN WEEK*, August 1, 2007

Tale Of Two Cities: Philadelphia Vs. Baltimore *August 3, 2007*

The NBC 10 Investigators' Vince DeMentri visited Baltimore recently to compare the city's crime-fighting initiatives and policies to Philadelphia's.

Philadelphia is on pace to have its highest number of homicides in 10 years.

And although police have tried many different programs and policies to combat the trend, they just don't seem to be slowing down the killing rate.

Now, the head of Baltimore police said he thinks he has the magic bullet to curbing crime in his city.

Baltimore, a city just 90 miles from Philadelphia, suffers many of the same crime problems this city does, including homicide.

As of Thursday night, Philadelphia has suffered 247 homicides.

Baltimore, a city that is less than half the size of Philadelphia, tallied 183.

And in both cities, the malignant trend seems the same – city killings just keep steadily climbing, with no let up in sight.

It's a bloodstained corridor straight up Interstate 95 from Baltimore to Philadelphia, where a surge of killings has caused a flood of political strife and fear in the streets.

The increase in shootings and murders forced the firing or resignation of four police commissioners in Baltimore in the last four years.

Fred Bealefeld is the acting boss now, and said he knows what his job is: "Ramping up this sense of urgency in attacking the crime problem in Baltimore."

With a mayoral election coming up in November, the issue of crime has become No. 1, pushing the tactics that some have said mimic martial law.

One such Baltimore program is called Operation Protect.

"Essentially, what we do is identify some crime areas of the city and we use street barricades," acting commissioner Bealefeld said. "We position officers in

those corridors to try to limit vehicle traffic. We shut down streets.

"We put officers on foot patrol ... we try to insulate and isolate that neighborhood from the infusion of criminal activity. Not martial law," Bealefeld added.

In Philadelphia, Michael Nutter, the presumptive next mayor, said he plans to enforce a similar program in addition to the "stop and frisk" method, which is also used a lot in Baltimore.

Philadelphia police commissioner Sylvester Johnson has said he vehemently opposes these methods, however.

Baltimore also uses street cameras, which adds about 300 unblinking eyes in the sky. One recently caught a drug deal gone bad, where one man shot another before running off. Seconds later, and unmarked police car captured both of the suspects the victim was saved.

Philadelphia, too, has tried working with street security cameras, although the implementation here has been slow. Just a few weeks ago, cameras were in full view of a shooting, but when police tried to watch the tape, the private company responsible for the cameras admitted the cameras didn't work.

"You know, just because you have a camera on a corner doesn't necessarily mean that no crime will exist," Baltimore Police Col. John Skinner said. "In fact, you know crime does exist around the cameras, and you have to incorporate and use the positioning of the cameras to your advantage. Sometimes that takes some trial and error."

Another thing the cities have in common is guns, which flood the streets.

Philadelphia reportedly wants what Maryland has -- a law that forbids anyone from buying more than one gun a month.

Still, Baltimore police said the law itself does little to keep guns out of the hands of the bad guys.

Instead, the city leans on state and federal agencies to inspect records of gun dealers and look for any red flags.

Baltimore also has an initiative that uses city, state and federal agencies' records to cross reference criminal and gun owner data bases -- something Philadelphia does not do.

The process allows them to target more potential gun law violators who may have committed other crimes.

Baltimore police recently found a cache of guns during the raid of a sex offender's home. Two of the suspect's guns were recovered at shooting scenes.

Some law-abiding gun owners might call this an invasion of privacy.

"All I'd ask you to do is look at the picture of the guns we got," Bealefeld said. "These weren't granddaddy squirrel guns."

Some of Baltimore's other initiatives include:

- A push for mandatory jail time if a suspect is caught with an illegal gun Use of state and federal officers to police certain areas of the city to free up city officers
- A city-federal program called Operation Exile, where police focus on the most violent offenders in the community and expose them to potentially federal prison sentences.

"You put them on a target list and say, essentially, 'You get out of line, we're taking you federally,'" Bealefeld said.

Police hope the program will serve as a deterrent because federal sentences are often longer and without parole.

Philadelphia, a city that police said suffers greatly from the "no-snitch" factor, has yet to engage in any of the above initiatives.

In comparison, Baltimore police said witnesses started coming forward, thanks in part to old school police tactics, including the cop on the beat.

"If I had to do just one job to have an impact making people's lives safer, it would be the footman, Bealefeld said. "At the end of the day, if you just had a footman dealing with problems in the neighborhood, you really could make the community safer."

In comparison to Baltimore's foot patrol presence, Philadelphia's is very small, despite the city's larger in size.

Per capita, Baltimore has a higher homicide rate than Philadelphia, and the city is waiting for the new programs and policies to take hold.

Both police forces said they believe in order for violence to decrease, though, change is necessary within the legal system.

One major problem? Both departments said most of the violent offenders they arrest wind up on parole or probation.

House Panel Retains Tiahrt, Angers Napoleonic Bloomberg

The House Appropriations Committee on July 12 dealt a major blow to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's campaign to gut the Tiahrt Amendment that limits public access to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) gun tracing data to bona fide police department investigations.

Bloomberg, with support from other mayors in his Mayors Against Illegal Guns (MAIG) coalition, had personally campaigned on Capitol Hill before the vote.

Newsday reported that Bloomberg's aides threatened to run negative ads against committee Chairman David Obey (D-WI) if pro-gun legislation opposed by the mayor was

passed in that committee, Obey claimed. The mayor's office denied the charge.

Speaking during a committee session, Obey said Bloomberg aides told his staff that TV ads painting him as anti-law enforcement would be run in his district if the Tiahrt Amendment was passed. MAIG had already runs ads in the district of Rep. Todd Tiahrt (R-KS).

"The Mayor's staff came into my office, and rather than discuss the merits, they simply did what so many bullies do ... they threatened to run ads in my district if I didn't bow to their wishes," Obey said, according to a transcript provided to Newsday by his staff.

Interestingly, Obey also took issue with the National Rifle Association (NRA), saying the organization didn't endorse him despite his votes against gun control legislation.

"I don't react very well to bullying, and I don't react very well to threats," he said. "I wish I could find a way to vote against both sides of this issue."

However, pro-gun rights Democrats, including Obey, teamed with House Republicans to block local governments and others from gaining routine access to gun-purchasing data that is available for local police investigations.

The powerful House committee defeated two attempts by gun control advocates to strip four-year-old restrictions on the use of ATF gun tracing data. [The New GUN WEEK, August 1, 2007](#)

NEWS RELEASE

SF SUPERVISOR ADMITS GUN LAWS WON'T WORK; SAF CALLS VOTE 'LUDICROUS'

BELLEVUE, WA – Following a vote Tuesday by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to adopt tough new anti-gun laws, a sponsor of the ordinances admitted that they probably won't quell violent crime, prompting the Second Amendment Foundation to call passage of these new ordinances an exercise in futility.

"Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, in a remarkable fit of candor, admitted to the news media that these new gun ordinances won't stop violent crime," said SAF founder Alan Gottlieb. "Yet the Board of Supervisors has voted to tighten its chokehold on the self-defense rights of law-abiding citizens and the one retail gun dealer in the city. This is ludicrous. You don't stop criminals by punishing their victims.

"We sued the city more than 18 months ago over its ridiculous November 2005 gun ban initiative," he recalled, "and by passing these ordinances, which are only slightly less restrictive than a ban, it appears the city now admits they will ultimately lose that lawsuit in court."

The new ordinances will prohibit the possession or sale of firearms on city property, and require gun owners to

lock their guns in containers or with trigger locks. Gun dealers will have to provide an inventory to the police chief every six months. Supervisor Aaron Peskin called the laws "silly feel-good legislation with no teeth."

"Supervisor Peskin has this issue nailed solidly," Gottlieb stated. "Supervisor Sophie Maxwell admitted that these anti-gun issues are 'separate from' violent crime, and that explains a lot. The majority on that Board are gun-hating extremists, and Maxwell's statement acknowledges that they are impotent against dangerous thugs, so instead they concentrate on citizens who don't commit crimes. First the criminals victimize these people, and then the city government further victimizes them. How stupid is that?"

"This is the kind of anti-gun mentality against which SAF has to constantly battle, through our educational efforts and in the courts when necessary," Gottlieb concluded. "It is a pity there aren't more supervisors like Peskin, who understand the truth about these measures, and will publicly renounce them for the foolishness they represent." [Second Amendment Foundation – 07/25/2007](#)

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Mexico Slams US Gun Laws

Mexico's government, which complains violent drug cartels are battling each other with firearms bought in the United States, slammed slack US gun laws as absurd on June 14, according to Reuters news service.

Mexico complains most of the often high-powered weapons used by warring Mexican traffickers come from gun shops in the United States and Mexican Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora said there was not enough control over their sale.

"I think the American (gun) laws are absurd because they... make it very easy for citizens to acquire guns," he told a meeting of academics and businessmen.

Mexico is locked in a bloody battle with rival cartels fighting over territory and President Felipe Calderon has deployed thousands of troops across the country against traffickers who are often better armed than police. More than 1,000 people have been killed in drug violence in Mexico this year as a three-way war between cartels and the Mexican military spirals to unprecedented levels.

Although firearms can be bought on the black market in Mexico, it is almost impossible for private citizens to purchase them legally. Mexico said last month it was setting up an intelligence network with US law enforcement agencies to stop members of Mexican drug mafias from buying guns in the United States and bringing them south of the border.

Let's see. That's the same people that are supposed to block the drug trade, the illegal immigration trade and

general cross-border smuggling, right? [The New GUN WEEK](#), August 1, 2007

FL. Cops Sink Guns in Gulf

Getting rid of excess weapons can be a problem for the police. Some jurisdictions melt them. Some crunch them. Some sell them. Some make sculptures. And some even junk them at sea.

The Sarasota, FL, Police Department officers made a disposal run the morning of June 14, when they loaded a boat, with more than 200 weapons-guns, brass knuckles, knives and even a few spears-that have been seized over the years and never claimed by their owners.

It was no secret. The department even sent out a news release with pictures of the weapons drop.

When the storage space gets tight, *The Sarasota Herald Tribune* reported, officers gather up the secondhand arsenal and dispose of it the same way they have for the past 30 years-by throwing it into the Gulf of Mexico, more than 12 miles out so that no federal permits are required.

Police say it is a cheap and simple disposal method. The weapons do not pose a threat and will not hurt the environment as they decompose on the sandy bottom.

Environmentalists are not as convinced it is a wise thing to do. "It sounds like a very bad idea to dump anything into the ocean," said David White, South Atlantic Regional Director of the Ocean Conservancy. "It perpetuates the idea that the ocean is a dumping ground. Whether it's harmful or cheap is beside the point." [The New GUN WEEK](#), August 1, 2007

Tased Robber Fatally Shot

An apparently greedy bank robber, who was suspected in at least four heists in Western Washington, reached the end of his string June 30 when he pulled what was evidently his second caper of the day, and was killed by police in Des Moines, about halfway between Seattle and Tacoma.

According to *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer* and *Tacoma News Tribune*, the unidentified robber had just held up the Bank of America branch, about a half-hour after sticking up a Key Bank branch in nearby Kent. When he came out of the bank, he was followed a short distance by a private citizen who pointed him out to a responding Des Moines police officer.

The robbery suspect was challenged by the cop, and when he did not respond, the officer shot him with a taser. Evidently, that only got him mad, because the suspect then charged toward the officer, who drew his pistol and fired. He was taken to Seattle's Harborview Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

This outlaw appears to have been a busy boy, having also apparently robbed a couple of other banks earlier in the week. [The New GUN WEEK](#), August 1, 2007

DC's Deputy Mayor Robbed

He wasn't hurt, but Victor Reinoso, the deputy mayor for education of Washington DC, is out a cell phone, wallet, \$100 in cash and some peace of mind after being held up at gunpoint in June, in broad daylight.

In a city where gun control is supposed to have prevented things like this, Reinoso was apparently lucky he was not hurt, according to a statement from Metropolitan Police Capt. Hilton Burton that appeared in *The Washington Post*. Burton told the newspaper that Reinoso was "pretty lucky" and acknowledged that robberies can end in violence.

Reinoso was appointed to the position by anti-gun Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty. [The New GUN WEEK](#), August 1, 2007

Women Fight Back, Shoot, Stab Intruder

From the "Fatal Errors in the Victim Selection Process" file comes the story about two feisty women and two incredibly unlucky dirtballs, one of whom will never again have the opportunity to kick in apartment doors looking for drugs and money.

According to *The Hagerstown Herald Mail* and Associated Press, Hagerstown, MD, residents Carri Humphrey, 22, and Michelle Reeder, 24, were at home when there was a knock at the door. Humphrey told police that she thought she recognized the man as a neighbor, but figured this guy is knocking at 3:30 a.m. on the morning of July 1, and there might be reason to suspect he's not collecting for charity.

But Humphrey opened the door and two men charged in. One of them was carrying a rifle and had his face covered.

One of the thugs began punching Humphrey, who yelled to Reeder to grab a pistol. That's typically the signal for scumbags to beat a hasty retreat, but not this pair. Humphrey came out of another room, gun in hand, and after fumbling with the safety, she capped off several center-of-mass rounds into a man later identified as James Michael Conely, 32.

Conely, though wounded, began wrestling with Reeder, until Humphrey handed her a knife and she stabbed him. At that point, Humphrey and Reeder fled to a neighbor's apartment and called the cops, while Conely expired on the floor of a bedroom.

The other suspect fled, but cops soon rounded up Michael John Watkins, 21, and charged him with attempted armed robbery, several counts of burglary and theft. [The New GUN WEEK](#), August 1, 2007

Licensed Florida Citizen Shoots 2 Armed Robbers

A 71-year-old Florida man turned the tables on a pair of armed robbers June 27 when he was caught up in the midst

of their caper at a sandwich shop where he was merely a customer until the shooting started.

According to *The South Florida Sun Sentinel* in Ft. Lauderdale, a Subway shop in Plantation was the scene of a gunfight in which Donicio Arrindell, 22, and Fredrick Gadson, 21, allegedly demanded money at gunpoint. Their problems started when they got really greedy and decided to rob John Lovell, a local resident who obviously did not care to be robbed.

The thugs pushed Lovell into the restroom, and evidently figuring he was being marched to his murder, he pulled his own licensed handgun and cut loose. Arrindell hit the floor fatally wounded, and Gadson stumbled outside but was quickly found by a K9 unit, hiding behind the hedge at a nearby bank, the newspaper said.

Both men were taken to the hospital, where Arrindell expired and Gadson was in critical condition. Lovell apparently was not injured but a longtime friend of his didn't help much when he told the newspaper that Lovell is a "quiet Clint Eastwoodtype you don't want to mess with."

Lovell was more specifically described by the newspaper as a former Marine pilot. [The New GUN WEEK](#), August 1, 2007

NSSF Bullet Points:

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- **SENATE PANEL PASSES NICS IMPROVEMENT ACT . . .** The NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System) Improvement Act passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee last week. The act would enhance the FBI's NICS database used to identify individuals prohibited from possessing firearms. It would not in any way expand the definition of a prohibited person. The legislation would merely improve the updating of records of those individuals who have already lost their right to keep and bear arms. Similar legislation passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives in June.
- **ANTIS MUSTER SUPPORT IN NEW JERSEY BEAR ISSUE . . .** Opponents of hunting bears as a management tool in New Jersey are rallying their supporters to attend and speak at a [public meeting](#) on Wednesday. The [New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance](#) has not only posted a meeting announcement on its member-only portion of its Web site, but it has also listed 18 points that its followers should make in their comments. The antis seem to have already won the short-term political battle over the hunt, however, as the New Jersey Fish and Game Council's [latest recommendations](#) agree to no hunt in 2007 but mandate hunts the next two years if bear-human encounters don't decrease significantly.

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- **COLUMNIST UNDER FIRE, INVESTIGATION AFTER RADIO COMMENTS . . .** A Boston Globe columnist [came under fire](#) from gun owners -- and caught

the attention of federal agents -- last week after acknowledging on a radio show he may have been involved in a straw purchase. Admittedly anti-gun columnist Steve Bailey set out to prove how easy it would be to buy a gun at a gun show in another state. Bailey, anti-gun advocate John Rosenthal and a New Hampshire resident attended a gun show in New Hampshire where the columnist, because of his out-of-state residency, gave the resident \$200 to buy the gun for him and expensed it to the Globe. [In his column Friday](#), Bailey said ATF agents and a police officer paid his friend a visit last week with a search warrant and a tape of the radio interview.

- **URINE BIG TROUBLE, MISTER . . .** An anti-hunting activist who has amassed a record of illegal actions against hunters was caught trespassing and pouring a jug of human urine around a trap set to capture nuisance black bears in northern New Jersey, [reports the New Jersey Herald](#). Albert Kazemian was reportedly confronted by state wildlife officers, who ordered him to stop; Kazemian's response was to throw the jug and run back toward his house. He was apprehended and arrested. This is the latest in a string of actions that animal rights extremists have taken to make bear management a political football rather than a science in New Jersey.

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- **CONGRESS REJECTS BLOOMBERG'S CAMPAIGN . . .** Despite spending millions of dollars, distorting the facts in order to mislead the public, and [even threatening lawmakers](#), last week New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg was dealt a serious blow by members of the United States House of Representatives Appropriations Committee when they voted down two amendments designed to gut protections given to law enforcement as part of the Tiahrt Amendment. The Tiahrt Amendment restricts access to sensitive firearms tracing data solely to law enforcement in order to protect the integrity of investigations and the lives of law enforcement officers. Mayor Bloomberg, who wants public access to firearms trace data in order to litigate against the lawful firearms industry, has made repealing the Tiahrt Amendment a top priority. [Read the NSSF press release](#).
- **CAR ACCIDENT CLAIMS CIRILLO'S LIFE . . .** Jim Cirillo, 76, a renowned firearms instructor, was killed in a tractor trailer collision in Brookfield, N.Y., last Thursday. A member of NYPD's famed stakeout unit, Cirillo is said to have participated in more than 250 armed encounters, some of which he describes in his book, ["Guns, Bullets and Gunfights: Lessons and Tales from a Modern Day Gunfighter."](#) Cirillo was a friend to NSSF, helping to instruct mainstream media professionals at NSSF's Media Education Seminars. "Jim was the real deal, and because he was unassuming and had so many great stories to tell the media was drawn to him and that connection helped make him one of the most popular instructors at our media seminars," said Bill Brassard, NSSF's managing director of communications, safety and education. See today's [Shooting Wire](#) for a tribute to Cirillo.

- **BRADY PRESIDENT TO GET PROOF OF IGNORANCE . . .** Alan Gottlieb, founder of the [Second Amendment Foundation](#), says he will supply Brady Campaign President Paul Helmke with documentation that addresses Helmke's statement on MSNBC that he has been unable to identify anybody who has ever been sued and suffered financially for shooting in self-defense. Helmke's comments came in a series of debates with Gottlieb while protesting the passage of state "stand your ground" laws. Gottlieb states he has the "text book case" from Missouri, and he says, "Helmke is sadly uninformed, and we're going to educate him."

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- **LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY PULLS SUPPORT FOR MICROSTAMPING BILL . . .** The Los Angeles District Attorney's Office has pulled its support for Assembly Bill 1471, legislation that will mandate the microstamping of firearms. [Read District Attorney Steve Cooley's letter](#) to the bill's sponsor, Assemblyman Mike Feuer (D-Los Angeles).
- **BLOOMBERG ANTI-GUN COALITION LOSES ANOTHER MAYOR . . .** Citing careful review of New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's statements and actions, listening to the concerns of many of his constituents and receiving communications from and speaking with officials at NSSF, Oldmans Township, N.J., Mayor Harry Moore resigned his membership in the Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition (MAIG) Saturday afternoon. [Full Story](#)

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- **INDUSTRY HAILS PASSAGE OF SHELBY AMENDMENT . . .** NSSF is hailing passage of a law enforcement friendly amendment sponsored by Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) that cleared the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday. The amendment, part of a spending bill, will prohibit local politicians and the general public from accessing confidential firearms tracing data, putting public safety and law enforcement ahead of gun-control politics. The amendment passed with a 19-10 vote. Similar language was approved by a House subcommittee handling that chamber's version of the legislation. [Full Story](#)
- **ANOTHER MAYOR WITHDRAWS FROM ANTI-GUN COALITION . . .** Citing confusion about what New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's coalition of American mayors was all about, Carmel, Ind., Mayor Jim Brainard has withdrawn from "Mayors Against Illegal Guns." Brainard said he originally joined because he was told the coalition's main goal was to "get guns out of the hands of convicted felons." He became discontented and, according to [The Indianapolis Star](#), said, "There's a lot of confusion on what the coalition was and was not doing."

News Links:

07/08/04 Oklahoma Police Kill 5-Year Old Boy While Shooting at Snake

A police officer shooting at a snake apparently killed a 5-year-old boy who was fishing at a nearby pond with his grandfather. A Noble police officer who had responded to a report of a snake in a tree apparently fired the deadly shot while trying to kill the snake. Grandfather has little doubt. "I'm not saying the cop shot him on purpose," he said. "But let me tell you — if I had a kid and put him in this car and didn't put him in a car seat and he got killed on the way to town, they'd charge me with murder ... and what this cop did is a lot worse than that."

<http://newsok.com/xml/cox/3098884/>

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070806/ap_on_re_us/boy_killed;_ylt=AmZLj90PNNAkayahn1sPQxxH2ocA

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,292168,00.html>

07/08/03 'LOW' BAIL FOR SLAY SUSPECT -- An Albanian immigrant - the only man standing after a gun battle with two armed thugs - faced a judge in Queens yesterday where the prosecutor said he could well go free after a grand jury hears his self-defense claim. http://www.nypost.com/seven/08032007/news/regionalnews/low_bail_for_slay_suspect_regionalnews_ikimulisa_livingston.htm

07/08/02 Store owner shoots robbery suspect Four months ago, after a series of break-ins at his convenience store, Merlony "Jason" Colaco nabbed a robbery suspect and used his shotgun to hold her at bay until police arrived. Thursday morning, he confronted another suspect, only this time, he fired...Candeloro reportedly ignored the warnings and started walking toward Colaco. "Stop!" Colaco shouted. He kept coming. Colaco pulled the trigger, shooting him in his left side, near the stomach. "I thought I'd missed, because he just walked away. But after he walked through the door, he collapsed." He began yelling for his friends. He tried to get up but fell down. Pennsylvania State Police called in response to the store's alarm system. "Send an ambulance, I shot a guy," Colaco said. When he looked outside, he saw Candeloro crawling, trying to walk. He crawled a distance and stood up, only to fall again. "You shot me...I'm gonna sue you!" he told the store owner. http://www.publicopiniononline.com/localnews/ci_6531557

07/08/02 Carjack Victim Turns Tables On Attackers (CBS4) *MIRAMAR* Bullets flew in a bank parking lot in Miramar Thursday morning as an attempted carjacking turned into a shoot out. Miramar police say it happened just around 5:30 a.m. in front of the Wachovia bank branch on Miramar Parkway and 68th Avenue. Fifty-seven-year old Bruce Allen Williams had just pulled his truck up to an ATM at the bank when two men got out of a small brown car and demanded the keys to William's truck. http://cbs4.com/local/local_story_214080054.html

07/08/02 No charges in fatal shooting DANVILLE - A woman who shot and killed her estranged husband will not be charged in his death. "In my opinion, she did not commit a criminal act," Pittsylvania County Commonwealth's Attorney David Grimes said Wednesday. "It was self-defense. If someone's breaking into your house after threatening to kill you, that's getting pretty close." http://www.registerbee.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=DRB%2FMGArticle%2FDRB_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173352229290&path=!news

07/08/02 Man awakes, chases suspect An 80-year-old man armed with a shotgun sent a would-be burglar running into woods. http://www.reidsvillereview.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=RVR%2FMGArticle%2FRVR_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173352234548&path=%2Inewsarchive

07/08/01 Friendly Fire Everyone knows lots of Philadelphians are armed. But not all of them are criminals.

Meet Patrick the vampire-fanged goth entrepreneur; Joshua the humanitarian war-robot designer; Bash the dreadlocked metal guitarist with the scarred-over bullet hole in his left hand; Joel the Mt. Airy surfer dude; Diego the Argentinean 3-D artist; Kenyatta the cigar aficionado; and Chris and Cecilia—ass-kicking, trash-picking, guitar-and-sewing-machine-thrashing West Philly punk rockers. All Philadelphia gun owners. Most of them featured in the recently published book *Armed America: Portraits of Gun Owners in Their Homes* by Philadelphia photographer Kyle Cassidy.

<http://philadelphiaweekly.com/view.php?id=15142&rss=1>

07/08/01 There's been another home invasion in Eastern Carolina. It marks the fourth in less than a week. Stephen Mason says the intruder entered his home through the back porch. Mason says he was getting ready to go to bed. He turned off all the lights inside the home then he heard a loud bang. When he went to check it out, he says he was hit in the head by the intruder. Mason says he had his gun with him so he fired twice.

<http://www.witntv.com/news/headlines/8862022.html>

07/08/01 SF Passes What Some Call Most Strict Gun Law In U.S. Co-author and San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris joined Mayor Gavin Newsom as he signed the legislation into law. The new law would restrict both the sale and possession of firearms on city property. Gun owners would be required to store weapons in a locked box, according to Harris. Dealers would have to submit inventory to the police every six months.

<http://www.nbc11.com/news/13801378/detail.html>

07/08/01 Councilor takes aim at Hub gun loophole Boston has moved a step closer to closing a loophole in the law that makes it a misdemeanor crime to have an unlicensed gun inside a home, when it's a felony to carry that same weapon on the street. <http://news.bostonherald.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=1014551>

07/07/31 Gun rights group challenges Fairfax decision on auction Washington DC (Map, News) - A group supporting guns rights in Virginia is challenging a Fairfax County assertion that a gun auction planned by the group violated state gambling laws, according to court documents filed last week.

http://www.examiner.com/a-855081~Gun_rights_group_challenges_Fairfax_decision_on_auction.html?cid=rss-Washington_DC

07/07/31 Man, 19, arrested in SU gun incident Shippensburg University Police, with the assistance of Harrisburg City Police, arrested a 19-year-old male in Harrisburg Friday at 10 p.m. after he allegedly carried a loaded firearm on campus at Shippensburg University earlier in the day.

http://www.publicopiniononline.com/ci_6503838?IADID=Search-www.publicopiniononline.com-www.publicopiniononline.com

07/07/30 BUENA VISTA Pa. Girl, 13, Accused in Father's Death A 13-year-old girl used a shotgun to fatally shoot her father in the head early Monday in a home overrun with animals and filth, police said. A police complaint did not identify a motive in the killing, but her mother, Michelle Fazek, who was separated from Booth, said she had complained several times to county child welfare officials that her daughter and her brother, 14, were living in squalor and that her daughter had been abused.
<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=3429530>

07/07/30 Time for cop-citizen alliance Over the years, I've noticed a schism develop between many law enforcement people and ordinary "civilians" – you know, the poor schlemiels who pay their taxes, empower the high mighty and employ the cops. This division takes many shapes and forms, but nowhere is it more obvious than on the issue of firearms.
http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=56909

07/07/30 Phila. police return fire, killing gunman
The shooting happened exactly three weeks after the last fatal police shooting, in which officers fired 85 rounds at a gun-wielding man in South Philadelphia. Steven Miller, who neighbors said was incoherent after smoking marijuana laced with embalming fluid, was hit at least 20 times, The Inquirer has reported.
http://www.philly.com/inquirer/home_region/20070730_Returning_fire_Philadelphia_police_kill_man_20.html

07/07/30 PRO-CONSERVATION LEGISLATION HEADS TO SENATE . . . The Farm Bill, sponsored by Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus member and chairman of the House Agriculture Committee Collin Peterson (D-Minn.), is one of the most important pieces of conservation legislation, helping to sustain America's rural economy and improve fish and wildlife habitats. Last week the legislation passed out of the U.S. House by a vote of 231-191. NSSF joined with conservation partners, such as Ducks Unlimited, to urge passage of the pro-conservation bill. "This Farm Bill is extraordinarily important to industry," said NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel Lawrence G. Keane. "By keeping in place conservation programs that are vital to wildlife habitat, hunting opportunities around the country will improve. We are pleased that the House passed this pro-hunting legislation." The bill now heads to the Senate Agriculture Committee.
<http://www.nssf.org/news/fromBP.cfm?BPseq=417>

07/07/30 N.H. police investigate home invasion, attempted rape PELHAM, N.H. --Police are investigating a home invasion and attempted rape. Police said they responded to a 911 call from a home on Misty Lane at 1:25 p.m. Sunday. They said the female occupant had been attacked and a man tried to sexually assault her.
http://www.boston.com/news/local/new_hampshire/articles/2007/07/30/nh_police_investigate_home_invasion_attempted_rape/

07/07/30 Time for cop-citizen alliance Over the years, I've noticed a schism develop between many law enforcement people and ordinary "civilians" – you know, the poor schlemiels who pay their taxes, empower the high mighty and employ the cops. This division takes many shapes and forms, but nowhere is it more obvious than on the issue of firearms. Many police officers have come to believe guns are only safe in their hands – that they cannot be entrusted into the custody of untrained, unqualified citizens.
http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=56909

07/07/30 Stiffer gun penalties urged CRIME | Top cop wants illegal possession to draw jail time Chicago Police take about 10,000 guns off the street every year. But the people who carry the weapons -- in a waistband or in a glove box -- are not being punished for it, police officials said.
<http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/489403.CST-NWS-gun30.article>

07/07/30 Shots fired during liquor store robbery A liquor store owner fired three shots Sunday at an intruder who entered the store carrying a hammer, an Evansville Police Department report said.
<http://www.courierpress.com/news/2007/jul/30/shots-fired-during-liquor-store-robbery/>

07/07/29 'Which Republicans - if any -- Will Shoot Machine Guns At GOP Fundraiser?' The problem with most Republicans is that they won't stand up for what they stand for. Let's find out who is anatomically correct and who can reach around behind and locate their backbone. I am speaking, of course, of the Republicans' ability not to shoot their mouth off, but the inability to take sides.
http://newsbyus.com/more.php?id=9117_0_1_0_M

07/07/29 NRA's new era of cooperation misses target
WASHINGTON - Before getting too excited about legislation that would identify the mentally disturbed in background checks now required for legitimate gun purchases from licensed dealers, one should realize that only those certified as a threat to themselves or others would be included. There are a number of other ways even those who are so judged can get weapons and escape detection.
<http://news.bostonherald.com/editorial/view.bg?articleid=1013921&srvc=home>

07/07/29 Anti-2nd Amendment News Media Is Under-Reporting Horrific Connecticut Home Invasion The case of a Connecticut family being robbed, beaten raped, murdered, and their home set ablaze presents a real-life horror story as well as a cautionary tale. However, the story has barely received a mention in the mainstream press. Apparently, the antics of the drunken s*** Lindsay Lohan are more important to American newspapers than is the torturous death of an innocent family...But why?
http://newsbyus.com/more.php?id=9116_0_1_0_M

07/07/29 Forced to kill: 4 stories of survival What if your life were in danger? How would you react? These people saved themselves and coped with the result Every year in the United States, about 200 people kill someone in self-defense. It's legal. It's often necessary. But it can emotionally scar the people who do the killing.
http://www.charlotte.com/breaking_news/story/215469.html

07/07/28 Too late for sorry . . . Norad said he was sorry. Sorry is of no use now, but it is better than the bloody fanaticism of the National Rifle Association and its enablers in Congress, who shield irresponsible gun merchants from scrutiny.
http://www.nydailynews.com/opinions/2007/07/28/2007-07-28_too_late_for_sorry.html

07/07/28 35 rifles, guns stolen during Indiana County home invasion State police at Indiana County are investigating a home invasion early Friday in which a man armed with a handgun allegedly stole 35 rifles and shotguns from a Route 580 residence,

near Cherry Tree.

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/cityregion/s_519481.html

07/07/28 Education key to coyotes --Addressing recent coyote problems in St. Charles will be done with education rather than traps. The city and park district are working together on an education campaign about the animals after the park district rejected an agreement that would have involved trapping the animals.

<http://www.kcchronicle.com/articles/2007/07/28/news/local/doc46aada215a69a314310958.txt>

07/07/28 D.C., Maryland gun task force targets sellers The District and Maryland's top leaders said yesterday the key to stopping gun violence across the region is enforcing gun laws, not creating new ones.

<http://washingtontimes.com/article/20070728/METRO/107280043/1004>

07/07/28 Singles, choose your weapons Can't you just hear the Mae West pickup line? "Is that a gun in your pocket, or are you just happy to see me?" Meet Market Adventures is a singles organization that arranges events such as target shooting for singles in New York City.

<http://recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070728/COM/707280306/-1/COMM0504>

07/07/28 ABC Implies NYC Cop Killer Bought Gun from Dealer, Ignores Original Legal Buyer On Friday's World News, ABC host Charles Gibson incorrectly implied that a murder suspect in New York City had purchased his weapon from a gun store in Virginia, ignoring the fact that the original owner, now deceased, had purchased the gun legally from the shop in 1999, and that police have not yet discovered how the suspect obtained the gun.

<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/brad-wilmouth/2007/07/28/abc-suggests-nyc-cop-killer-bought-gun-dealer-ignores-original-legal->

07/07/27 Joint Effort Targets Gun Market- *Washington Post* Leading officials from Maryland, the District and Prince George's County will announce a set of gun control initiatives, including increasing the number of sting operations at gun shows.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/07/27/AR2007072700134.html>

07/07/27 "Radical Environmentalism Failed"- Remnants of the radical Earth Liberation Front stood before a federal judge. More than a decade after they began setting fires across the West. One by one, they waited to hear her decide: Had they committed acts of domestic terrorism?

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070727/CULTURE/107270094/1015>

07/07/27 Poll: Public Grows More Cynical About Politics - Cynicism about American politics has risen sharply in recent months, according to a new poll that finds growing numbers of voters feel the country is heading in the wrong direction and that fewer think politicians can fix the problems. More than two-thirds of likely voters (71%) say their member of Congress puts party politics ahead of them, according to the latest George Washington University Battleground 2008 Poll released July 26.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/article/20070727/NATION/107270080/1002>

07/07/27 Would be robber met with shotgun Dougherty County -- A Dougherty County armed robber found himself staring down the barrel of a shotgun Thursday night. The robber had every intention of holding up a liquor store near Putney, but a quick-thinking security guard changed his mind in a hurry.

<http://www.walb.com/Global/story.asp?S=6851192>

07/07/27 Homeowner held thieves at gunpoint until officers arrived Stealing bags of aluminum cans worth a total of \$25 can cost more than it pays. That's what two Athens men learned Friday.

http://www.enewscourier.com/local/local_story_208220640.html?keyword=topstory

07/07/27 Pistol Packing Pastor Nabs Theft Suspect A former Bakersfield police officer turned pastor helped nab a man who allegedly stole a car from his church's parking lot. James Kilgore, pastor at Taft Free Will Baptist Church, said he always keeps a gun and handcuffs in his fanny pack. They came in handy on Tuesday, when one of his elderly parishioners left Bible study to find his car had vanished.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2007/07/27/national/a152515D79.DTL&feed=rss.news>

07/07/26 Topeka Robbery Foiled When Clerk Got to His Gun Sooner A robbery quickly turned sour for the robber late Wednesday night when the cashier got to his gun faster than he could.

<http://www.wibw.com/news/headlines/8727267.html>

07/07/26 STORES REPORT INCREASE IN GUN SALES AFTER HOME INVASION . . . In the days following a brutally tragic home invasion in Connecticut, local firearms retailers reported an increase in gun sales to residents concerned with their families' safety. A report from CBS affiliate WFSB-TV quoted Connecticut Association of Firearms Retailers President Scott Hoffman, owner of Connecticut's Hoffman's Gun Center.

<http://www.wfsb.com/news/13763446/detail.html>

07/07/26 North Carolina's Passion for Hunting and Fishing is Overwhelming, With an Approval Rating of 84% and 95% Respectively <http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/07-26-2007/0004633673&EDATE=>

07/07/26 Peters Twp Council accused of breaking law for firearms ban Several dozen angry residents and gun rights advocates filled the Peters Council meeting Monday, asking council to reconsider an ordinance unanimously passed at its July 9 meeting that bans firearms and other dangerous weapons from township parks and most township-owned buildings.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/07207/804282-55.stm>

07/07/25 'Blog' puts fear into gun shop inspectors A team of inspectors from the BATFE fled an Idaho gun shop where they were inspecting sales records when they learned their actions were being recorded on a blog.

http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=56832

07/07/25 Clerk gets probation for backdating gun raffle license GLENDALE HEIGHTS - A former Glendale Heights deputy village clerk who backdated a village license for a local VFW's gun raffle was placed on two years' probation Tuesday and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service.

http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-both_sabatino_wedjul25.1.467216.story?ctrack=1&cset=true

07/07/25 A liberal with a gun Sara Sedlacek, a reporter for Iowa's West Liberty Index and a self-described liberal "with a cookie-cutter image of what 'gun club people' were like," recently visited her local gun club in search of a story. After her first and subsequent visits, she not only tried shooting for the first time, but also learned a lot more in the process. In a column about her experience, she writes, "I walked into that gun club with the worst thoughts about the place and I walked out with a completely different opinion. It never hurts to try to learn a little more about the things you don't like and the people you don't agree with. You may find out you didn't know enough about them to have an opinion in the first place <http://westlibertyindex.com/article.php?viewID=939>

07/07/25 SAN FRANCISCO Supervisors approve tough gun measure San Francisco's already tough laws on firearms will get even stronger -- becoming some of the most restrictive in the country -- after a vote at City Hall Tuesday. But even new restrictions won't do much to stop the gun violence escalating on city streets, one sponsor of the new laws said after the vote. <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/07/25/BAG26R6G3Q1.DTL&feed=rss.byarea>

07/07/25 Mo. man kills grandson in apparent case of self-defense AVA, Mo. -- A man shot and killed his grandson this morning after the teenager began stabbing him and his wife, authorities said. <http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070725/NEWS/07/0725077>

07/07/25 Would-be victim sends armed robbers running in Leavenworth LEAVENWORTH — A 57-year-old Leavenworth man turned the tables on two armed robbers who invaded his home Tuesday. Authorities say that when two masked men armed with handguns got into the man's home Tuesday night, he confronted them, grabbed one of their guns and shot one in the hand. http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003805271_webbreakin25m.html?syndication=rss

07/07/24 Firing in Self Defense - Women and Gun Safety The National Rifle Association estimates 6 million women own at least one gun. "I wanted to have a firearm for personal protection," says Donna Patrick. http://www.wsls.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=WLSL%2FMSGArticle%2FSLB_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173352120603&path=!news!localnews

07/07/24 Man involved in Thursday's fatal shooting says it was in self-defense Allan Turnipseed carries a gun with him at all times. But he'd never had to use it until Thursday. He says his life, and the lives of his family, were in danger. http://www.kxly.com/index.php?story_id=11993

07/07/24 New Hampshire GOP fundraiser to feature machine gun shoot

Tired of the usual chicken dinners, the Manchester Republican Committee is planning to arm supporters next month with Uzis, M-16 rifles and other automatic weapons for a day of target practice at a Pelham firing range.

<http://www.unionleader.com/article.aspx?headline=GOP+fundraiser+to+feature+machine+gun+shoot&articleId=dff9058f-d867-4f10-8894-8ce94d13268b>

07/07/24 To ease gun control laws State Sen. Steve Buehrer has introduced legislation in the state senate to allow people to take the necessary steps in a potentially life-threatening situation to defend their home or business. This change would eliminate that part of the law where charges are brought against the citizen for defending his property or himself in a deadly threatening situation. It has been passed in 19 states and crime has dropped. http://www.recordpub.com/news/simple_article/2302352

07/07/24 Conservatives Reject Ban On Handguns - Don't look to the federal Conservative government to ban handguns. In addition to rejecting a handgun ban, the Conservative government wants to scrap the long-gun registry, saying it does nothing to keep guns out of the hands of the bad guys. This policy is popular in many parts of the country where gun ownership is seen as a right. <http://www.thestar.com/News/article/239072>

07/07/24 Homeowner Fights Back Against Intruder ATASCOCITA, Texas -- A homeowner shot a man who broke into his Atascocita home early Tuesday, officials told KPRC Local 2. <http://www.click2houston.com/news/13743208/detail.html>

07/07/23 Inquiry finds shooter acted in self-defense **Suspect now held on other charge** POMONA - A 31-year-old man will not be charged in the shooting death of a 25-year-old man in June, officials said. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced last week that it will not file a murder charge against Carlos Salazar in the death of Angel Aguayo of Pomona. http://www.dailybulletin.com/news/ci_6440445

07/07/23 Police: Potential Victim Kills Possible Robber 2 Suspects Who Flew Scene **Wanted** JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- Police say a man shot to death early Monday may have been killed in self-defense by a potential victim of a robbery attempt. <http://www.news4jax.com/news/13733512/detail.html>

07/07/23 Gun Ownership Becoming a Capital Idea *National Leadership Network of Conservative African-Americans* For years, Shelly Parker faced intimidation and harassment from the drug dealers and gang-bangers who roamed her neighborhood. Already frustrated because the police never did enough to make her feel truly safe, she was further dismayed by the fact that she could not own a gun to protect herself. Parker is a resident of Washington, D.C., where gun ownership has been a crime. <http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=33001>

07/07/23 Store Clerk Decision: To Shoot or Not to Shoot?

Robberies and assaults are not new in Charlotte's Hidden Valley Community. During the past year and a half, the area has been hit hard by crime. <http://www.wbtv.com/news/topstories/8666022.html>

07/07/22 MISS USA CONTESTANT'S 'PERFECT DAY' INCLUDES SHOOTING . . .

Miss Kansas USA Cara Gorges, second runner-up at this month's Miss USA pageant, revealed her love of shotguns, handguns and rifles.

<http://www.kansas.com/sports/outdoors/story/128364.html>

07/07/22 Local Woman Arrested, Charged In Man's

Stabbing A local woman is behind bars tonight on charges of homicide after she allegedly stabbed a man this morning... Officials say Holden allegedly assaulted Eackles, and that's when he was stabbed in the chest.

<http://www.topix.net/city/pittsburgh-pa/2007/07/local-woman-arrested-charged-in-mans-stabbing>

07/07/22 Anna man catches boy breaking into truck

Robert Trammell, of Anna, said his son woke him up Thursday morning after he saw someone breaking into his truck... When they finally caught up to him, Robert said he realized the guy who broke into his car was just a 13-year-old boy.

http://www.courier-gazette.com/articles/2007/07/22/mckinney_courier-gazette/news/bnews06.txt

07/07/22 Man questioned in fatal Dallas shooting

The husband told police that he confronted the alleged robber on the street and that the person reached for a gun. The husband pulled his own gun and shot the victim in the head, he told police.

http://www.star-telegram.com/dallas_news/story/177541.html

07/07/22 Homeowner shoots teen burglary suspect: Boy flees scene, seeks help after being shot with 12-gauge shotgun

A property owner fired a 12-gauge shotgun at a 16-year-old boy Saturday, who had just broken into the man's rental house, police said.

http://www.mywesttexas.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18615097&BRD=2288&PAG=461&dept_id=475626&rfi=6

07/07/22 Police: Shooting was self-defense

Titusville police said this afternoon they're confident William Herring shot two men with a handgun — one fatally — in self-defense after they broke into his garage and attacked him with a pipe and tire iron.

<http://www.floridatoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070722/BREAKINGNEWS/70722012>

07/07/21 Oklahoma City Five accused in invasion try

Five people are accused of attempting a home invasion robbery Thursday morning that went awry when one of the alleged robbers was shot, police said. A resident of Almonte Apartments, 5901 S May Ave., in Oklahoma City was also shot during the break-in, which occurred about 5:30 a.m. <http://newsok.com/article/3088369>

07/07/21 Kick The Thugs Out - Washington Times

We spend billions of dollars on homeland security, but our government can't even track and deport convicted criminal aliens. These are not the well-meaning "newcomers" who just want to "pursue economic opportunities" by "doing the jobs no one else will do." These are foreign-born thugs, sex offenders, murderers and repeat drunk drivers who are destroying the American Dream.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/article/20070721/COMMENTARY/107210006/1012>

07/07/21 Proposed raise on ammunition tax to aid social service programs

A state lawmaker from Philadelphia has proposed an additional 2 percent sales tax on ammunition to help replace cuts in social service programs such as Medicaid.

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/cityregion/s_518333.html

07/07/20 Houston homeowner shoots would-be burglar

A northeast Houston resident shot and wounded a man attempting to break into his home this afternoon, according to authorities.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/chronicle/4985830.html>

07/07/20 Taser launches new stun gun for consumers

Taser International Inc., the world's largest maker of stun guns, began this week shipping its new C2 Personal Protector weapon for consumers as the company seeks to expand in markets other than police and military.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-taser20jul20.1.5968307.story?coll=la-headlines-business&ctrack=1&cset=true>

07/07/19 Senate Getting Ready To Move McCarthy's Brady Expansion!

-- **Plus news on OSHA gun control, DC Gun Ban and more** The gun issue has been in the news a lot lately, despite the strange silence coming from Capitol Hill on the status of the McCarthy bill (HR 2640). Many Senators on the Judiciary Committee are being kept in the dark as to when the legislation will start moving.

<http://www.gunowners.org/a071907.htm>

07/07/19 Federal Security Agents Transported Ammo

Without Authorization OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — Federal agents in charge of safely transporting nuclear materials took 3,400 rounds of ammunition from a training exercise in Texas back to Tennessee on board a government plane without declaring it. The agents from the Office of Secure Transportation moved the rounds aboard a plane owned by the National Nuclear Security Administration in December 2005, according to a report from the Department of Energy's Office of Inspector General reviewed by The Knoxville News Sentinel. <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/1869095/posts>

07/07/19 Check cashing store manager exchanges gunfire with armed robbers

NORTH MIAMI, Fla. (WSVN) -- Miami-Dade Police are searching for two armed men who shot at a check cashing store employee.

<http://www1.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/MI55598/>

07/07/18 Suburban Gun Trafficking Ring Smashed

Authorities have broken up a illegal gun trafficking network where guns were stolen from homes in the Philadelphia suburbs and sold on the streets of Philadelphia and Norristown... Philadelphia district attorney Lynne Abraham says there's a correlation between the city's rising murder rate and stolen guns: "These are easy to sell on the streets of Philadelphia. I think at today's count we're up to 225 homicides, probably 85 to 88 percent committed by the kinds of guns that were sold in this case."

<http://www.kyw1060.com/pages/694865.php?contentType=4&contentId=700042>

07/07/18 Neighbor Shoots Naked Man: Claims Self Defense (CBS4) WEST PALM BEACH A naked man was shot to death in West Palm Beach as he was lunged at a resident who was trying to protect a woman and her children.
http://cbs4.com/local/local_story_199094159.html

07/07/18 New Hampshire's state Supreme Court says the state Constitution's right to bear arms is not absolute and can be restricted and regulated.
http://www.boston.com/news/local/new_hampshire/articles/2007/07/18/high_court_says_right_to_bear_arms_can_be_restricted/

07/07/17 Man shoots at burglars Leon County Sheriff's deputies have not filed charges against a homeowner who fired shots at burglars Monday afternoon.
<http://www.tallahassee.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070717/BREAKINGNEWS/707170352>

07/07/17 In Gun Fight, Bloomberg Raises Profile but Fails To Win Votes - New York Sun
In his fight to repeal a federal gun law, Mayor Bloomberg has flown across the country, spent millions in televised campaign-style ads, raised his national profile, and sparked interest in a possible presidential run. But in Congress, he's hardly changed anyone's mind. <http://www.nysun.com/article/58555>

07/07/17 Guns Don't Kill People, Phila. Does - Philadelphia Inquirer
When Mayor Street spent 15 hours waiting in line for an iPhone recently, the city was not impressed by his love of new technology, writes John and Maxim Lott. Rather, Street had to answer to a passerby asking, How can you sit here with 200 murders in the city already? The desire "to do something" is understandable, but new gun laws aren't the answer.
<http://www.philly.com/inquirer/opinion/8545697.html>

07/07/17 Tempe homeowner shoots suspected burglar There were two people home at the time. One looked through the peephole but chose not to answer the door when he didn't recognize the suspects. He later heard the suspects forcing their way into the home and grabbed his handgun.
<http://www.azcentral.com/community/tempe/articles/0717tr-burglary.html>

07/07/17 Cops report double trouble with firearms Crime pushed Orlando a little closer to the OK Corral over the weekend with twice the typical number of guns seized, stolen or fired. At least two victims fought back, including a Pine Hills resident who opened fire with an assault rifle on an armed burglar, reports show.
<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/orange/orl-gunfest1707jul17.0.2460717.story?track=rss>

07/07/16 Our Gun Legacy - Good or Bad? Have you ever thoughtfully considered just how we got to where we are regarding the gun issue. <http://www.buckeyefirearms.org/article3848.html>

07/07/16 Women with guns discourage home invaders
Lexington police are looking for two men wanted for a home

invasion over-night and one of the suspects should be easy to spot. He's wearing only one shoe. Police say the two men kicked the door open and rushed inside. Two armed women residents confronted the intruders and ordered them to their knees.
<http://www.kentucky.com/471/story/124835.html>

07/07/15 Judge: Shooting outside MedCentral was self defense MANSFIELD -- Kevin Teague acted in self defense when he shot a fellow Mansfield teenager in the face, according to Richland County Juvenile Court Judge Ron Spon. The judge on Thursday acquitted the 15-year-old Teague of attempted murder and two counts of felonious assault. Spon found him guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.
<http://www.centralohio.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/B7/20070720/NEWS01/707200311/1002>

07/07/15 Pittsburgh Store Clerk Shoots and Kills Armed Robber Just before midnight Sunday morning a man burst into the BP on the 900 block of Saw Mill Run and pointed a .357 handgun at the clerk.
<http://www.wpxi.com/news/13684365/detail.html>

07/07/14 Castle Doctrine law pushed by Ohio Sen. Buehrer
Right now, Ohio law says that if you shoot an intruder dead in your home, you have to prove self-defense.
<http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/news/184402453217510.xml&coll=2&thispage=1>

07/07/14 WI: Cops Called for Gun Play with Play Guns
Josiah Williams and four of his friends were playing with Airsoft, BB-type guns Thursday night in a grassy area of a Mt. Pleasant apartment complex on Margery Drive.
<http://www.todaystmj4.com/news/local/8503012.html>

07/07/13 Suspect killed in early morning kidnapping The suspect in a carjacking was killed after one of the victims he kidnapped shot him Friday morning at the victim's house. A man described as a 25 year-old Hispanic male carjacked the couple at a nightclub, according to Bexar County deputies.
<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/metro/stories/MYSA071307.uspectkilled.kens.6ede4002.html>

07/07/13 Masked robber is shot during Tampa hold-up
Police say a teenager wearing a Spider-Man mask walked into the Yasmin Food Mart, located at 2409 E. Lake Avenue, north of I-4 and east of I-275, and demanded cash.
<http://www.tampabay10.com/news/local/article.aspx?s=rss&storyid=58953>

07/07/12 Lead bullet ban gets its chance before game commission A ban on lead bullets for hunting in condor country will again be considered by the state Fish and Game Commission when it meets Friday in Bridgeport.
http://www.montereyherald.com/ci_6355614?nclick_check=1

07/07/12 Gun issue is momentary diversion for Illinois SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Gov. Rod Blagojevich's call for a major new debate about gun control misfired Wednesday, with the Illinois House dedicating just minutes to the issue before resuming its focus on the state's budgetary impasse.

<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/illinoisnews/story/C5B3CC3143C4FE4786257316000EBF48?OpenDocument>

07/07/12 Fire away, county tells Scouts KIOWA - Elbert County commissioners on Wednesday gave Boy Scouts the go-ahead to host two weekend shooting-range events, to the dismay of neighbors who say the shotguns are too loud.

http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/local/article/0,1299,DRMN_15_5625406.00.html

07/07/12 Intruder shot in home invasion Don't be a hero, Johnny Johnson's mom begged her 28-year-old son in a phone call Wednesday morning as gunfire exploded in the background.

http://www.jacksonville.com/tu-online/stories/071207/met_183886216.shtml

07/07/12 Club closes shooting range as vandalism takes toll

PARIS - The Norway-Paris Fish and Game Club is closing its shooting range to the public after several recent incidents of vandalism. http://www.sunjournal.com/story/220607-3/OxfordHills/Club_closes_shooting_range_as_vandalism_takes_toll/

07/07/12 Intruders surprised; shootout ensues Dermott Murphy said he had a gut feeling something wasn't right. The uneasiness hit him as he pulled into the driveway of his Metairie home in the 1200 block of Brockenbraugh Court Wednesday at 5 a.m. after an early breakfast with a friend at the International House of Pancakes. He was anxious because someone had tried to break into his rented double through a back window just three days earlier. <http://www.nola.com/news/t-p/metro/index.ssf?/base/news-22/1184228714207940.xml&coll=1>

07/07/12 What is it about guns? Columnist finds out I had written about guns before...I had never touched one. I had never fired one. And I sure as heck had never nailed a paper plate dead center with a 9mm Smith & Wesson. (More on that later.) <http://www.newsobserver.com/sports/story/634471.html>

07/07/11 False Advertising by the Antis I remember how giddy I felt when I put my AR-15 together and headed to the woods with my friends to do some test-firing. Enough firepower to lay waste to a city in a compact six-pound package! Press releases from the Brady Campaign and the Violence Policy Center had assured me that my new rifle was a mortifying instrument of mass destruction...From talking to non-gun owners, I've learned that: Guns can "go off" without warning if you touch them or look at them. <http://www.guntards.net/author/QuestionEverything/>

07/07/11 Congress Nearing Rejection of Gun Amendment, Democrat Says (CNSNews.com) - House Democrats are "one vote away" from repealing an appropriations amendment that restricts local law enforcement's ability to access federal gun trace data. <http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewCulture.asp?Page=/Culture/archive/200707/CUL20070711a.html>

07/07/11 Anti-gun activist makes illegal gun purchase Boston Globe paid for out-of-state 'straw' buy . . . An anti-gun activist admitted on a radio show yesterday he made an illegal "straw" purchase of a firearm at an out-of-state gun show with the help of a Boston Globe reporter.

http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=56611

07/07/11 N.J. senator proposes toy gun ban

Scutari's bill would make it illegal to sell or give to anyone under 18 and imitation firearm, which is defined as anything "reasonably capable of being mistaken for a firearm." The bill is based on a 1987 New Jersey law that bars the sale of hunting, fishing, combat and survival knives with blades of more than five inches to anyone under 18.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=local&id=5472003>

07/07/11 One Robber Killed, Another Is In The Hospital

Two men, who tried to rob a patio party, found themselves looking down the end of the apartment owner's gun barrel.

http://www.myeyewitnessnews.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=8a607d51-4b7a-40af-8631-86931c7a88c8

07/07/11 Police: Homeowner Shoots Intruder

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- A 24-year-old man was shot several times in an exchange of gunfire with a Panama Park homeowner Wednesday morning during what police described as a home invasion robbery.

<http://www.news4jax.com/news/13661941/detail.html>

07/07/11 Owner foils clothing store robbery SPRINGFIELD

TWP. -- Two women and a girl from Dayton, Ohio were arrested Wednesday after they allegedly stole clothing from a store & tried to run over the owner with a car, according to Springfield Twp police.

<http://news.enquirer.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070711/NEWS01/307110040>

07/07/11 Homeowner shoots alleged armed intruder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- An alleged intruder is listed in critical condition at Carolinas Medical Center after police say a homeowner shot him. <http://www.wncn.com/news/local/stories/wncn-071107-jmn-homeowner.64036e55.html>

07/07/11 Couple tortured in home invasion A former

Columbus nightclub owner and his girlfriend were victims of a home invasion in Marion County early Monday, Sheriff Horace Snider said. <http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/news/story/81399.html>

07/07/10 Police: Teen Shot In Stomach Tried To Rob North Charlotte Man With Toy Gun CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- A toy gun

landed a teenager in the hospital with critical injuries. Police say he used it during a robbery on A Avenue off Beatties Ford Road, but in the end he was the one who got shot with a real gun.

<http://www.wsocv.com/news/13651554/detail.html?rss=char&psp=news>

07/07/10 Liquor store co-owner foils robbery with gunshot

The co-owner of a Cheektowaga liquor store foiled a robbery over the weekend by firing a warning shot and detaining two of three suspects in the holdup try, Cheektowaga police said Monday.

<http://www.buffalonews.com/cityregion/easternsuburbs/story/116474.html>

07/07/10 Man Shoots Burglar Nampa_ Everyone wants to think their neighborhood is peaceful. That's what many thought about one Nampa street until early this morning. Around 2:30 in the

morning, shots rang out outside a home on Jerry Lee Lane.
<http://www.2news.tv/news/local/8419782.html>

07/07/10 Resident faces intruders with rifle, cell phone When Ahwatukee Ryan Altieri heard knocking at the door of his quiet townhouse Monday evening he thought it might be a salesman. Turns out it wasn't anything nearly as innocent.
<http://www.azcentral.com/12news/news/articles/0710ar-invasion0711-CP.html>

07/07/10 Suspected robber critical after shooting A robbery suspect is in critical condition this morning after being shot by the victim in an attempted holdup Monday evening, police say.
http://www.charlotte.com/breaking_news/story/191419.html

07/07/10 Rifle-toting senior 2, cabin-sniffing bears 0 A black bear in northern Newfoundland obviously didn't hear the story about the 87-year-old woman who trapped and shot a bear after it prowled around her cabin. <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/newfoundland-labrador/story/2007/07/10/bear-senior.html>

07/07/09 Texas State Lawmaker Opposing Deadly Force Bill Shoots Would-Be Thief HOUSTON — A state lawmaker who opposed a bill giving Texans stronger right to defend themselves with deadly force pulled a gun and shot a man he says was trying to steal copper wiring from a construction site, police said Monday.
<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,288737,00.html>

07/07/09 Burglary suspect surprised by armed owner A Newbury Park homeowner foiled a burglar's plans early Monday morning when he greeted him with a gun, authorities said.
<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2007/jul/09/no-headline---nxxfcorningreport10/>

07/07/09 Feds kill wolf after cattle kills ALBUQUERQUE -- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Thursday shot a female Mexican wolf in Catron County, less than a week after cattle killings that subjected the wolf to a three strikes rule.
<http://www.casperstartribune.net/news/regional/fee66affb17561d087257310005727c5.txt>

07/07/09 Statement Of Brady President Paul Helmke On Push By Illinois Governor Blagojevich To Ban High-Capacity Ammunition Clips "I applaud Governor Blagojevich for asking Illinois' public servants to meet and vote on a specific measure to help make the children and families of Illinois safer. The headlines about the loss of life from shootouts and drive-by shootings in Illinois seem to be endless. There is no need for us to allow criminals and dangerous people to easily fire fifteen, twenty, or even fifty rounds without reloading. These tools of war need to be taken off the streets of American communities..."
<http://bradycampaign.org/media/release.php?release=907>

07/07/09 Editorial | Gun-Control Policy ...Law-enforcement officers can get trace data for specific criminal cases, but not for all. Civilian criminal justice researchers have no direct access to the raw data. Stifling that information makes it nearly impossible for law enforcement to spot trends showing where crime guns are coming from and who is getting them.
http://www.philly.com/inquirer/opinion/20070709_Editorial_Gun-Control_Policy.html

07/07/09 Area gun dealers cope with red tape ...Selling guns legitimately is complicated commerce. It's laden with government regulations, spot-checks, and recordkeeping in the midst of ever-growing public sentiment against guns. Last year, retailing behemoth Wal-Mart bowed out of New Jersey's gun and ammunition market.

<http://www.northjersey.com/page.php?qstr=eXJpcnk3ZjczN2Y3dnFIZUVFeXkzNTcmZmdiZWw3Zjd2cWVIRUV5eTcxNjU4MzYmeXJpcnk3ZjczN2Y3dnFIZUVFeXkz>

07/07/09 Texas lawmaker shoots would-be thief, police say HOUSTON (AP) - A state lawmaker who opposed a bill giving Texans stronger right to defend themselves with deadly force pulled a gun and shot a man he says was trying to steal copper wiring from a construction site, police said Monday.
http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/articles/police_78128_article.html/miles_houston.html

07/07/08 Firearm Licensing Criteria to Be Unified Finnish gun enthusiasts have been found to share information about which local police are more likely to grant gun licences for various purposes. However, licences are always granted by the local police in the community where the holder lives.
<http://www.yle.fi/news/left/id64449.html>

07/07/08 Mayor's gun triggers criticism - and an award Mayor S. Fred Simmons' habit of carrying a gun around Aberdeen has received criticism from residents in recent weeks. Last week, it got him an award.
<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/politics/bal-ha.simmons08jul08,0,4852323.story?coll=bal-mdpolitics-headlines>

07/07/07 Gun-Control A Two-Way Street, Mcguinty Says - Ontario Premier Dalton Mcguinty says he wants to work with U.S. states to stem the flow into Canada of smuggled handguns, but he warned that Canadian governments will have to do something in return to deal with U.S. complaints about the southward flow of marijuana.
http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/Page/document/v5/content/subscribe?user_URL=http://www.theglobeandmail.com%2Fservlet%2Fstory%2F%2FAC.20070725.GUNSPOLITICS25%2Fstory%2F%2FNational%2Fcolumnists&ord=3607265&brand=theglobeandmail&force_login=true

07/07/07 Boy Scouts' firing range irks residents Neighbors say clay shooting events disruptive
 "It sounded like Hamas had a training camp next door," said Elbert County Sheriff William Frangis, who fielded numerous calls from people who live near the ranch.
http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/local/article/0,1299,DRMN_15_5619407,00.html

07/07/07 Gun bills get wide support in House HARRISBURG - The state House yesterday gave unprecedented approval to firearms legislation aimed at taking a nibble out of urban violence. Supporters hailed the overwhelming vote - with the National Rifle Association stamp of approval - as a breakthrough in a state where gun owners are a formidable voting bloc.
http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/20070707_Gun_bills_get_wide_support_in_House.html

07/07/06 Giuliani Questioned About Gun Control "It doesn't matter if I believe in it or not - and I do - it is the Second Amendment," Giuliani said. "I'm a strict constructionist. The Second Amendment says you have an individual right to bear arms." Giuliani earned a reputation for strictly enforcing gun laws while New York mayor.
<http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2007/07/06/ap3890620.html>

07/07/06 School principal murdered in home invasion BURNABY, B.C. - A newlywed school principal was slain and her husband hospitalized in an apparent home invasion Thursday. Shemina Hirji was pronounced dead shortly after police arrived on scene in the afternoon.
<http://www.canada.com/nationalpost/news/story.html?id=76d03978-3881-4543-9833-f3b385d9509a&k=52411>

07/07/06 Gun-shaped belt buckle prompts bank robbery report SAN DIEGO - It began as a report of an attempted bank robbery. It turned out to be nothing more than a man's distinctive belt buckle.
<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20070706-1422-bn06gunbelt.html>

07/07/05 Armed Man Uses Stun Gun On 14-Year-Old Girl DAYTON, Ohio --Two men barge into a Dayton home and assault a teenager and a man inside. According to reports from the Dayton Police Department, two men forced their way into a home on South Irwin Street on Tuesday morning.
<http://www.whiotv.com/news/13629672/detail.html>

07/07/05 Federal gun registry has not improved public safety despite costing taxpayers more than \$2 billion VANCOUVER, July 5 /CNW/ - Canada's homicide rate and number of gang-related murders has increased since the federal government's firearms registry and licensing program was implemented, an indication that the program has failed to improve public safety, according to Hubris in the North, The Canadian Firearms Registry, a new report from independent research organization The Fraser Institute.
<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/July2007/05/c3822.html>

07/07/03 Think the Register got too much private info? Records prove they wanted MORE Ottawa County Sheriff Robert Bratton has posted the Sandusky *Register's* June 6 request for the list of concealed handgun license-holders on the official website of the Ottawa County Sheriff...Rather, the newspaper asked for the *home address* of each and every licensee!
<http://www.buckeyefirearms.org/article3827.html>

07/07/02 Tighter gun control resisted OTTAWA--A federally commissioned poll of "stakeholders" selected by the government to comment on potential changes to gun control found more opposition than support for tighter restrictions.
<http://www.thestar.com/News/article/231587>

07/06/23 NYC Police Brutalize Human Rights Attorney A human rights attorney known for handling cases of police brutality became a victim of police abuse last Thursday evening in Brooklyn. Attorney Michael Tarif Warren and his wife Evelyn, who is also an attorney, were driving along Vanderbilt Ave around 6:00 pm, when

they witnessed NYPD officers "kicking and stomping" a handcuffed young black man. The Warrens pulled over to help.
<http://nyc.indymedia.org/en/2007/06/87543.shtml>

07/06/23 Most smuggled guns made it to the street despite good bust Most of the guns seized by police as they rolled up a gang of gunrunners swapping American firepower for Canadian pot were found not with the smugglers but on the street, police said yesterday.
<http://torontosun.com/News/TorontoAndGTA/2007/06/23/4283698-sun.html>

07/06/21 Governor's veto hurts Vermont's hunting, fishing heritage Those of us who hunt and fish in Vermont should be concerned that Gov. Jim Douglas recently vetoed the first major piece of climate change legislation Vermont has ever seen. Climate change — or global warming (take your pick) — is the single greatest threat to Vermont's wildlife (all species) in history.
<http://www.timesargus.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070621/OPINION04/706210385/1024/OPINION04>

07/06/20 Bobcat Encounter Proves Its A Backyard Jungle WESLEY CHAPEL - Unassuming and affable, 62-year-old Dale Rippey doesn't look like the kind of guy who could strangle a rabid bobcat. <http://pasco.tbo.com/pasco/MGB2TAZ453F.html>

07/04/16 Why You Should Own a Gun ... I have owned guns for decades. On rare occasions, I have had to "show" one of my guns to people with bad intentions. Not surprisingly, they changed their plans to take my money and do me some harm. The Virginia Tech murders confirm the value of empowering ordinary citizens to carry a concealed weapon.
http://www.michnews.com/artman/publish/article_16482.shtml

07/03/29 80th Texas Legislature Gun rights highlight the day's session • Gun rights: An employer who bans licensed concealed-handgun owners from storing guns in cars parked on company lots must give the gun owners nearby alternative parking, according to a bill the Texas Senate passed Thursday.
<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/special/07/legislature/4673836.html>

07/01/25 Making Criminals of the Law Abiding When the moron mayors met the other day, we got [a peak at their real strategy](#): ...In a statement, the Republican congressman emphasized that he supports the right to bear arms, but said illegal gun possession is a problem. So his solution is to declare even more guns to be "assault/military-style" and make those illegal, too.
http://www.alphecca.com/mt_alphecca_archives/003013.html

"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)