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In The News

Campaign to Unload and States United to Prevent Gun Violence launch a new initiative to defund gun manufacturers: Unload Your 401K. The message: "You might be invested in gun



turers: Unload Your 401K. The message: **"You might be invested in gun** companies and not even realize it." See the powerfulvideo here and then go to the website to look up your 401K.

'Smart' Firearms Draws Wrath of the Gun Lobby. Belinda Padilla was targeted after trying to market and sell a 'smart' .22-caliber handgun. Gun enthusiasts posted her cellphone number and pictures of her address online.

Republicans Say No to CDC Gun Violence Research. The chair of the appropriations subcommittee that sets CDC funding said he would oppose President Obama's proposal for \$10 million in CDC gun research funding.

Gun Checks Miss Millions of Fugitives. USA Today investigative report finds that police departments across the country routinely fail to put the names of people on the run from the law into a national database.

American Journal of Public Health, Kate Prickett et al, <u>State Firearms Laws</u>, <u>Firearm Ownership and Safety Practices Among Families of Preschool-Aged</u> <u>Children</u> finds that safe gun storage behavior and Child Access Prevention laws are most effective in states that have strong firearm legislation overall.

<u>Pawnshop That Sold Gun in Cop Killing Agrees to Report More On Sales</u> The family of a slain Chicago policeman wins concessions in a lawsuit against the pawn shop. <u>Authorities hope the new requirements will help curb similar illegal gun deals.</u>

<u>Contractor Says Gunfire May Be Four Times As Common As Reported</u> ShotSpotter, which recognizes the sound of gunfire and alerts police, analyzed its data from 48 cities and found people call 911 to report shots fired in fewer than 1 in 5 events where the system confirmed the discharging of a gun.

Legislation

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker signed into law a bill that establishes a clear, accountable process for seizing guns from domestic abusers.

<u>Arizona</u> Gov. Jan Brewer **vetoed a bill that would allow concealed guns in government buildings** and college campuses and a bill that would punish towns for enacting gun laws more strict than state law.

<u>Kansas</u> Gov. Sam Brownback signed into law legislation that nullifies city gun restrictions and **legalizes the open** carry of firearms across the state.

<u>Georgia</u> Gov. Nathan Deal signed into law a bill that allows firearms to be carried into schools, bars, churches and government buildings and also bars law enforcement from checking gun permits, which some say nullifies the licensing process.

Community Support

The Colbert Report recaps the news about Cliven Bundy, the Nevada rancher who refused to pay federal grazing fees, and the armed gun enthusiasts from across the country who rushed to his



E.J. Dionne, The Gun Supremacists' Folly. Nowhere else in the world do the laws on firearms become the playthings of politicians and lobbyists intent on manufacturing cultural conflict. In the meantime, the nation's unarmed majority might ponder how badly we have failed in asserting our own rights.

Meet the Doctor Who Gave \$1 Million of His Own Money to Keep His Gun Research Going. Since Congress pressured the CDC to stop funding research on gun violence, **Dr. Garen Wintemute**, U.C. Davis, has donated his own money to keep his research going.

Editorial, St. Louis, Missouri, Post-Dispatch, <u>The Neo-Nazi and the Second Amendment Preservation Act</u>. Every single day the Missouri Legislature spends debating a bill that makes it harder for law enforcement officials to do their jobs is a day they spend making it easier for criminals to do theirs.

Jordan Mathews, U. of Colorado Daily Camera, <u>15 Years After Columbine: Growing Up in "Just-Another-Shooting" America</u>. I did not really realize the impact living in a gun culture has had on my American peers until I went to study abroad in Spain. I believe the country that we call home has failed my entire generation.

A new documentary, **Gunland**, takes an in depth look at Black America and gun violence. <u>Between 1963 and 2010</u>, nearly 60,000 black children and teenagers were killed by guns. Gunland tells these victims' stories.

What the Gun Lobby is Doing

Media Matters details <u>Who's Who at the NRA Annual Meeting</u>. Part of the focus at the convention is the <u>NRA's push</u> <u>for a nationwide concealed weapons permit</u>.

Investigative report reveals that <u>David Kopel</u>, <u>national authority on gun policy issues</u>, <u>and his Independence Institute have received over \$1.42 million including</u> about \$175,000 a year over eight years from the NRA.

Corporate Accountability International and Gun Truth Project new report, <u>Bang For Their Buck</u>, <u>How Seven-Figure Donations from Clayton Williams Energy Are Driving the NRA to Turn its Back on Sportsmen</u>.

Pennsylvania gun rights group, <u>Firearms Owners Against Crime, intimidates the state gun violence prevention group</u> CeasefirePA.

Blogs

Josh Sugarmann, Violence Policy Center, <u>The NRA: Gun Industry Trade Association Masquerading as a Shooting Sports</u>
Foundation

Josh Horwitz, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, <u>Is Cliven Bundy</u> the New NRA Poster Child?

Joan Peterson, Common GunSense, Post Shooting Anniversary Reflections

Cathie Whittenburg, Ohh Shoot Blog, Convenience store worker who brought gun to work for protection unintentionally shoots co-worker.

Advocacy



Coalition to Stop Gun Violence had a mobile billboard circling this weekend's NRA Convention in Indianapolis.Moms Demand Action held a rally with mothers and gun violence survivors.

Hoosiers Concerned About Gun Violence held a press conference on the eve of the NRA convention to <u>draw attention to the rise</u> in <u>gun homicides in Indianapolis</u>.



Watch the new music video from **Generation Progress**,#fight4th33 with musician Jon Batiste.

Toby Hoover, **Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence**, oped, <u>Promoting Weapons Everywhere Fosters Culture of Fear</u>. The law gave a select group of people the right to carry their loaded weapons in public at the expense of the 95 percent of us that choose not to have guns everywhere.

Illinois Council Against Gun Violence and Moms Demand Action were <u>panelists on a gun safety forum hosted</u> by U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider and Illinois state Rep. Scott Drury.

CeasefirePA <u>released grades for each of the Pennsylvania lieutenant gubernatorial candidates</u> on their views pertaining to gun violence.

Ralph Fascitelli, **Washington Ceasefire**, raises concerns that the gun show in the Tacoma Dome allows <u>private sellers to sell guns</u> <u>with no background checks</u> run on the purchasers.

Leah Gunn Barrett, **New Yorkers Against Gun Violence**, <u>New York Times letter</u>, Ban on Assault Weapons.

Colorado Ceasefire host a<u>memorial to honor the victims of Columbine</u> on the 15th anniversary of the mass shooting.

Michael Bloomberg plans to spend \$50 million this year to fight gun violence. The plan calls for a <u>restructuring of the gun violence prevention groups he funds</u>, **Mayors Against Illegal Guns** and **Moms Demand Action**. They will be brought together as **Everytown for Gun Safety**.

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Worst of the Week

32-year-old Leonore Draper, of Chicago, Illinois, was <u>on her way home from an anti-violence charity event when she was shot and killed</u>. The event was for an organization started after the shooting death of 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton. Police haven't made an arrest in the shooting. Leonore was one of four people killed and 32 others injured by guns in Chicago this past weekend.