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In The News The GVP Report - February 19, 2014

► Michael Dunn was [found guilty on three charges](#) of attempted murder for shooting into a car full of unarmed teenagers, but the judge declared a mistrial on the murder charge for shooting and killing **Jordan Davis**. [Watch Jordan's parents statement](#) to the press.



► Think Progress reports that [at least 26 children and teens have died in Florida "stand your ground/shoot first" cases](#). See the Tampa Bay Times [comprehensive list](#) of "stand your ground" victims in Florida.

► Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence notes a developing trend in state gun legislation. [Many states have introduced legislation to repeal or limit the use of shoot first laws](#). In Georgia, 23 protesters from the group **Moral Monday** were [arrested for refusing to leave a state senator's office after he blocked an effort to repeal](#) the state's "stand your ground/shoot first" law.

► In a new study in the *Journal of Urban Health*, Daniel Webster, et al, find the [repeal of Missouri's background check law is associated with an increase in murders](#) in the state. [Watch the press briefing: Science-based Strategies for Reducing Gun Violence](#).



► A divided [federal appeals court struck down California concealed-weapons law](#) saying they violate the Second Amendment right to bear arms. Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence looks at how this [extreme Ninth Circuit decision is out of sync with other court rulings](#).

► All In with Chris Hayes looks at how [schools are now staging active shooter drills](#). Instead of enacting stronger gun laws, we as a nation are forcing our kids to participate in these drills.



► The Seattle Weekly [looks at a recent House hearing in Washington state on a background check bill](#). Gabby Giffords testified in favor of stronger background checks. Critics called her a "gun celebrity."

Community Support

► Tonyaa Wethersbee, CNN, [The Extermination of Jordan Davis: An Empty Verdict, A Hollow Victory](#). Apparently someone on the jury believed Davis' cursing and arguing over the volume of his music equaled a serious enough threat to make Dunn reasonably fear for his life.

► Police Chief Mike Masterton, guest opinion, *Idaho Statesman*. [I wasn't allowed to speak at a recent hearing](#) about guns on college campuses. Arbitrarily ceasing debate raises suspicion about intent.

► Hilton Head, South Carolina, *Island Packet* Editorial: [No need for guns in bars and restaurants](#). A recent law allowing concealed weapons permit holders to carry guns in bars makes them - as well as the unarmed - less safe.

► Joel Beers, *OC Weekly*, [Our Favorite Occultist Musician Writes a Song About Gun Violence](#). "It's satirical all right, but I'm pretty serious about it," says Lon Duquette. "The problem of gun violence in this country is insane. **But the problem is more fundamental than having so many guns. The problem is this culture of fear.**" [Listen to I'm Scared](#).

► The Oregonian Political Fact Check. [Were Kip Kinkel and Clackamas Town Center shootings both stopped by an armed citizen?](#) The paper looks at a claim made by the Oregon Citizens Lobby, a conservative activist group.

► The [Gun Violence Archive](#) carries on the work of Slate.com's 2013 toll of deaths by gun violence. GVA maintains a database of gun usage including robberies, burglaries, assaults, accidents, suicides and murders.

► Lexington, Kentucky, *Herald-Leader* Editorial: [KY Lawmakers Should Resist NRA's Deadly Illogic on Domestic Violence](#). Nothing more vividly illustrates the insanity of our gun politics than a move to arm victims of domestic violence in Kentucky.

► Joe Nocera, *New York Times*, [The Gun Report: One Year Later](#). The clearest message The Gun Report sends is the most obvious. **Guns make killing way too easy.**

What the Gun Lobby is Doing

► Media Matters, [An NRA Operative is Running The Washington Times Editorial Page](#). Former NRA president David Keene is serving as the paper's opinion editor while still acting as a spokesman for the gun lobby and serving as one of its top leaders.

► [Gun Owners of America outlines to its members](#) how the Fight Against Obama Anti-Gun Policies Continues on Multiple Fronts.

► ColoradoPols.com reports that a [Pueblo Recall Organizer Admits Lying to Petition Signers](#). Victor Head gave false information in order to obtain recall petition signatures against a Colorado state senator.

Blogs

Josh Horwitz, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, [The Pugilistic Double Standard of the Pro-Gun Movement](#)

Protest Easy Guns, [Presidents vs. the NRA](#)

Daniel Gross, Brady Campaign, [Asking Saves Kids](#)

Joan Peterson, Common GunSense, [Bananas, ice storms, guns and the NRA](#)

Cathie Whittenburg, [OhhShoot Blog](#), After being paralyzed by a stray bullet, artist learns to draw with her mouth

Advocacy



► [Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence's Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath Weekend](#) is March 13-16th. Visit the website to get involved.

► [Colorado Ceasefire testified against a bill aimed at overturning Colorado's background check law](#). The bill failed.

► For the second quarter in a row [Americans for Responsible Solutions has raised more money](#) through its super PAC than any other super PAC in the country.

► [Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence](#) and the [Brady Campaign](#) have both [filed legal arguments in support of Maryland's assault weapons ban](#). The law is being challenged in federal court by gun rights activists.



► [Moms Demand Action and Mayors Against Illegal Guns](#) launch a [Campaign to End Gun Sales on Facebook and Instagram](#).

► Andrew Goddard, [Virginia Center for Public Safety](#), is featured in the article [After Va Tech, A Long Struggle Over Gun Laws](#).

► [Violence Policy Center, Jordan Davis Killing Part of Disturbing National Trend of Concealed Carry Killers](#). Report finds individuals legally allowed to carry concealed weapons responsible for at least 622 deaths since May 2007.

► Leah Barrett, [New Yorkers Against Gun Violence](#), letter to the editor in *New York Times*, [Safe Storage of Guns](#).

► John Rosenthal, [Stop Handgun Violence](#), supports the [44 recommendations issued by a special task force](#) looking at Massachusetts' gun laws.

► Toby Hoover, [Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence](#), [speaks out against Ohio's guns in bars](#) law.

Worst of the Week

15-year-old Adrian Broadway, of Little Rock, Arkansas, was with a group of friends playing a prank on another teen. They had dumped leaves, eggs and mayonnaise on a car when the homeowner, 48-year-old Willie Noble, ran out of the house and started shooting at the car of teens as they drove away. [Adrian was shot in the head and died of her injuries](#). Noble has been charged with first-degree murder.