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In The News

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► A [U.S. District judge upheld Connecticut's toughest-in-the-nation assault weapons ban](#), calling it a constitutionally valid means of balancing gun rights and the government's interest of public safety and crime control. [The Louisiana Supreme Court upheld two state firearm statutes](#) ruling that the 2012 constitutional amendment passed by the voters "was not meant to invalidate every restriction on firearms."

► [Young Guns: A Diane Sawyer Special](#) takes a look at children and guns. Segments include: Can you really hide guns from children?; and Young kids drawn to guns.



► In a new study in *Pediatrics*, [Hospitalizations Due to Firearm Injuries in Children and Adolescents](#), John Leventhal et al find about 20 children per day in the US are injured by guns seriously enough to require hospitalization and more than 6% die from their injuries. Study author Dr. Robert Sege tells NPR that the [effects of gun violence on children and teens are long lasting and wide](#)

[ranging](#).

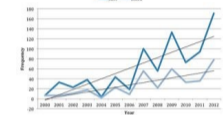
► ProPublica, [The PTSD crisis that's being ignored: Americans wounded in their own neighborhoods](#). Patients are not getting treatment for PTSD. They're not even getting diagnosed. "The rates of PTSD we see are as high or higher than Iraq or Afghanistan."

► A Florida man has [built a gun range in his side yard and under state law it's totally legal](#). Notes a county commissioner, "without any oversight, somebody's neighbor could set up a gun range and invite his friends over and have a good old time shooting."



► While sentencing a white supremacist to prison for being a felon in possession of assault rifles, a [U.S. District Judge noted that this trial "illustrates how easy it is for anyone to buy firearms online or on the street."](#)

► A report in the *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, [Active Shooter Events from 2000 to 2012, finds that the frequency of active shooter events has increased](#) in recent years and a definite increase in the number of people shot and killed in these incidents.



► ThinkProgress, [There has been an average of one school shooting every other school day so far this year](#). 2014 is off to a deadly start: in the first 14 school days of the year, there have been at least 7

school shootings.

Community Support

► [Cenk Uygur](#), The Young Turks, [A Sensible Safe Smart Gun Law - Guess Who Hates It](#), talks about Smith & Wesson's refusal to comply with California's new microstamping law. "Why are they opposed to this law? It's because they want to sell more guns to criminals."



New Hampshire?

► Portsmouth, New Hampshire Herald, [Speak In Support of Background Checks Law Now](#). Will a reasonable bill aimed at keeping guns out of the hands of convicted felons once again be shouted down, or will we strengthen our lawmakers' resolve by letting them know the true will of the people of

► [Carrie Larson](#), Daily Kos, [NRA, Walmart, Guns and GREED](#). Walmart's role as the nation's largest seller of guns and ammunition has been widely reported; their role in supporting a pro-gun political agenda has not been widely understood.

► [Dana Milbank](#), Washington Post. After the Aurora movie shooting a group of D.C. women [resolved to meet outside the White House every Monday until the nation comes to its senses on guns](#). They've missed only a couple of Mondays since then.

► [Glennon Doyle Melton](#), [Share This With All the Schools, Please](#). Chase's teacher watched Columbine knowing that all violence begins with disconnection and that children who aren't being noticed will eventually resort to being noticed by any means necessary. So she decided to do something about it in her classroom, every week.

► New York artist, [Jon Burgerman 'Head Shots' series shows New Yorkers the other side of the poster](#). Burgerman appears bloody and defeated in front of the gun-toting movie posters in the NY subway system.



► [Dan Rodricks](#), The Baltimore Sun, [A gun culture and violence as the answer make the worst possible, even in Columbia](#). "Although easy access to guns is supposed to be an issue of personal freedom, look how it restricts us with metal detectors and fears that going to the movies or to school or to the local mall may be a fatal decision."

► [LZ Granderson](#), CNN, [When a city's gun laws get shot down](#). Whatever ordinances the mayor comes up with have to be reasonable, otherwise the city is back in court. Groups, like the NRA, keep suing. Innocent people, like Baker, keep dying.

Blogs

[Josh Sugarmann](#), Violence Policy Center, [Murder rate for black Americans is four times the national average](#)

[Joan Peterson](#), Common GunSense, [Making music with guns](#)

[Baldr Odinson](#), Ceasefire Oregon, [Remarks on gun violence from U.S. Attorney Amanda Marshall](#)

[Coalition to Stop Gun Violence](#), Bullet Counter Points, [Portrait of a "good guy with a gun"](#)

[Cathie Whittenburg](#), [Ohh Shoot Blog](#), Sheriff unintentionally shoots his own deputy during standoff with gunman

Advocacy



► [Virginia Center for Public Safety](#) held their [21st Vigil and Advocacy Day](#). Activists could not bring American flags inside the capitol because the [sticks were seen as a security risk](#). Yet gun rights groups were allowed to enter the building with handguns and assault rifles.

► [Washington Ceasefire](#) to launch [bus campaign in Seattle](#). [The ASK \(Asking Saves Kids\) ads](#) will run throughout 2014.

► [Moms Demand Action](#) launches campaign [asking Facebook and Instagram to prohibit gun sales](#) and trades.

► [Penny Okamoto](#), [Ceasefire Oregon](#), [Background checks do in fact reduce gun violence](#).

► [Gabby Giffords](#), [Americans for Responsible Solutions](#), testified on Washington state initiative to expand background checks. ["The nation is counting on you."](#)

► [Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence](#), co-counsel for plaintiffs, hails Milwaukee judge's decision to allow [wounded officers' case against top crime gun dealer to go to trial](#).

► [Connecticut Against Gun Violence](#) [opposes amnesty to gun owners who failed to register](#) assault weapons and high capacity magazines.

► [Sandy Hook Promise](#) parents [Nicole Hockley and Mark Barden testified in favor of New Hampshire background check bill](#).

► [Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence](#) [video of their panel discussion](#) The Fight Over the Second Amendment and Smart Gun Laws.



► [New Mexicans for Gun Safety](#) holds rally at state house to [urge the governor to take up background check bill](#).

What the Gun Lobby is Doing

► [Media Matters](#), [5 things to know about the NRA's takeover of one of America's largest gun shows](#). #1 - NRA ousted the previous owners for refusing to allow assault weapons post-Newtown.

► [Joe Nocera](#), [From your friends at the NRA](#). The following are verbatim excerpts from emails sent by the NRA.

► [Bloomberg Businessweek](#), [A bolder gun industry brings out battlefield-style weapons](#). The strategy assumes that consumers want to buy versions of the firearms depicted in cable news reports from war zones.

► [New ammunition for sale - Radically Invasive Projectile \(R.I.P.\)](#). The geometry at the tip of the bullet has much to do with the way the projectile travels through human tissue and promises to "take out all vital organs."



Worst of the Week

62-year-old Rodney Black, of Barboursville, West Virginia [fatally shot his new neighbor and the neighbor's brother without warning](#). Black told authorities he thought the victims were breaking into a building he owned. But Black does not own the building nor were the victims on his property. Black has been charged with first-degree murder. The victims, 60-year-old Garrick Hopkins and 61-year-old Carl Hopkins both leave behind wives and children.