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In The News

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- ▶ **President Obama announced two important new executive actions** dealing with [mental health and access to guns](#). One clarifies what it means to be committed to a mental health institution and the other deals with HIPAA rules and putting adjudication records in the NICS system. [Click here](#) for more information.
- ▶ New York Times Investigative Report, [When the Right to Bear Arms Includes the Mentally Ill](#). Police often find themselves unsure how far they can go when seizing firearms from mentally unstable people and how to respond when the owners want the guns back.
- ▶ Union County, New Jersey will become the second government in NJ to require [vendors who wish to sell firearms to county law enforcement agencies to answer questions on gun safety](#) and responsibility.
- ▶ Dick Metcalf, one of the country's preeminent gun journalists, has been [banished for questioning the gospel of guns](#). After writing a piece for Guns & Ammo magazine titled "Let's Talk Limits" he was fired from the magazine and his tv show was cancelled.
- ▶ Crime gun seizures rise, but so do firearm thefts in Orange County, Florida. [Stolen guns are so lucrative and easy to sell that burglars target homes and cars seeking guns](#). Victims who don't securely store guns are unwittingly contributing to a black market of guns.
- ▶ [Federal court upholds New York ban on assault weapons](#). The ruling by a federal court judge found the SAFE Act, that restricts assault weapons does not infringe on Second Amendment rights. However, he tossed a provision that limits a magazine that can hold 10 rounds to just seven bullets.
- ▶ [A federal judge overturned Chicago's ban on the sale of firearms](#), ruling that the ordinances aimed at reducing gun violence are unconstitutional. The judge will temporarily stay the effects of the ruling while the city decides whether to appeal.
- ▶ Country star [Toby Keith opens new restaurant in Woodbridge, Virginia with a house rule that no guns are allowed inside](#). Prominently displayed on the front door is a sign saying: "NO GUNS PERMITTED."

Community Support

- ▶ **Janaye Ingram, After a Year of Gun Violence, Mass Shootings, Let's Pledge This One to Peace**. Join the National Action Network's Youth Move on **January 8th** at events in NYC, Atlanta, D.C., Chicago, Los Angeles, Buckeye, AZ and Birmingham, AL for the [National Youth Day of Action Against Gun Violence](#).
- ▶ Boston NPR Radio, [Some Women Decide Their Place Isn't In the Illegal Gun Trade](#). Reports on a new initiative in Boston, **Operation LIPSTICK** (Ladies Involved in Putting a Stop to Inner-City Killings) that calls attention to the role women play in the illegal gun trade.
- ▶ The Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon editorial, [Connecticut's new gun control law could be a national model](#). The legislation is **both comprehensive and reasonable** and is "the kind of common-sense legislation that Oregon legislators should have approved last year."
- ▶ **William Rivers Pitt, The Year of the Gun**. Working to keep living children from becoming dead children is something every American should be able to get behind. Let's give it a try, and see what happens. The baby you save may be your own.
- ▶ **Lt. Col. Robert Bateman, Esquire, Want Guns? Go to Baghdad**. In Iraq, every single household may have one assault rifle. This seems to be Wayne LaPierre's ideal. Somewhat curiously, this social experiment is not really working.
- ▶ Stanford Social Innovation Review, [Social Change via the Living Room](#). Mike de la Rocha, founder of The Living Rooms Across America Tour, talks about the art of cross-sector convening and storytelling to tackle gun violence in the United States.
- ▶ [The Guns of Montclair](#). The Metor Industrial Arts Foundation is asking Beretta, one of the world's largest gun manufacturers, to **follow the same ethical and legal standards that they do in non-U.S. markets**, regardless of whether it is required by U.S. law.
- ▶ Philadelphia painter, **William Kosman's new rap video "Six Foot Tall"**. "I want to emphasize the ongoing tragedy of gun violence by showing examples of how firearms have destroyed people's lives and inflicted pain on families."



What the Gun Lobby is Doing

- ▶ Media Matters, [The 12 Worst Things the NRA and its Media Allies Said in 2013](#). The report chronicles 12 lowlights from a year punctuated by extreme NRA rhetoric.
- ▶ [Company leaves Colorado in protest of gun laws made in response to mass shootings](#). Magpul Industries, one of the country's largest producers of ammunition magazines, is leaving Colorado for Wyoming and Texas because of new state laws that include restrictions on the number of bullets a magazine can hold.
- ▶ New [pro-gun group creates registry to identify gun-friendly restaurants](#). 2Amendment.org has created a sticker for the door of restaurants who are pro-Second Amendment. They are also creating a website registry.
- ▶ Media Matters, [This Network Wants to Be The Official Channel of the Gun Lobby](#). The Outdoor Channel announced the "expansion of its strategic partnership with the NRA" and a new "multi-year talent and endorsement agreement" with NRA board member Ted Nugent.

Blogs

- Josh Horwitz, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, [Expanding Background Checks Necessary, But Not Enough](#)
- Protest Easy Guns, [The Gun Lobby's Fact-Free Zone](#)
- Walmart Shootings, [A Drastic Increase in Walmart Shootings in 2013!](#)
- Joan Peterson, Common GunSense, [A Review of the Old Year and Thoughts for The New](#)
- National Gun Victims Action Council, [Convicted Domestic Abuser Amassing an Arsenal? Let's Wait Until Something Happens Say Police!](#)
- Cathie Whittenburg, [Ohh Shoot Blog](#), Cashier at Lowe's shot when customer drops gun.

Advocacy



Ladd Everitt, **Coalition to Stop Gun Violence**, talks with Thomas Roberts, MSNBC, about ["Duck Dynasty's" new line of guns](#).

- ▶ Tom Mauser, **Colorado Ceasefire**, op-ed [It's Time for Us to Stand Strong](#)
- ▶ Steve Gunn, **Gun Violence Prevention Center of Utah**, [speaks out against a concealed weapons class designed for armed teachers](#)

▶ Cody Jacobs, **Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence**, discusses why [California has the strictest gun laws in the nation](#).

▶ **Washington Ceasefire** and other supporters of [Initiative 594, which requires universal background checks, have turned in another 95,000 signatures](#) in the effort to get the measure on the ballot.

▶ Bryan Miller, **Heeding God's Call**, said the decision of Gov. Christie to [not defend two of New Jersey's tough gun laws](#) in a case before the state appeals court is "unconscionable" and noted that the laws are "amazingly popular in the state."

▶ Cheryl Thomas, **Iowans for Gun Safety**, [criticizes Brownells Inc.'s move to Grinnell](#). Brownells manufactures high-capacity ammunition magazines.

▶ **Moms Demand Action** calls on the Lancaster County, Pennsylvania District Attorney [to file charges in the unintentional Christmas Eve shooting](#) of a 2-month-old girl.

▶ **Brady Campaign** announces its [Legal Action Project victories for 2013](#).

Worst of the Week

38-year-old Ben Freeman, of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana went on a [shooting rampage that spanned two parishes, leaving three dead and three injured](#) before killing himself. Freeman shot his former in-laws, his onetime boss at a hospital that fired him, and his current wife. Freeman was embroiled in a custody fight with his ex-wife.