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Murder/Suicide At UCLA Shows Pointless Futility of "Gun Free Zones"

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by Bob Owens

LAPD police cars and LAFD vehicles converged on Boelter Hall at UCLA.

A UCLA professor was gunned down in a small office by a former PhD student who then took his own life yesterday, triggering cries of an "active shooter" on campus and a mad panic to effect a lockdown in a school where classroom doors can't be locked.

Investigators in Los Angeles are still searching for a motive in Wednesday's murder-suicide at the UCLA campus.

Sources identify the gunman as Mainak Sarkar. He used a 9mm semi-automatic pistol to kill 39-year-old engineering professor William Scott Klug in an office, before taking his own life.

UCLA officials are also reviewing safety protocols as the shooting revealed a problem with the doors on campus, reports CBS News correspondent Carter Evans.

Students in the midst of finals week filed out of classrooms and buildings with their hands raised.

"Then there was a police officer and he was like yelling at us to get out, get out, with a machine gun," said a witness.

One student posted images of police inside the building, going door to door with guns drawn.



Students and staff were instructed to find a secure place as hundreds of LAPD officers, the FBI and the ATF responded to the 30,000-student campus. But without proper locks, students were forced to improvise, using chairs, power chords and a foosball table to make sure no one could enter.

The efforts of these panicked students attempting to improvise crude barricades and tie doors shut that won't lock vividly illustrates the real world defenselessness of a so-called "gun-free" campus.

Here in reality, where political posturing, paranoia, and ignorance are set aside to look at data, we know that "gun free zones" are a complete and utter failure. Those twisted souls intent on carrying out personal vendettas, mass killings, sexual assaults, or robbery simply walk past plastic placards and paper policies to use the weapons at their disposal against those they have every right to assume are defenseless against them.

How many Columbines, Sandy Hooks, and Virginia Techs is it going to take before people clue into the proven fact that the only thing that stops a murderer on campus is someone else with a weapon to shut them down?

Researchers at the Purdue University Homeland Security Institute have determined that for every 20 seconds wasted waiting for a first responder, another person is shot in a typical school shooting.

They've also developed simulation modeling technology after studying dozens of mass shootings to determine the only effective solutions.

The simulation technology allows one to adjust police response time, concealed carry probability, and whether or not security guards are present during a shooting. ...all of these variables are something every venue should consider.

"We want you to use our model to determine what solution is best for you," said Kirby.

He said overall, the simulations concluded if more innocent people were armed, less casualties would occur. Same goes with more security guards and faster police response times.

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Continued.....Pointless Futility of “Gun Free Zones”

Other researchers at the Homeland Security Institute have come to similar conclusions born out in real-world events. They’ve concluded that the best way to defend a campus against a would-be mass killer is a combination of armed security (campus police or school resource officers) on the site, combined with concealed carriers. The concealed carriers at high school and elementary schools would be from the faculty, staff, and educators. At colleges and universities, they would include adult students with concealed carry permits.

The role of campus police in such a scenario is to close with and neutralize the threat. The goal of armed faculty, staff, and students is a simple one: turn off the lights, lock the classroom door, and am-

bush any active shooter attempting to gain entry in what military and law enforcement calls “the fatal funnel.” It does not take a great deal of training for a concealed carrier to aim in on a fixed location and put accurate aimed fire on anyone attempting to breach that locked door. The combination of armed on-campus responders and concealed carriers waiting in ambush puts would-be mass school shooters in a situation where they cannot effectively carry out their plans, and indeed, may prevent attempted shootings entirely.

The resistance to this model - which has been proven with thwarted real life attempted mass shootings at Arapahoe High School and Reynolds High School - is based on the personal political

beliefs of administrators and faculty.

Counter-terrorism experts, security experts, and school security researchers have reached the consensus belief, supported by scenario modeling and real world events, that the fastest and most effective way to stop a mass school shooting event is to ensure that the school’s attacker faces armed resistance.

96.2 of mass shootings take place in “gun free zones” such as educational campuses.

Why are school administrators unwilling to make their campuses safe and allow their faculty and students to protect themselves?

Don’t student lives matter?

Police to Publish Crime Stats Quarterly

<http://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/police-publish-crime-stats-quarterly>

Pretoria - The South African Police Service (SAPS) will in the near future publish one annual comprehensive report and crime statistics on a quarterly basis, Minister in the Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Jeff Radebe, said.

“The annual comprehensive report will accommodate the changes in crime statistics that may result from quality assurance and changes related to the status of the cases that may take place during the year under consideration,” Minister Radebe said on Thursday.

Briefing reporters following Cabinet’s fortnightly meeting, Minister Radebe said the need for frequent

statistics will better enable government decision-making to address issues from crime trends.

“This contributes to the National Development Plan pillar, which states that people in South Africa need to contribute to building safer communities,” said the Minister.

Watch this space ...for more interesting firearm snippets

Goodbye to Sanet

It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to Sanet de Beer, our wonderful office manager. At the end of June she will be moving on to join her sister's family business.

Sanet is well known to most of our SAGA members as the lady in the office. Sanet came to SAGA in 2002 and knew very little about firearms, nothing about the legislation regarding firearms or the industry as a whole. And how things have changed.....

In her time at SAGA she has been a dedicated employee who has "fought for the cause". We are proud to say that she is now a real-deal rights activist who is passionate about fair firearms legislation, and that it be properly and fairly implemented for legitimate responsible firearm owners. Her frustration levels with red tape and bureaucracy have often been off the scale but she has always managed to retain a dignified, composed demeanour. Not an easy achievement.

Sanet has often worked beyond the call of duty and this has been much appreciated by the Trustees and members.

She is going to be sincerely missed and we wish her every success with her new position.

A new office manager will be appointed soon. Cat van Rooyen remains in the office to handle memberships and queries.



Message from Trustee Gail Osborne: Over the years Sanet has become my friend. Working together on a daily basis has been a pleasure and a privilege. Thank you for your dedication and service to SAGA and it's members.

Message from Trustee Bruce Shaw: I was always proud to have Sanet at the office or at a Show. She was capable, always helpful, she always looked nice and was a great asset to SAGA. Sanet – I will miss you.

Message from Trustee John Welch: For many SAGA members and others who had over the years made contact with SAGA, Sanet was their first point of contact. Most, if not all members, found a warm, honest, understanding,

trustworthy and knowledgeable person. She was, indeed, the window of the organization – transparent in her advice, serious about her work, hardworking and not afraid to tell callers that she did not know the answer but that she would find out and get back to them. This she always did. Since she started working for us I relied heavily on her to deal with the day-to-day activities of SAGA and to make whatever arrangements had to be made for meetings, functions, exhibitions, flights and whatever else. She never failed to impress me with her organizational skills and her enthusiasm to help people and to promote the cause – the right of law abiding and responsible people to keep and bear firearms should that be their choice. It is often said that people are our greatest assets, however, so often those same people fail to recognize and respect these great assets. Sanet is recognized as such. She has decided to depart – this decision I respect. She will be a major asset to any organization, big or small – I trust they respect and value her as much as I do. Best wishes, Sanet. The grace of God is upon you.

Message from Interim Chairman Stef Grobler: I have relied heavily on Sanet for advice and suggestions on SAGA matters. She has been a stalwart in her support for SAGA and will be sorely missed. I wish her all of the best for the future.

4 Reasons Grandparents Are Awesome Gun Safety Mentors



by Wendy LaFever
Friday, April 22, 2016

Getting older isn't so bad. Sure, your knees may ache more in bad weather, but there's always one compensation: grandchildren. After all, they're all of the fun and none of the fuss of raising kids. But one thing you may not have considered is that you might actually be the perfect person to teach some important life lessons to your grandkids, including the basics of gun safety and handling. Here are the top four reasons why:

1. You know your grandkids' parents, and how to talk to them, better than anyone.

You raised your grown children, and you know things about them that they may not even know themselves. So when you're discussing with them their plans for introducing gun safety to their own children, you are in a unique position to understand any questions or concerns they may have. You have earned their trust as someone they can listen to when they're thinking about raising their own kids - a subject that may be too touchy for anyone but you to broach.

2. You probably have more free time to spend.

Your grown kids have a lot on their plates. Chances are, both Mom and Dad work full-time. Add in chores, helping out with homework and getting dinner on the table, most parents are burning their candles at both ends. Assuming that you're retired, you're in a perfect position to give your kids a little breathing room by taking the grandkids for an evening or a couple of days. You've got time to find a great, safe outdoor shooting range, to put together some fun reactive targets, to load magazines and ensure that all the safety gear is ready to go when the grandkids show up.

3. You have more experience with guns...and it shows.

It's not just that you've been around longer than your kids - although you have - it's also that the culture when you were growing up was very different than it was when your kids were young. In your day, your school's rifle team rode the bus to school with their rifles cased, and nobody thought a thing about it. People treated firearms with the same healthy respect they would any tool that could be dangerous if misused. In short, you grew up without any cultural stigmas relating to gun ownership. The key here is that your attitude of calm, healthy respect will come through when you talk to your grandkids about guns. Kids are smart; they pick up on nonverbal communication as well as they do verbal communication.

4. Grandparent time is "fun time" for kids.

Your grandkids probably see their time with you in much the same way you see it: It's fun time! They're likely to view any activities that you plan with them as enjoyable; a treat. Learning things from you isn't like having to memorize the multiplication table at school. This means you're much more likely to have all of their attention. What's more, it's normal and healthy for kids to have a very different relationship with their grandparents than they do with their parents. Their parents are, by necessity, the disciplinarians. The kids, by necessity, test their parents' rules. You, on the other hand, are more of an "outside observer"...which, paradoxically, makes them more likely to behave well and to accept your advice at face value.

Need some help? The NRA makes it easy. Guidance for coaching your grandkids is as easy as accessing our Home Air Gun Program, which is online and provides guidance for teaching firearm safety, setting up an air gun range, and developing marksmanship skills - all in the comfort of your home.

<http://youth.nra.org/nras-home-air-gun-program.aspx>

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Kindergartner Suspended for Princess Bubble Gun

Outrage of the Week

By NRA-ILA Staff

Friday, May 27, 2016

Early last week, school officials at Southeast Elementary in Brighton, Colo. suspended a 5-year-old kindergartner for bringing a “fake weapon” to school. Illustrating the fanatical manner in which school weapons policies are enforced throughout the country, the “weapon” in question was a battery-powered clear plastic gun that blows bubbles when the trigger is pulled. The item’s clear plastic construction may not have been enough for the administrators to distinguish it from an actual weapon, but if the zealots had been in less of a fervor to punish the young student they might have noticed the portrait of two Disney princesses on the toy.

In an interview with Denver’s KDVR, the young girl’s mother made clear that she was upset with how her daughter had been treated, telling a reporter, “If they had contacted me and said can you make sure this doesn’t happen again, we just want you to be aware, I think that would have been a more appropriate way to handle the situation. Could we have a warning? It blows bubbles.”

Despite attention from the local media, Southeast Elementary officials issued the following statement defending their actions:

While we hear and understand the parents of this student being concerned about this discipline in light of the student’s age and type of item, this suspension is consistent with our district policy as well as how Southeast has handled similar situations throughout this school year. This has involved similar situations where students have brought items such as Nerf guns to school and also received

one-day suspensions. The bringing of weapons, real or facsimile, to our schools by students can not only create a potential safety concern but also cause a distraction for our students in the learning process. Our schools, particularly Southeast because of past instances with students bringing fake weapons to school, make a point of asking parents to be partners in making sure students are not bringing these items to school. This includes asking parents to check backpacks.

Note the word “facsimile.” The Southeast Elementary Student Code of Conduct cites a school district weapons policy that states:

Carrying, using, actively displaying or threatening with the use of a firearm facsimile that could reasonably be mistaken for an actual firearm on district property, when being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district or one of its schools, during a school sponsored or district-sponsored activity or event, and off school property when such conduct has a reasonable connection to school or any district curricular or non-curricular event without the authorization of the school or school district is prohibited. Students who violate this policy provision may be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension and/or expulsion.

Facsimile typically connotes an exact copy, however, the policy does broaden the definition to allow for punishment if a student brings an item that “could reasonably be mistaken for a firearm.” It is hard to imagine how any reasonable person could mistake a clear, Disney-branded bubble toy for an actual firearm. But, here lies the problem, this kindergartner was clearly not interacting with reasonable individuals. Worse, the school’s response reveals that

this type of unreasonable behavior is standard procedure for the school’s administrators.

Incidents like this are why NRA has supported legislation in some states to protect children and parents from the abuse of weapons policies by overzealous school officials. In Florida, NRA helped enact the “Right to be a Kid” Act, also known as the “Pop Tart” bill - referring to a well-publicized incident where a student was disciplined for chewing a breakfast pastry into the shape of a firearm. This law targets some of the worst abuses, by making clear that “Simulating a firearm or weapon while playing or wearing clothing or accessories that depict a firearm or weapon or express an opinion regarding a right guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution is not grounds for disciplinary action or referral to the criminal justice or juvenile justice system.”

Given an apparent pattern of weapons policy abuse by Southeast Elementary school administrators, Colorado lawmakers would be wise to better define how school officials deal with innocuous toys and other harmless items and behavior. Such harmful encounters with school officials can have a lasting negative effect on students. As the mother in this case explained to a reporter, “What bugs me is this is going to be something they can refer to if we have any issues in the future which I don’t foresee, but it’s always going to be lingering there in her school file.”

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20160527/outrage-of-the-week-kindergartner-suspended-for-princess-bubble-gun>

US Senate Rejects Gun Control Measures After Orlando

http://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2016-06-21-us-senate-rejects-gun-control-measures-after-orlando?utm_source=Daily+Maverick+First+Thing&utm_campaign=6b9fe2a1f9-First_Thing_20+june&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c81900545f-6b9fe2a1f9-128231473#.V2jWG DW9H98

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by Ivan Couronne

The Republican-controlled US Senate rejected four competing gun control measures Monday just days after the Orlando club massacre, highlighting the partisan feuding over an issue set to resonate during a heated presidential election year.

With a month to go before Republicans and Democrats formally nominate their White House hopefuls, lawmakers failed to compromise on one of the most sensitive hot-button issues in America.

Even as they sought to appear keen to take action following the deadliest mass shooting in US history that left 49 dead at a gay nightclub in Orlando a week ago, Republicans and Democrats voted down four amendments -- two from each party -- that would have limited some gun purchases, including those by suspected terrorists.

The two Democratic texts sought to bar those on FBI watchlists or no-fly lists from buying firearms, and to strengthen criminal and mental health background checks for those seeking to purchase firearms at gun shows and on the Internet.

Republicans are opposed to those measures -- in general, they oppose any effort to limit gun rights, saying they are protected by the US Constitution's Second Amendment.

They proposed a 72-hour waiting period for those on FBI watchlists seeking to buy weapons, so that the government has time to seek a court order to block the sale if need be.

The second Republican proposal aimed to improve the background check system. Democrats rejected both GOP measures.

Such efforts often struggle to pass the Senate, where 60 of 100 votes are needed for legislation to advance. The Senate voted on similar measures in the wake of the December 2012 Connecticut school massacre and the San Bernardino attacks last year, but to no avail.

"Every single senator wants to deny terrorists access to guns they use to harm innocent civilians, but there's a right way to do things and a wrong way," said Republican Senator John Cornyn of Texas.

Number two Senate Democrat Dick Durbin was livid at the failure of lawmakers to come together on such a pressing issue after yet another shooting. "Tonight, the Senate turned its back on victims of gun violence from Orlando to San Bernardino, from Newtown to the streets of Chicago," Durbin said in a statement.

There are 46 senators who are Democrats or generally vote with Democrats, and 54 Republicans.

Susan Collins, a moderate Republican senator from Maine, was expected to unveil some kind of compromise legislation, but it also seemed unlikely to pass.

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton has spoken out at length about the need to curb gun violence in the week since the Orlando tragedy, but she had a shorter message Monday. "Enough," she said in a one-word statement, followed by

the names and ages of the 49 Orlando victims.

Democrats know they have only a slim chance of succeeding with gun reform ahead of the November elections. Their goal for now is to push the debate on guns -- and turn it into a true campaign issue. "Ultimately, the only way that you win this issue is by building a political infrastructure around the country that rivals that of the gun lobby," Democratic Senator Chris Murphy told ABC's "This Week" show on Sunday.

Last week, Murphy mounted a 15-hour filibuster on the Senate floor that prompted Republican leaders to schedule Monday's cloture votes. "Our filibuster helped galvanize an entire country around this issue," he said.

Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump made waves last week when he suggested he would meet with the National Rifle Association -- which has endorsed him -- to push a ban on weapons sales to those on watchlists.

On Sunday, Trump said the NRA was seeking to defend "the best interests of our country," adding: "They want to make the right decision."

Since the attack on the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Trump controversially said he only wished more of the people in the club had guns to defend themselves.

But the NRA's executive vice president and chief executive Wayne LaPierre contradicted Trump, saying: "I don't think you should have firearms where people are drinking."

Trump has since walked back his comments, tweeting that he was "obviously talking about additional guards or employees."

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