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Panel takes aim at guns

By Heath Urie (Contact)
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If you go

"Gun Violence: The Madness Affecting America"

When: 9 to 10:20 a.m. today

Where: UMC Center Ballroom

As a teenager growing up in New York's Lower East Side, Michael Franc had a friend stabbed so many times he earned the nickname "Dart Board."

And once, a man drove up to Franc while he was standing with a group of friends near the East River, and threatened them with a gun.

Franc's point in recalling those incidents: "Crime is not a foreign thing to me."

Now part of The Heritage Foundation, a conservative-policy think tank based in Washington, D.C., Franc will bring that experience to today's Conference on World Affairs panel titled "Gun Violence: The Madness Affecting America."

Although the think tank advocates for the Second Amendment, Franc said he isn't going into today's discussion with preconceived notions about gun control or gun violence. Rather, he'll have done his homework and use data to illustrate his presentation and discussion.

"What I'm looking at is trend lines for incarceration and trend lines of whether guns played a role in those (crimes) or not," Franc said. "We'll lay it out and draw some conclusions. This is, in some ways, a broader discussion about crime."

Also on the panel are Mary Hughes, a political strategist and analyst who leads a bi-partisan team of researchers studying women's campaigns for the Barbara Lee Family Foundation; Rachel Maddow, an Air America Radio host; and John K. Zwerling, a criminal defense attorney based in Alexandria and Charlottesville, Va.

Franc said he's looking forward to returning to the Boulder conference because he's among the few self-described conservatives who participate.

"I'm the bearded lady of the CWA," he joked. "You have to have at least one person on a panel that's going to disagree. I think it forces the folks who have the majority point of view to hone their arguments a little more."

Zwerling, who said he's not quite sure what position he'll take when the panel convenes, said he plans to facilitate a safe meeting between the liberals and conservatives who attend.

"I'll keep them from killing each other, or I'll defend the one who prevails," he said with a chuckle.



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Posted by **blacksho89** on April 11, 2008 at 6 a.m. (Suggest removal)

Ted Kennedy's car has killed more people than all of my guns put together.

Posted by EnlightenedProf on April 11, 2008 at 6:08 a.m. (Suggest removal)

"As a teenager growing up in New York's Lower East Side, Michael Franc had a friend stabbed so many times he earned the nickname 'Dart Board.'"

"Gun Violence: The Madness Affecting America."

It's odd that the article about guns started out talking about the dangers of knives. KNIFE CONTROL NOW!!! It's time for knife-free zones. Only allow knives for hunting. Knives are only legal for people of organized state militias. Yada, yada, yada...

Posted by elguapo on April 11, 2008 at 6:48 a.m. (Suggest removal)

I think there is a strong case for banning stairs. In my neighborhood, stairs have caused more injuries than all other dangers combined. Several people have broken bones, required stitches, and suffered trauma from the evil menace known as stairs. Two elderly folks eventually passed from injuries caused by stairs.

We can't wait any longer! Stop the stair madness!

Signed, elguapo, chairman and founder of PESO (People for the Elimination of Stairs Organization)

Posted by meatpieandtatters on April 11, 2008 at 8:08 a.m. (Suggest removal)

Running with a sharp pencil is deadly! BAN PENCILS!....and running!

Posted by shit483 on April 11, 2008 at 10:11 a.m. (Suggest removal)

<http://www.eetimes.com/news/latest/sh...>

swallowing socks can be deadly!!!

Socks control NOW!

Posted by jimsarushfan on April 25, 2008 at 7:25 a.m. (Suggest removal)

Kitchen knives, oh my, kitchen knives can be accessed by 'the children!' Oh my, oh my!!! Let's ban kitchen knives and have all of our meat products pre-cut by a government observed butcher who cuts according to government size standard 'bites'. Now, don't you all feel a lot safer?

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