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I'm just a guitar player, but I like to pay attention to my wonderful country. And the evidence is irrefutable once again that gun-free zones, which is what exists on the Virginia Tech campus, don't work.

In Oregon, where a Columbinelevel tragedy was unfolding, it was a student who went to his truck and got a .22 caliber squirrel rifle and stopped the mass murder. It was a citizen, an off-duty cop in Salt Lake City, who stopped an armed monster from killing citizens at random.

It was just up the road from Virginia Tech at Appalachia law school where students retrieved legally owned firearms and stopped an armed assault. Who is not getting this information? Who is pretending this isn't how it works?

There are hundreds of millions and I hope people in the news media will write this down some day — hundreds of millions of lawabiding American families with hundreds of millions of lawfully owned guns, none of which are going to be used in violence, crime or accident.

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The sheer numbers of zeros following the decimal point in the percentage of guns used in crime is beyond enormous. That does not compromise or negate the heartbreaking tragedy of any kind of accident, any kind of violent crime that involves guns, but it does put it in perspective.

We had two cops killed recently near a pizza parlor in New York City, in part, because Mayor Bloomberg thought it was reasonable gun control to disarm them. That's how insane this has gotten. I know that at Virginia Tech there's been quite an outcry about the fact that lawfully possessed firearms and gun owners with lawfully procured government-scrutinized concealed weapons permits are forbidden to use those concealed weapons permits on campus.

Does anybody join me in realizing that 32 people were killed because the killer wasn't stopped? I don't want to come off like I know all the answers. But, again, the evidence is overwhelming. If a good guy with a gun can stop evil crime and tragedy so often, why do



we continue to create gun-free zones where killers can roam free? The Nugent family is praying as hard as we have ever prayed for the families affected by this terrible tragedy. We are praying just as hard that our fellow Americans would recognize that this kind of tragedy could be stopped if only more Americans were allowed to exercise their second amendment rights.

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Adult Youth Walleye Fishing Tournament June 3

Hennepin Marine and the Illinois Walleye Trail is pleased to announce that on June 3, 2007 it will be hosting its first Annual Competitive Walleye Tournament on the Illinois River located in Hennepin Illinois.

The objective is to introduce and educate young Anglers to the competitive sport of fishing in a friends and family oriented fun filled team format, while creating a dream for millions of youth in the Midwest to join in the sport of competitive fishing.

Each team will consist of one adult angler and two young anglers, 17 and under. From the 8:00a.m. takeoff to the 2:00p.m. weigh in, each youth explores the water with an experienced angler, in search of the right combination of 5 Walleye or Saugers needed to take first place.

Entry fee will be \$70 for each adult angler, paying back 100% to 20% of the field of adult anglers. Youth anglers teamed with the winning adults anglers will receive prizes.

To complete the day, Adult Youth Tournament ends with an awards presentation, and cook out made possible by donations from the event sponsors. Although the top teams are the major prize winners, every young angler will go home with a bundle of goodies to congratulate them for a great day on the water.

Complete rules, applications and additional sponsorships are being developed and can be found on www.henepinmarine.com or 815-925-7216 or www.prairielandeyes. com or contact Bob Kidd at 309-527-6328.

