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SAFE-T Act chickens coming home to roost

GET OUT OF JAIL FREE

(GSL) - Thanks to the recent Illinois Supreme Court decision, the SAFE-T Act has come into effect on September 18th. The new law, initially passed in the middle of the night during a lame-duck session, puts the rights of the accused well ahead of crime victims and their families.

Instead of improving public safety, the "SAFE-T" Act creates a new standard that all defendants are presumed eligible for pretrial release.



States Attorneys must petition the court for a hearing within 48 hours to hold a defendant pending trial. Even then holding those arrested - even for violent crimes - won't be a guarantee.

The law sharply limits judges' discretion to detain those arrested. Even if a judge and prosecutors believe an individual poses a risk to the community, their hands may remain tied. The only wiggle room prosecutors and judges will have is a past history of blowing off court dates or the commission of additional crimes while on pre-trial release.

As for the victims of those additional crimes? Why it's almost as if their lives don't matter. In other words, we're on our own. Take steps to ensure the safety and security of you and your family. Before it's too late.



We'll be ready too.



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- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **September 27**, October 25, November 29
Eagles Club, 3535 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **Sept. 24**, Oct. 29, Nov. & Dec. *cancelled for holidays*
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights
Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **October 2**, November 6 at Air Combat Museum
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **October 3**, November 7
Pontiac Sportsman's Club, 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **October 4**, November 1
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **October 5**, November 2
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 April 6, Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Danville:** Second Monday **October 9**, November 13
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **October 10**, November 14
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **October 11**, November 8
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **October 12**, November 16
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **LaSalle County:** Second Thursday: **October 12**, November 9
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St. Utica

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 6 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.

Come on out and join us. Good food, good fun and good friends.

Dinner is optional but we encourage attendees to eat to support the venue.

Meetings are free and open to all.



QUINCY!

Good times at the inaugural Quincly GSL meeting! Will Hodgerney's son managed to pull dad's ticket in the 50/50 drawing. He performed the needle in a haystack feat with his eyes closed no less.



Quincly: From left, Trevor Beck from GameMasters, Jay S., Kristen Quincly Regional Director Kristen Garrett, Bruin Hodgerney and dad Will Hodgerney, winner of the 50/50.



Our new Quincly Regional Director Kristen Garrett with the gun winner Jay S.



From Peoria: Rick Tieken and coming Honor Flight veteran John Graham.



Vermilion County State's Attorney Jacqueline Laci speaks in Danville. She's not fond of "no cash bail."



FUN!
Deputy Greenway from the LaSalle Co. Sheriff's Department brought his partner Axel and talked about the utility of K9s.



Mickey W., one of the staff at Barrack's Banquet Center, won the Taurus G4 with a Holosun reddot scope at Peoria's meeting. Congrats!



Mr. '2nd A Sanctuary'

Pontiac: Paul Ducat, one of the two men behind "Second Amendment Sanctuaries" first here in IL then nationwide.

Dear JB Pritzker & ISP: If you haven't noticed, we're no longer sharing the last names of our gun winners in *GunNews*. Sorry. Not sorry. Have a good day.



Dr. Greg Dykstra is "absolutely not woke."



Rantoul: From left, Barb H. won a Taurus 9mm, Regional Director Dick Brandt and 50/50 winner Rosie Delgado.



Curtis K. won a very nice 1911A1 .45 in Pontiac.



Jeff L. has a new .44 Special revolver after the drawing in LaSalle County GSL! Nice!

RIETZ: 'WE'LL BE READY
SAFE-T ACT RULED CONSTITUTIONAL
Decision creates a whole new world in bond

'SAFE-T' Act / No Cash Bail started September 18th...

ARE YOU READY, TOO?

Upcoming schedule changes

November

Charleston November 16th: Our Charleston meeting is moving back a week to November 16th. They have a large event planned for the week of our meeting and we've agreed to move back a week to help them out.

Sangamon County GSL will take place at the Air Combat Museum, 835 S. Airport Dr. Springfield. Bring your friends and family to see this privately owned museum and its million-dollar vintage aircraft. SCHEELS is unavailable to us in November and December with the holidays.

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Meeting Highlights

Chicagoland.

Alfreda Keith Keller, our Regional Director, asked for some assistance in finding guest speakers...

Also, as custom, we will not have our regular monthly meetings in November and December because of the holidays. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Quincy inaugural meeting.

We had a great meeting under our new Regional Director Kristen Garrett. She also had a full line-up of speakers for the night.

John Boch gave his Executive Director's Report and took questions. Then he gave a brief history of GSL growing from less than a dozen gun enthusiasts meeting in the basement of an Urbana restaurant 30 years ago to the powerhouse we've become today.



Brian Hooley.

Brian Hooley from Practical Tactical across the river in LaGrange, MO shared some thoughts on personal defense, mindset and more.

Citing a lot of good trainers in the region, he urged folks to take training and learn new skill sets. "Train like your life depends on it," he told everyone.

How much training should folks get? "Enough to beat the guys trying to kill you."

Under mindset and tactics, he noted how "tactical" clothing and gun culture wear like t-shirts pegs you as a likely gun owner and gun toter. If you want to be a "gray man" and blend in with the sheep, leave that stuff at home.

Also in question and answer, he noted that he's seen instructors cancel classes in Illinois because of the new gun and magazine ban, as well as the new "firearms marketing" law.

Glenn Sanders shared his thoughts for the evening as well. The retired DNR cop in him chimed in telling folks they must report boating accidents or face a fine. That got a lot of laughs from the audience. Glenn also reminded everyone about reporting lost or stolen guns. (Then again, the law says that you have 72-hours from when you notice the loss to report it.)

Trevor Beck, one of the GameMasters store leadership spoke. He loves that GSL now has a chapter in Quincy and they're 100% behind GSL and its mission. The provided support for us, including donating a S&W Shield for our first monthly gun drawing. [Editor: Our many thanks!]

Mr. Beck referred to the recent headline in *GunNews* about the ATF's war on gun shops across America. He admitted that GameMasters is struggling with regulatory uncertainty.



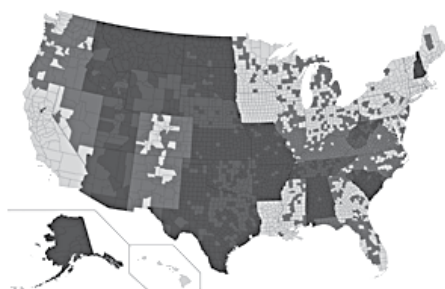
GameMasters in Quincy.

They just completed an in-depth ATF audit that he described as "not fun." Dealing with the ATF nitpicking poses challenges as well. With that in mind, he urged folks not to get upset with their local gun shops. After all, gun dealers are just trying to protect their license and their livelihood in this time of Joe Biden sending the ATF out to find reasons to shut gun shops down.

Pontiac.

At our Pontiac meeting, we hosted one of the two men responsible for initiating the Second Amendment Sanctuary movement across America. While serving on the Iroquois County Board, Paul Ducat and a buddy were out hunting deer. While texting back and forth, they came up with the idea of establishing a "Second Amendment Sanctuary" for guns in their county.

They took the idea to fellow board members and shared it with some friends elsewhere. They popularized the term "Second Amendment Sanctuary" and from there, they were off to the races.



Today well over half the country have "Second Amendment Sanctuary" status.

Frankly, it was neat to meet one of the original people behind this impressive campaign.

Speaking of campaigns, Paul's running for the Illinois 53rd Senate seat, currently held by GSL member Tom Bennett who is retiring at the end of this term. We're sorry to see Tom's retirement, but couldn't think of a more pro-gun candidate to replace him.

Peoria.

Given GSL's upcoming flight, we welcomed Rick Tieden who gave a first-person account of his Honor Flight trip as the guardian for his father back in 2010. "It was one of the finest memories I have," he said.

He shared the 18-year history of Honor Flight from taking a dozen vets the first year to surpassing 273,000 total at the end of 2022.

"If you have a chance to go - as a guardian or a veteran - take it!"

We also welcomed one of our upcoming Honor Flight participants John Graham who spent a few minutes sharing some of his enthusiastic patriotism with the audience.

Rantoul.

Dr. Greg Dykstra discussed post-modernism and slaughtered a whole truckload of sacred cows. He noted how college students today are by and large closed-minded to intellectual debate.

Among his targets were junk science "research" and he gave an example. Many years ago, Gatorade came to the UI asking for research on athletic performance between those drinking Gator juice and those who did not. Dykstra said the UI research scientists could find no proven benefit of consuming Gatorade over drinking water - or even nothing at all.

The next year, Gatorade dropped a ton of money on another midwest university and lo-and-behold... wouldn't you know it! That university found a supposed link between better performance and drinking Gatorade.

So just because there's a study, he says, doesn't mean it's true.

Charleston.

You've heard of the "Bug Assault" shotgun? Well, to many laughs from the audience, Justin Bawcum (not pictured) shared the "Bug Assault" revolver that uses



CO2 cartridges to deliver fast follow-up shots against pesky flying insects including wasps, hornets and cicadas. Even better, it's Illinois legal. For now.

Afterwards, GSL John Boch discussed how to elude, evade, deny and deflect the new gun registration scheme coming to our state. See this issue for contents.

Danville.

Vermilion County State's Attorney Jacqueline Laci joined us for a great night discussing the SAFE-T Act's "No Cash Bail" component as well as Gov. Pritzker's new gun and magazine ban.

She's a staunch critic of the bail reform measure, saying it won't improve public safety. They are working on "work arounds" to keep dangerous people in jail until trial. She's advised law enforcement in Vermilion County to make arrests and bring bad people in "and we'll figure out what to do with them once they're there."

As for not pursuing bad guys like Chicago PD's "No Chase" policy, she said: "We don't chase fleeing criminals here. We catch them."

As for the gun ban she didn't want to make any ethically-violating statements, but she did offer a hint. She pointed back to the COVID madness and said "nobody got shut down or went to jail here."



Can't make it to a meeting? Still want to win a gun?
Tickets are available!



You can't make it to a meeting, but you want a chance to win a gun for as little as \$4? Here's your chance!
And yes, we've had several mail-in ticket winners in the past few months.

Indicate how many tickets you want for the gun you want (and city of drawing). Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. Or 25 (plus a bonus) for \$100.

GSL's Treasurer Joanne Chandler will electronically notify the Regional Directors of the mail-in tickets sold for their meetings so they can get them into the drawing. If you're late, we'll return your check.

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GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

Chicago Sept: Ruger Security 380
Chicago Oct: Ruger Super Wrangler .22 Mag/.22LR
Chicago Jan: Taurus TX22
Chicago Feb: Ruger 10/22

Peoria Oct: Rock Island Pro Match Ultra 45 ACP 1911A1
Peoria Nov: Para-Ordnance P14-45

Pontiac Oct: TBA

Decatur Oct: Ruger P45Mk III .22
Decatur Nov: Ria 12-gauge riot gun

Rantoul Oct: Bond Arms .357 Derringer

Charleston Oct: Rock Island Pro Match Ultra .45ACP 1911A1
Charleston Nov: Glock 22 .40 S&W... gently used, includes holster & more...

Danville Oct: Iver Johnson 12ga. side-by-side 28" shotgun

Sangamon Co. Oct: \$500 gift card for Oglesby & Oglesby Gunmakers

Executive Director's Report

Thoughts on the dreaded R-word...

by John Boch
Executive Director

Regrettably, I don't see how gun owners in our state will get court relief from the new PICA gun and magazine ban before the law requires us to register our guns.

Between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31st, those owning the most effective and most popular defensive firearms must register them with the state to

remain legal. Legal alternatives involve destroying them, moving them out of state or surrendering them to police.



GSL's John Boch.

Uninformed gun owners will get pinched

As of right now, a whole lot of folks have no idea that this new law will impact them personally. They have no idea that their semi-auto rifle or shotgun is now a restricted firearm and good for confiscation and a criminal charge if it goes unregistered before the first of 2024.

What's more, if the state follows the letter of the law, America's favorite shotgun (the pump-action Remington 870) will also be banned from public lands and required to be registered - or else. So too America's favorite .22, the Ruger 10/22.

Voting stupid has consequences, folks. As does failing to keep up with ballot harvesting.

Potential for prosecution...

In many (most?) parts of the state, local prosecutors will probably opt to not prosecute arrests for failure to register absent other aggravating factors.

Sanctuary county or not, don't expect any confiscated guns to be returned. And there's more than an insignificant chance that Attorney General Kwame Raoul will appoint a special prosecutor to run cases that local prosecutors won't handle.

Wait to register!

If you are one of those 10-15% of owners who opt to maintain your scrupulous compliance with an unconstitutional law, my advice is to wait until mid- to late-December to register. Why wait? There is always a chance we'll get lucky in court and get this blocked. If you register early and a court throws this out later, Pritzker's boys and girls at ISP aren't going to destroy any lists you've provided them.

The burden's on them

You don't have to prove you no longer have restricted guns... it's up to the state to prove that you still have access to them.

If they show up at your door

If the Illinois State Police, or you local LEOs show up at your door asking about guns, you should tell them nothing. Don't talk with the police and do NOT consent to any searches. Also, don't let them into your house (unless they have a warrant), even during inclement weather. Don't show them anything, don't sign anything, and don't surrender anything.



Nothing - NOTHING - you say to investigating officers can be used to exonerate you. So, remember what William Kirk of Washington Gun Law says about talking to police, "Why in the hell would you do that?"

After the cops leave it might be a good time to contact your criminal defense attorney. You've got one of those right? If you don't, now might be a good time to look into one of those. Just in case Five-Oh comes back with a warrant, you'll want to have an attorney.

Tick tock. January 1 will be here before you know it.

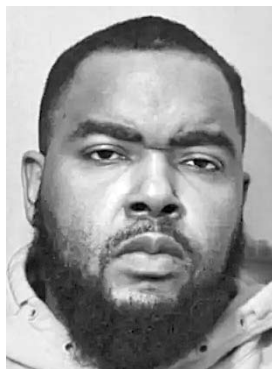
HE'S REALLY A NICE GUY: Intending to kill his ex, Chicago man mistakenly murdered someone else, then tried to hire someone to finish the job: prosecutors

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — Prosecutors say a Chicago man broke into his ex-girlfriend's home intending to kill her as she slept, but he mistakenly killed a 17-year-old girl who happened to be staying in the woman's home. After botching the murder, Steven Goodman allegedly tried to hire someone to kill his ex-girlfriend for him.

"The only appropriate bail is no bail," Judge Maryam Ahmad stated before sheriff's deputies led Goodman, 37, out of the courtroom.

Prosecutor Karin Swanson explained that Goodman's long-time girlfriend, the mother of four of his children, broke up with him early this year, sparking a series of incidents in which Goodman repeatedly let himself into the woman's apartment using a spare key.

She moved to get an order of protection and, scared by his behavior, started sleeping at a neighbor's home, said Swanson...



Steven Goodman tried to kill the mother of four of his children, but killed someone else instead.

Pastor Stephen Holden | Church Security

Pastor Stephen Holden, known to some as the "Disaster Pastor," addressed our Decatur audience with a presentation on Church security. He shared some tips and advice for those present who attend church. He also noted that he's available to do formal safety and security reviews for religious facilities and frankly, for their online presence as well.

In short, church security isn't about who has the guns. It's more about evaluating the needs of each individual facility along with its major vulnerabilities, and to help mitigate risks. Medical issues are common, and following that, ensuring that the child care area is safe and secure is the other high priority item needing attention each and every weekend.

Churches must be proactive. The costs of implementing security is usually not too pricey, thanks in part to church members who are current and retired people in fire, police and medical fields. On the other hand, the costs of doing nothing ahead of "something" happening can prove devastating.

And part of the security review is an insurance review to include liability coverage.



Most folks don't realize that the majority of attacks and problems take place outside of traditional church services. In fact over three-fifths of them happen during off hours - like the 21-year-old racist who walked into an evening Bible study class at the Emanuel AME church in Charleston SC. After sitting a while, he pulled out a gun and killed nine.

While attackers with weapons are pretty rare, domestic disputes are comparatively commonplace. Security teams can help there, and they can also help prevent sexual assault or abuse allegations as well.

His general recommendation is to layer security. Use staff and cameras to watch the parking lots and areas

around the church. Have people casually screen attendees as they come into the door and have more eyeballs in the foyer. Inside the sanctuary, others will be ensuring the safety of the pastor and still others will work in the kid care areas. Radios provide instant communication discretely through earpieces.

Mr. Holden says he generally prefers incognito teams, but some churches adorn at least some of their people with high-vis vests to help new people with questions.

Contingency plans run the gamut and are very helpful, as are strategies for weather issues.

Coming Saturday, Oct. 7th, the Maranatha Church in Decatur is hosting an event as part of the US Department of Justice's national "Faith & Blue" weekend.

It starts at 9am with breakfast followed by morning speakers discussing crimes against children and human trafficking. In the afternoon will be family-friendly activities for the entire family. All are welcome to attend.

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Registration window looms

Do you register? Move 'em out-of-state? Burial? Or Molon Labe?

by John Boch

(GSL) - The so-called "Protect IL Communities Act" gun and magazine ban has a registration window for current owners of banned firearms and accessories. While there are multiple legal challenges to the law, it's unlikely we'll get relief in the courts before the registration window closes on Dec. 31st.



So what do you do with them? Here are some options and our thoughts on them.

First, you can surrender them to the police. That's just dumb. But there's people out there who are not the sharpest knives in the drawer.

Destroy them. Eh, no thanks.

Sell them on consignment at a dealer to out-of-state buyers. Assuming you find a dealer willing to do this, expect to get half of what it's worth on a good day and you can't change your mind and get it back once you've put it on consignment with a dealer.

Registering your guns. If other states with similar measures in place are any indication, expect a high single-digits compliance rate. The downside to registering is the very real possibility that next year, Gov. Pritzker signs a measure to "close the existing owner loophole" and gives those with registered guns 90 days to surrender them to the police.

The "gunsmithing" option. Some dealers may offer the option of taking guns in for gunsmithing services for a small fee. The Illinois Gun Dealer Licensing Act doesn't allow ISP inspectors to look over guns in dealers' hands that are there for gunsmithing. So a dealer might offer that service, effectively offering secure storage of guns for as long as it takes to complete the services. What's more, guns taken in for 'smithing aren't subject to a 4473 or a waiting period to retrieve them once the services are completed.

Move them out-of-state. That works if you've got a place to put them with a (very good) friend or family member you trust. You might also find a business that will store them for you in a neighboring, gun-friendly locale.

Burial. Then there's those of us with a shovel and a compass, kind of like American colonists unwilling to bow to King George III's gun control edicts ahead of the Revolutionary War. We all know that when the time came, those colonists dug up their arms and fought the tyrannical king and those individuals imposing the king's will upon the people. Aim small, miss small and all that. Frankly, this option particularly incenses people in the IL Attorney General's office. *How dare you not comply with our laws!*

Boating accident. I'm a terrible boat driver, even while sober. I've had several tragic boating accidents and lost an unknown number of guns and boxes of ammo. Gun haters don't get this joke, but boating accidents are a "nunya business" reply to nosy questions about what you did with your guns.

Do nothing. Odds are nothing will happen to you, especially if you're not out shooting with a non-registered gun on a regular basis or beating your spouse or getting divorced. The only way you'll likely come to the attention of ISP is if you report stolen guns in a burglary, if you have a fire and firemen or investigators are tripping over your guns. Or if the police show up for a Red Flag or Order of Protection to confiscate your guns. Then there's the risk of neighbors or family members (ex-wives? in-laws?) with knowledge of your guns and an axe to grind.



MOΛΩN ΛABE

Molon Labe. Others (here's looking at some serious patriots in Livingston County, for instance) will adopt a more aggressive "Molon Labe, Birthing People Fornicators" attitude on registering stuff.

Molon Labe, of course, is what King Leonidas of the Spartans said to Xerxes at Thermopylae in defiance of Xerxes' demand for the Spartans to surrender their arms. Loosely translated, it means, "Come and get them."

There may be some other options come available in the coming weeks, but these are the main ones we see at this time.

Hopefully the Seventh Circuit will do the same with Illinois' 'gun marketing' law

Ninth Circuit rebukes lawmakers, grants injunction against California law targeting gun 'marketing'

(Bearing Arms) - A California law ostensibly aimed at restricting the marketing of firearms to minors infringes on the free speech rights of adults, according to a three-judge panel on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In its ruling handed down on Thursday morning, the panel vacated a lower court decision denying an injunction against the law's enforcement and delivered a resounding win for both First and Second Amendment advocates.

Writing for the majority, Judge Kenneth Lee ruled that the law forbidding marketing and advertising firearms that "reasonably appear to be attractive to minors" is likely to infringe on the First Amendment, given that the statute is so broadly written that advertisements aimed at adults who can lawfully purchase a firearm would be swept up in its provisions.

While the state of California had argued that the



statute didn't violate the First Amendment given the broader latitude given to regulations on commercial speech, the panel was unsuayed, with Lee writing that even under a lowered standard of intermediate scrutiny the law fails to pass constitutional muster in light of the fact that the "state has made no showing that broadly prohibiting certain truthful firearm-related advertising is sufficiently tailored to significantly advance the state's goals of preventing gun violence and unlawful

firearm possession among minors."

Indeed, the panel noted that the state failed to provide any evidence that a minor has ever illegally purchased a firearm at retail in the state, much less that the problem is so widespread that it would require chilling the speech of gun makers and sellers. At the same time, the law forbids the depiction of *lawful* gun use on the part of minors, including target shooting and hunting under adult supervision.

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Country Character

Feelings and emotions don't trump truth

The truth is the truth is the... TRUTH

by Justin Thyme
a GSL member

The origins of our country are based on truth.

In the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, the authors wrote: "We hold these **truths** to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Our founding fathers were avid consumers of the Bible. They knew what the truth was and who the truth is. In John 14:6 (ESV), as preparation for His departure by way of the cross, Jesus stated "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." A narrow-minded statement unless it's true.

According to Noah Webster's 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language, the first definition mentioned of truth is "conformity to fact or reality; exact accordance with that which is, or has been, or shall be."

Fact is the offspring of truth. If it is not true, it is not fact. Facts are stubborn things; to deny a fact is to lie. In the 1960's TV show *Dragnet*, the protagonists sought the facts. Like many old-timers, I still recall hearing the most famous line from the show: "Just the facts, ma'am."

Why was that? Because hearsay was of little value to them, could cloud the facts and would incite a challenge



from the defense attorney declaring "hearsay" to which the judge would respond with "sustained". Why? Because the judge also was interested in facts.

With facts, criminals can be judged and if guilty, punished.

Returning to the present day reveals a disregard for the truth, aka facts.

Everyone is allowed to have their own "reality." If they believe they are a cat, dog, horse or whatever, we are supposed to go along with it or they consider it offensive. It's gotten so bad that in Michigan, intentionally not playing along with peoples' make-believe is a felony.

That's right: to not ignore what we know as true could be prosecuted as a "hate crime."

It was not all that long ago people with crazy beliefs would have been rewarded with weekly visits to the office of "Dr. Couch" for mental health treatment.

Basing decisions on perceived "fact" can lead to poor, or even fatal results.

Pretending facts aren't the facts doesn't make them untrue. Life has a way of

dealing with people who live in a make-believe world. If you're on a train track with a train approaching, does denying the train's existence change reality? Will you get out of the way of the train or will you pretend it's not a danger? What will be your final act? Get off the track, Jack!"

Justice is dependent upon the truth and the facts. How can justice be possible without the truth?

While reading the newspaper *The Epoch Times*, I discovered an article about something called *News Guard*. Covering the vast majority of three pages, the article informed readers that *News Guard* is not what its name implies. *The Epoch Times* investigated and found out that *News Guard* derived its funding from liberal groups and it serves to "discredit conservative information." Put another way, it's the establishment media's guard against independent media.

The truth can be joyful, sad, good or bad – but it's still the truth. If truth is allowed to ride off into the sunset, it will not be alone. Justice and the American way will be not far behind.



National Faith & Blue Weekend coming Oct. 6-9

Events across Illinois, including at **Maranatha Church in Decatur on Sat. Oct. 7th**

Faith & Blue was inaugurated in 2020 by MovementForward, Inc., working with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) at the U.S. Department of Justice. The idea was a simple but powerful one — the ties that bind officers and residents must be reinforced if we are to build neighborhoods where everyone feels safe and included. Faith-based organizations are key to building these bonds because they are not only the largest community resource in the nation, with 65 million participants in weekly events, but because they are as diverse as our nation. Moreover, they speak to Americans' shared conviction that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

There will be events across Illinois. One in Central IL will take place at the Maranatha Church in Decatur on Saturday, Oct. 7th. After a 9am breakfast, there will be presentations by the Illinois State Police and others on Internet crimes against children, human trafficking and some outdoor demonstrations. After lunch, there will be fun, family-friendly activities for all. It's open to everyone.



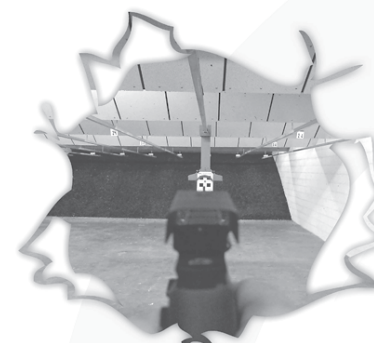
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In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is King by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member



An option for those with reduced hand strength...

You can do this...

If you are 24-years old, you can skip reading this, because you can easily handle a 9mm, .45 ACP, or even a 10mm semi-auto, and also teach John Wick not to waste ammo. But keep reading if you have grandparents who worked their fingers to the bone raising your father and your three wild uncles. Because now, pawpaw's fingers are wracked with arthritis and neuropathy and he truly cannot smoothly "rack" a semi-auto pistol (pull the slide back and then let it go forward chambering a round.)

Maybe memaw tried a Smith & Wesson M&P 380 Shield EZ – "EZ" standing for easier to rack. But she just couldn't do it unless she held the pistol in her left hand and racked it with her dominant right hand and then switched the weapon from left to right hand to fire it. And at the range, neither one could do that every time, without dropping it.

Then maybe they tried a revolver, but it kicked so much that it wasn't accurate, and with just six rounds, that wouldn't cut it. This is not going to end well during a home invasion or being accosted walking their beloved Shih Tzu, Sparky, who hasn't bitten anyone since Uncle Ted threw that firecracker in his general vicinity that one Fourth of July.

We reviewed several pistols concerning this topic and I promised I would get a Girsan MC 14T .380 Auto and see what's up. The answer is; the barrel. Semi-auto; double action or single action; measured double action trigger pull north of 8.5-lb (it is smooth and feels like less); and single action at 4.5-lb. Mag holds 13 rounds, but it's easier to insert the magazine with 12 rounds in it. 4.5 inch barrel. 28.48 ounces loaded (including fourteen 95-grain Fiocchi rounds). Turkish engineers probably used Italian Beretta Model 86 Cheetah as a template.

So what makes it unique? And like pawpaw, I have arthritis and neuropathy in both hands. To load, insert the magazine in magazine well. Place right index fingertip on a lever just above the trigger on the right side and push lever downward. I could do this with just my right hand; it did not require steadying with my left. Rear of the barrel will pop up about half an inch. Load one round in, reach over with your left hand and use your left thumb to push the barrel back down, producing an audible click. Whenever you want to see if the pistol is loaded, just tip up the barrel and look, no racking required. In fact, because of its design, I could not rack it unless I first cocked the hammer back.

I could get a good hold with all four fingers (my handspan is 8.5"); grips have ridges

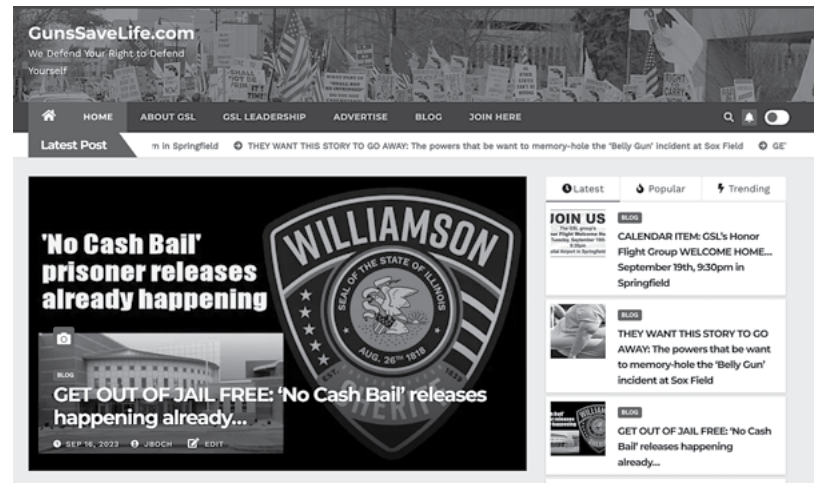
but are not sharp. Mr. Beavertail keeps my thumb web low, so no slide "bite". Five inches tall, and 7.5 inches long, the pistol fits in a purse, if a lot of other stuff comes out. Too bulky for pants pocket unless cargo size; some jacket pockets OK; great for a fanny-pack pulled around the front, or for a nightstand or a vehicle. Accessory rail front underside of frame, but attaching anything might make it too bulky, plus it's just another operating task to memorize. Instead of the rail, should have come with more than one magazine; you'll have to order more, because just one mag on the range is a pain in the rear. [Editor: Spare 13-round mags are available at the EAA store but they won't ship them to Illinois... go figure.]

Nice white dot sights, but in my opinion, this is a 21-30 foot range

self-defense/home defense weapon. Train to point, shoot, hit and repeat, and not waste time on long-range accuracy. Initially firing 170 FMJ rounds at 21-30 feet, had one failure to feed and one failure to fire. Opened tip-up barrel and found that round had distinct indent, so this was likely a bad primer. Other 168 FMJ rounds, fired standing unsupported, struck center chest of the half-size silhouette. Then fired seven rounds of each type of following self-defense ammo (84 rounds total) from sandbag support at 21 feet for basic group size.



Speer Gold Dot (90 grain) 1.125" high; 1.125" wide
Browning X-Point Defense (95 grain) 1.5" high; 1.062" wide
Remington HTP High Terminal Performance (88 grain) 2.125" high; 0.875" wide
Hornady American Gunner XTP (90 grain) 1.875" high; 1.25" wide
Winchester Silvertip (85 grain) 2.5" high; 0.75" wide
Winchester PDX 1 Defender (95 grain) 2.125" high; 1.25" wide
Underwood Maximum Expansion (68 grain) 2.125" high; 1.25" wide
Federal Punch Personal Defense (85 grain; 1000 fps) 2.25" high; 1.875" wide
Sig Sauer Elite Defense/Elite Performance (90 grain) 2.875" high; 1.5" wide
Norma MHP Home Defense (85 grain) 2.625"



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Lastly, we have a favor to ask: Help us grow and flourish by posting comments to the stories, and/or suggest potential topics for stories. You don't have to use your real (or full) name. We welcome your hot take on our reports and posts.

Also on the website...

LATE-BREAKING NEWS: ISP releases their "Emergency Rulemaking" on the gun registry

high; 2.5" wide; one failure to feed
Hornady Critical Defense (90 grain) 3.75" high; 1.75" wide
Fiocchi Defense Dynamics (90 grain) 5.25" high; 2.25" wide; one failure to fire

Nowhere on weapon or in owner's manual is +P ammunition mentioned, so I don't plan on firing any. It is a blowback operating system, generally chambered for small-caliber, low pressure cartridges that obtains energy from the motion of the cartridge case as it is pushed to the rear by expanding gas created by the ignition of the propellant charge. No extractor; to unload a round in the chamber,

tip up the barrel and pull it out, which probably eliminates putting on a red dot.

This is not an argument that .380 is a better defensive round than something larger: I assume I would need 2-3 good hits in a fight; you can train to that. If your dexterity and strength do not allow you to fire more powerful rounds, your option may be this caliber, and maybe this weapon. It's new, so somewhat hard to find. Locked and Loaded in Pana had two (at \$481). Discount Sales in Havana can order them. It's well worth a serious look.

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Another reason to carry while enjoying the great outdoors...

Surge in bear, cougar & wolf encounters

(GSL) - One doesn't normally associate dangerous game with Illinois. However, in recent months, there have been multiple sightings of three potentially dangerous wild animal species.

These predatory animals are generally not native to our state. Biologists believe that most are just "passing through" but you still don't want to wander into them in your back yard or at your favorite campsite.

Among these three large animals is the black bear. These can grow quite large and pose a serious risk to people and pets.

We've grown accustomed to bobcats in Illinois, but we now have cougars as well. No, not the 40+ single women looking for love.



We're talking the four-legged variety that would easily kill a small child, and would give an unarmed healthy adult the fight of their life.

Lastly, reports of gray wolves have surged as well. Frankly, some of these are likely from city folk who couldn't tell a coyote from a wolf. Others however come from people who know the difference. Wolves are much larger (up to 175 pounds) and they typically don't fear people, even as a solitary animal.



In a typical pack of 6-8 animals they can bring down much larger animals. Or a tent full of Boy Scouts camping overnight.

Don't try to pet these not-so-friendly kitty cats

Bobcat sightings grow in Central IL

Central IL (WCIA) — Sightings of lynx, more commonly known as bobcats, are reportedly on the rise.

This comes after a Macon County driver struck and killed a bobcat that attempted to cross the road. The skittish big cats are virtually no threat to people, however curiosity lies with the migration. Although not unseen in Central and Northern Illinois, bobcats are more commonly seen in Southern and Western Illinois, and mostly on trail cameras.



"We're just in that range where there's suitable habitat and plenty of prey so they're just moving through, finding new territories and being pretty happy in a spot like this," said Alex Lourash, Natural Areas Manager for Allerton Park. "As you go south, bobcat sightings are definitely more heard of and kind of in our range. Champaign, Piatt, and north are not as common."

Lourash expects bobcats to continue to move north going forward.

"I think we are seeing more just because of those territories that need to expand. They have a pretty big range in their own territories, so they need to continue to find those new spots and move north into these areas where we typically don't see them."

Old enough to be home alone?



Old enough to be armed!

What's now illegal? What has to be registered?

by John Boch

Everyone wants to know what's now illegal in Illinois. The short answer, as best as we can tell at the present time is, "it depends™".

Of course, this will all likely become a moot point once the federal courts strike down Gov. Pritzker's crown jewel of gun control, but for now this is the law.

Sure, most local police and county sheriffs want nothing to do with enforcement. Most downstate prosecutors won't touch these cases either. But don't count on goodwill to keep you out of an arrest. And there's always the chance that the Attorney General might appoint a special prosecutor to handle these cases.

By popular demand, here are firearms impacted by the new law that must be registered. Registered guns must have been acquired prior to January 10, 2023.

We may know more after the Illinois State Police files their emergency rulemaking with the Joint Commission for Administrative Rulemaking (JCAR). But for now, this is the best information we have.

We've tried to break this down into three categories: Clearly banned, likely banned, and potentially problematic.



CLEARLY BANNED FIREARMS/ MUST BE REGISTERED

Semi-auto rifles that have a single feature are all banned: pistol grip, thumbhole stock, collapsible stock, flash suppressor, barrel shroud or a fixed magazine over 10 rounds.

All semi-auto pistols that have a threaded barrel, flash suppressor, accept a magazine outside of the pistol grip, a support brace or a fixed magazine capacity over 15 rounds are covered by this law.

Semi-auto shotguns that hold over 5 rounds

in a fixed magazine or any semi-auto shotgun that accepts removable mags are banned.

There is a long list of specifically named makes and models but it's a lot easier to go by characteristics. Don't play dumb or cute. It won't play well with the judge or jury.

Under the "large capacity ammunition feeding devices" section (Sec. 24-1.10), *any long gun* with a fixed magazine that can accept or can be readily converted to accept more than ten rounds of ammo is banned. .22 rimfire and lever action rifles exempted. Shotguns are *not* exempted.



So that Remington 870 or Mossberg 590 *pump action shotgun* is prohibited from sale and must be registered. It doesn't matter if the end user has installed a magazine extension or not. So too are other models that have aftermarket magazine extensions readily available for purchase.

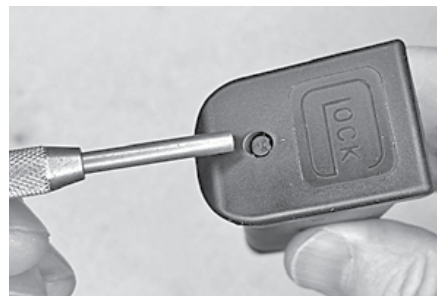
LIKELY BANNED/ LIKELY NEED TO BE REGISTERED

Semi-auto shotguns that don't hold more than five rounds of 2 3/4" shells and can't be readily modified with a magazine extension, but *will* hold more than 5 rounds of "shorty" 1 1/2" shells. Ditto for pump-action shotguns with fixed magazines that can't be modified with a magazine extension but will hold over 10 rounds of shorty shells.

Ruger 10/22s because of their semi-shrouded barrel.

Magazines...

Individual magazines don't have to be registered. Any handgun magazine that holds over 15 rounds, or long gun mag that holds over 10 rounds is clearly banned from new sales or transfers. Full-capacity, now-banned magazines must be transported unloaded and encased. Yes, that means you can't carry 17-round magazines in your defensive CCW handgun.



POTENTIALLY PROBLEMATIC

Magazines featuring removable baseplates may become problematic depending on how vigorously the state wants to implement enforcement.



Why? Because magazine extensions are commonplace in the gun community and these make standard magazines with removable baseplates "readily convertible" to hold over 15 rounds. These range from +2 baseplates to extensions that hold an additional 15 or even 20+ rounds.

If you want to play it *super-conservatively*, carry a single-stack magazine semi-auto pistol or a revolver for your CCW gun. At the same time, if you're only gonna carry 7- or 8-rounds, you may as well carry a .45 Auto to make those hits really count.



Registration...

Owners of prohibited guns and magazines are supposed to register them between October 1 and December 31. The registration portal will probably be located at:

ISPFBSB.com

What is supposed to be registered? Guns, to some degree magazines and parts. We'll cover parts in an upcoming issue.

First, we'll do the easy section: magazines. If you have magazines that fall under the magazine ban, you will have to attest that you own them. You will not have to itemize them, just that you have one or more.

The guns: Only "banned" guns that remain in Illinois must be registered. Guns you no longer have in the Land of Lincoln do not need to be registered, but you won't be able to bring them back (legally) until the law is struck down.

Obviously guns & mags sold to out of state purchasers, and items stored with friends or relatives out of state won't be subject to registration. Neither will those lost in boating accidents, or "stuff" buried or cached.

"But what if they want to know what you did with your guns?" people have asked, repeatedly.

It's not YOUR responsibility to tell them what you did with specific guns. It's THEIR responsibility to prove that you still have unregistered guns in the Land of Lincoln. So don't talk with them. **There's nothing you can tell them that will help exonerate you in a court of law.**

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- Just 5% of major crimes end in an arrest
- Most crimes aren't even reported.
- An astounding number of arrests aren't prosecuted
- 60% of the highest priority 911 calls have no cops available to respond

Chicago (Wirepoints) - The decision to commit a crime in Chicago has never been easier...

The math is pretty straightforward. A demoralized, restricted police force. Plus a 1 in 20 arrest rate. Plus a high rate of unreported crime. Plus a dismal 911 response rate. Plus a city leadership that's soft on crime. All that equals a near-zero chance of criminals ever getting punished.

Not until the costs of committing crime go way up – and the equation changes – will Chicagoans see any relief.

Arrests: The chance of getting arrested in Chicago for a major crime collapsed to just 5 percent in 2022.

Unreported crimes: It gets even better for Chicago criminals. The above data is just for crimes that are actually reported. The Bureau of Justice Statistics found that nationally in 2019, "Only 40.9% of violent crimes and 32.5% of household property crimes were reported to authorities." So the real chance of getting caught is even lower than the 5 percent.

Soft-on-crime leadership: And there's the fact that even if criminals do get caught, the

chances of being convicted and sentenced are low.

911 calls: Yet another part of the calculus is the fact that Chicago's police aren't responding to more than half of the urgent 911 calls they receive, part of what are called RAPs, or Radio Assignments Pending. Last year we reported on the 2021 data, which showed just over half of all priority 911 calls weren't immediately handled.

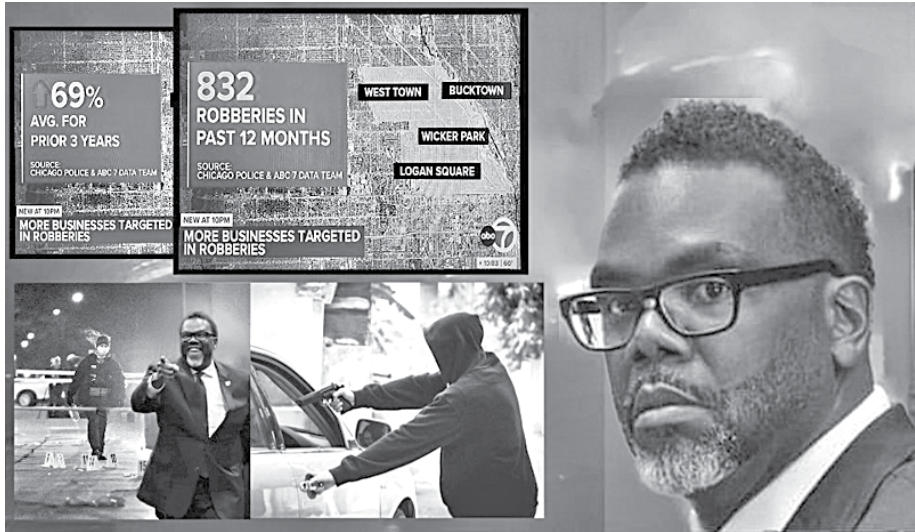
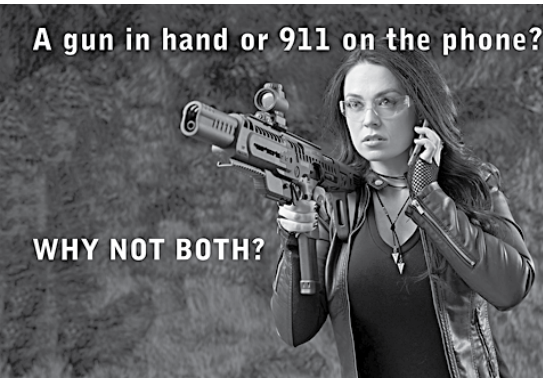
It was even worse in 2022. Of the more than 780,000 Priority 1 and 2 911 service calls, 60 percent had no Chicago police available to respond. Those delays included:

- Over 4,700 robbery-related calls, including 470 robberies in progress
- Over 19,400 calls of batteries in progress

- Nearly 2,000 reports of sexual assault, including 150 assaults in progress
- Over 18,000 reports of a person with a gun
- Over 1,200 reports of citizens shot
- Nearly 1,000 reports of citizens stabbed

For sure, there's a lot to be done to solve the crime crisis in Chicago. The social challenges and poor educational outcomes plaguing the city will take years, if not decades, to unwind.

But to save lives in the meantime, and to make Chicago safer – one of Mayor Johnson's key goals – the near-zero cost of committing crimes must rise dramatically. And that means re forging the chain of criminal justice, from arresting to prosecuting to sentencing.



Robberies in Chicago are at a six-year high

WBEZ: Neighborhoods on Chicago's West and Northwest sides have experienced the biggest increases. Citywide numbers are still lower than 10 years ago.

Belly gun negligent discharge!

Cops say White Sox fan snuck gun into stadium by tucking it in her body fat rolls

Chicago (Breitbart) - Two women were shot inside White Sox stadium during a home game last Friday, and now it is being reported that one of the victims allegedly snuck the gun into stadium by tucking it between rolls of her belly fat...

The gun accidentally discharged, grazing the belly of the 26-year-old woman who allegedly snuck it in and striking a 42-year-old woman in the leg.



He came to Chicago to propose to his girlfriend... he prudently brought defensive firearms.

Felony charges dropped against man found with legal guns at Chicago hotel

Chicago (Sun-Times) - When Keegan Casteel was arrested two years ago after a rifle, a pistol and ammunition were found in his downtown Chicago hotel room, the mayor and the police superintendent proclaimed that a possible mass attack had been averted.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot called the seized guns "weapons of war." Supt. David Brown said Casteel's arrest "likely prevented a tragedy from happening." Both suggested that Casteel, visiting with his family from Iowa, may have intended to fire on Navy Pier crowds.

But on Monday, prosecutors dropped all felony charges against Casteel, who pleaded guilty to reckless conduct, a misdemeanor. He was ordered to pay a \$500 fine and will have to report by phone to the court for the next 10 months.

[Editor: Lightfoot and crew are lucky he didn't sue them. He did nothing illegal as an Iowa CCW holder. He likely took the plea to cut his legal expenses.]



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Blue zone blues

225,000 high-priority 911 calls in Chicago go unanswered so far in 2023

(WirePoints) - The dysfunction in Chicago continues. This week two 22-year-old female tourists were physically attacked and then knocked to the ground by a group of between eight and ten people around 2 am in the Loop. The criminals left after robbing the women of their valuables. It took the police two hours to show up.

On the same night, another downtown tourist was victimized when five men attacked and robbed him of his cash, jewelry, and phone. The police didn't arrive for at least three hours.

These cases are just two of the 225,000 urgent Chicago 911 calls with no police available so far this year. That's about 52 per-

cent of all priority 911 calls in 2023 and far higher than the 19 percent of priority calls that went unanswered in 2019.

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DANGER LURKS: Hospitals aren't 'safe spaces'

by John Boch

Good hospitals, especially larger hospitals, will have serious security - as in armed officers. Why? Because hospitals and trauma centers are the furthest thing from "safe spaces."

Real danger lurks both within and just outside the walls of these facilities. Yes, this applies to even smaller city medical centers like Peoria's OSF Medical Center and their ER entrance pictured above. What spurred this massive police response - at least massive for downstate? A flurry of gang-related shootings.

Wounded gang-bangers end up at emergency rooms. They bring their friends and families, and sometimes their enemies looking for payback. Before you know it, they're all trading shots at the hospital endangering countless innocents.



If you see hospital security like this, you're likely on your own if things go sideways.

Aside from "exciting" times like these at Emergency Departments, hospitals are often located in older, sometimes crime-ridden neighborhoods. Regardless of neighborhood quality, bad guys know that good guys can't carry concealed firearms there, so

they're almost assured their victims will be unarmed and nearly defenseless.

Hospitals also treat mental patients too.

Between the criminals and the crazies, unsuspecting people can easily and quickly become the victim of serious crime in a place they falsely assumed to be "safe".

So pay attention to your surroundings and practice avoidance. After all, you don't want to have to punch some mope's ticket.



Shots fired outside of a Chicagoland ER entrance earlier this year.

Maintain high situational awareness in medical center parking garages too. Often poorly lit, they offer lots of blind spots for bad guys to loiter while looking for a potential victim or victims.

And if you're in the ER with a patient, keep your eyes open as well for potential threats and encourage the rest of your family to do the same.

Give those hospital security people a nod to acknowledge them. They're there to discourage mopes from doing mopey things.



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Biden's next target: Portable gas-powered generators

(Washington Free Beacon) - Just months after a Biden-appointed regulator teased a ban on gas stoves, the administration is working to enact a rule that would prohibit the manufacturing of nearly all portable gas generators on the U.S. market.



A proposed Consumer Product Safety Commission rule limits the amount of carbon monoxide a product can emit, with the commission admitting that 95 percent of portable gas generators on the market cannot comply with its new standard. As a result, industry leaders say, the rule will prompt widespread generator shortages, as manufacturers only have six months to design generators that meet the proposed regulation...

It also comes as many Americans face an increased risk of power outages as the country increasingly relies on green energy to produce its electricity. A whopping two-thirds of North America faces an "elevated risk" of power blackouts this summer, a leading grid watchdog found in May, a vulnerability that stems from America's increase in green power generation and decrease in fossil fuel power plants. California, for example, saw power outages in the summer of 2022 as electricity demand surged.

Portable gas generators can help those who experience a power outage keep the lights on, and nearly five million households use them. Should the Biden administration finalize its rule, however, the generators could become difficult to obtain. The commission's rule prohibits manufacturers from stockpiling non-compliant generators prior to the rule's enactment.

Buy now before Biden screws up this market too. Then enjoy the peace of mind.

Get your backup generator now...

(GSL) - If you've considered acquiring a gas-powered generator for emergency use, now's the time to buy it. The Biden administration is working up new rules which would effectively ban 95% of the units currently on the market.

While manufacturers will bring new units onto the market *eventually*, you can rest assured they won't work as reliably and will cost *much* more. So now's the time to buy. We recommend the "inverter" generators as they provide clean, pure sine-wave electricity similar to what the utilities deliver to you.



When stabilized, it's ideal for long-term storage in tightly sealed containers

Winter blend gasoline now appearing at Illinois stations

by John Boch
(GSL) - Illinois gas stations have begun receiving shipments of "winter blend" gasoline after September 15th. Winter blend gasoline contains more butane and other good stuff, helping it to start engines and run them smoothly in colder temperatures. Meanwhile consumers appreciate that it's a few

cents cheaper per gallon than "summer blend" gas.

With the application of fuel stabilizers like PRI-G (better) or Star-Tron (best), winter blend gas kept in *tightly sealed containers* will store for three plus years and still run smoothly without issue in my experience. I've even run five-year-old PRI-G gas

without issue, but don't recommend it. Instead, rotate annually to be safe.

October is a good time to rotate gas as the weather remains decent enough and stations have flushed out their summer-blend gas from their tanks.

Second Amendment Roundup: "He's at It Again!"

Merrick Garland proposes ever-more intrusive ATF regulations

by Stephen Halbrook
(Reason.com) - Attorney General Merrick Garland is proposing new ATF regulations that would expand definitions in the Gun Control Act to require ever-more gun owners to obtain federal dealer licenses. This follows a new regulation redefining "frame or receiver" and another one reclassifying pistols with braces as "short-barreled rifles." As I've posted previously:

those regulations have run smack into the Fifth Circuit's brick wall, The Fifth Circuit preliminarily enjoined enforcement of the pistol brace rule. It allowed a vacatur of the frame or receiver rule to remain in place, although the Supreme Court stayed the vacatur of that rule pending disposition of the case in that Court.

These three new, expansive regulatory schemes are unprecedented since passage of the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA). This third proposed rule reminds one of dinosaur Rex's



Proposed Rulemaking

"No need for the facts, ma'am"

scream in Toy Story: "He's at it again!"

Ordinary gun owners are not required to obtain any kind of license from ATF. To exercise the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, a person must be able to obtain firearms, and is free to dispose of firearms without a license as long as the person is not in the gun business. The proposed regulation purports to require many such persons to obtain a firearm dealer's license...

The Attorney General has authority to "prescribe only such rules and regula-

tions as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter," such as administrative regulations about recordkeeping by licensees. But the Attorney General has no authority to expand on the definitions enacted by Congress, particularly because the GCA is a criminal statute with felony penalties for violation. The executive branch has no authority to invent new crimes...

Consider offering comments to the proposed rule. The deadline is December 7, the anniversary of "a date which will live in infamy."

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by John Boch

Illinois' new gun registration mandate for popular defensive firearms has gun owners who know about it concerned, and more than a few worried.

Will the governor move to seize all registered guns next year on the heels of another mass casualty event? After all, history tells us that gun confiscations often follow gun registration.

Bury guns?

Are you crazy?

Not so much.

Clearly, placing a cache or two of firearms, magazines and ammunition remains a very personal decision. Caches can help protect certain items from theft, fire or natural disasters. Or government confiscation agents.



On the down side, there's a chance of damage from moisture and corrosion along with the slim chance of discovery by another.

On the other hand, if oath-breaking Johnny Law finds "banned" guns at your residence, there's close to a 100% chance of loss of said guns – and you may face time in prison too!

Where to bury your cache?

Of course we know Uncle Sugar and Gov. Jelly Beans have some pretty fancy tools for "sniffing out" weapons caches in homes, apartments and back yards. Those devices have limitations though.

At the same time, if illiterate goat herders (and others) in Afghanistan can successfully stash guns, you can too.

Cache your stuff "off property" unless you've got 40 acres and a mule.

Steep hillsides make fine geocaching locations, as do fence rows between farm fields. Or under things like concrete pads, junk cars or brush piles. Law enforcement doesn't like to dig up graves, even pet graves, without a very strong suspicion that dearly beloved Aunt Eunice has contraband buried under her old bones.

Along those lines, consider an old mausoleum (no digging needed!) or an unused plot

in an old, abandoned cemetery. Ditto for abandoned, dry cisterns. Be creative. A fellow could bury guns things in desolate areas of state parks for instance.

Make sure you identify your special place by prominent landmarks. Share this information with only the most trusted people but leave it with *someone*.

What to bury and how to bury it?

There are whole college-level courses in how to cache arms and ammunition. Here's some *Cliff's Notes*...

Lubricate the guns well. Aerosol gun oil works well for this. Wipe everything down to destroy fingerprints. If you load your mags, wear gloves during the loading process to keep your thumbprints off the cartridges.

Don't forget extra ammo and spare mags. Remove batteries from everything and store batteries in Ziploc bags to protect from leakage. Include slings/holsters and other gear. You might need to carry those firearms discretely upon recovering them at some future point in time.

Ghost guns are ideal for burial. Unless there's a bunch of fingerprints, there's no tracing the guns back to your smiling face. The next best category: "no paper" guns or those purchased more than 10 years ago. A person could plausibly deny possessing said guns and not be compelled to produce paperwork detailing to whom the gun was sold.

"Sorry, sir. I don't have any paperwork. I usually destroy those records after ten years. Would you care for a breath mint? Or maybe a laxative?"



PVC pipe seems like the go-to material for an air- and water-tight container for burial. Go with the 6" variety. Yes, it's increasingly pricey but it works. For burial applications, use PVC glue to permanently seal it. Don't trust screw caps.

Rubber seals on plastic or metal ammo cans are suitable for above ground caching, but not for burial.

Don't forget your desiccant – either anhydrous calcium sulfate or silica gel. Then seal it up. If using white PVC pipe, you might paint it a subdued color while at home so it won't stick out like a sore thumb when you carry it to its final resting place.



Braced guns, forced reset triggers, or other gun-related 'consensual encounters'

If the ATF (or ISP) comes a knocking...

by John Boch

More than a few folks are living with a bit of anxiety of late. Some have bought now-banned guns in the Land of Lincoln since January 10th and now they're a little uneasy about the Illinois State Police showing up on their doorstep. Others have handguns with support braces on them and they're worried about BATF paying them a visit.

Yes, either state or federal agents could show up for a "knock and talk" at your residence or place of business over support-braced pistols (now considered "short barreled rifles" by BATF) or purchases of "banned" guns. It's very unlikely, but it could happen.

If they do show up to inspect your firearms or discuss them with you, do you have

to talk with them? No, no, no. **NO!** You don't even have to answer the door.

Should you speak with them? Attorney William Kirk from the Washington Gun Law organization says, and I quote, "**Why the hell would you do that?**"

If cops are knocking, they are there investigating potential criminal activity. Unless they have a warrant, don't talk with them, don't admit them into your home, and don't show them any guns. Don't sign any documents. **Nothing you say can be used to exonerate you.** Lying to police is a crime in itself.

This also goes for those who have submitted amnesty eForm 1 applications. Politely decline to chat with the agents, but it might be time to chat with a local attorney.

If it's a tube, bury it upright to minimize the signature to metal detectors and ground penetrating radar. Obviously, don't make your tube any longer than you absolutely have to in order to minimize your digging and the hole depth.

Another tip if you don't like digging: Rent a "post hole digger" from your local tool rental shop for a project at home and then re-task it. Feeling extra industrious? Dig some decoy holes and salt them with junk ferrous metal. And don't forget to let your friends borrow your digger too.

An alternative to renting a posthole digger is the Holey Moley device, but those work best in sandy soil not-so-common in Illinois.



Remember, your primary goal is to keep your cache undetected to unauthorized persons and to keep these now banned items out of your immediate possession. The secondary goal is to keep out water. Moisture and your guns and ammo won't play well together.

Good luck and Godspeed.

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Biden-appointee federal judge shuts down NM gov's 'emergency public health order' suspending the 2nd Amendment

A judicial bitch-slap heard across the nation

(TTAG) - US District Court Judge David Urias has issued a temporary restraining order blocking New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's "emergency public health order" that suspended Second Amendment carry rights for citizens in Bernalillo County and the city of Albuquerque.

In an understatement, the AP writes . . .

The ruling Wednesday by U.S. District Judge David Urias marks a setback for Democratic New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham as she responds to several recent shootings that took the lives of children, including an 11-year-old boy as he left a minor league baseball game in Albuquerque.

Grisham was abandoned by state and local law enforcement officials, politicians in her own party, and even longtime gun control advocates after issuing her clearly unconstitutional executive order

suspending citizens' civil rights. New Mexico's Attorney General pronounced the order unconstitutional and refused to defend it in court.



NM Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Aren't they... special

MURDER? Blue convertible Porsche driver vandalizes Turkey Shoot signage with 'cowardly murder' message

Rhinebeck, NY (GSL) - The Neighbor's Gun Club in Rhinebeck, NY holds a Turkey Shoot every year in late September. This year, sight of the sign advertising the event triggered a special snowflake driving a blue Porsche to bring some spray paint and vandalize the sign. The woman's message: "Cowardly Murder."

It seems little Miss Porsche doesn't know that turkey shoots don't involve shooting turkeys.



It also seems that she didn't realize there's a camera recording the sign's location, either. The club didn't share any shots where the vandal's face was visible.



The club's leadership posted this on Facebook:

For whoever did this let it be known we do not shoot live turkeys. we shoot paper targets, and the winner of each event receives a frozen turkey. Many of which go to those who need one for thanksgiving. this is why it's called a turkey shoot.

Thank you for an object lesson in what anti-gun politicians truly want to do...

Dear Gov. Lujan-Grisham: Thank you

by Dan Zimmerman

(TTAG) - It's one thing to be a budding authoritarian who doesn't care about violating state law and individuals' civil rights. It's another thing to be an inept, incompetent authoritarian. For that, we call all be thankful for New Mexico's Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham...

claim that no one wants to take away their guns and say they respect gun owners' Second Amendment rights, the first thing millions of Americans — and not all of them gun owners — will think of going forward is how Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham broke the law and tried to take away those rights.

As the media have noticed, Grisham has committed one of the worst mortal sins . . .

That kind of overreach is a gift to Republicans who want to convince voters that Democrats want to take away your guns.

In other words Governor Grisham, in her desire to exercise executive power, has done some serious damage to the cause of gun control in America. She'll never admit it, but it's backfired badly in ways she never expected.

There are still Democrat-dominated states that will continue to do everything possible to make manufacturing, selling, and owning firearms as expensive and difficult as possible. That likely won't ever change. But more Americans just got an object lesson in what anti-gun politicians truly want and would dearly love to do...if the courts and the Constitution weren't standing in their way.

For that, we should be grateful.



Grisham's given gun owners around the country a very high-profile example of what power-hungry politicians are all-too-willing to do in the name of "public safety." A Governor just tried to shut down gun owners' Second Amendment rights in contravention of her state's laws, its constitution and the US Constitution. And as she admitted herself, the order would do nothing to stop criminals and would only really affect law-abiding gun owners.

The next time Gavin Newsom, Kathy Hochul, Phil Murphy and others laughably

"We are going to dismantle the Minneapolis Police Department. Say it with me. Dismantle. The. Minneapolis. Police. Department." —Shivanthi Sathanandan, vice chair of the Minnesota Democrat Farm-Labor Party, June 5th, 2020.

'Dismantle the police' advocate wants more police alleged after a claimed savage attack... but her photo tells a different story

Minneapolis (Epoch Times)

- The second vice chair-woman for Minnesota's Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, who previously vowed to "dismantle" the Minneapolis Police Department amid widespread Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests, is now calling for tougher crime laws after she was violently carjacked this week.

In a lengthy Sept. 7 post on Facebook, Shivanthi Sathanandan claimed the carjacking incident took place in the driveway of her Minneapolis home in front of her children, who are aged 4 and 7.

The incident left her with a broken leg, deep lacerations on her head, and bruising and cuts all over her body.

[Editor: Pretty sure that's not blood. It looks a lot more like red wine. And there's no evidence of a beating: no swelling, no bruising, no black eyes, torn clothes or lacerations. Her hair's barely tussled, and certainly not matted with blood. Shivanthi's lipstick is perfect as is her mascara.]

So the bad guy didn't steal her phone, gold pendant and chain or diamond earrings? Nah, this looks more like a fake hate crime.]



Shivanthi Sathanandan.



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Elderly couple defend home with gun

Beaumont, TX (Beaumont Enterprise) - ...A 77-year-old woman just after midnight on May 19 saw the man outside her home in the 5300 block of Wildwood Drive, hitting the glass patio door with a metal chair. She woke up her husband, 80, who warned the man to stop and told him to leave, but the man instead broke the door and came into the house, according to a police report from the Beaumont Police Department.

The 80-year-old said that he was afraid for his and his wife's safety and shot the suspect with a firearm. Despite this, the suspect continued to go inside the house, forcing the pair to leave through the front door, the report said.



Anglers glad they brought more than fishing poles

Bozeman, MT (KBZK) - An angler killed a grizzly bear in self-defense this week in the Tom Miner Basin, according to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

FWP says the incident happened this past Wednesday, Aug. 30, on private land along Tom Miner Creek.

Two anglers were walking through dense vegetation when they were charged by the grizzly. One of the anglers shot and killed the bear. No people were injured.

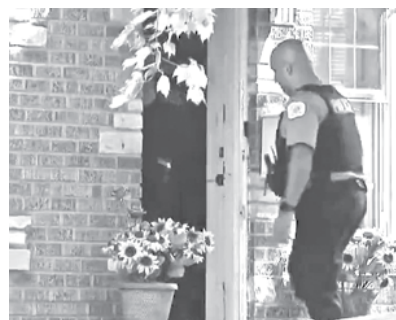
Intruder: 'You're gonna have to kill me'
Homeowner: Your terms are acceptable.

Georgia man defends family from murderer

Fayetteville, GA (GSL) - Michael James Brooks II, 28, met the wrong homeowner on the second stop of his home invasion crime spree. Cops say Brooks stabbed an unarmed 77-year-old woman to death at stop #1, but at stop #2, he faced a homeowner armed with a gun.

"You're going to have to kill me," Brooks reportedly told the homeowner while brandishing a large knife. So the homeowner shot him and retreated towards the bedrooms. Moments later, a determined Brooks continued the attack. So the homeowner shot him again as police rolled up outside.

Despite being slow on the uptake at first, Brooks retreated after the second gunshot wound but still fought police, briefly. He is expected to survive.



Chicago: Brazen, high-noon home invasion in goes poorly

Chicago (WGN) - A man is in the hospital after he was shot after allegedly entering another man's home in Chicago's Belmont Cragin neighborhood.

CPD officers responded to the 2100 block of North Meade following several reports of an alleged attempted break-in just after 12:45 p.m. on Monday.

Police say a man allegedly walked into a home in the area without permission and was shot twice by the 26-year-old homeowner.



He won't do that again soon...

MI Facebook 'Marketplace' robbery ends in 16-year-old shot in chest

Warren, MI (Macomb Daily) - Warren Police Commissioner William Dwyer said the shooting was the result of an attempted armed robbery that started with a Facebook Marketplace transaction. According to Dwyer a 16-year-old male and another man were armed and attempted to rob two males who had met them in the Planet Fitness parking lot to complete a Facebook Marketplace transaction.

"One of the men the 16-year-old was trying to rob was a CPL holder and he shot the 16-year-old in the chest," Dwyer said. "The 16-year-old was first transported to Ascension Macomb Hospital and then to St. John in Detroit."



Woman shot after allegedly kicking in door

Houston (KRPC) - A woman believed to be a home invasion suspect was shot after kicking in a door at an apartment complex in north Harris County Tuesday, Harris County Precinct 4 Constable Mark Herman's Office said.

- In 2022, armed Americans stopped at least 41% of active shooter attacks... Excluding 'gun-free' zones, it averaged over 63.5%.
- 'Gun Free' zones are particularly lethal

Armed Americans STOP active shooters...

(Crime Prevention Research Center) - The shooting that killed three people and injured another at a Greenwood, Indiana, mall on July 17, 2022 drew broad national attention because of how it ended – when 22-year-old Elisjsa Dicken, carrying a licensed handgun, fatally shot the attacker.

The FBI reported that armed citizens thwarted 4.6% of active shooter incidents, while the CPRC found 35.7%.

Two factors explain this discrepancy – one, misclassified shootings; and two, overlooked incidents...

For example, the Bureau's report about the Dec. 29, 2019 attack on the West Freeway Church of Christ in White Settlement, Texas, that left two men dead does not list this as an incident of "civic engagement..."

Between 2014 and 2022, citizens stopped 104 out of 204 potential or actual mass shootings where we could identify that guns were allowed in the area. So 51% of attacks were stopped by people legally carrying concealed handguns. Again, the most recent data is most accurate, and for 2022, 63.5% of the attacks were stopped in areas where people were clearly allowed to carry.

The numbers indicate If we didn't have gun-free zones, we would have more people stopping these attacks.

The general public seems to agree. An early July survey by the Trafalgar Group showed that a plurality of American general election voters believe that armed citizens are the most effective element in protecting you and your family in the case of a mass shooting. First on the list was "armed citizens" at 42%, followed by "local police" (25%) and "federal agents" (10%). ["None of the above" was the answer chosen by 23% of respondents.] A survey by YouGov in May – before the Uvalde, Texas, attack – found that by a margin of 51% to 37% American adults supported letting schoolteachers and administrations carry concealed handguns...

Similarly, Massad Ayoob, a self-defense advocate who has taught police techniques to law enforcement since 1974, noted: "When a life-threatening crisis strikes and seconds count, the real first responders are the citizens present."



While Dicken was praised for his courage and skill – squeezing off his first shot 15 seconds after the attack began, from a distance of 40 yards – much of the immediate news coverage drew from FBI-approved statistics to assert that armed citizens almost never stop such attackers: "Rare in US for an active shooter to be stopped by bystander" (Associated Press); "Rampage in Indiana a rare instance of armed civilian ending mass shooting" (Washington Post); and "After Indiana mall shooting, one hero but no lasting solution to gun violence" (New York Times).

Evidence compiled by the Crime Prevention Research Center shows that the sources the media relied on undercounted the number of instances in which armed citizens have thwarted such attacks by an order of more than ten, saving untold numbers of lives. Of course, law-abiding citizens stopping these attacks are not rare. What is rare is national news coverage of those incidents. Although those many news stories about the Greenwood shooting also suggested that the defensive use of guns might endanger others, there is no evidence that these acts have harmed innocent victims....



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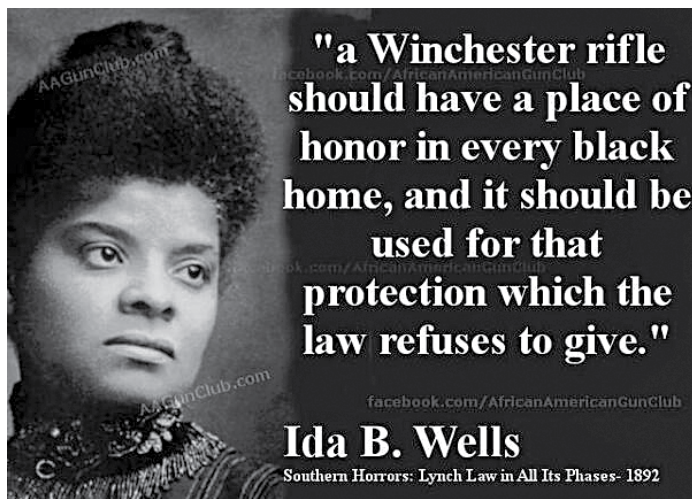
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PANTS ON FIRE: 'We don't want to take your guns'

by John Boch

How many times have we heard "gun safety" advocates ridicule our assertion that they want to take our guns. "We don't want to take your guns," they say. I've had them say it to my face at debates and public hearings. Folks, nothing could be further from the truth.

If their cause was righteous, why do they have to lie? Why do they ignore the rule of law and Supreme Court precedent? But who needs the rule of law when you have a "public health emergency," right?

"Gun Control" isn't about guns, it's about control. Criminals, oppressors, and tyrants all prefer their victims unarmed. Gun control in America, like elsewhere in the world, started as race control. In our case, gun laws kept Native American Indians and blacks stripped of their right to arms. The Klan, for instance, very much preferred to keep blacks disarmed. Activities like burning crosses in yards and lynching young men became downright hazardous to their health when their victims had a rifle over the mantle as Ida B. Wells once advised.

Later laws aimed to keep certain disfavored religious groups disarmed (those darn Catholics and Quakers). Today, racist, classist and sexist gun control schemes abound.

Gun control advocates want to strip you of your right to defend yourself with the most effective tools - firearms. Fighting them is tiring. But we can't give up or surrender our safety and security to aspiring authoritarians like New Mexico's Queen Michelle Lujan Grisham.

At Guns Save Life, we fight for everyone's right to self-defense and we encourage you to join us. The life you save by your advocacy might be your own or someone you love. You don't have to be a defenseless victim. Empower yourself. Become a gun owner. Join the fight today to protect yourself tomorrow.

Gun control kills people

(*American Thinker*) - When will the fascist far left admits that it has blood on its collective hands and it's time to restore the people's common sense civil rights?...

Gun control is based on a false premise: the ridiculous idea that "if no one has a gun, no one needs a gun."

The false promise is that if you give up your basic human right of self-defense, you will still be safe because everyone else will supposedly follow the same silly rules.

Except that these mass shootings put the lie to that magical thinking. You would think that the gun-grabber lobby would undergo some self-reflection on this point, but that never seems to happen, does it?

They never question whether their massacre zones, persecuting the innocent, and trying to eviscerate our common-sense civil rights are putting people in danger. They simply come up with new hurdles to

self-defense and make things even more dangerous for people, all in the name of "gun safety." It doesn't work and causes even more tragedies.



So why aren't they held accountable for all the carnage? And why do we still listen to them when they don't have our best interests at heart?

Why not just give liberty a try and stop interfering with the people's commonsense civil right to self-defense?



MAIL CALL



IL small-town stooge attacks Jason Aldean

The Springfield State Journal-Register ran another story about Jason Aldean's song "Try That In A Small Town." The article features Leftist stooge Margo Price, flaunting her her small-town bona fides as a product of Aledo, Illinois (pop. 3,620), to give credibility to the Aldean haters who are butthurt over the song's lyrics.



While Margo doesn't say what she finds so horrible about the song, she all but calls Aldean a racist before piling on the already crowded "Cancel Jason Aldean Bandwagon." Even the old sow Whoopi Goldberg joined the outrage brigade and made a complete idiot of herself. CMT was so moved by this angry mob of Leftist bedwetters, which included Shannon Watts, it banned Aldean's video. The charge that the song promotes "gun violence" and is "pro-lynching" is sufficient, in and of itself, to get Aldean lynched in her little mind.

Here are a few of the offending lyrics for those folks lucky enough to be unfamiliar with this advanced stage of nitwittery:

*Sucker punch somebody on a sidewalk
Carjack an old lady at a red light
Pull a gun on the owner of a liquor store
Ya think it's cool, well, act a fool if ya like
Cuss out a cop, spit in his face
Stomp on the flag and light it up
Yeah, ya think you're tough
Well, try that in a small town*

It seems Aldean failed to realize that in Joe Biden's progressive Utopia, the First Amendment only protects Leftist speech, while the 2nd Amendment only protects thugs, gangbangers, and Biden's son Hunter.

Aldean can at least draw some solace from the fact that the folks who are out to destroy him are some of the worst ideological nutbags America has ever produced. Anyone who is despised by the likes of Margo Price, Whoopi Goldberg, and Shannon Watts must truly be doing the Lord's work, and in this case it's a job well done!

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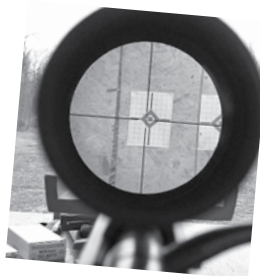
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If liberals voted their values, America would be saved

by Dennis Prager

(American Greatness) - The greatest reason for the existential threat to America posed by the woke/the progressive/the Left is that liberals vote for them.

If liberals voted for their values, the Left-wing destruction of every American institution — the American Medical Association and medical profession generally; the universities, high school and elementary schools; and the military, among many others — could not happen.

This is the American tragedy in a nutshell: The Left votes its values. The Right votes its values. Liberals do not vote their values. Liberalism has almost nothing in common with leftism, yet virtually every liberal votes for the Left.

Liberals believe in racial integration. The Left believes in racial segregation (all-black dorms on college campuses, for example).

Liberals believe in the ideal of color-blindness. The Left rejects the ideal of color-blindness. In fact, the Left claims the very term "color-blind" is racist.

The Left maintains that all whites are racist. No liberals do.

Liberals have always believed in America (without ignoring its flaws). The Left believes America is and has always been a fundamentally immoral country.

Liberals have always believed in free speech, which, by definition, includes "hate speech." The Left, on the other hand, does not believe in freedom of speech. There is no example in history —

from the French Revolution to the Russian Revolution to the contemporary American campus — of the Left not suppressing dissent.

Liberals have always been in the forefront of those supporting Israel. The Left is anti-Israel and supports Israel's enemies.

Liberals have always supported capitalism, knowing that there is no other economic system that maintains liberty or lifts vast numbers of people from poverty. The Left believes capitalism is evil.

Liberals regard the flag as a symbol of freedom. The Left regards the national flag as a symbol of racism and colonialism.

The Left supports giving hormone-blocking drugs to pre-pubescent children who say they are the opposite sex; removing the healthy breasts of teenage girls and young women who say they are boys; and castrating boys who say they are girls.

The Left fights for the "right" of men who say they are women to compete in women's sports. No liberal does.

The list of liberal-leftist differences is almost as long as left-wing positions. So, the question is why? Why do liberals vote left, given that the average liberal has so much more in common with most conservative positions than with most left-wing positions?

There are three primary reasons.

One is that the average liberal has no idea what the Left is doing to the country. Whenever I relate a left-

wing action or position to liberal friends or relatives, they almost all say, "That's crazy," and thereby dismiss the action or position as that of a handful of weirdos. Most liberals have no idea what leftists are doing to deprive children of their sexual innocence: Ask any liberal in your life if they know what "Drag Queen Story Hour" is, or that professors have to take oaths committing themselves to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in order to obtain or retain employment. In fact, I suspect few liberals even know what "DEI" stands for. Liberals read only *The New York Times* or *The Washington Post* or some other major urban newspaper and they only watch CNN and listen to NPR. Therefore, liberals know almost nothing about the Left.

The second reason is most liberals have chosen to believe that the Democratic Party is still the party of John F. Kennedy. They are fooling themselves. It is the party of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, George Soros and teachers unions.

The third reason is liberals have been brainwashed from their youth to believe that Republicans represent "the rich" and that "Right" is synonymous with "fascist." The opposite is true: it is the Democratic Party they reflexively vote for that represents the interests of the wealthy and that is stealthily and steadily imposing fascism — the merger of state and corporate power.

For these reasons, it is the nice liberal who is enabling the vile Left to destroy the country many liberals still love.



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Texas mandates armed defenders in every school

(BizPacReview) - A sweeping bill has been signed into law by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) in the wake of the horrific Uvalde shooting, posting an armed security officer in every school in the state.

The massive leap forward in school safety also mandates that mental health training for certain district employees be provided.

Texas House Bill 3 was signed by Abbott on June 14 and went into effect on September 1. Republicans were determined to ensure another slaughter like the one at Robb Elementary School, which occurred in May 2022, never happens again. Nineteen children and two teachers perished that day at the hands of a disturbed young shooter.

"In the bill, each school district campus is required to [have an] armed security guard which includes: a school district peace officer; a school resource officer; a commissioned peace officer employee; a school marshal; or a school district employee who has completed school safety training and carries a handgun on their person on school premises," Fox News reported.

Leftists and schools have decried the bill, claiming they don't have the funds for a security officer and they are hard to find these days. Nonetheless, it is the law they do so and the state has provided plenty of options for them.

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PUSHING BACK TWICE AS HARD:

Yale Police union distributes campus safety flyers featuring grim reaper to new students causing outrage

New Haven, CT (*Legal Insurrection*) - The Yale Police Union in New Haven shared a bold public safety flyer, complete with an image of the Grim Reaper, with students arriving at the Ivy League university's campus this week.

Yale and New Haven city officials criticized the "misleading" pamphlets, which say crime in the southern Connecticut city is "getting worse."

"This weekend, the Yale Police Union, which is currently in contract negotiations with the university, handed out misleading pamphlets to Yale students as they moved into their residential colleges," Yale said in a Monday statement. "These pamphlets included disturbing and inflammatory rhetoric about the safety of Yale's campus and its home city of New Haven, aimed at creating fear among new students and their families."

The flyer notes that "murders have doubled,

burglaries are up 33% and motor vehicle thefts are up 56%" — statistics that come from the New Haven Police Department.



"Nevertheless, some Yalies do manage to survive New Haven and even retain their personal property," the pamphlet states, adding, "Good luck," along with a list of safety tips, such as "[s]tay off the streets after 8 p.m.," "[d]o not walk alone" "[a]void public transportation" and "[r]emain on campus."

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Largest gunmakers in each state (2021)

State	Mfrs`	Total guns	Top manufacturer	Top company production
Alabama	52	294,166	Kimber Mfg Inc.	275,325
Alaska	21	258	Annex Industries, LLC	50
Arizona	192	699,100	Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc.	603,500
Arkansas	47	73,351	Wilson's Gun Shop Inc.	41,746
California	76	82,532	Senga Engineering Inc.	23,324
Colorado	75	3,109	M+M Inc.	1,712
Connecticut	33	184,633	Colt's Manufacturing	151,771
Delaware	2	11	Gusovsky Gunsmithing LLC	8
Florida	198	671,359	SCCY Industries LLC	216,932
Georgia	105	1,496,877	Glock Inc.	581,944
Hawaii	2	8	Koffin Wurks LLC	7
Idaho	75	43,241	FM Products Inc.	18,593
Illinois	43	647,423	Springfield Inc.	590,750
Indiana	60	41,498	Tippmann Arms Company LLC	15,113
Iowa	47	25,326	Brownells Inc.	11,024
Kansas	46	19,287	CZ-USA	14,383
Kentucky	39	510,679	WM C Anderson Inc.	505,635
Louisiana	43	2,658	Brothers LA Arms, LLC	640
Maine	21	23,226	Windham Weaponry Inc.	22,930
Maryland	24	30,358	LWRC International	27,331
Massachusetts	27	435,514	Savage Arms, Inc.	406,867
Michigan	73	26,424	Great Lakes Firearms	22,388
Minnesota	37	46,584	Magnum Research Inc.	14,586
Mississippi	39	3,003	JMS Manufacturing Inc.	1,289
Missouri	93	2,467,145	Smith & Wesson	2,316,857
Montana	55	26,446	Noreen Firearms LLC	16,296
Nebraska	26	6,882	Zermatt Arms Inc.	4,076
Nevada	56	262,086	Legacy Sports Int'l.	214,258
New Hampshire	27	1,992,731	Sig Sauer Inc.	1,293,532
New Jersey	11	209,770	Henry RAC Holding Corp.	208,423
New Mexico	24	281	Farnsworth, Dustin & Angie	81
New York	61	128,276	RemArms LLC	86,594
North Carolina	152	894,882	Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc.	604,941
North Dakota	10	1,301	Roughrider Arms LLC	1,167
Ohio	117	130,848	Strassells Machine Inc.	106,807
Oklahoma	69	14,654	International Firearm Corp	11,423
Oregon	50	16,619	TNW Firearms Inc.	4,004
Pennsylvania	110	228,400	IWI US Inc.	96,662
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South Dakota	20	906	West River Rifle Company	277
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Utah	103	271,862	TDJ Buyer, LLC	72,983
Vermont	20	135,030	Century Arms Inc.	132,705
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West Virginia	28	6,941	Childers Guns LLC	5,108
Wisconsin	80	137,397	Henry RAC Holding Corp.	112,180
Wyoming	52	10,341	Weatherby Inc.	7,630

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GUN SHOWS...

September

Sep 23: National Civil War & Collector Arms Show, DuPage Co. Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL. Irene Zurko (715) 526-9769.

Sep 23-24: Chillicothe Sportsman's Club, Chillicothe, IL. Steve Risinger (309) 208-1010.

Sep 30-Oct 1: Central IL Gun Collectors New Berlin. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, IL. Patrick Keen oldcarbines@gmail.com.

Sep 30-Oct 1: Crown Point Gun Show, Lake County Fairgrounds, Crown Point, IN. Central IN Gun Shows. (765) 855-3836.

October

Oct 8: Kane County Sportsman's Show, Kane County Fairgrounds, St Charles, IL. Mick Stout (815) 217-2266

Oct 22: McHenry County Gun Show, McHenry County Fairgrounds Woodstock, IL. Donald Cichoski (815) 385-1982

Oct 28-29: Sauk Trail Gun Show, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL. Dan Fritz 309 689-1934.

November

Nov 4-5: Belleville Gun & Knife Show, Belle Clair Fairgrounds, Belleville, IL. ECA Hunting & Trade Shows. Jeff Edwards 618 367-3118.

Nov 4-5: Decatur Gun & Knife Show, Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, Decatur, IL. Pope Creek Shows. Mark Craft. 309 371-3593.

Nov 4-5: Kankakee Gun Show, Kankakee County Fairgrounds Kankakee, IL. Mike (630) 363-3131.

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Nov 12: Kane County Sportsman's Show, Kane County Fairgrounds, St Charles, IL. Mick Stout (815) 217-2266

Nov 19: McHenry County Gun Show, McHenry County Fairgrounds Woodstock, IL. Donald Cichoski (815) 385-1982.

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Nov 25-26: Sauk Trail Gun Show, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL. Dan Fritz 309 689-1934.

Nov 26: Lake County Gun & Sportsman Show. Antioch VFW, Antioch, IL. Mike Quist 847 548-0433.

December

Dec 2-3: Chillicothe Sportsman's Club, Chillicothe, IL. Steve Risinger (309) 208-1010.

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Oct 14: Capital Area, VFW (Jacksonville Rd.) in Springfield.

Oct 21: Kishwaukee Valley, Sycamore Vets Club in Sycamore.

Oct 28: River Bend, KC in Carrollton.

For more info, visit FriendsOfNRA.org.

THOSE WHO DISOBEYED, SURVIVED

Obeying 'the authorities' can be hazardous to your health

Maui, Hawaii (The Hill) - Those who disobeyed the barricaded road closures during the Maui fires survived the disaster, while many of those who heeded orders to turn around perished in their cars and homes with no way out, The Associated Press reported.

At least 114 people were killed in the fires earlier this month, and the FBI is estimating that up to 1,100 more are unaccounted for. Officials are facing increased scrutiny for the emergency response, including why the emergency sirens were not set off and whether closing the roads prevented people from getting to safety.

In the early hours of the Maui fires, there were more than 30 power poles downed alongside the Honoapiilani Highway at the south end of Lahaina — a historic town that was decimated in the fires earlier this month. Officials closed Lahaina Bypass Road due to the fires, blocking the only way out of Lahaina to the southern part of the island.

Maui Police Chief John Pelletier said during a news conference that officers never stopped people from leaving the area, but the AP report suggests that residents were discouraged from disobeying the barricade.

One family swerved around the barricade

set up to escape the flames, while another resident took a dirt road uphill to climb above the fire, according to the AP. However, many others who stayed in the cars on that road were stuck in a gridlock, with fires surrounding them on most sides with the ocean on the remaining side.



Nate Baird and Courtney Stapleton recounted their experience to the outlet, saying they loaded the car up with their two sons, Baird's mother and one dog to escape the flames. When they turned south to escape Lahaina, they were met with cones and were told to turn around to Lahaina, which was already burning.

Instead of turning around, they swerved past the cones and escaped to a neighboring town.

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Life in the blue zones

What could possibly go wrong?

NYC to cut overtime for NYPD to fund migrant crisis

(MSN) - New York City will reduce the amount of overtime pay that officers in the New York Police Department can receive, despite a staffing shortage, to free up funding for the city's migrant crisis.

Life in the blue zones, part II

Fentanyl leading cause of death ages 18-45

NY bail 'reform' means fentanyl dealers released without bail

NYC (NY Post) - More than two dozen alleged drug traffickers were busted for their involvement in three crime rings that peddled "tranq," fentanyl and cocaine throughout Long Island - but most of them were cut loose almost immediately thanks to New York's bail reform laws, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office said Wednesday.



Zero tolerance for common sense

Alabama school suspends 1st grader for finger-gun

Jefferson County, AL (FoxNews) - An outraged parent and gun rights groups are speaking out against an Alabama elementary school that suspended a first-grader, reportedly for making a finger gun.

Jerrold Belcher, whose six-year-old son J.B. attends Bagley Elementary School in Jefferson County, Alabama, says the school overreacted to a game of "cops and robbers." A notice of suspension shared with Fox News Digital states that Belcher's son committed a "Class III" infraction on September 1 by "using his fingers to shoot at another student."

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Nebraskans got Constitutional Carry on 9/1

(Omaha World Herald) - Starting today, Nebraskans who are 21 and older will be allowed to carry concealed weapons without a permit.

Legislative Bill 77 is one of several bills the Nebraska Legislature passed this year that takes effect Sept. 2. The bill will apply statewide and invalidate several local gun ordinances. However, city governments in Omaha and Lincoln have taken steps to ban firearms in public spaces in response to the law.



Junkie Hunter Biden indicted on gun crimes

(TTAG) - President Biden's son Hunter, a longtime junkie and a known drug abuser, has been indicted three counts related to an illegal purchase of a firearm and possession while using narcotics. Two of the counts are related to Biden the younger lying on a 4473 background check form when he bought a Colt Cobra revolver and stated that he wasn't a user of illegal drugs.

The third count is a charge of possessing a firearm while using an illegal narcotic.



Florida poaches Illinois cops

Chicago (Chicago Business) - Ron DeSantis has taken his feud with Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker to the billboards of Chicago.

The Republican Governor is funding an advertising campaign in the Greater Chicago area to recruit Illinois law enforcement to his home state of Florida, offering a \$5,000 signing bonus to relocate, according to a statement. The effort is part of a broader 2022 recruitment law signed by DeSantis that so far has lured 2,700 officers to Florida - though only about 37 from Illinois.



49 consecutive months of 1M+ guns sold

(TTAG) - Another month - 49 consecutive, to be exact - with 1 million or more gun sold in August. ~~Because of~~ Despite the Biden administration's ongoing War on Guns, Americans have show exactly zero inclination to curb their desire to purchase firearms for every lawful purpose from hunting, plinking and competition to personal and home defense.

We don't want to give the FBI the ability to do a "sneak and peek" look in our safes

Liberty Safe gave FBI backdoor access code to January 6th protester's safe

(Breitbart) - Liberty Safe announced Tuesday they cooperated with the FBI by giving them an access code that allowed agents to get into a safe owned by Nathan Hughes during a raid.



Liberty Safe describes themselves thus: "Liberty Safe has built America's most trusted gun safes for sale for over 30 years. Our unyielding commitment to high-quality gun safes has made Liberty the premier choice for millions of Americans. You are always protected with a Liberty gun safe with superior fire protection, exclusive military-style locking bars, and unmatched security features."

But those security features were overridden by an access code Liberty Safe provided to the FBI, which conducted a raid on Hughes' home over January 6 participation allegations and arrested him.

CHARLIE KIRK ON TWITTER: Liberty Safe parent company donated almost a half-million to anti-gun pols since 2021

(Charlie Kirk on Twitter) - Liberty Safe was sold to Monomoy Capital Partners in 2021, a liberal East Coast investment firm. I pulled the FEC reports on the company and found approximately \$400,000 over the last 10 cycles of max donations to Democrats like:



Raphael Warnock in GA
John Fetterman in PA

Mandela Barnes in WI
Mark Kelly in AZ

And we're supposed to be surprised they betrayed their customers to the FBI as quickly as humanly possible?

Boycott Liberty Safe.

Follow the money... there are few coincidences...

Were Liberty Safe's donations an effort to grease the skids for a federally-mandated gun storage law?

(The Hill - Sept. 13, 2023) - Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) and a group of House Democrats announced they filed a discharge petition on a safe gun storage bill in hopes of forcing a floor vote.

"Last night I had the honor to file a discharge petition on the floor of the House to force a vote on Ethan's Law," DeLauro said Wednesday in a press conference, joined by other members of the House Gun Violence

Prevention Task Force and the mother of the law's namesake.

DeLauro reintroduced Ethan's Law earlier this year in honor of Ethan Song, a 15-year-old from Guilford, Conn., who was shot and killed with an unsecured gun in a neighbor's home in 2018. The bill would establish federal requirements for safe gun storage and strong penalties for any violations.

Life in the blue zones...

Piracy makes comeback in Oakland, CA

Oakland, CA (CBS News) - As Oakland deals with an epidemic of robberies, home break-ins and carjackings, those who live aboard boats along the waterfront said they are facing a threat of their own: an increase in attacks from pirates.

While some may have a romantic notion about pirates, when it comes to theft in Oakland, it's not really that unusual. The same things

that are happening on the land are also happening on the water.



"It's every week. Every week somebody's missing something," said marina

resident Emmanuel Ilevolella. "From their boats or either their dinghies or their outboard motors or from their cars."

The twist is that the thieves are coming by way of the water, operating small boats, usually at night, to steal from the large vessels tied up at the docks. John Fordham's apartment overlooks the water off Jack London Square.



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A tale of two festivals



Missouri: Everyone's just so polite in an armed society

Bolivar, MO (GSL) - Remember these two, former GSL Director Dominic Visione and his wife 'Shortcake'?

Instead of living near carjackings, shootings and crime in the Peoria area, they now enjoy a very peaceful, bucolic life near Bolivar, MO. Here they are at the Bolivar "Country Days" festival. Of course, Missouri is an "open carry" state with Constitutional Carry.



Meanwhile in Britain: Gangs fight with knives and sexually assault responding police at gun-free festival

Notting Hill, UK (GSL) - *The UK Daily Mail* covered the story, including "shocking photographs," of two opposing gangs fighting it out at the Notting Hill Carnival, armed with knives and machetes. Of course, in Great Britain not even the cops carry guns. As such, the gang members had little fear of the police as they brawled and stabbed one another.

When police attempted to restore some semblance of order, the marauders sexually assaulted one of the female police officers.

All told, in two days, police arrested 308 persons.

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