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GSL TO SCOTUS

(GSL) – Guns Save Life has officially joined an appeal to the US Supreme Court reference our case challenging Governor Pritzker's gun and magazine ban.

Attorneys for Guns Save Life and our partners Federal Firearms Licensees of Illinois, the Aurora Sportsmen's Club, Gun Owners of America, the State Line Rifle Association and others have partnered with the National Shooting Sports Foundation legal team to tag along with them in a writ of certiorari to the US Supreme Court. We want the nation's high court to review the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals decision handed down last fall.

In that decision, a three-judge panel ruled 2-1 that the so-called Protect Illinois Communities Act was likely constitutional and that our lawsuit was unlikely to succeed based upon its merits.

GSL's Executive Director John Boch noted that the three-judge panel "not only ignored their role as an inferior court but they disre-

garded the rule-of-law and Supreme Court precedent in *Bruen*. As if that wasn't bad enough, Judges Easterbook and Wood also created an entirely new standard of review out of thin air. That simply cannot stand."



Right now, these cases out of Illinois seem poised to be near the top of the stack of cases that might get in front of SCOTUS. Keep an eye on the Guns Save Life website for updates.

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March 2024

- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **February 28**, March 27, April 24
Eagles Club, 3535 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **February 25**, *No March Meeting (Easter)*, **April 28**
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights
Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **March 4**, April 1
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **March 5**, April 2
Pontiac Sportsman's Club, 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **March 6**, April 3
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (*Program at 6:45pm*)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **March 7**, April 4
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Danville:** Second Monday **March 11**, April 8
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **March 12**, April 9
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **March 13**, April 10
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **March 14**, April 11
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **LaSalle County:** **NEW! THIRD Thursday: March 21**, April 18
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.



Nancy Hayes, the Election Integrity Chair at the Illinois Freedom Alliance speaks in Chicagoland.



Ammo and 50/50 winners flank Micole Taylor, Miss Quincy 2024 who served as our featured speaker at Quincy's GSL meeting!



Rep. Bob Morgan would've piddled himself.

We had a nice collection of scary black guns including full-auto machineguns at the LaSalle County GSL meeting for people to see up close and personal. Amazingly, everyone escaped with their lives.



Crystal Loughran, candidate for state rep. and part of our LaSalle Co. Steering Committee, with John Boch at LaSalle. Below, Tom Yager running for IL State Senate in the 37th District.



Nicole Sanders from the John Birch Society speaks in Pontiac.



Isaiah Hughes of True Force Martial Arts in Charleston, discussing Krav Maga and empty-handed defense.



State Rep. Dennis Tipsword speaks in Pontiac.



Congresswoman Mary Miller and John Boch in Charleston.



Rosie Delgado, left, won a Ruger LCP II in .22LR. She's pictured with Glenn Pratt our RD in LaSalle



Paul B., aka "Beefy" stands larger than life. He also had the winning bid for a nice pistol case, a damascus steel knife and some other stuff as part of a fundraising auction for GSL in Danville.



Jane McFadden, the Vermilion County Coroner, talking with people following her presentation in Danville.



Lisa Smith, candidate for State Rep in the 96th District speaks in Decatur.



An AR-180, one of about 4000 ever made, at LaSalle.



Roger won a new 9mm in Decatur!



State Rep. Brad Halbrook and John Boch at the Decatur meeting.



Dick Brandt, our Champaign County Regional Director with Waylena McCully who won a case of gun food in Rantoul.



Doug won the Tisas .45 from Sangamon County.

Meeting Highlights

Quincy.

The Quincy chapter meeting in January was another successful event. Having over 100 in attendance and many new faces, we welcomed Miss Quincy 2024 as our main speaker.



Nicole Taylor spoke on her plans to promote the Second Amendment along with hunting and wildlife conservation, specifically for women & children, within the community during her coming year. How refreshing.

We also heard from Tony Rhodes with High Caliber Custom Coating on what the business offers & the benefits of Cerakote to protect firearms long term.

Chicagoland.

We returned to our usual schedule after missing a couple of months due to the holidays.

Our main speaker came to us from the Illinois Freedom Alliance, a new organization that's bringing together like-minded organizations to promote freedom and change.

Nancy Hayes, the IFA's Election Integrity Chair, addressed the importance of not only voting but steps we can take to improve election integrity. First, Nancy told folks if you don't place your vote, you won't get the result you want. "You've got to vote to win!" she told everyone. We continue to need poll watchers and election judges to help make sure the elections are free and fair.

Pat Bonk, candidate for Illinois State Representative in the 30th District, brought a petition to put a non-binding referendum on the ballot reference parents' rights (related to gender modifications for minors).



Howard Kaye.

Howard Kaye talked about the Crete Gun Club's Easter Egg Hunt for the kiddos on Saturday March 30th. It's open to the public and he encouraged everyone to bring their kiddos. Their regular meetings are the First Monday of the month at 1962 W. Exchange St. in Crete. They're free and open to the public (with speakers like at our meetings).

Speaking of Easter, we will **not** have a meeting on Easter Sunday. We will return on the last Sunday in April.

Tom Wegenner (sp?) won the 50/50 and donated it back to GSL. Thank you sir! George won the TX22 pistol. Dale G. from

our Peoria meeting won the Ruger Super Wrangler revolver.

Sangamon County.

The John Birch Society's new National Field Director Jon Schrock addressed the audience with a presentation on globalism. Not only what it means for us as gun owners, but for us as the little people in America. In short, globalism looks a lot like communism and when it comes to gun owners and gun ownership, communism has no room for that.



Jon Schrock, the John Birch Society National Field Director at SCHEELS.

The John Birch Society is the national leader in educating and activating the electorate in a coordinated effort to regain and restore our God-given rights. Joining JBS equips people to become better informed and equipped to fight for your gun rights and other rights enumerated in the Constitution.

He provided examples of globalism's reach locally - everything from money for gun buy-backs in Decatur to carbon sequestration pipelines and projects (which John Birch Society helped block last year - at least temporarily) to the upcoming Gotion battery plant coming north of Kankakee.

Recalling how the Canadian government shut down bank accounts of truckers protesting COVID lockdown rules he said that very well could come here if we adopt "digital currency."

"I'm not eating crickets," Schrock said. He's not real pleased about the "You will own nothing and you'll be happy" mantra of the globalists either.

Rosanna Pulido spoke for a few minutes on the invasion of our nation by illegal aliens. "This is an invasion, make no mistake about it." Known as the "anti-welcome" lady among the hard left in Springfield, she is a tireless voice for legal immigration and opposing illegal immigration.

Pontiac.

Nicole Sanders a regional rep for the John Birch Society shared a presentation on globalists and their push for global gun control. The John Birch Society has fought communism and globalism since its inception. Today, the JBS is sounding the alarm over what the globalists have in store for us and at the same time helping to mobilize everyday Americans on ways they can fight it at the local level.

The UN and the globalists (pretty much one in the same) have all sort of plans to control people and every aspect of their lives. And gun control is high on their agenda. How do we fight this? JBS helps educate and mobilize local people into combating these "sustainable development" programs and

so-called "comprehensive plans" at the local level, educating politicians and everyday people about the aim of these schemes. If you're not a member of John Birch Society, you really should be.

State Rep. Dennis Tipword shared a few words as another primary speaker, telling folks that the Democrats are pushing not only all-mail elections but also ranked choice voting. Both would be very good for those who count the ballots, but not so much for those who cast them.

Dennis is also behind a bill to allow retired cops to work as plainclothes school security. Currently state law prohibits retired (or even off-duty) police from carrying in schools.

Terry Zeiters won 2500 rounds of good .22 Long Rifle ammunition. Congrats to him.

Decatur.

Bob Miles dazzled the audience with a discussion of his fifty years of making and shooting fireworks professionally. He shared some photos and talked about how things have changed during that time, including how the rules are a lot stricter today in terms of licenses required and regs about where and how you can manufacture, transport and store commercial-grade fireworks. For example, today, even "electric matches" are considered "explosives" by the BATF and must be handled as such.

Today almost all shows are electronically fired, which he says is a lot safer than the old days of lighting them manually. Still, there's lots that can go wrong. Static electricity is their biggest enemy when setting up a show with the electric matches. Nearby lightning is also VERY problematic.

"A close lightning strike can cause your whole show to go up at the same time," he said. "Pretty exciting if you're there, watching all that money go up in smoke."



"It's a lot of responsibility" to "shoot" off a show professionally and a lot of potential liability if things go wrong. That's why he prefers to operate with extra margins of safety for both spectators and property.

For Tech Time we had some popular carry pistols and hot takes by their owners.

Roger R. won the Bersa 9mm pistol.

NW Chicagoland.

Mike Keleher, a retired NCIS federal agent gave a presentation on surviving active shooters. He shared some history of local active killers. Understanding the influences commonly found with these killers is helpful, along with how to survive within an active shooter event.

Charleston.

Congresswoman Mary Miller and her husband State Rep. Chris Miller joined us. Mary talked briefly about the immigration invasion on our southern border. She offered her thoughts on politics in Washington and took questions.

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Can't make it to a meeting? Still want to win a gun?

Tickets are available!



GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

We don't have a good lineup as of press time, but we'll bring this back next month.

In the meantime, see the "Great Guns 2024" M1A over on page 13.

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.

Attn: Drawings
Guns Save Life
PO Box 8
Clinton, IL 61727



Executive Director's Report

Spring update

by John Boch
Executive Director

Legislative.

The Spring Session has started and will really get underway in March. Why should you care? They can pass any bill with an immediate effective date with a simple majority until the end of May. And we don't have votes to stop a simple majority. Not even close.

One proposal that I think may have legs is one to revoke Driver's Licenses for those who don't surrender their FOID card in the face of a suspension or revocation. Where does this stop? Will they move to suspend professional licenses next? Why not?

Judicial...

I'll tackle this in the judicial update (p. 9).

Countdown to Confiscation.

Registration is over but the portal to register remains open. Sadly, 6,262 people have registered since the first of the year. Most are admitting, under penalty of perjury, to a felony.

The good news for those of us who haven't registered is that those 6,000 people have made themselves the canary in the coal mine for confiscation enforcement.

You don't get an attaboy from tyrants like JB Pritzker for registering guns they've banned. Instead you get your guns confiscated. And if you register them after the first of January, you might get arrested as the cherry on top. Don't be a fool. You made your decision not to register by the end of the year. Stick with your initial decision. It was the right one.

NRA's Wayne LaPierre is gone. The NRA spent at least \$31 million to defend the organization and LaPierre *in 2021 alone!* Imagine if that money had been instead spent on staff, programs and litigation to defend our 2A rights!

As I write this on Monday, February 19th, the jury is deliberating. If the NRA and the defendants are found guilty (which I expect), nobody will go to jail. But the court can assess restitution and penalties. Expect the current leadership to be replaced by the court.

Hopefully the court action will cull out LaPierre's cronies from NRA leadership and leave the organization a lot stronger and better able to continue its mission instead of paying tens of millions each year to gold-plated attorneys to defend LaPierre and crew.

Church security saves lives!

Joel Osteen's church in Houston had a mentally unwell transgendered illegal alien Muslim woman (that's a lot of social justice intersection going on) who brought a rifle (and her 7-year-old son) to shoot up the church. Church security intercepted her and burned her down before she could carry out her horrific act. Her pronouns are now was/were.

Her rifle had "Free Palestine" written on it, but the mainstream media tried to gaslight us into thinking authorities couldn't figure out a motive. Gee? Muslim woman, terror attack on a high-profile Christian church, and

a "Free Palestine" message? The only thing missing was shouts of "Allah Akbar." What could the motive *possibly* be?

Church security saves lives. If your church doesn't have a safety team, it should. Contact me for referrals on experts in the field.

Kansas City mass casualty incident.

This one looks like it may have been a dry run from a sleeper cell operation. More on this elsewhere in this issue. At first many suspected gang violence, but it looks it might be more ominous than that.

The Gun Violence Archive claims there were close to 700 "school shooting incidents" in 2023. Mmm hmm. Recently, they were caught logging non-shooting, non-violent incidents at or near schools to their "school shooting archives." In fact, the top ten listed incidents had zero shots fired. Instead, they were incidents like "student drove parent's car to school didn't know there was a gun inside."

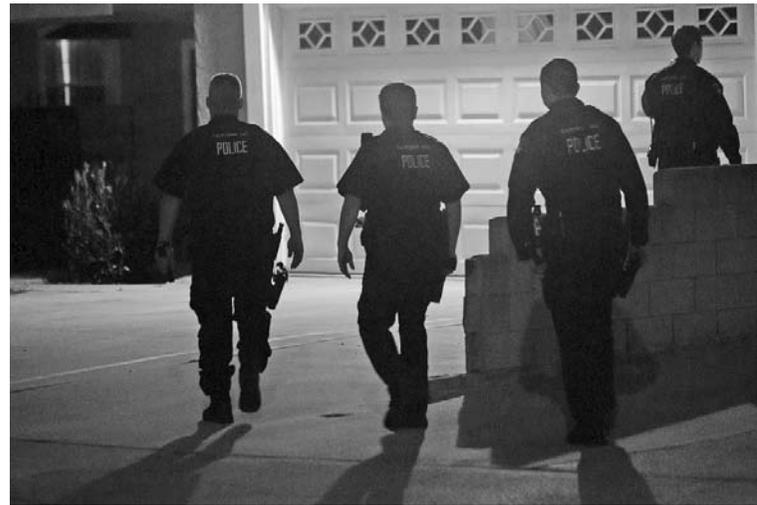
Does that mean the Gun Violence Archive would log another incident each time I drive my car to my kids' school as a school shooting incident? After all, there are guns (legally stowed) in my car if I'm parked on the lot. Or if I'm picking up my kids, one or two on my person.



Honor Flight. We're looking for a new batch of Vietnam and older vets to go on an Honor Flight out of Springfield late this year or next Spring. Download your applications from Land of Lincoln Honor Flight and write GSL at the top then mail them into the Honor Flight peeps.



Free Teacher CCW Class! Also, all of you educators or those working in education: Take us up on our *free* teacher concealed carry class on the third weekend in June (22 & 23). Guns Save Life, GSL Defense Training and DeWitt County Sportsman's Club are partnering up for this. Already got a license? This will give you a chance to learn what you missed in your first class and shoot 250 rounds picking up defensive skill sets. As an added bonus, it will satisfy your "renewal" training hours (and then some.) For more information, visit GSLDefenseTraining.com.



Most are likely admitting to felony offenses

6262 more gun owners register in January

(GSL) - The beartrap opened up by the Illinois State Police by leaving the gun ban registry open after the December 31st deadline is snaring about twenty people a day on average. Yes, during the month of January, 6262 people registered their banned guns and accessories. The only problem? After the New Year, they are admitting to a felony if they register two or more regulated guns or a single accessory - under penalty of perjury when they submit the registration affidavits.

There's even language there in the process where registrants acknowledge they're registering items of their own free will!

So why do Land of Lincoln gun owners continue to register guns they're illegally holding?

That's a good question.

Some have speculated it might be because they are taking ISP at their word that they (ISP) are not going to charge people who register after January 1st. My response to that is, "When was the last time you heard of the State Police turning a blind eye to a criminal felony?"

Bueller? Bueller?

While it's true they aren't going to charge anyone, that's not their job. Their job is to make arrests and submit reports to prosecutors who make charging decisions. In the meantime, if you're arrested, you get to spend a whole lot of perfectly good money hiring an attorney.

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Download an application at dewittcountysc.com or by mailing a request to DCSC, PO Box 322, Clinton, IL 61727.





GOOD NEWS!

ISP rules now allow private transfers to be completed without going to a dealer for those who use the online Firearm Transfer portal

(GSL) - Effective January 1, 2024, those wishing to complete a private sale of a firearm in Illinois no longer have to go to a federally licensed gun dealer to complete the transaction. Instead of going to a gun shop, private parties can now use the Illinois State Police Firearm Services Bureau website to enter the required data.

While it has been rumored that the ISP Firearm Services Bureau website's private gun transfer webpage satisfied ISP rules, we still wanted to see that in writing, preferably more than once. Well, thanks to Nate (last name withheld) we now have it in writing. Twice.

430 ILCS 65/3 (a-10)
Notwithstanding item (2) of subsection (a) of this Section, any person who is not a federally licensed firearm dealer and who desires to transfer or sell a firearm or firearms to any person who is not a federally licensed firearm dealer shall, before selling or transferring the firearms, contact a federal firearm license dealer under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-15) of this Section to conduct the transfer or the Illinois Department of State Police with the

transferee's or purchaser's Firearm Owner's Identification Card number to determine the validity of the transferee's or purchaser's Firearm Owner's Identification Card under State and federal law including the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. This subsection shall not be effective until January 1, 2024.

[Emphasis added.]

Furthermore, when contacted via email, the ISP Firearm Services Bureau affirms that is correct.

RE: [External] Person to Person transfer

As long as both parties have valid FOID cards and are both Illinois residents, you may use the person-to-person transfer on our website.
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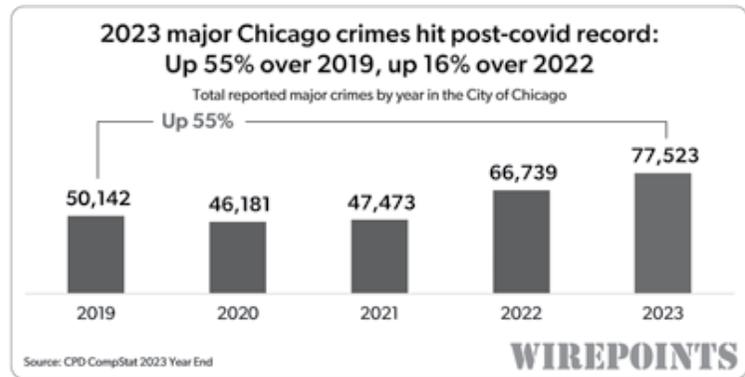
Check out Illinois Freedom Alliance online election integrity courses

The good folks at The Illinois Freedom Alliance are doing their very best to fight for election integrity in Illinois. Of course, they have their work cut out for them.

They have Wednesday evening "Zoom" classes online, and many of them have to do with election integrity for now. We urge our members to check them out if they have some spare time on a Wednesday evening. Why? Because election integrity is important.

Classes are free and take place via Zoom! So you don't have to venture out and spend an hour or two each way on the road, especially if the weather turns ugly.

Go to their website for a calendar of events and class listings.
IllinoisFreedomAlliance.us



What could possibly go wrong with this picture?

Jail populations shrink, electronic monitoring drops and appeals opposing detention orders 'skyrocket': Three concerns about impact of Illinois' no-cash bail law

(WirePoints) - Questions are increasingly being asked about whether the end of cash bail in Illinois is resulting in more criminals roaming the streets and committing more crimes. The SAFE-T Act, which made Illinois the first state in the country to entirely eliminate cash bail, also reduced the number of crimes for which defendants could be detained pre-trial.

Opponents of the SAFE-T Act are concerned about an increased level of recidivism, more failures to appear in court, and the difficulty in detaining potentially violent defendants.

While it's still too early to know if those concerns are warranted - data collection on the SAFE-T Act by the government is months behind schedule - there are three data points that are already a cause for

concern. Jail populations are shrinking. The number of defendants on electronic monitoring are down. And appeals against detention orders have skyrocketed.

For those pushing decarceration, those data points show the SAFE-T Act is working as intended. But for those worried about the already-high levels of crime and an ever-softer approach to deterrence, that same data is troubling.



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Pritzker's 'Disarming the Good Citizens Act' gun ban isn't protecting Illinois communities

The Battle over 2nd Amendment Rights

Editor's note: Please welcome the Illinois Freedom Alliance to GunNews. Who is the IFA? They are a relative newcomer to grass-roots advocacy in the Land of Lincoln. Their mission statement? Promote the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution through education and active participation in the political process.

Here's the first of what hopefully be many regular submissions to GunNews.

You can learn more about the IL Freedom Alliance by visiting their website at IllinoisFreedomAlliance.us. They have regular opportunities to learn how to be a better informed citizen and they teach folks how to make a difference at the local level. Their Wednesday evening zoom training classes include topics including election integrity, basic poll-watcher training, vulnerabilities of voting machines, and discussing vulnerable voters such as those in nursing homes. You'll meet good people and learn new things to make yourself a better, more informed citizen.

by Nancy Hayes
Illinois Freedom Alliance Election Integrity Chair

The fight continues in Illinois over gun rights. Governor JB Pritzker's Protect Illinois Communities Act banned popular self-defense rifles, shotguns and some handguns. The real question remains: Is the banning of modern sporting firearms a violation of the U.S. Constitution's 2nd Amendment?



On July 4th, 2022 a social misfit loser from Highland Park killed seven and wounded 48 other innocent people during the Independence Day parade. Ironically, he did so in a so-called "Gun Free" zone where good people couldn't carry guns, so they couldn't shoot back.

Shortly thereafter, Governor Pritzker pushed for a gun ban in Illinois. As if guns were the problem, not the social misfit who killed those people.

Guns don't kill people. People kill people. Especially in "gun free" zones.

The logic behind Governor Pritzker's call to disarm the law-abiding rests on the faulty assumption that if we ban guns then crime and mass murders will stop. Seriously? Is he that simple-minded?

Bad guys will still kill people. Gun control only disarms the law-abiding. Criminals don't follow the law.

An armed population is disproportionately more likely to use guns to save lives, not

take them. Unlike California, you don't see many murder sprees in states with few gun control laws.

Here in Illinois, it's been over a year since Pritzker signed the so-called "Protect Our Communities Act." Current gun owners who owned these regulated guns were told they could keep them if they registered them with the Illinois State Police (ISP). As we all know, only 1% of FOID holders took up the Governor on his registration proposal - about 29,000 of the 2.4 million+ registered gun owners.

The gun ban imposes serious felony penalties for failing to register their guns and limiting where these regulated guns could be taken outside the home. Yet crime in Chicago continues to surge to a post-COVID record, up nearly 60 percent over 2019. So much for "protecting Illinois communities." (Should it instead have been named the "Disarming The Good Citizens Act"?)



Robert Bevis of Law Weapons.

For others like Law Weapons and Supply owner Robert Bevis - a federally licensed manufacturer and gun seller, selling regulated defensive guns to anyone except a select few exempted classes would leave him facing a Class 3 felony punishable from 5-10 years in prison and fines up to \$25,000.

This clearly unconstitutional law still faces a bevy of litigation in multiple courts. The National Association for Gun Rights represents Law Weapons and Supply, and its owner, Robert Bevis. Several other groups including Guns Save Life, have filed their own challenges to the new gun ban as well.

In the meantime, as the battle continues for our 2nd Amendment Rights, it has us all impacted in the middle of this battle. We can't buy the hottest-selling and most popular self-defense firearms to defend our homes and families. Meanwhile, the bad guys carry whatever they want, including pistols turned into machine guns, without any fear of arrest or incarceration.



Finally, within the Constitution, there is *no authority* resting in the federal government to regulate, define, or limit the rights of the people and that includes the right to keep and bear arms!

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Legal Defense Fund Donations...

Folks, it looks like we're going to the US Supreme Court to fight for our right to purchase, possess and transport the most effective firearms for personal defense.

We're urging people to donate directly to our legal teams to help make all of this possible.

To fund our Illinois litigation team:

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(tax deductible)

To help the national firm backstopping our IL team:

2ALC.org
Second Amendment Law Center
284C East Lake Mead Parkway
Suite 530
Henderson NV 89015
(tax deductible)

We still absolutely endorse and support FFL-IL and their fund for our Illinois attorneys, however donations to them are not tax deductible. Aurora Sportsmen's Club's SADEC gets 100% of donations to the same place only in a tax deductible fashion.

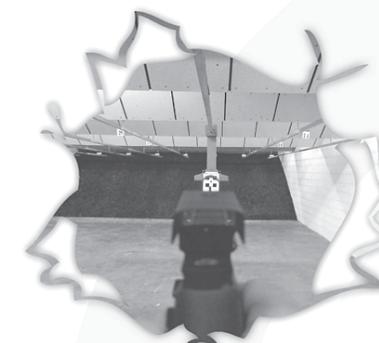
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In regione caecorum rex est luscus

In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is King

by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member

F=MA

Was watching some football the other day and noticed both teams were starting backup quarterbacks. In fact one team was starting a third string quarterback, the backup-to-the-backup.

And that's happening a lot at both the college and professional level.

Why is that? It seems like every year more rules are brought in to protect the quarterback from really serious injury. Hit him too high and it's a penalty. Hit him too low and it's a penalty. When he is running, you can sort of hit him if he dives head first, but if he starts to slide feet first, it's another penalty. Even with these rules, guys get hurt. What's up? It's good old-fashioned physics, in this case $F = MA$. Force equals mass multiplied by acceleration. Think of mass as weight, and acceleration as speed.

Almost 40 years ago our beloved Chicago Bears had a true character playing on defense, William Perry, known fondly as "Refrigerator." The Fridge was a big man, 335 pounds, 6'2" tall, and still owns the largest Super Bowl championship ring, size 25. Perry was clocked in the 40 yard dash at 4.8 seconds; he had cut a bit of weight before that and was "only" 315. No quarterback wanted to be hit by that load, because in that equation $F = \text{PAIN}$.

But today? The biggest guy in the NFL is 6'8" and 384 pounds. 10 are over 350; dozens over 300. Speed? Defensive end Montez Sweat on the Bears clocked 4.41 seconds. And a quarterback who gets hit by one of those guys? He may be stronger muscle-wise than his predecessors, but his bones are the same strength. His Achilles tendon is no stronger. The force required to dislocate his knee today is the same amount that blew out Gayle Sayers' knee over fifty years ago.

Physics is also relevant to self-defense with a firearm today, because $F = MA$ applies here as well. There are a lot of factors that play into this: (1) Have your round hit the attacker first, before his round can hit you. (2) Have your round or rounds strike the attacker in a vital area. (3) Within that vital area, have your round or rounds do the most possible damage to his body as physics can make possible. How the round penetrates and expands are two measurables, but also important is the energy of the round at the range at which it strikes the target. That's why manufacturers advertise muzzle energy; measured in foot-pounds and the heavier and faster a bullet is traveling, the higher that is, and that's good for defense.

Let's look at a few. .22 LR is about 100. .32 Auto about 133. .22 WMR about 215. .380 Auto about 200. 9mm about 340. .38 Special about 230. .45 auto about 370. .357 Mag and 10mm about 550. .44 Mag 900s. You can get specialized ammo for almost all that will jack this up higher, and ammo that expands after hitting which does more damage.

Here is the rub. RECOIL. It is also physics. Recoil, many call it "kick", is the rearward impulse generated when a gun is discharged. You can thank old Isaac Newton for this in his Newton's Second Law of Motion. Yep,

the same guy that supposedly was hit in the head by a falling apple and came up with the theory of gravity back in the day. Generally, the amount of energy that goes out the muzzle of a gun is the same amount that will go out the back of the weapon and into your hand, wrist, arm and shoulder. Also, the lighter a pistol is, the heavier that recoil is felt.



Recoil can be bad, often making a second shot happen slower because you have to bring the weapon back on target to fire. You've fired many of these weapons. Now recall your own experiences with recoil, also in foot-pounds. .22 LR is about 0.2. .22 WMR about 0.4. .32 Auto about 1.7. .380 Auto about 2.5. .38 Special about 3.1. 9mm about 6. .45 auto about 7.5. .357 Mag about 7. .44 Mag about 9. 10mm about 11. As stated, the lighter the weapon, the more recoil you feel. A semi auto "eats up" some recoil in the operation of the slide during reloading; a revolver does not. And if you can get all your fingers around the grip, you will handle it better.



Be careful. You need enough muzzle energy to down your attacker, but you have to be able to control the weapon. We are in an era to make pistols more concealable, which leads to lighter and smaller pistols. Manufacturers constantly make defense rounds "hotter" so they have more energy and expand better.

Hotter is not necessarily better from the standpoint of practice. If you do not like to shoot your self-defense pistol, you will not shoot it. You will not practice as much as you should, which will lead to not practicing at all. And you will find more excuses not to carry your self-defense weapon at all. Physics makes the world go round. Use it to your advantage.

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IDNR Introductory Wingshooting Clinic set for June 22 and 23, 2024 near Collison, IL

Persons who would like to learn the art of shooting clay targets are invited to attend an Introductory Wingshooting Clinic on Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23 at Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Area near Collison, Ill. (about 20 miles northwest of Danville). The clinic is open to male and female shooters who are beginner or novice level and 10 years of age and older.

Attendance is limited to 24 shooters each day and pre-registration is required. The clinic is sponsored by IDNR, the Illinois Conservation Foundation, Champaign County Pheasants Forever, Vermilion County Pheasants Forever, Guns Save Life and Gordon Farms Seed Company of Penfield, Ill.



Instructors certified by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and/or the National Sporting Clays Association will teach attendees the basics of safe shotgun handling and how to hit flying targets, skills that can be applied in the sports of hunting, skeet, trap and sporting clays shooting. Shotguns, shells, eye and ear protection and lunch will be provided.

For information about the clinic, contact IDNR Lead Instructor Terry Doyle at 815-258-8474; tdoyle2@msn.com. To access a list of all the IDNR wingshooting clinics, and online registration materials, visit <https://dnr2.illinois.gov/WingshootingClinics>.

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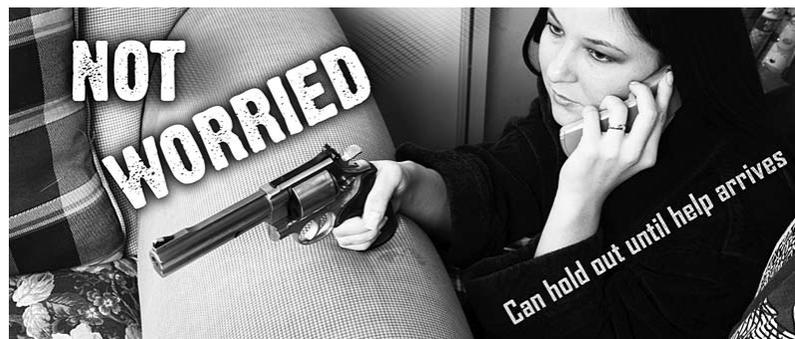


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Some thoughts to ponder

Considering your first gun?

By Joe Brown

For the men and women who have been around firearms their whole lives, you might skip my first submission to *GunNews*. However, success breeds complacency, and complacency breeds failure. For newcomers, buying the right gun to fit your needs is just the beginning. You also need the correct ammo and gear as well as cleaning supplies. At times, dipping one's toe into the gun culture might seem overwhelming, but you can do it.

Are you interested in concealed carry in addition to home defense? If so, then you should look at handguns. They come in two flavors: revolvers and semi-auto pistols. Each have pros and cons. Find something that you find comfortable to hold and manipulate. [Editor: For beginners or those who aren't going to practice regularly, we strongly recommend revolvers for ease of operation and better reliability.]

If you want something simple and reliable, a revolver is best for the job. If you want one that can hold more shots, you'll need to look at semi-auto pistols.

Next, you need to shop for ammunition. You can buy the cheap stuff for practice, such as lead round nose or full metal jacket rounds. Then buy hollow-point ammunition for self-defense. It's a "hollow point" because there's a cavity in the tip of the bullet that improves expansion in soft tissue (and by extension, energy transfer and stopping power).

After you learn about gun safety and have purchased everything you need, it's time to practice. Again, I'd recommend taking an introductory class or two, or seek out one of your gun owner friends to take you to the range to show you safety and some fundamentals.

How often should you clean your pistol? The correct answer is as often or seldom as you want.



So you've seen the rampant crime in your personal world, or maybe you've been the victim of crime. Either way, you decide you're tired of being a defenseless, unarmed victim for the next bad guy. It's time to purchase a firearm, but what kind?

Before you look at any guns, you will need to go to ISPFBS.com and apply for Illinois' wonderful Firearm Owner ID card. You cannot buy guns or ammo until you have this little card. Within a month or so, assuming you're a good guy or gal, your card will arrive in the mail.



While you're waiting, you might consider taking an NRA Basic Pistol class or something similar. Yes you need a FOID card to buy a gun and ammo, but you can take training without a FOID card.

Now that you have your FOID Card, you can look at all the different types of guns. Assess your budget and needs, then do your research about what works for you.

If you are shooting in rain or snow, you should clean your gun as soon as you get home. Otherwise, you can clean your gun at your convenience. Even if you just "carry" your gun should you get a license, it still needs some care and cleaning, if nothing more than to knock the dust bunnies off the exterior. The revolver will be easier to clean. Semi-autos can be more challenging to field strip. The first time you take apart a Glock or 1911, you will think you need to be a surgeon or an engineer. Don't panic if you struggle. *You Tube* will save you. Search for your gun model and you'll find videos on taking it apart and putting it back together again.

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Would-be mass murderer stopped by church security team at Osteen's Lakewood Church

(Epoch Times) - A shooter who was killed by off-duty police officers after opening fire at a Houston megachurch while seemingly using a 7-year-old child as a human shield has been identified as a woman named Genesse Moreno, who police said also identified as a man named Jeffrey Escalante.



Police said a woman in her early 30s entered Lakewood Church on Feb. 11 wearing a trench coat and backpack, armed

with a long rifle, and began firing.

Before managing to kill anyone, the shooter was taken down by two off-duty officers, one a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission agent and the other a Houston police officer, according to Houston Police Chief Troy Finner...

He noted that the gun used by the shooter had a sticker with the words "Free Palestine" on it.

A motive for the attack remains unclear. *[Editor: Really?]*

Ms. Moreno's posts on social media show a history of leftist politics, according to independent journalist Andy Ngo.

[Editor: Other reports indicated the the illegal alien Moreno voted in the 2020 election.]

Meanwhile, Murder City Mayor Brandon Johnson supports removing school resource officers from Chicago Public Schools

(GSL) - Mayor Brandon Johnson, taking time between hospitalizations for panic attacks when things don't go his way, announced that he supports removing all Chicago Police School Resource Officers from the Chicago Public Schools. Why does he and the left hate the little people?

Because NOTHING bad ever happens in and around Chicago Public Schools property. Certainly not double murders like a Friday at the end of January.



School resource officers save lives and deter violent crime.

They also stop attempted murder sprees in schools.

But Brandon Johnson wants them out.



Defending your right to self-defense - in the courts

Illinois Litigation Update

by John Boch

Our little adventure challenging the Illinois gun and magazine ban has proven itself quite a learning experience for many of us. If you had asked me in December 2022 if I thought the law would still be standing in the Fall of 2023, I would have laughed and said, "No way."

Well, here we are. But we're fighting like we're the third monkey on the ramp to Noah's Ark and brother, it's started to rain.



Our case.

While Judge McGlynn assured us that he would have a decision in our case on the merits by July 4th, the State of Illinois countered seeking until November 30th for discovery alone.

It's not difficult to discern the strategy of Kwame Raoul: drag this out until Clarence Thomas or another pro-gun Supreme Court justice dies and can be replaced with another stellar Biden nominee like Brown-Jackson.

McGlynn told the state that he wasn't inclined to delay the proceedings at all but I'm not convinced he'll be able to pull off that July 4th deadline.

We're (as in "we" on the lawsuit GSL is a part of) letting Paul Clement and Erin Murphy handle the heavy lifting on litigat-

ing this at the District Court. They are among the very best and NSSF is paying the freight on those billable hours.

At the same time we are joining them in a *writ of certiorari* to the US Supreme Court to evaluate the Seventh Circuit's ruling from last fall. I'm cautiously optimistic, but my optimism is tempered with one disappointment after another on the progress of the case.

What's more, some have noted that even if SCOTUS rules our way, what's to keep the Illinois General Assembly from passing a new law and making us start this litigation process all over again?



Tom DeVore.

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God bless Tom DeVore. He filed another lawsuit reference the PICA gun ban, asking the courts to rule that we're all entitled to exemptions as we share powers similar to those of law enforcement officers. Specifically, Illinois law allows all citizens to make a citizen's arrest for misdemeanor and felony crimes.

Tom has indicated that he's got another burr ready to toss under the Governor's saddle - maybe as we get closer to the Democratic National Convention.

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Chicago Fire downgrading ambulances because of city refuses to pay overtime for paramedics, and tower ladder trucks downgraded to engines because of city won't pay for maintenance

CHICAGO LESS SAFE BY THE DAY

(GSL) - Chicago's Mayor Brandon Johnson has done a fine job wrecking the Chicago Police Department. Not only are vacant sworn officer positions not filled, but morale is in the toilet thanks to continued "defund the police" policies and the mayor's dislike of the police.



Now word has leaked out that under Mayor Johnson's leadership, a whole slew of Chicago Fire Department ambulances have been downgraded from "Advanced Life Support" to "Basic Life Support." Why? Because Johnson's CFD doesn't want to pay overtime to bring in cross-trained paramedic firefighters to staff the ALS rigs.

What's the difference? ALS ambulances are staffed with highly trained paramedics that can administer drugs and perform other life-saving measures. Basic Life Support ambulances are just basic EMTs without those skills. Who do you want

responding when you call for help after getting shot, stabbed or suffering a heart attack?



Not only that but only 20% of the Chicago Fire Department's "Tower Ladder" trucks' ladders actually function. The rest are simply running as "engines" because their ladders don't work because the city won't pay for maintenance issues to be fixed. Normally there are ten or more of these tower ladders which have a platform at the top of the ladder.

In a city full of tallish buildings, this is kind of a big deal. And as of the weekend after Valentine's Day, the entire department had only two in service.

It looks as though Big Brain Brandon is doing the same thing to Chicago Fire that he's done to Chicago Police. And Chicago's residents and visitors are less safe by the day because of it.

How much did running his mouth cost?

Johnson maintains the 'racist' ShotSpotter anti-crime program until after the summer murder season and the DNC

Chicago (GSL) - Days before Chicago's contract with the company that provides the ShotSpotter gunfire detection system expired, Mayor Bird Brain said that the city planned to discontinue the "racist" service after the summer murder season and the Democratic National Convention.

The only problem? The city's contract expired at the end of the day on February 15th and the ShotSpotter execs made it known they weren't offering a short-term extension. Especially after Johnson's negative criticisms about the system and calling it racist.

Johnson "negotiated" one of those last-minute extensions at an unknown surcharge. Chicago taxpayers have already spent almost \$50M on the program just since 2018. ShotSpotter does, on occasion, give police an opportunity to quickly respond and apprehend perpetrators. That is when officers are available to respond. The new extension will provide service until roughly November 22.



She's got connections, taxpayers get bill

Woman charged with attempted murder of cop hired for \$85k/yr. job with City of Chicago

Chicago (GSL) - Whitley Temple, 34, faces charges relating to her attempted hijacking of a Chicago Police SUV and nearly killing the officer trying to pull her out last summer has reportedly been hired by the City of Chicago.

The attempted carjacking and murder of a cop came after she had fired shots at witnesses moments earlier. Second City Cop reports that she's now working for the City of Chicago for \$85,000/year - while awaiting trial for charges including attempted murder charges.



- Young people who can't read or do math have little chance at productive life.
- Most of these failed schools are part of the City of Chicago School District 299.
- Gangs thrive when young people have no options for a job or a career.

EDUCATION FAIL: Not a single child tested proficient in math in 67 Illinois schools. For reading, it's 32 schools

(WirePoints) - Last week, Elon Musk, Vivek Ramaswamy, and Jordan Peterson helped expose the failures of Illinois' public education system on X. Their engagement with a Wirepoints report, "Illinois education 2022: Not a single student can do math at grade level in 53 schools. For reading, it's 30 schools," revealed the thousands of students trapped in completely failing schools in 2022.

But those results are now old news. Wirepoints has

just run the new Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) 2023 Report Card data and the outcomes are worse even though the impacts of covid are another year behind us.

In 2023, there were 67 Illinois schools where not a single student tested was proficient in math and 32 schools where no student tested was proficient in reading. What's worse, officials in those schools graduated nearly 70% of their students.

More than 12,000 students attend Illinois' zero-proficiency schools. Every single one of those children will struggle in life because they lack basic reading and math skills.




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ations about using force, and deadly force.



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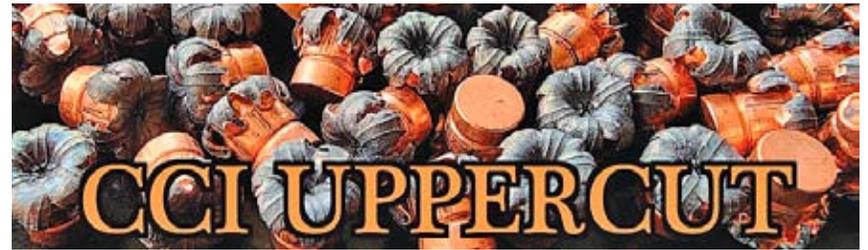
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CCI's new Uppercut defensive .22LR

(GSL) - Nobody has ever said that the .22 Long Rifle makes a man-stopper defensive cartridge. However people still carry it for self-defense purposes. Maybe people have disabilities that preclude a more traditional center-fire cartridge for defensive purposes. Others prefer the ultra-petite size and weight of some small pocket pistols. Or there may be budgetary or availability considerations in a person's life.



No matter the reason, I know plenty of normal people who carry a .22 everyday. When I ask them about it, they remind me that a .22 in the pocket beats a .45 in the safe at home. Scoring hits with a .22 might not put a bad guy down, but they'll give him reason to reconsider how badly he wants to dance. And they will reduce an attacker's combat effectiveness.

Personally, for those who opt for a .22 for self-defense, I've always steered them towards the CCI Stinger cartridge. Before now.

CCI has a new round out called the CCI Uppercut. The manufacturer says it's engineered for reliability in short-barreled pistols. It fires a 32gr. projectile at about 950fps from a short-barrel.

With an MSRP of \$12.99 for 50 rounds, it's not cheap, but it's not stupid expensive either.

What impressed me in some videos I've watched is the consistent expansion of the bullets thanks to a new design. Even when fired through barriers like denim, they still expand every time. Every. Single. Time.

The bottom line: If you or someone you know carry a .22 Long Rifle for defensive purposes, you might look into the Uppercut. It certainly outperforms your average hollowpoint .22.

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30 Years of Guns Save Life

by John Naese & John Boch

As we begin 2024, Guns Save Life has become a powerhouse gun rights organization, with members statewide and nationally, and 11 monthly meetings in various parts of Illinois. But it didn't start this way. As the mighty oak tree grows from a tiny acorn, so it was with GSL.

Last month we covered our first twenty years. Here's what's happened since then.



Expansion

In 2012, Guns Save Life began to grow beyond a single meeting location. By 2013, we had expanded to four chapters. The expansion continued to today's eleven chapters. Many hundreds of people turn out at these grassroots meetings each and every month.



Media coverage

We scored a lot of media coverage on multiple occasions. Burning Chicago for over \$6000 at their gun buyback in 2013 gave us international publicity and it gave Chicago a huge black eye in both print and broadcast media. The humiliation caused the Windy City to stop holding buybacks for at least two years. Even today, the events are but a shadow of what they used to be.



Walking the walk

We don't just talk the talk, our members and leaders walk the walk when it comes to our activism. We show up in Springfield when it makes a difference. Behind the scenes, we work to nudge state regulators towards fairness towards gun owners and gun shops. We help the little people get justice and sometimes even to get their guns back.

Our activism has become effective enough we've landed on the radar screens both of state officials and the US Department of Justice. In this time of using lawfare against political opponents it shouldn't have surprised us. Being scrupulously law-abiding helps, but General Mike Flynn probably thought he was law-abiding as well and look at what hap-

pened to him.

At the same time we continue throwing sand into the gears of gun control laws and ridiculing anti-gun politicians and corrupt judges.



Making headlines...

Youth Shooting

Guns Save Life has continued supporting youth shooting programs galore. Everything from the NRA Youth Shooting Camp at Darnall's to school clays teams, Pheasants Forever Young Guns and many more. The youth are our future!



Litigation

Given how "moderate" Democrats (at least on guns) are very much an endangered species, we realize that lobbying the "squishy on guns" legislators is no longer a valid strategy. Today, if we want to win, it will have to be through regulatory action or through litigation.

Perhaps the biggest and most successful bit of advocacy has been Guns Save Life's role in four big lawsuits, pushing back against government bureaucrats who go too far.

Working alongside the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action for three of the suits. We won the first against the Cook County gun and ammo tax. But the Illinois Supreme Court, while giving us the win, write into their opinion how to reword the ordinance to make it valid in their opinion. And sure enough, they did.

Then we sued against Deerfield modifying an ordinance into a gun and magazine ban. The Illinois Supreme Court sided with us on the magazines, striking that aspect of the local ordinance, but allowed the gun ban to stand.

Our lawsuit challenging the FOID card in state court is at the 4th District Appellate Court awaiting a decision. Ultimately it will go before the (now quite corrupt) Illinois Supreme Court. If the Illinois Supremes get stupid with it, we'll appeal to the US Supreme Court.

Lastly, we're joining the NSSF in working alongside FFL-IL dealers' group, the Aurora Sportsman's Club, Gun Owners of America and some others, we're challenging Pritzker's gun and magazine ban. That case is in federal court and we've filed an appeal with the US Supreme Court.

Helping our veterans and others.

We also support our veterans at Guns Save Life and it's not just talk. When Honor Flight came to talk about their program, our members gave generously to help fly WW II

veterans to Washington for the program.



Since then Honor Flight now flies Korean and Vietnam era vets as well. We have continued our support of Honor Flight and actually put together about three dozen plus veterans to fly as a "GSL Group" with Land of Lincoln Honor Flight. We're looking to do that late this year or in early 2025 (see the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight website for an application).



Our members helped the HOOAH Deer Hunt for Heroes program build a strong foundation

for growth. GSL was the first large organization to back the then-new program to take military members who suffered permanent service-related injuries and help them reintegrate into civilian society. HOOAH has now grown to where it now serves hundreds of veterans each year.

Members have also given generously to a number of other programs for veterans including help providing housing and treatment for homeless vets.

The list of our accomplishments is long and distinguished. While others talk, we work to get results.

Looking ahead, we're in talks to secure grants to help hire regional construction teams to rehab our existing highway signs and to plant new ones, perhaps as many as one to four sets per month, depending on funding. We anticipate our existing court actions to continue through 2025. And while we're effectively out of the gun buyback game, we're always ready to help throw sand in the gun control team's efforts to disarm us.



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IL primary election season has arrived!

by John Boch

(GSL) - Illinois is a deep blue state on the whole. And along with deep blue comes a disregard of and even a hatred for issues like gun rights for the little people among many in the political class - even among some Republicans. What's surprised me in this election season is the unabashedly pro-gun positions staked out by many candidates.

At Guns Save Life, we can't endorse candidates because of our tax status. We do, however, educate the people on can-

didates' positions. Here are some races we're aware of with a substantive difference between the candidates in contested Republican primary races.

Why just a handful of Republican races? Because not a single pro-gun Democrat has reached out to us. Frankly, that should be alarming by itself, but shows how Democrats running for office have moved hard left, refusing to progress toward a future of freedom and instead promoting a system of gun control that reenacts past tyrannies.



The 88th House Race

Regan Deering vs. Chuck Erickson

In the 88th Illinois House Republican primary in the heart of Illinois, gun owners have a choice between two pro-gun Republicans who both belong to our GSL family.

Interestingly, this particular Republican primary race mirrors a trend showcasing the divide between openly pro-gun conservatives and those preferring a low-profile approach to conservative values, especially on gun rights.

Regan Deering, endorsed by Freedom Caucus member Dan Caulkins, represents a bold conservative stance. She's not shy in sharing her beliefs and communicating her conservative values in general and gun rights in particular.

Deering, a former science teacher and small business owner, currently serves on her local school board.

Regan Deering's bold stances stand in stark contrast to Establishment Republicans who, despite their pro-gun rhetoric at election time, have at other times compromised on gun rights with Democrats in their quest to "reach across the aisle."

Current Representative Dan Caulkins, leaving because he's honoring his self-imposed term limit, likes Deering's unapologetic conspicuous conservative beliefs so much he's endorsed her. She's also picked up endorsements from the Fraternal Order of Police and the Farm Bureau among others.

Her opponent, Chuck Erickson, has faced criticism for not fully embracing conservative policies, even on gun rights. He has been accused of focusing more on political maneuvers than substantive action.

Some years ago when Chuck was party chairman, I urged him to bravely articulate strong conservative principles on guns and to carry them out in practice. I wanted the McLean County Board to stand up for gun rights by passing a Second Amendment Sanctuary resolution. He had the votes to do so.

In the end Chuck ignored my advice, afraid to stand up for the little people (and by extension, the working people). The Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution went

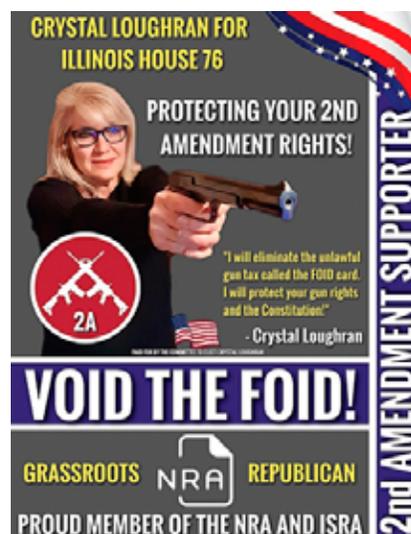
nowhere.

And as we've all seen so many times, when our side dithers or retreats, the other side advances. Sure enough: anti-gun Dems picked up a couple of more seats that cycle under Chuck's leadership. This continued the trend of gun-hating Democrats gaining McLean County Board seats while Chuck was the ideological and strategic "leader" of the (largely pro-gun) Republicans.

In a radio show with Cat Peterson on Cities 92.9 in early 2024, Erickson touted that he would "reach across the aisle" to work with Democrats on gun control legislation, much like his RINO endorser former State Rep Dan Brady.

Does Chuck sincerely believe he's going to convince rabid, gun-hating downstate Dems like Carol Ammons, Sharon Chung, or Jehan Gordon-Booth to support gun rights over gun control? That tired old "reach across the aisle" talking point might work with voters who don't know any better, but for those of us who do - we aren't buying it.

And winner of the boldest campaign position on the Second Amendment...



For Congress: Darren Bailey vs. Mike Bost

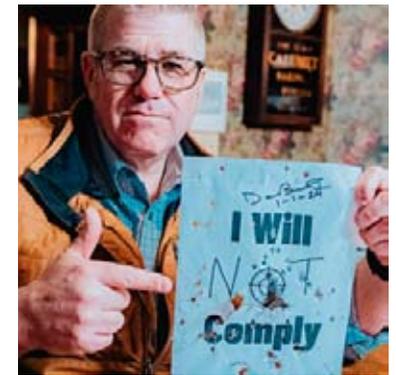
Talk is cheap among so many politicians today. At election time they start talking the talk about their support of issues their base cares about. Like Adam Kinzinger or Kevin McCarthy (or Mitch McConnell), they talk tough about their support for things like gun rights. They make all sorts of promises to do things they fully know they either cannot do or have no plans to do. Then, after the election, their "leadership" on things like guns evaporates faster than a freon spill in the summer sun.



Enter Mike Bost. In recent days he's repeated his bromide that "When it comes to guns, no one's a stronger supporter than Mike Bost."

Then he goes to Washington DC and partners up with disgraced Congress-

man Adam Kinzinger to support the ATF banning bump stocks through regulatory rulemaking. But that's not all. He also supports ending private guns sales nationwide by supporting so-called "universal background checks."



Meanwhile Darren Bailey offers full-throated support for gun rights. Bailey also proudly and publicly proclaims his unwillingness to register his guns, something that Mike Bost has been conspicuously quiet about. While Bailey throws sand into gun control efforts in the state at every opportunity, Mike Bost keeps a low profile.

14th Congressional District:

James Marter vs. Charlie Kim

James Marter, one of our steering committee team at our LaSalle County GSL meeting, has a challenger in his primary race for Congress that isn't even a Republican.

Charlie Kim ran as a Democrat in his home district and when that didn't pan out, Mr. Kim filed as a Republican in Marter's home district. Kim's politics are somewhere between Lauren Underwood and

AOC, with Underwood, the incumbant, with a voting record that makes AOC look conservative. If you guessed that Mr. Kim is a rabid gun grabber, you're likely smarter than Mr. Kim.

53rd State Senate Race to succeed Sen. Tom Bennett

Balkema, Faber, Kirkton & Bence

The 53rd Senate GOP primary race to replace Senator Tom Bennett stands out as a crowded race where the winner could take the race with 26% of the vote.

Chris Balkema, the Grundy County Board Chairman not only says all the right things about gun rights and conservative values, but he even puts it on his yard signs. At the Grundy County board he cut property taxes four years in a row, passed the Second Amendment Sanctuary resolution and kept a

balanced budget among other things. Protecting the Second Amendment stands front and center in his campaign (and on his website) as well.

Faber doesn't even mention the Second Amendment on his website and has never been to a GSL meeting even though he apparently lives in Livingston County where we hold our Pontiac GSL chapter meeting. Mark Kirkton, the retired Army Lt. Col., hasn't introduced himself at a GSL meeting either, even though he

serves on the Livingston County Board. Kirkton has a Facebook page for his campaign and it makes no mention of Mr. Kirkton's support of (or lack thereof) the right to keep and bear arms.

Susan Wynn Bence brings up the last of the candidates. She worked as the chief of staff for Sen. Bennett's when he was a state rep., which means she's probably his favorite. She's got her carry license and knows of our struggles. She's also served on the Iroquois County Board.

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Houston 14-year-old home alone fatally shoots would-be home intruder

Houston (Breitbart) - A 14-year-old boy home alone in Houston, Texas, shot and killed an alleged robber around 7:00 a.m. Thursday.

The Forth Worth Star-Telegram reported that the 14-year-old "saw the man at the front door...[allegedly] wearing gloves and a backpack."

The 14-year-old's parents were gone. He grabbed a handgun and "fired five or six shots at the man," killing the alleged robber.

Memphis home invaders meet armed resident, get shot

Memphis (Fox13) - An early morning home invasion ended with two men shot, police said.

One died, while a second man was in critical condition, according to the Memphis Police Department (MPD).

Police said the two men broke into an apartment at the Cedarwoods Apartments in Raleigh. Police said the person renting the apartment woke up and saw the suspects breaking in and shot them.



Surprise! Someone else has a gun in Surprise, Arizona

Surprise, AZ (3TV/CBS 5) — A man who was shot dead at a Taco Bell in Surprise over the weekend was the first to point his gun, police said on Monday.

Around 1:30 a.m. Sunday, police were called to the fast food restaurant near Prasad Parkway and Waddell Road, near Loop 303, after reports of a person with a gun. Police say that 24-year-old Adrian Garduno was in his vehicle in the drive-thru when an argument broke out with two others in a separate vehicle. As the argument escalated, Garduno got out of his vehicle, pulled a gun and pointed it at the other people, according to police. That's when a man in the other vehicle shot Garduno multiple times.



CCW holders use their sights to aim

Chicago gang banger tow truck driver FAFOD

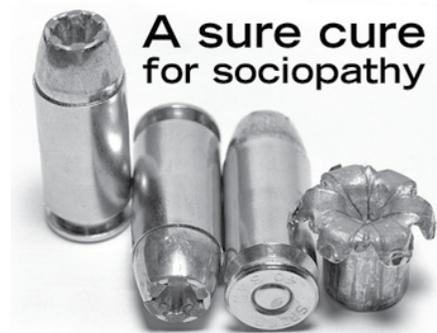
Chicago (CWB Chicago) — A tow truck driver opened fire on two competitors over a job, only to learn the hard way that the competitors were armed concealed-carry license holders, according to prosecutors, who have now charged the man with two counts of attempted murder.

David Soto, 33, remains hospitalized, recovering from multiple gunshot wounds he received during the January 31 altercation. He was on felony pretrial release at the time of the allegations, making him the second person charged with murder, attempted murder, or trying to shoot someone this year while on felony pretrial release.

Chicago intruder should have knocked

Chicago (Fox32) - A concealed carry license holder shot a man trying to break into his apartment Monday morning in the South Shore neighborhood.

A 30-year-old man forced his way into the apartment around 12:30 a.m. in the 7100 block of South Jeffery Boulevard, according to Chicago police. Once inside, he was shot in the leg by a 29-year-old man who is a concealed carry license holder, police said.



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Chicago CCW holder sends armed robbery crew fleeing (and leaking)

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — A concealed carry holder exchanged gunfire with an armed robbery crew in Edgewater this morning, putting a quick end to the group's ongoing holdup spree.

Chicago police said the 23-year-old victim was walking in the 5400 block of North Winthrop when two cars, a white sedan and a dark-colored SUV, stopped nearby around 4:22 a.m.

One gunman stepped out of one of the vehicles to demand the victim's valuables. But the victim, licensed to carry a concealed firearm, pulled out his weapon and engaged the robber in a gunfight, according to a CPD statement.

Sometimes the truth is uncomfortable to the woke mob

'ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE'

Author of Harvard study received death threats after study shows cops LESS likely to shoot at blacks, Hispanics in self-defense

(FoxNews) - A Harvard professor said that "all hell broke loose" and he was forced to go out in public with armed security after he published a study that found no evidence of racial bias in police shootings.

During a sit-down conversation with Bari Weiss of *The Free Press*, Harvard Economics Professor Roland Fryer discussed the fallout from a 2016 study he published on racial bias in Houston policing.

The study found that police were more than twice as likely to manhandle, beat or use some other kind of nonfatal force against blacks and Hispanics than against people of other races. However, the data also determined that officers were 23.8 percent less likely to shoot at blacks and 8.5 percent less likely to shoot at Hispanics than they were to shoot at whites.

When Fryer claimed the data showed "no racial dif-

ferences in officer-involved shootings," he said, "all hell broke loose," and his life was upended.



Professor Roland Fryer.

Fryer received the first of many complaints and threats four minutes after publication.

"You're full of s—t," the sender said.

Fryer said people quickly "lost their minds" and some of his colleagues refused to believe the results after months of asking him not to print the data.

"I had colleagues take me to the side and say, 'Don't publish this. You'll ruin your career,'" Fryer revealed.

The world-renowned economist knew from comments by faculty that he was likely to garner backlash. Fryer admitted that he anticipated the results of the study would be different and would confirm suspicions of racial bias against minorities. When the results found no racial bias, Fryer hired eight new assistants and redid the study. The data came back the same.

After the report was published, Fryer lived under police protection for over a month. He had a seven-day-old daughter at the time and went shopping for diapers.

"I was going to the grocery store to get diapers with the armed guard. It was crazy. It was really, truly crazy," he said.

NEAR DECATUR!

Fugitive pair flees police, seek refuge in two residences... armed homeowners greet them, hold them for police

Argenta (Decatur Herald & Review) — Police said two fugitives who rammed a squad car and tried to flee to separate houses in the countryside near Argenta were met with the same fate: they were held at gunpoint by armed homeowners until the cops got there and arrested them.

A news release from the Macon County Sheriff's Office praised the gun owners for "properly utilizing firearm training and assisting law enforcement..."

"Deputies received a report that the males were outside a nearby residence seeking refuge but were met by the homeowner armed with a firearm," said Reynolds. One of the men fled but the other was held at gunpoint until police could arrest him.

His accomplice ran to another nearby residence but also found himself confronted by an armed homeowner, according to police. "The vigilant homeowner effectively held the offender at gunpoint, promptly calling 911," said Reynolds.

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The 'Elites' hate you and me... but we can still fight back

America's elites, just like those elsewhere in the world, hate the little people. These wealthy and powerful people hold everyday Americans in utter contempt. In fact, it's almost like they want to take us back to the Stone Age when it comes to prosperity and life - or lack thereof.

They want to ration food and energy to protect Mother Earth - or Gaia. They want us to eat bugs while they enjoy Waygu beef and sip the finest wines.

They want to ban private property and "transition" to a digital currency to increase their control over your life. How will they control you? You'll have a "social score." Play nice, life will be easy. Cause problems? You'll find your bank account frozen until you fall back into compliance.

If you think the elites support commoners' right to keep and bear arms, you've been spending too much time at the marijuana dispensary.

Gun ownership stands in the way of their great "sustainable development" plans for mankind. So guns must be regulated then banned. First registered then confiscated.

If you look under the hood of the "Green New Deal," Agenda 21, Agenda 30 and all the rest, all you will find is authoritarianism - strict obedience to authority at the expense of personal freedom. Authoritarianism is a lot of letters for one word so let's simplify it: communism.

These people advocating for these "Great Reset" plans, whether do-gooders or would-be tyrants want complete government control over all aspects of life. Don't think for a second they aren't already implementing these "sustainable development" rules at the local level. Just look at your local zoning rules and plans for future growth (and restrictions on land use development outside of those urban areas).

Even the great serial drunk driver State Rep. Kam Buckner introduced a bill in the Illinois House to ban single-family housing neighborhoods state-wide. Klaus Schwab and George Soros no doubt send their thanks along with a case of the finest vodka.

Be it the World Economic Forum or the Uni-party controlling American government composed of both Democrats and Establishment Republicans, they all support either outright Marxism/communism or a close cousin.

"You will own nothing and you will like it."

Fighting back.

Can you do something about this? You bet. The low-information types are voting us into this. By educating those less-informed in your sphere of influence, you can help people to understand the truth so we will all be better, smarter citizens. This might be in your household and workplace. It might also include your friends, family and neighbors. It also might include members of any clubs and organizations you belong to. Whatever the size of your megaphone, use it.

What else can you do? Vote. Every single time. Show up at the meetings of your local government. City council meetings, school board meetings, and all those other "little" government meetings. If they're considering adopting this "globalism" stuff, bring your friends and speak up. Educate them.

How do you know where to go for super-critical deliberations? Join organizations that help track these issues. For instance, the John Birch Society fights those promoting globalism and communism. They help mobilize opposition to these programs and have success shutting these proposals down through education for those willing to listen.

Who else? The Illinois Freedom Alliance is working along similar lines, including their great work fighting for election integrity programs.

You might even consider working within your local political party to affect change. A strong grassroots program starts with precinct committeemen, poll watchers and election judges.

While it might sound like work to fight back against the New World Order or whatever they've rebranded themselves as this week, it's nothing compared to what our Founding Fathers risked to give us the greatest nation on Earth. If we can keep it.



What draws young people to radical leftist ideology?

Have you ever wondered what it is that draws so many young people to radical leftist ideology, to become a goon for groups like Antifa, BLM, eco-weenies, Feminazis, and other hard-left causes?

While there may be other reasons, it seems one very logical answer was offered way back in 1921, by Aldous Huxley. He wrote: "The surest way to work up a crusade in favor of some good cause is to promise people they will have a chance of maltreating someone. To be able to destroy with good conscience, to be able to behave badly and call your bad behavior 'righteous indignation'— this is the height of psychological luxury, the most delicious of moral treats."

We can see bad behavior cloaked as "righteous indignation" behind nearly every leftist hissy fit resulting in mob action, where no one is held to account for their misdeeds, except some old people in MAGA hats.

The Dems have wagered it's in their interest to provide the political, legal, and media protections necessary to encourage the sort of mayhem that follows even the slightest perceived wrong, which is always deemed the product of White supremacy. It doesn't matter what the grievance is, from the Middle East to the Mexican border to a drug deal

gone bad, Whitey is always to blame.



The prospect of wielding the political power needed to punish Whitey in an orgy of class vengeance and reparations is the glue that holds the many fragmented Marxist tribes of the Democrat Party together.

And, it's Joe Biden's cabbage-level IQ, his gross incompetence, and his contempt for the Constitution and the taxpayer, that serves to nurture anti-American attitudes in the public schools and encourages the despotic instincts of the Democrats aiming to weaponize righteous indignation and to destroy with good conscience, those damn deplorables who are just trying to Make America Great Again.

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The real story of the two Americas

by Stephen Moore

(Daily Caller) - For the past thirty years or so the left has invented a narrative that there are two Americas.

A group of very super-rich people (the one percenters) who have prospered over the past several decades, and everyone else who has gotten poorer.

It's a fairy tale narrative because almost all Americans have seen financial progress.

The median household income adjusted for inflation rose by more than 40% since 1984.

Prosperity isn't an "us versus them" zero-sum game. A rising tide really does lift all boats.

But there really are Two Americas today.

First, there are the cultural and over-educated snobs – the kind of people who religiously read the New York Times, drive EVs, wear Harvard or Yale sweaters, and have never even heard of NASCAR or eaten at Popeyes or ridden a John Deere tractor.

And then there is normal main street America. The snobs thumb their collective noses at the unrefined working-class Americans. The elites believe they are intellectually, culturally, and morally superior to the working class and rural America. You won't see too many elites at a Trump rally with 30,000 people.

A group I helped found, the Committee to Unleash Prosperity, just published a study entitled "Them Vs. U.S." examining how America's cultural elites (defined as at least one postgraduate degree, \$150,000+ annual income, high-density urban residence, and attended an Ivy League school) are hopelessly out of touch with ordinary Americans. Pollster Scott Rasmussen did the research.

Here are some of the key jaw-dropping revelations from the survey:

Financial Well-being: Nearly three-quarters of the elites surveyed, believe they are better off now financially than they were when Joe Biden entered the White House. Less than 20% of ordinary Americans feel the same way.

Individual Freedom: Elites are three times more likely than all Americans to say there is

too much individual freedom in the country. Astonishingly, almost half of the elites and almost six-of-ten ivy leaguers say there is too much freedom.

Climate Change: An astonishing 72% of the Elites – including 81% of the Elites who graduated from the top universities – favor banning gas cars. And majorities of elites would ban gas stoves, non-essential air travel, SUVs, and private air conditioning. That means no air travel with the kids to Disney World.

Education: Most elites think that teachers unions and school administrators should control the agenda of schools. Most mainstream Americans think that parents should make these decisions.

Oh, and about three-quarters of these cultural elites are Biden supporters. Surprised?

The Grand Canyon-sized divide between the elites in America and ordinary Americans is so profound that it is as if they live in two different countries.

Silicon Valley, Manhattan, and Washington, D.C. have become bubbles that have lost contact with everyday Americans. This explains why the political class – which is a big part of the elite group – is confused by poll numbers showing that voters are feeling financially stressed out. The elites are doing fine, so they believe that everyone is prospering. I suspect that most don't want radical change in the public schools because their kids attend blue-chip private schools. They are fine with abolishing SUVs because in big cities Americans generally don't drive those cars – if they drive cars at all.

Crime, illegal immigration, inflation, fentanyl, and factory closings aren't keeping the elite up at night because in their cocoons they don't encounter these problems on a daily basis the way so many Americans do today.

Not too many main street Americans are losing sleep about climate change or LGBTQ issues.

The elites in America tend to work in the "talking professions" – university professors, journalists, lawyers, actors, and lobbyists. They keep talking and normal Americans are more than ever not listening to them.



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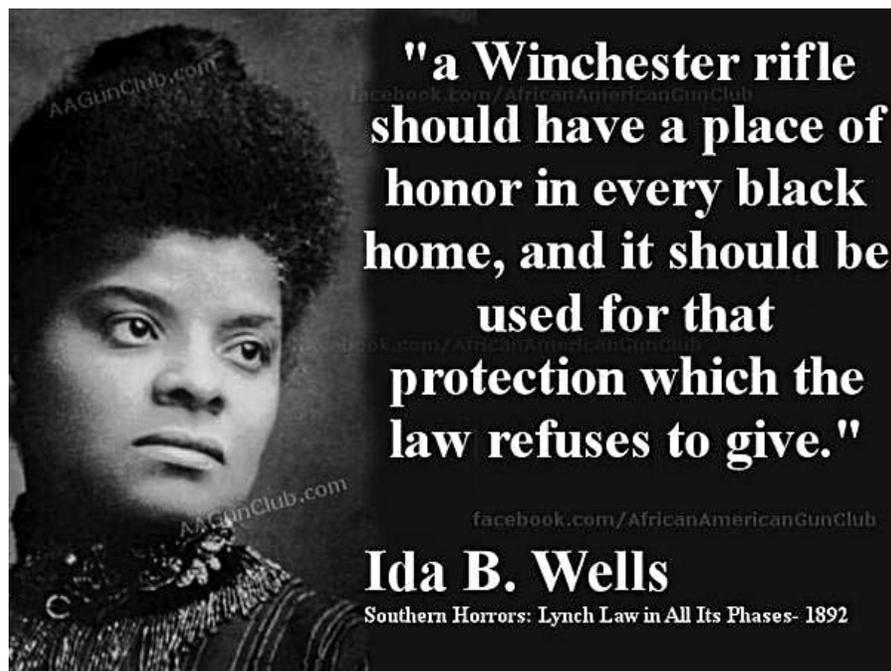
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Ida B. Wells

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Kansas City mass casualty incident: Gang violence or Islamic terror?

We all saw the post-Superbowl parade mass casualty incident in Kansas City, Missouri. All told 21 were wounded and one person died. A dozen kids were wounded.



Was it gang violence erupting from young gang members with little impulse control? Or was it more ominous?

At first it surely seemed like gang violence, but looking closer at the images of the alleged perps, a whole lot of folks are thinking something else entirely.

Look at the face of the first suspect police apprehended.



Big Country Expat describes him as this:

I've seen that look before. That right there is not the face of a "gangbanger."

Nope.

Last time I saw a hardened, flat-eyed, emotionless look like that was at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay. From hardcore Jihadis. That dude above is not

a homeboy by any means.

Some in the media have suggested that the guy pictured above is Sahil Omar, an illegal immigrant. Now the media are backpedaling furiously to walk that back.

His name may or may not be Omar, but he looks way too old to be engaging in petty gang shootouts. He didn't get that old being teenage stupid in the gang culture.

Here's his fellow traveller:



Again, more from *Big Country Expat*, a veteran:

Now him? He does pass as black, however looking closely, that pencil thin 'stache that he has? Plus the facial structure? Guy looks Egyptian to me... And according to sources there were three of these guys.



Here's a shot of the suspect's gun. It's an AR with a Promag 40-round magazine inserted.

Was this a case of a quartet of Islamic terrorists / sleeper cell agents doing a dry run to assess how a crowd would react to a shooter or three? Or was it just another instance of many of gang members shooting at one another? Time may tell.



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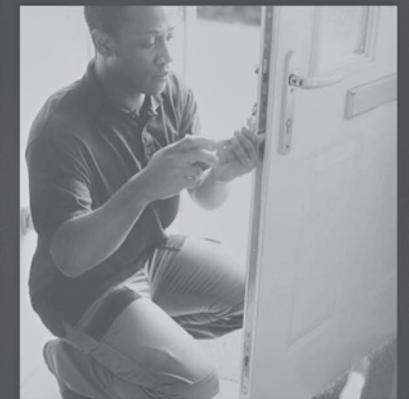
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Meeting roundups

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Chris spoke, pounding the “we have to turn out” in both the primary election in March and the general election this November. He emphasized that there are plenty of very important down-ballot races where your vote will matter. “There is hope!” he said.



Isaiah Hughes.

Our main speakers for the night was Isaiah Hughes of True Force Martial Arts in Charleston. He shared some thoughts on the Krav Maga empty-handed defense program the Israelis use for their soldiers and civilians. Having trained in Krav for quite a few years, he likes how it takes the better parts of a host of different martial arts to create something that is simple and works.

Tina Swim, in the spirit of Valentine’s Day, discussed the pros and cons of various ways for ladies to carry. By the time it was over she must have pulled out at least five (unloaded) guns. Her favorite is the Can-Can Concealment rig which is a glorified belly band for the ladies. It’s versatile, conceals well and generally works well. Someone asked her about dating as a single woman carrying all that hardware and she laughed. “Some guys are intimidated by a woman who carries.” We’re guessing those sorts of guys don’t impress her much, just like the old Shania Twain song.

Paul K. won the gun. Congrats to him. Chris D., the guy who won the gun last month, won the 50/50 this month.

LaSalle.

Brian Pflibsen and his son Austin from South Post Guns stole the show by bringing some Class III full auto guns, along with a couple of suppressed full-autos for people to see up close. He shared a great presentation on their new range which opened about three months ago. It’s clean, modern and very nice. It’s also handicapped accessible, too.

They also just completed a two-lane archery range as well. Included in their offerings are full-auto gun rentals as well as suppressed rentals.



Brian Pflibsen and son Austin with some of their full auto and suppressed rental guns at LaSalle.

We heard from a number of candidates including Crystal Loughran, Jim Marter and Tom Yager running for various office both state and national.

Rosie Delgado won the Ruger LCP II Lite-Rack.

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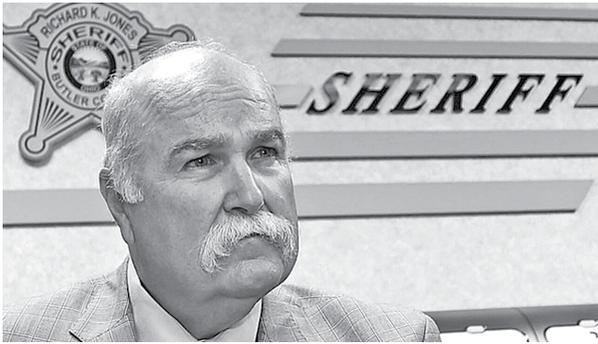
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Ohio Sheriff warns American people of worsening border invasion
'More Red Flags Than Before 9-11'

With minor corrections for spelling and readability.

(ZeroHedge) - The Biden administration's radical southern border policies have led to the greatest invasion of migrants this nation has ever seen, including a significant number of military-aged men from around the world. This situation has raised alarm bells within the FBI, prompting the head of the federal agency to alert local law enforcement agencies across the US in a meeting last week.

On Wednesday, Ohio Sheriff Richard K. Jones held a press conference where he shared details about a meeting in Washington, DC, that he attended alongside sheriffs from across the nation. The meeting featured discussions with Christopher Wray, the director of the FBI.

Jones explained the president has refused to meet with the 3,300 sheriffs and police chiefs across the US amid the border crisis and eruption in violent crime nationwide.

"We were also told by Mr. Wray, the FBI director, that there are more red flags going off now than before 9-11," Jones said.

Here's part of the transcript of the sheriff's press conference where he explains Wray's warning for America (transcript courtesy of Wall Street Apes):

*"They're bringing something here to cause us harm. You have to believe that. **China has safe houses in every state in the United States.***

My name is Rick Jones. I'm the Butler County Sheriff, Butler County, Ohio. I just came back from the National Sheriff's Training in DC... We were briefed by the FBI Director Wray, the director of the FBI, and several federal agencies. There's 3,054 sheriffs in the United States.

The President of the United States refuses to meet with the sheriffs. He also refuses to meet with the police chiefs of the United States.

We were also told by Mr. Wray, the FBI director, that there are more red flags going off now than before 9-11. Okay?

When I say red flags, meaning people that are here in this country that are wanting to do harm to us. We were also explained we're bombing two countries right now. Two countries. These people do not like us before this started. There's thousands of people here from other countries, 160 different countries. They're here not to be our friends.

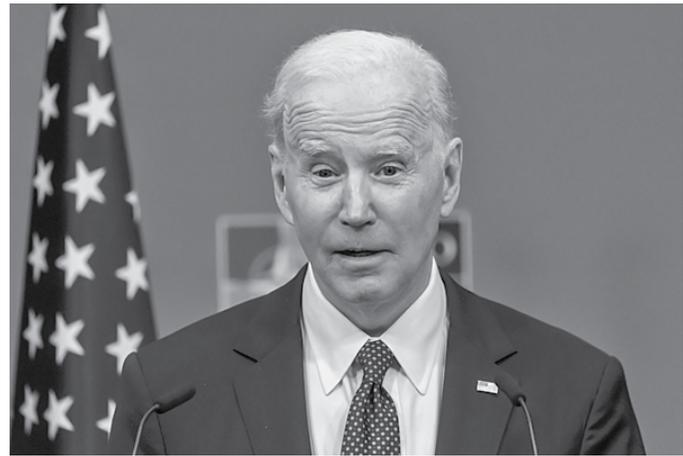
Some of them are coming because they're wanting to come here to the best country in the world, the way we see it. Some are coming here to do harm to us. And we were told by the FBI director, it's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when. We were also told by five sheriffs went to Israel five weeks after the attack.

The only thing that saved the Israelis, their government, was the local police. They were outgunned, outmanned.



The Palestinians came over. They killed, raped. The local police are what saved that country. The [Hamas operatives] went house-to-house, raping, killing.

When our guys got there, the sheriffs said, they just don't hate us. They hate you guys [Americans] equally. And the same people that train them are the same people that train people to hate us.



President Non Compos Mentis

By John Kass (John Kass News) - Do you really think the bizarre angry-old-man cane waving performance of President Non Compos Mentis demonstrates his fitness for office?

Because after that politically disastrous news conference in the White House is where we are now.

Biden is no longer mentally fit to be commander-in-chief. He's an empty husk. I told you he was a meat puppet years ago. Last week, on national television, he proved it.

The world is on the edge of war. China is pushing us in the Pacific, Iran pushes us across the Middle East. Russia is taking Ukraine, despite our war party's best effort to bring us to the edge of world war. And the president is not in possession of his right mind. He's slow and senile and the world can see it.

He is President Non Compos Mentis. That is lawyer talk, Latin for "of unsound mind."

How did this come about? Biden's Justice Department the other day ruled that the president was not mentally fit

to stand trial on the issue of whether he'd illegally and for years taken top secret documents and stored them in broken boxes in his messy garage. He did willfully take the documents. He did in fact put them in broken boxes in his junky garage.

But the special prosecutor appointed by Attorney General Merrick Garland declined to press charges. Why? Biden is unfit to stand trial.

He's not fit to stand trial, but he's fit to be president?

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Are the feds *buying* gun data on private citizens?

The Biden Administration has shown time and time again how they weaponize federal law enforcement agencies against gun owners.

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A recent report by the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security highlighted how several DHS component agencies, including the Secret Service, bought Americans' phone location data without a court order.

Several other agencies, including the IRS, FBI, and the Defense Intelligence Agency, also admitted to using data brokers to sidestep American's Fourth Amendment rights.

Under normal circumstances, a Judge would need to issue a warrant to collect this kind of data, but in this case, private companies act as a middleman

Government lawyers have decided that the Fourth Amendment does not apply to Americans' personal data — if the government buys it from data brokers.



COURTS

Whack-a-doodle-do

Hawaii Supreme Court: No right to carry under 'Spirit of Aloha'

Hawaii's Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled that the state doesn't have to adhere to a constitutional right to carry firearms in public, deviating from a 2022 US Supreme Court decision affirming such a right.

Pennsylvania ban on young adult carry struck down

(ZeroHedge) - Pennsylvania's ban on adults under 21 carrying guns in public violates the U.S. Constitution, a federal court ruled on Jan. 18.

Federal appeals court: Mexico's lawsuit against US gunmakers can proceed

(ZeroHedge) - A \$10 billion lawsuit by Mexico against U.S. gunmakers, alleging that the companies "deliberately" enabled firearms trafficking into the country, can move forward, an appeals court has ruled.

MEDIA



Taylor Lorenz needs to learn to code.

'The entire journalism industry is in freefall'

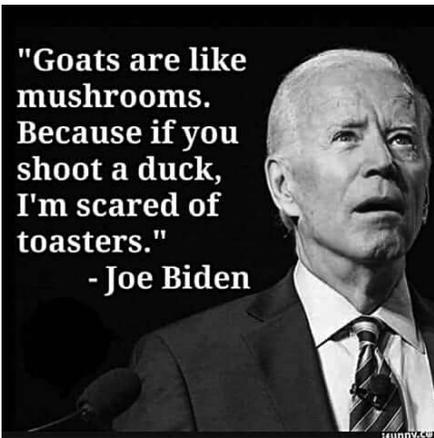
Taylor Lorenz vlogs the death of MSM as BuzzFeed, Insider and Vice jettison assets

Television is in a free fall too...

Jimmy Kimmel: Biden's dementia just a 'crazy conspiracy theory'

(ZeroHedge) - During a monologue about the Taylor Swift psyop, late night comedian Jimmy Kimmel suggested that it was a 'crazy conspiracy theory' to believe that Joe Biden might be suffering from dementia.

Calendar



GUN SHOWS...

March

Mar 2-3: Kankakee Gun Show, Kankakee County Fairgrounds Kankakee, IL. Mike (630) 363-3131.
Mar 10: Kane County Sportsman's Show, Kane County Fairgrounds, St Charles, IL. Mick Stout (815) 217-2266
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Biden says he can't remember a single time his memory has failed him.

Joe Biden repeats threats against gun owners

Washington (GSL) - "You've heard, 'the tree of liberty is watered with the blood of patriots?' Guess what, man? I didn't see a whole lot of patriots out there walking around making sure that we have these weapons. If you really want to worry about the government, you need an F-16. You don't need an AR-15," President Biden said to the Conference of Mayors meeting.

[Editor: Is that why the US abandoned \$87B in military gear to the Taliban?]



Too cognitively impaired to be charged with a crime, but not too cognitively impaired to be the Commander-in-Chief

Biden gets pass on classified documents case because he's cognitively impaired

(ZeroHedge) - The latest evidence of a two-tiered justice system and Democrats apparently above the law comes in a report released Thursday afternoon by the special counsel investigating President Biden's mismanagement of classified documents, which decided against charging the president.



Better late than never...

Texas declares an 'invasion'

(ZeroHedge) - Texas Governor Greg Abbott just drew a hard line in the sand, putting the Biden administration on notice that he's declared the migrant crisis an "invasion" and invoked Texas's constitutional authority to defend and protect itself.

According to Abbott, "That authority is the supreme law of the land and supersedes any federal statutes to the contrary. The Texas National Guard, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and other Texas personnel are acting on that authority, as well as state law, to secure the Texas border."

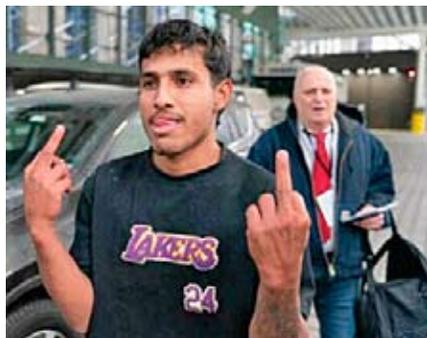


There's dumb. Then there's felony stupid.

Attorney Ben Crump: Crime could be eliminated if we legalized crime

(ZeroHedge) - During a recent appearance on MSNBC, a black activist lawyer suggested that crime in the United States could be completely eliminated if all crime was just legalized...

The comments were made by Ben Crump, who specializes in civil rights cases and was the attorney for the families of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd.



Tales from crime-infested blue zones

Illegals who beat NYPD cops released without bail, given free bus tickets to California under fake names

New York City (ZeroHedge) - Four out of five illegal migrants who were caught on camera attacking two NYPD cops in Times Square were arrested, set free on no bail, and then given free bus tickets to California.

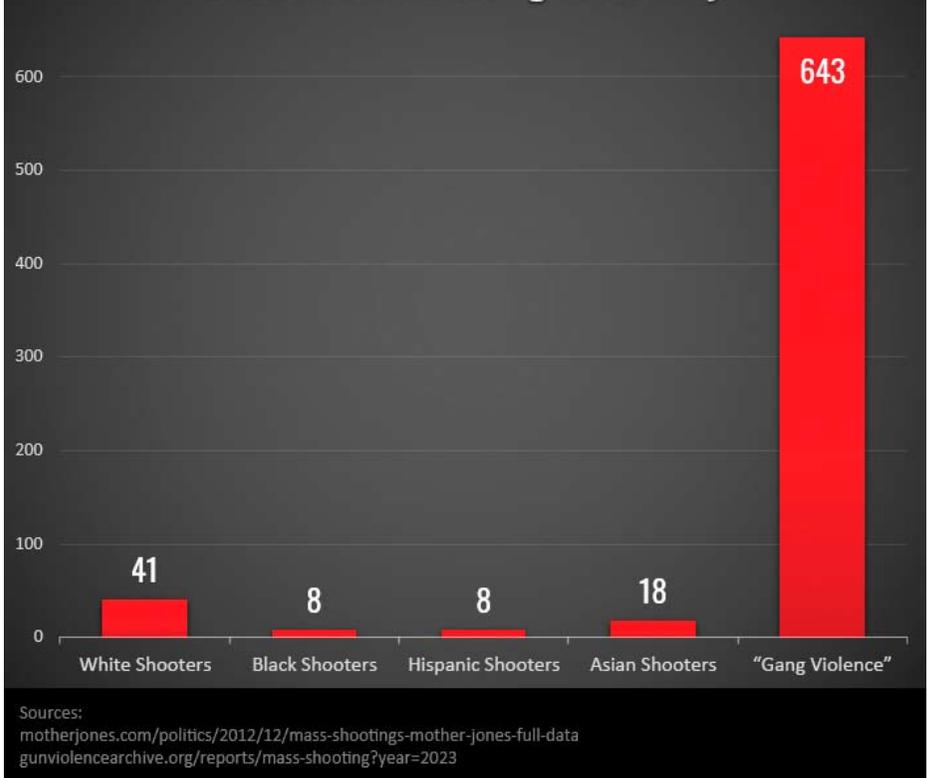
Following their release, a smirking Johan Boada, 22, could be seen giving a double middle finger to media covering the situation.

Leftist San Fran mayor scrambles for survival by backing efforts to restore law-and-order

(ZeroHedge) - So what changed in just a few short years, San Francisco Mayor London Breed?

[A]fter years of defunding the police, the mayor decided to refund them. This was primarily because of the tsunami of violent crime triggered by failed social justice policies that led to a massive exodus of residents and businesses. And with the exodus, the metro area also deals with a commercial real estate crisis.

2023 Mass Shooting Deaths by



REMINDER: It is GANG VIOLENCE, not 'gun violence'

(ZeroHedge) - Legacy media's reporting on mass shootings does not reflect reality.

X account Unbiased Crime Report said, "According to Mother Jones, there were only 12 mass shootings in 2023!?"

"Meanwhile, CNN will tell you there were 658 mass shootings in 2023," the Unbiased Crime Report said.

But legacy media conveniently leaves out the majority of mass shootings were labeled "gang violence..."

Another inconvenient truth is that most gang shootings occur in imploding Democrat-controlled cities where gun control is the strictest.

No matter how much you hate the media, it's probably not enough

'Free Palestine' written on gun in shooting at Lakewood Church, but motive a mystery: Sources

Houston (ABC News) — "Free Palestine" was written on the gun belonging to a woman who opened fire at celebrity pastor Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston, according to a law enforcement official briefed on the investigation.

However, a motive behind the Sunday afternoon shooting has not been determined.

The Slate reporter describes violent home intruder as 'the victim' in defensive gun use

Columbia, SC (The Slate) - A woman acted in self-defense when she shot and killed a man who broke into her home early Sunday morning, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

On Tuesday, the Richland County Coroner's Office said 36-year-old Hopkins resident Brandon Praylow was the victim.



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New group Illinois Firearms Assoc.'s fundraising letters beg for big bucks

by John Boch

When you hear about the Dorr Brothers, please don't think "scam artists." Don't think "grifters." Whatever you do, don't think "crooks."

Yes, the Dorr Brothers have arrived in Illinois. They've blanketed the state with not one, but two fundraising mailings for the "Illinois Firearms Association."

The group was registered last fall and started a Facebook page with a post in mid-January. They also secured a private mailbox at a UPS Store in Peoria. With all that, they plan to turn things around in Springfield with their hard-core, "no compromise" advocacy on guns.

Or so they say.



When I called the number on their website, I spent 9 minutes and 54 seconds speaking with Alex Dorr before he called me a Fudd and hung up.

Alex, according to the ILFA's

parent organization the American Firearms Association, works as a registered lobbyist in Georgia, about 595.5 miles from Springfield, IL.

They're bringing their dubious tactics to the Land of Lincoln. For instance, in their first fundraising mailer, they claim to be fighting the gun ban in court. However, when pressed, Alex Dorr admitted they have no lawsuits. He did claim that he sat in the gallery during oral arguments. Sitting in the gallery is pretty hard-core stuff, right? In fairness they filed an amicus brief in one of the many cases.



He claimed that squishy legislative Republicans won't call pro-gun bills to the floor of the house. When pressed about how that was supposed to happen, Alex claimed that any two legislators can use parliamentary procedures to call a bill to a floor vote. I suspect Alex has never been to the Illinois General Assembly building, much less learned how legislation hap-

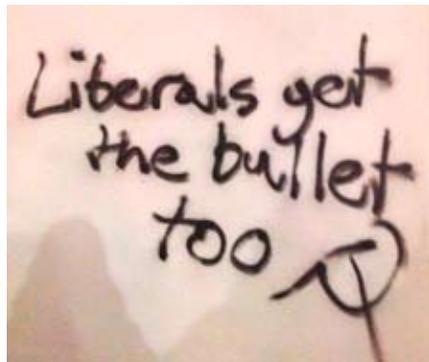
pens in Springfield. He did sound pretty authoritative in delivering his ignorant belief.

The cherry on top was when he claimed that the American Firearms Association was responsible for passing Constitutional Carry in six or eight states including Iowa and Ohio. The only problem is that in both states, the people who actually did the work to make it happen said (in one case in a floor speech ahead of the vote in Iowa) that the American Firearms Association and the Dorr Brothers not only didn't help with passing the measure, but that their antics proved an impediment to passage.

Our advice to gun owners? Don't give your money to scam artists and grifters.

Support known entities who are getting proven results. This certainly doesn't have to be GSL. If you like the NRA-ILA, or Gun Owners of America, give to them. If the Firearms Policy Coalition, the Aurora Sportsman's Club SADEC fund, FFL-IL or the Second Amendment Foundation are more your speed, go for it. Each of the aforementioned groups actually do the work necessary to make life better for gun owners. They get real, documented results supporting and defending the Second Amendment for everyone.

A message from your buddies at the local Antifa chapter



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