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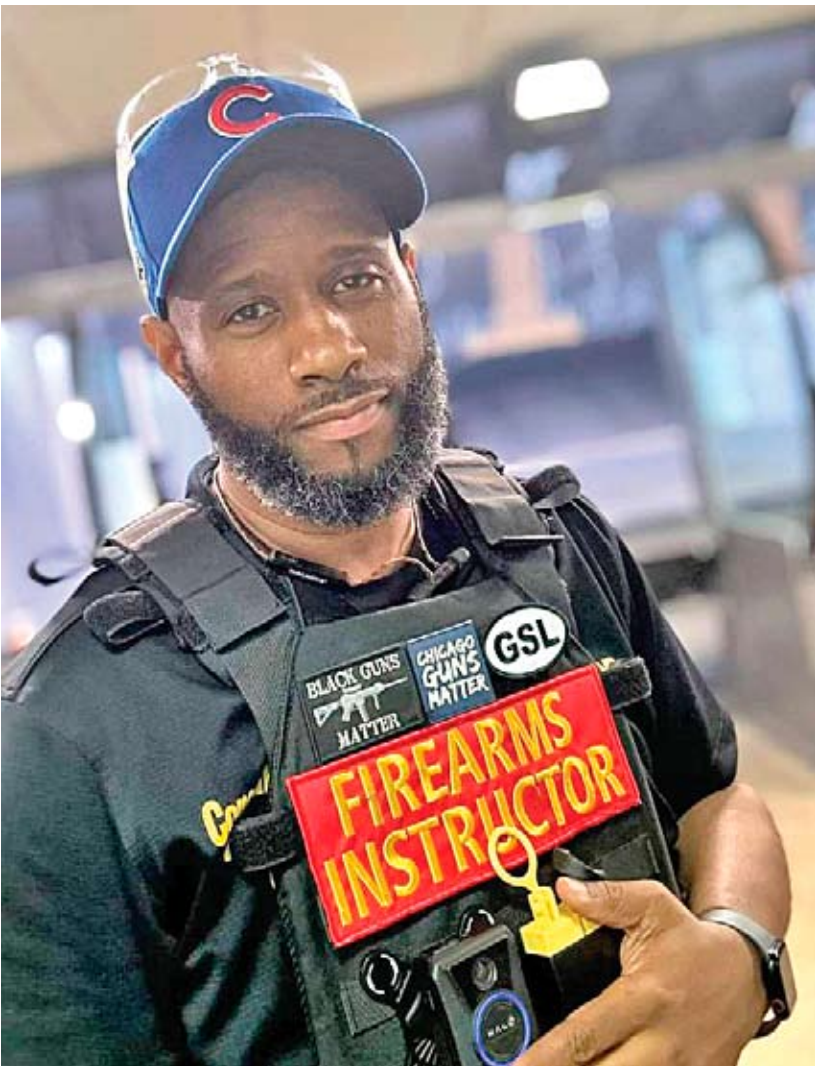
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*Beware of Iranian / Hezbollah / Hamas sleeper cells activating in America*

# REMAIN VIGILANT



Firearms Instructor Mike Brown on the range in Chicagoland.

(GSL) - As though Americans, and Illinoisans, needed another reason to practice their "ABCs" - otherwise know as "Always Be Carrying" - the conflict in the Middle East between Israel and Iran provides it. Not because Iran is going to invade downtown Chicago, but because of terrorist sleeper agents embedded in our communities might activate, disrupting our lives and killing our fellow Americans.

Thanks to our porous border, millions of unknown persons have entered our nation. Not all of these military-aged males have America's best interests at heart.

Open-source intelligence data suggests there may be between 3800 and 38,000 Hamas and

Hezbollah sleeper cell bad guys in America. Should America take a more active role in the Middle East conflict against Iran, that may be one of the automatic activation scenarios for those radicals in our midst.

Even if just 10% of the low estimate of sleeper agents activate, that works out to almost 100 4-man teams committing all manner of attacks against infrastructure targets as well as soft targets like schools, hospitals, shopping malls, sporting events and much more. Thanks to streaming video, they could and probably would stream some of their atrocities to terrorize the American public in general.

While as individuals we cannot influence the Biden Administra-

tion, we can stay extra vigilant in our daily lives and take steps to mitigate problems for our own families in the event of terrorist or cyber attacks cripple infrastructure including public utilities in our communities.

The worst case scenario might involve Iran hitting us with an Electromagnetic Pulse attack, crippling some unprotected electronics over a wide swath of the nation.

So maintain your situational awareness in public. If you see something, call 911 and say something. Keep your car's fuel tank full, carry your firearms everywhere you can legally do so and pay attention just in case things get spicy here in America's fly-over country.

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*This issue in memory of  
Larry D. Megenhardt &  
Bill Hutchins.*

## May 2024

- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: April 24, May 29, June 26  
Eagles Club, 3535 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **April 28, No May Meeting**, June 30  
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights  
*Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.*
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **May 6**, June 6,  
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **May 7**, June 4, July 2  
Pontiac Sportsman's Club, 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **May 1**, June 5, July CANCELLED  
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (*Program at 6:45pm*)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **May 2**, June 6, July CANCELLED  
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Danville:** Second Monday **May 13**, June 10, July 8  
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **May 14**, June 11, July 9  
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **May 8**, June 12, July 10  
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove  
*Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.*
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **May 9**, June 13, July 11  
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **May 16**, June 20, July 18  
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St. Utica
- **Geneseo:** Last Tuesday: **Inaugural meeting June 25**  
VFW Post 5083, 223 S. State St, Geneseo

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Come on out and join us. Good food, good fun and good friends.  
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# Sights across Illinois at GSL events...



## Now that's a service animal!

Neal Stephens with his PTSD K9 Belgian Malinois ready to ride home from the Danville meeting. Yes, his pup rides on this back.



Phillina Bawcum won the 50/50 drawing in Charleston. Congrats to her.



John Anthony ("Black and Right") speaks at Jamie's Outpost in Utica at our LaSalle meeting.



LaSalle County State's Attorney Joe Navarro.



Norman on Western Knives in Decatur.



Peoria County Sheriff Chris Watkins.



John Weber, the NRA-ILA Illinois lobbyist, stands between GSL's Charleston Regional Co-Directors Justin Bawcum and Keith Pippin.



Fritz Fitzgerald, the NRA-ILA Frontlines Activist Leader, spoke in Danville.



We talked nightvision and thermal scopes in Rantoul. They are a game changer and then some. And they are increasingly affordable.

Last Tuesday meeting at VFW Post 5083 in Geneseo

## Coming in June 2024: **GSL Geneseo!**

Gun Valley is the home to multiple gun manufacturers, including Springfield Armory and Rock River Arms. Coming in June, it will be home to the newest regional chapter of Guns Save Life!

Yes, Guns Save Life is coming to Gun Valley with meetings in Geneseo, Illinois. Our newest Regional Director Paul Pardo will lead the charge. We'll meet at the VFW on the LAST TUESDAY of the month starting in June.

Look for more details in next month's issue of *GunNews*. We've got a team of great people eager to share the fun and excitement of GSL meetings with people in Northwestern Illinois. We've also worked out some technical issues with holding chapters in far-flung corners of the state, so it should be a great time with great people. Stay tuned!



## GunNews mail deliveries erratic. We know.

Yes, we know some folks aren't getting their copies of *GunNews* in a timely manner. The US Post Office in Peoria "lost" a pallet of *GunNews* back in November and they were delivered (*checking notes*) 96 days after we mailed them in November. Now the April 2024 issue, with a less triggering cover, is all over the map. Some came in a few days.

So we know for the April issue it's not the Peoria Post Office. We had members in Arizona (like the one pictured above) receive their copies less than a week after they were mailed on March 20th. And others in the suburbs got theirs several days into April. It seems pretty erratic. But at least they didn't sit on them for three months this time.



It's busy in Peoria!



## Meeting summaries

### ChicagoLand.

Easter fell on our traditional last Sunday meeting day so we cancelled. We'll be back for the last Sunday in April and then go have a good Memorial Day weekend with your family in May. We will return in June.

### LaSalle County.

John Anthony, the former State Rep., former cop and now AM560 radio host did a terrific job as our main speaker. "I want to activate you!" he said.

He discussed ways to grow voter participation, acknowledging that they're gutting our rights in Springfield while we are out working and raising our kids. Speaking of kids, he reminded us that we need to help bring the young people to hear our message. After all, without the 2A we have nothing.



John Anthony at LaSalle.

He's optimistic about America and says it's not too late to start making a difference. We had a number of other speakers including the LaSalle County State's Attorney Joe Navarro who shared some of the latest ways the SAFE-T Act is making things more difficult for him in his work.

### Sangamon County.

Dale and Rob repaired one of our sign sets and they're looking for able-bodied folks who can help out this spring working on repairs. Contact Dale Lock at lockdale1953@gmail.com 217-670-9786

Col. French MacLean, US Army Retired did a great presentation on the **The Art of War**. He began with "I finished in the bottom 10% of my class at West Point and they sent me to teach strategy for the US War College and to be the Inspector General for Europe!"

The retired career military man and US War College prof offered his belief that we're already in World War III. He explained why and then talked mostly about how we (both our nation's leaders and our population) better get our act together or we might lose it.

Some big takeaways: You better know about war before you start one - and most of our current leaders know little about war and combat.

French discussed Sun Tzu and Clausewitz and their thoughts on the nature of war. The key point: Winners fight the next war early, and losers fight the last war late. Example: In World War II, the US decided that aircraft carriers, not battleships, would be the technology that wins the seas. Over World War II, the US had 104+ carriers. Germany had 1. The Japanese 20.

French gave a primer on types of war when it comes to the level at which a society is willing to fight. He discussed the types of combat: annihilation, attrition and exhaustion. He discussed different forces contributing to wins or losses including rational (measurable), irrational (emotion - "Remember the Alamo" for instance), and

arational (Acts of God like weather).

Bill Oglesby did Tech Time for us and was very much on his game. (See inset on page 3.)

Mark Hurley spoke briefly, letting folks know the former ICE Director under President Trump will be in Springfield on May 9th. He's a great man with a very interesting story behind him. See sangamonrepublicans.com for ticket information.

Birthday Boy Rob R. won the 50/50 and George E won the gun - a S&W M&P .22 compact.

### Decatur.

We celebrated our five-year anniversary in Decatur.

Norman gave a presentation on "Western Knives" rich in history and examples. He's a purist when it comes to sharpening and likes to keep his blades very sharp.

For tech time, we had some folks bring their favorite .22s. We had everything from a Colt Single Action .22 to a Henry Survival Rifle - the Armalite version.

Chuck R. won the gun from a ticket purchased elsewhere.

### Peoria.

One of our members spoke about the upcoming **Grassroots Rising** event that will be held on Saturday, April 27th. It'll feature a lot of familiar speakers and will teach participants how they can more effectively stand up to the globalist, Make America Last agenda. For more information, visit IllinoisFreedomAlliance.us (see page 11).

We welcomed Peoria County Sheriff Chris Watkins who was truly one of us. "This is amazing," he began in surveying the crowd of about 100 or more.

He's been the top cop for almost two years after the previous sheriff retired. He's seen a lot in his LEO career. Looking ahead, he anticipates a very violent summer ahead.

Talking about the SAFE-T Act or "No Cash Bail" he said the law was very subjective about holding people. Some judges are more worried about getting overturned on appeal than others. Meanwhile sometimes the feds will try cases but they want only the cherry-sweet cases for easy convictions.



Steve Davis shared his recent experience flying with a gun. It can be done, but you need to check and double check with your airline about the policies and procedures.

### Danville.

We opened our meeting on the sad news of the passing of Larry D. Megenhardt. He has been a GSL member and meeting attendee for twenty-five plus years (mostly over in Campaign County) and helped out on the steering

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Bill Oglesby from 2014.

## Bill Oglesby: A national treasure

Bill Oglesby, the internationally-known exhibition shooter and an encyclopedia of firearm-related knowledge joined us at our Sangamon County meeting. He said he was well enough to be out of the hospital for a few days.

He began by talking up the virtues of revolvers, including Old West Guns. "What goes around comes around."

"They're devastating once you know how to use them," he said. They're solid, traditional, reliable and relatively easy for new shooters to use. And so much more.

You would think he's not a fan of plastic guns including Glock. (They're "okay" he said.) He loves his revolvers and 1911 .45s. He opened it up to questions

and that proved the best part of the night.

### Does bullet weight really matter?

Yes. Bill recommended lighter bullets in lighter revolvers for less perceived recoil.

### What's your favorite caliber?

.357 Magnum. With the proper loads you can shoot anything (from wax bullets) up to polar bears with a gun chambered for .357 Magnum. This includes the wide range of loads for .38 Special.

### Barrel length?

Doesn't really matter. Use the proper powder though. Faster-burning powders for snubbies, slower burning for 4" plus. "You don't give up much with the right powder and the right bullet."

### Hammerless vs. Hammer?

Hammer please! More weight equals more inertia to make a proper indentation on the primer to detonate the priming compound. "High primers" (improperly seated) will cause misfires and can tie up a cylinder.

### Cerakote vs. Refinishing?

Cerakote is cheaper but generally pretty good when done well.

### Favorite pistol of all time?

Easy: Colt Single Action. The Ruger Single Action to shoot. The Colt to point. And you need to point a gun well to stop a threat. "If you shoot someone and don't put them down, it tends to piss them off," Oglesby said.

Bill says he's trying to get his book finished before he's finished.

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



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

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

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

**Attn: Drawings  
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### GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

See the "Great Guns 2024"  
M1A Scout Squad on page 12.

**Chicago April: Walther CCP .380**  
**Chicago June: Tisas 1911 .45**  
**Chicago July: Taurus TX22 compact**

**Peoria May: S & W 442 /38+P**  
**Peoria June: Canik subcompact 9mm**

**Pontiac May: Springfield Hellcat 9mm package**  
**Pontiac June: Henry Lever-Action .22**  
**Pontiac July: 1000rds FIOCCHI 9mm**

**Decatur May: Walther 1911A1 .22**

**Rantoul May: TBA**

**Charleston May: S&W Shield Plus 9mm**  
**Charleston June: Ruger 10-22 black polymer stock.**

**Danville May: CCI .22 LR ammo haul**

**LaSalle May: TBA.**



## Executive Director's Report

### A busy month...

by John Boch  
Executive Director

#### Primary Elections

Gun owners did pretty well with candidates who won most of the contested primary races. Our biggest disappointment happened in far southern IL where Darren Bailey wasn't able to defeat 4-term incumbent Congressman Mike Bost. Despite the national Republican Party spending a lot of money there, Bailey only lost by a couple of percentage points. I suspect that if Mr. Bost keeps drinking that Washington DC water and supporting gun control schemes, Darren Bailey will be back in two years with better success.



GSL's John Boch.

I've been told by people far more into politics than I that if the Illinois Republican Party doesn't get its act together *and* if gun owners don't turn out in November, we may lose 2-3 more pro-gun seats in the House and 1-2 in the Senate. Just brace yourself. The "leadership" of the Republican Party in Illinois is inept on a good day.

What can you do to impact results? You can help with election integrity efforts in your neighborhood or community by volunteering as an election judge or a trained observer. As always, motivate right-minded friends to get them out to vote. Vote early and vote often.

#### Legislative.

A chain isn't going to be enough to secure your wallet with the General Assembly now in session. All they need is a simple majority to pass something through the end of the Spring Session. Frankly, we don't have votes to stop gun control bills.



The good news, if you can call it that, is that the Democrat House and Senate leadership usually introduces the worst of the worst bills in the dead of night without any notice to anyone. They did that with PICA and the SAFE-T Act before that.

Probably the most likely gun control measure to pass is a bill to automatically give search warrants in Emergency Orders of Protection and Red Flag orders. These would allow cops to search for and seize guns, ammo and gun parts. They're also expanding who can file for an OP to include someone who claims they've been "intimate" with you. Call this the "Bad Tinder Date" expansion.



We'll be watching and you should as well. Watch Greg Bishop's YouTube channel called "Bishop On Air" for the latest updates. Greg works in the General Assembly and broadcasts live each morning. Those are then available to listen to anytime.

#### The court case involving the illegal alien in Chicago

The federal court case involving the "new American" or whatever the White House is calling illegal aliens this week has been sensationalized all beyond belief.

Yes, an Obama-appointed federal judge ruled that an illegal in Chicago cannot be prosecuted for illegally possessing a gun under the Bruen decision.

This is an "as applied" decision, meaning it's only for this one defendant in this one instance. It doesn't apply to all persons unlawfully in the US.

Let's give the judge the benefit of the doubt that she's just following the law like she's supposed to as an inferior court.

Lastly, not all of us may like all of the things that the Bruen decision brings... things like reformed felons, non-citizens with guns, etc. But we've seen what happens when we give politicians the ability to nibble away around the edges of our rights, especially when it comes to guns.

Having said all that, this case does bring us one baby step closer to illegal aliens as police officer. How so? The only thing keeping illegal immigrants from Illinois police jobs at the moment is the federal prohibition on illegals possessing / purchasing firearms.



#### The NRA has not abandoned us!

Not only is the NRA in Springfield, but the NRA-ILA's Illinois lobbyist joined us at a number of GSL events in the second week in April. John Weber did a great job bringing folks up to speed and taking questions from audiences.

I spoke with him about hitting a few more regional meetings and he's looking at potentially doing so in the first week in June. Keep an eye on our website and in *GunNews*.

Defending your right to self-defense - in the courts

## Illinois Litigation Update

by John Boch

We continue with a two-pronged attack on Gov. Pritzker's so-called "Protect Illinois Communities Act" gun and magazine ban.

As we noted earlier, we've joined with the NSSF and the NRA-ILA to file an appeal to the US Supreme Court to hear our case. We've heard nothing on that *writ of certiorari*. Bear in mind that SCOTUS turns down accepting 97% of appeals like ours.

We feel we have about a 20% chance of getting accepted by SCOTUS, and having them take a look at the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals decision in the *Bevis* case from last fall.

It's a longshot, but again NSSF and the NRA-ILA are doing the heavy lifting.

#### Trial date in federal district court likely in July!

At the same time we're arguing the case on its merits in federal district court in Southern Illinois. The judge there indicated that he was blocking off time in his schedule starting the second week in July to hear oral arguments.

Along the way, the State of Illinois hit the plaintiffs with onerous discovery demands. Yours truly came back to those after vacation and spent until 4am after the Pontiac meeting in April putting those documents together as they were due the next day.

A lot can happen between now and then, but the case is moving.



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# Illinois News



More rules, restrictions on law-abiding gun owners, less time in prison for violent offenders

## IL legislators move to eliminate life sentences for repeat, violent criminals

**Chicago (CWB Chicago)** — In Illinois, any person twice convicted of murder, criminal sexual assault, aggravated kidnapping, or another Class X felony who is subsequently convicted of one of those crimes a third time risks an automatic life sentence under the state's habitual criminal statute.

But they won't have to worry about that anymore if legislation passed out of the Illinois House Judiciary-Criminal Committee on Thursday becomes law. The proposal aims to repeal both the state's habitual criminal law and the armed habitual criminal law, a separate statute that im-

poses a sentence of six to 30 years on those convicted of certain firearms charges after at least two high-level felonies.

Rep. Rita Mayfield (60th), sponsor of the bill, told the Center Square it's a way for the state to save money.

## Illinois State Police release more gun registry numbers: 98.53% non-compliance

**(GSL)** - In an interview with reporter Greg Bishop, the Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly shared some updated registration numbers for February and March of 2024. Kelly indicated that an additional 682 Illinois gun owners registered regulated "naughty" guns, or parts and accessories.

Given the latest updated number on total FOID holders which now stands at 2,473,655, that means that 98.53% of Land of Lincoln FOID holders registered NOTHING under the so-called Protect Illinois Communities Act gun registry provision.

And only a fool would think that only 1.4% of Illinois gun owners owned America's favorite rifle, the AR-15 or one of roughly 200 other hot-selling hunting, sporting or self-defense semi-automatic firearms.

Nah, the simple truth is that the great majority of owners of these firearms simply opted not to comply.

*Sure wish I had that gun I sold...*  
**Dialled 911... and nobody answered**

**Champaign County, IL (WCIA)** — 911 service in Champaign County is partially unavailable Thursday evening.

The county's METCAD agency announced that they are unable to receive calls via both 911 and non-emergency lines. Texting 911 is, however, still an option.

Most, but not all, have kept their heads down and remained tight-lipped about continuing to keep their guns.



Darren Bailey spent his New Year's working on a jigsaw puzzle.

A few brave souls, including Darren Bailey, have spoken publicly of their refusal to register.

At GSL we recommend keeping a low profile if you still have regulated guns at home.

*Yet Chicago is still Murder City USA*  
**Illinois has most firearm background checks of any state in America**

**(The Center Square)** - For all of 2023, FBI data show Illinois had 3,961,236 total firearm background checks in the country. That's more than any other state and nearly 300,000 more than Kentucky's 3.6 million total checks.

## Trial on merits of Illinois' gun ban could begin July 8, attorney says

**(The Center Square)** — A plaintiff's attorney suing Illinois over the state's gun and magazine ban expects the case to go to trial on the merits in July.

Illinois enacted a ban on more than 170 semi-automatic firearms, attachments and magazines over certain capacities in January 2023. Shortly after, lawsuits were filed alleging the ban violated the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment.

One consolidated case in the Southern District of Illinois in April 2023 sided with the plaintiffs seeking a preliminary injunction while the case played out. That suspension of the law went up to the appeals court. The Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals issued a stay six days later, reversing the preliminary injunction, saying the state had a likelihood of advancing on the merits.

After the appeals court mandate in the case was issued, Southern District of Illinois federal Judge Stephen McGlynn told litigants it was time to address the merits of the case.

Thursday, litigants for the plaintiffs groups and the state met with McGlynn for a status and scheduling conference. Attorney Thomas Maag, who represents the Langley plaintiffs in the case, was there.

"The judge indicated that he has marked off July 8 as the presumptive trial date in this case," Maag told The Center

Square, noting that date hasn't yet been ordered as the start of the trial. "When a judge says he's got something marked on his calendar, that's a pretty good indication of what he's thinking."



Thomas Maag in front of the Southern District Courthouse in East St. Louis. Image courtesy Greg Bishop/The Center Square.

Among the announced deadlines includes any expert reports. Those are due by May 10 with another status hearing for May 15.

Maag said the plaintiffs' experts are ready to deal with the issues at hand.

"The real point of these experts is to explain self-defense scenarios, how these firearms are useful for self defense, mechanically how they function, historical norms, historical examples," he said.

The state argues it needs to ban certain weapons for public safety, calling the banned firearms "assault weapons" and "weapons of war."

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## Will your gun rights be decided by illegals voting in November's election?

by Nancy Hayes  
Illinois Freedom Alliance Election Integrity Chair

Most Americans care deeply about the Constitution and support the right to self-defense. This upcoming election will determine not only our national, state and local political leaders, but whether or not we will retain our marginally pro-gun US Supreme Court as well.

Unfortunately, some of these races - and by extension our gun rights - could be determined by illegal immigrants unlawfully casting votes.



A cop-beating illegal alien photographed after a judge released him under New York's "Bail Reform" law.

On the upside of things, Speaker Johnson joined former President Donald Trump at Mar-a-Lago estate to promote new legislation that will require "proof of citizenship" to vote. This bill would help mitigate voter fraud.

The reality is that the bill will almost certainly not make it through the US Senate. And getting a signature from Joe Biden?

As stated by Speaker Johnson, since Biden took office, over 15 million illegal aliens have flooded into our country. Of course, those are only the numbers of the reported "newcomers", not the "getaways". In reality, let's face it, the number of illegals is probably closer to 20 million.

Imagine if you lived in Texas, Arizona or California for that matter. The number of new voter registrations would be significant. In Texas alone in one week in March, it is reported that over 220,000 people registered to vote. Once those here illegally get their social security numbers, they move on to obtaining temporary IDs and driver's licenses. Once you have those two items, anyone can vote.

Don't believe me. Well, guess what? The states can *not* ask for "proof of citizenship".

Thanks to Motor Voter or the National Voter Registration Act since 1993, states are prohibited from requiring citizens to show proof of citizenship. A state employee at the DMV just asks the person to check the box "proving they are in fact a citizen." That's right. They just ask them to check a box.

In addition, thanks to the Biden Administration, every time an illegal citizen comes

into contact with any federal agency including welfare, they are asked if they are registered to vote. Illegals are not just flooding our border, they surely seem to be flooding our voter rolls as well.

In fact, in 2022 Georgia completed a citizenship review of the state's voter rolls and found 16,234 people attempted to register to vote despite their non-citizen status.

That same year, Texas flagged over 100,000 as potential noncitizens.

Yes, the left-leaning Dems will claim non-citizens voting in our elections are not a problem. They will also claim we already have laws in place.

Yes, we do have laws in place about immigration too but that certainly hasn't stopped foreign nationals from streaming across our border unlawfully, so what makes you think other laws will stop illegals from voting in 2024?

The bill Speaker Johnson has proposed would provide states with access to databases including Homeland Security and Social Security Administration. Moreover, it would require states to remove noncitizens from their existing voter rolls.

Perhaps most importantly, it would require proof of citizenship to register to vote.

And while this bill probably won't make it into law this year, it does lay the foundation for election integrity legislation in the future.

A recent survey showed 78% of Americans want to prevent non-citizens from voting in our elections and considered this a top priority. Even looking at a Monmouth poll from February 2024, 8 out of 10 Americans see illegal immigration as a serious problem.

Only 23 states have a photo ID requirement for voting. In Illinois, I need an ID to cash a check, to get a hotel room, to get on a plane, to buy Sudafed, Drano, booze or smokes, but not to vote on election day.

In addition, 19 states have enacted laws allowing illegal aliens to obtain drivers' licenses. Again, there are no significant accountability measures to check their citizenship, but with a DL and Social Security number, they could certainly register to vote.

Again, with the Biden Administration allowing over 15 - 20 million illegal invaders to enter our country, the threat of non-citizens voting remains very real!

Many people from both sides of the political aisle claim that this 2024 election will be the most important election in the history of our country.

The real question is: Will illegal aliens decide the next election in America and by extension the future of our Second Amendment?

## 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.

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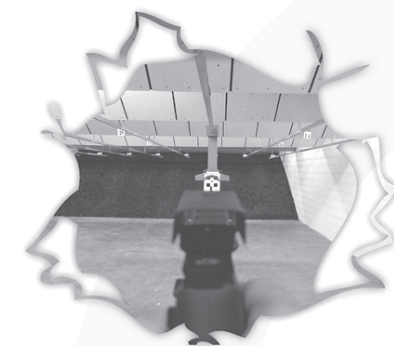
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## Situational Awareness, Concealment and Cover

The most powerful weapon you can ever own is not a Glock 10mm; it is not a Mark XIX Desert Eagle in .50 AE, or any other firearm. It is your mind, your ability to think and visualize.

The great military strategy theorist, Sun Tzu, reportedly once said: "Every battle is won before it is ever fought." He knew that your ability to strategize and prepare for battle was

more important than any catapult or battering ram you could ever employ.

With regards to self-defense, that phrase generally concerns two items: being proficient with the self-defense weapon you choose, often a firearm; and using your mind to develop a high degree of situational awareness.

We are not talking about going to war here, but surviving violent criminal attacks in the areas in which we live, work, and travel. That obviously varies according to geographic location, but let's first look at time. A reliable Department of Justice report just last December looked at crime across the entire nation. Recognizing that criminal events occur throughout an entire 24-hour period, the bulk of crime occurred at the following times: Overall violence, including non-lethal assaults, seems to be most-prevalent from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., when many people leave work or school, go home, or head out to recreate after work. Sex offenses are clustered from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Homicides seem crowded between 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The absolute worst hour by far for homicides, sexual assaults, regular assaults and kidnapping/abduction is midnight to 12:59 a.m. It's an evil hour.

As to where crimes happen, by far the most prominent locations for crimes of violence are your home, the residence of another, or public streets. Most sex offenses take place in a residential setting with

a known offender. Most violent crime occurs against a lone victim; being in a group dramatically cuts your chance of violence. But then there are mass shootings where people congregate, or a terrorist



looking for a body count. If all the shots sound the same, it may be just one shooter. If the shots sound different, there may be more than one attacker.

Another element of situational awareness is paying attention at all times to your surroundings. Keeping your nose buried in your cellphone is "screaming" to every human predator out there that you are easy game.

Avoid walking down alleys alone – the darker the alley, the more dangerous it will be. Don't take that shortcut through the park, vacant lot, or any other secluded area. When you see at a gas station or convenience store where the cashier appears to be sitting behind thick bullet-proof glass, you are in a dangerous place; buy somewhere else. Urban buildings with unrepaired broken glass windows are a big hint: leave now. Always have at least a quarter tank of gas in your vehicle. If you don't, you may run out at the worst possible moment and location.

That brings us to concealment. Concealment is generally defined as difficult for an attacker to surveil or observe you. Now you aren't going to walk down the street wearing a ghillie suit that military snipers use to blend in with their surroundings. But your first rule of thumb is: "Don't stick out." Don't appear to be different from other people in the area. Don't look "rich."

There are certain areas that you simply do not belong,

and while you have a right to be there, it may be a dumb decision to do so. Don't wear bright clothes or scads of bling at night. If you do need to vacate an area quickly, you do not want to leave an auditory or visual clue as to your new location.

Cover is protection from the fire of hostile weapons. Always be asking yourself: "If all of a sudden gunfire erupted, where can I quickly move to avoid getting hit?"

You might be in a bar or restaurant. You might be crossing a street. Inside or outside. You don't have a lot of time here, generally. Somewhere not more than 20-30 feet away. If you have to go further than that, and are young enough to run, run in a zig-zag pattern, not a straight line. A car can provide some cover, depending on the type of incoming rounds. If that's all there is near you, try to crouch below the top of the car and have the engine block between you and the direction of the fire. Wood isn't nearly as bullet proof as you think it is; tables and chairs are not the answer.

You have to focus your entire being to staying alive. If people are being hit all around you, the shooter, or shooters, are zeroing in on you and you have to move out! Right now! In other situations, movement attracts the eye, so it may be better to hunker down and remain motionless.

Sometimes you may have no option but to defend yourself with a firearm. But if you are situationally aware, you might not have to shoot, which means no hits to innocent bystanders, no legal bills, and no jail time pushed by a political prosecutor with an anti-firearm agenda. Or, as Sun Tzu would say:

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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.



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For information about the clinic, contact IDNR Lead Instructor Terry Doyle at 815-258-8474; [tdoyle2@msn.com](mailto: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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## Marxist globalists will resort to terror and violence

By J.B. Shurk

*(American Thinker)* - It is important to understand that censorship does not occur in a vacuum. It is a symptom of a worsening disease. It is an early indicator of the political repression to come. Like a canary in a coal mine, the criminalization of speech forewarns that State-sponsored terror and murder are not far away. First, certain words and thoughts are banned. Next, certain people are rounded up and imprisoned. Finally, certain "enemies of the State" are executed quite publicly. The imposition of fear supersedes the rule of law. Terrorism undergirds social order. Oppression replaces popular support.

What is happening in the West today is a concentrated push for global communism. We could bicker about precise definitions — whether we are under attack from Marxists, socialists, Leninists, Trotskyites, Maoists, or other "revolutionaries" — but the end goal is clear. A small group of global "elites" seek to use ideological and economic leverage to centralize political power and direct all human activity. They seek the abolition of private property. They seek absolute control over individual lives and local communities. They are rebuilding twentieth-century totalitarianism with the privacy-destroying surveillance technologies of the twenty-first century.

Most Western nations are working together to promote a public vision that achieves their private totalitarian goals. Governments do not care about "hate speech"; they are dedicated to seizing control of the press, punishing dissent, censoring political opposition, and regulating public debate. Governments do not care about "climate change"; they are dedicated to seizing control over all economic activity by first establishing a monopoly on available energy. Governments do not care about "systemic racism," "social justice," or "income inequality"; they are dedicated to maximizing social divisions and distorting the meaning of fundamental rights, so that they may undermine long-cherished personal liberties.

Governments do not care about "gun violence"; they are dedicated to disarming their populations and making it impossible for them to fight back against tyranny. Governments do not care about minimizing vicious and costly wars; they are dedicated to distracting their citizens with false threats to their personal security. Governments do not care about maintaining the integrity and value of their monetary currencies; they are dedicated to printing and spending money that inflates household costs, taxes middle class savings, maximizes Wall Street profits, and increases welfare dependency.

Governments do not need to create central bank digital currencies to stave off economic disaster; they are dedicated to creating economic disasters, so that they can justify a future communist system that runs on privacy-destroying CBDCs...

We are familiar with their many names: the World Economic Forum's "Great Reset," the United Nations' "2030 Agenda," the "Green New Deal," the "Build Back Better" initiatives, George Soros's "Open Society Foundations," and the World Health Organization's "Pandemic Treaty." There are many others, of course. Every perceived global problem provides Marxist socialists with an opportunity to "solve" that problem by constructing financial and governmental institutions that advance their "revolution." They believe that they can "speed up" the "progression" of human history by creating painful conditions that justify communism's architecture. The vast majority of globalists who run central banks, newsrooms, intelligence agencies, administrative departments, legislative assemblies, religious nonprofits, and too many corporate boardrooms are all "true believers."



Make no mistake, when these Marxist globalists conclude that an increasingly popular resistance force within Western society threatens their "long march" toward domination, they will not throw up their hands in defeat, shrug, and concede, "Well, that's democracy." In their twisted totalitarian minds, only ideological allies merit "democratic" respect or civil rights protections; ideological foes deserve dictatorial force and bloody despotism.

Just as Lenin justified "violent revolution" and defended "unrestricted power, based on force and not on law," today's globalists showed us who they are during the "Reign of COVID Tyranny." Within a matter of weeks, they threw free speech, bodily integrity, religious freedom, due process, and economic liberty right out the window. In his short book, *The Defense of Terrorism*, Leon Trotsky argues that organized violence against opponents of the "revolution" is morally right. Today's J6 political hostages serve as a tragic testament that D.C. ignominiously agrees.



## The biggest gun show in America

# TULSA

by Michael Keleher

*(Guns Save Life)* - So my pal Lever Action Don recently heard about the Tulsa Gun Show, billed as the world's largest gun show. Don said "We should go!" Don is always on the hunt for the exactly perfect, very expensive and hard to find, just right, commemorative Winchester lever action so he was pretty excited when an Oklahoma dealer said he knew we could find them at the Tulsa show. I on the other hand already own at least three of everything and don't "need" any more (I still maintain a pretty hefty "still want it" list however.) In the end, we reconciled my being a retired guy and my wife was leaving out of town that same week and who was going to feed and care for me...so I said sure, I'll go for the ride. It was so big we only attended for one day! We were tired!

If you get in the truck early in the morning, why you can be right there in only ten or eleven hours! We did of course get waylaid in the tourist trap "Uranus, MO." Anyone who has driven west across Missouri has probably stopped in or spent time in Uranus. They advertise it on funny billboards for hundreds of miles, so we were of course powerless to resist stopping and reading all the funny t-shirts and swapping "witty" sophomore level jokes with the happy staffers.

So anyway, we got to Tulsa and checked into a \$70 a night not-fabulous hotel, which barely qualifies as a "human hotel" what with no carpet, no shampoo, no blankets on the bed and best of all from 5 pm to 10 am there is no manager on the property! Lots of fun stories from that location I can tell you - from nearly getting eaten by a pit-bull in the elevator, to residents locked out for 2.5 hours and finally on the last morning having to call the cops on a tenant who was yelling violently for 1 hour starting at 5 AM! I could go on.

Where was I? Oh yes, the show. Phenomenal. The Wanenmacher family says it has been running for 65 years and it is hugely successful. The Chamber of Commerce says the two shows a year bring the community an estimated \$16 million annually.

They have 35,000 people visit in a weekend. They only run the show twice a year at the state fairgrounds in Tulsa inside a single heated and air conditioned building which covers 11 acres. Lever Action Don somehow measured the building with his cell phone (maybe he just looked it up online) and said it was 400 yards long and 150 yards wide. Enormous building.

They listed the show as having 4,200 tables. Lined up end to end they would be just shy of 5 miles long.

Now I had been to the Shot Show in Vegas couple months ago, and it is the largest gun trade show, but you don't buy anything there. Tulsa is what a gun show should be! It is all guns and ammo and firearm accessories. The management is very proud of the fact they do not allow flea market type crap on vendor's tables. You can't buy a pack of tube socks, vape cartridges or a mood ring anywhere!

Competition is fierce with antique, collector, modern guns, knives, ammo and accessories. Dealers know they need to be competitive in pricing. This is so different from tiny local shows I go to in my area just to be shocked at how those pirates are overpricing their 1960's vintage wares like dragons hoarding gold.

We learned a lot about the show walking the concrete for about 6 hours. We found out the dealers set up on Friday, and can do deals that evening and the public is not allowed in. Saturday was the biggest day of the show with the most foot traffic. Sunday was supposedly a mixed bag as most vendors from out of state are packing to get out by noon instead of staying till 4 pm. However, we also heard "Sunday Prices" were a very real thing and bigger bargains could be had if you gambled and waited until Sunday.



My buddy, a rabid commemorative Winchester collector, had a fine time looking for the rarest of rare. He was in Winchester Heaven that day. I am not a collector, and can't quite figure out why you would buy a gun and not shoot it. Seems contrary to me. But a friend once said to me the second best thing about guns is showing them off to your friends. I guess he was right. If it make's ya happy have at it.

While talking with a vendor about some blinged-out lever gun which was the "ultimate one," a nice man tapped Lever Action Don on the shoulder and held up a cellphone photo of an entire rack of decorated Winchesters. Said he had 500 or so, and oh that one "ultimate" American Quarter horse with gold plate to include the barrel...oh yeah, he had half a dozen on the shelf at his shop in Louisiana. We are laying in plans to maybe ride a tug and barge down to Louisiana to see them! (I am in less of a hurry than Don is apparently.)

There are real deals to be had, and haggling is welcome! How refreshing! To a person, every

vendor we met was very friendly and willing to negotiate. Lever Action Don had a good time and I wandered by him haggling one time and asked "How's it going?" He said "I got him down to my price." OK, great. "So did you buy it yet?" "Well, he hasn't exactly agreed to my price just yet...but I got him down!"

There were visitors from almost all 50 states and several foreign countries. We met people from Illinois, Ohio, Texas and Louisiana, and one guy from Canada who was buying antique revolvers. Not sure how they get back to Canada with their current government. But he seemed to know what he was doing.

There were modern AR's and HK's by the boat load. Thousands of black plastic cases containing Glocks and Springfield Armory pistols were on display. If you wanted to match prices, this was the show to do it. Being a Sig Sauer aficionado (fancy title for "Sig Pig") it was odd that Sig Sauer was not seen in large numbers. This feeds into my suspicion Sig pretty much controls the MSRP price of their new guns nationwide, and so the sellers won't have a lot of wiggle room to sell new ones at a discount gun show. Used guns are where the higher profits linger.

Almost anything you could imagine was on sale. How about a table full of broom handled Mausers? Maybe an old beat up .44 Automag. How about a double barreled shotgun with a bent over custom grip so the barrels line up in front of a right handed shooter who is left eye dominant? Or half a dozen WWII Johnson rifles? Or scads of knives and military blades and holsters. One holster maker was making custom Kydex holsters on site. How convenient!

Desert Eagles? There were as many as there were pick ups in the parking lot. I didn't even look at AR's or AR accessories what with them not being welcome in the People's Republic of Illinois and Ole JB having those border large capacity magazine inspection station plans just around the corner.

I saw more Pythons than in the rest of my life combined. I think they are breeding. Ken Hutchinson would have been so proud. Ever since seeing that 6" royal blue Colt Python on Starsky and Hutch, I have always wanted one. When I was a baby fed agent, I felt I could not afford one, so I wore two different Dan Wes-

son's with vent rib barrels for a few years and felt like I had a Python-like revolver. I lost the Python fever over the years and thought I was fully recovered- until I fired a new Stainless Steel version at the SHOT show last year, and it is still the icon of a cool revolver. My Python fever has receded but remains resident. After so many years of shooting semi-auto pistols at work and in competition, my hands no longer fit naturally around a revolver. Should I get a handicapped hanging tag for my car?

Another very cool thing to note about this show, even with crowds running thick, everyone was so polite and friendly. The crowd was dense late morning- thousands of attendees but all in good humor and very polite. "Oops, sorry I bumped into you." "No problem brother. Have a good time!" I think it was Robert Heinlein who said "An armed society is a polite society." Gun people are always nice any way, but in big crowds like this the good humor and fun was infectious.

Speaking of nice, we got to meet the owners and most of the staff from Locked & Loaded Guns from Pana, IL at the show. Lever Action Don likes their online sales and "knew" Jamie, one of the staff from phone calls. We got to meet them in person and promised to come see their shop some day. Super nice people. On the way home we diverted and went to Pana. We were greeted like family or at least minor celebrities. While at the show I looked up a gun via gun.deals for a nationwide search for best price, and not too amazed to see offerings from Locked & Loaded in small town Pana (pop: under 5,000) was the #2 vendor listed. They have some prices my friends.

Attendees could bring in their own sale items and put a white piece of typing paper on it describing the item, but no dollar amounts could be listed on the sign. I saw a guy with a grenade/flare launcher over his shoulder and another with a Chinese version Dragunov. No, I did not ask their prices. I just like to chronicle the bizarre and strange. I was there and saw it.

The Wanenmacher family runs this show only twice a year and you come away thinking "Wow. That was something." The next show is 09 and 10 NOV 2024. I need to talk to Don about flying in next time...or maybe he could sell off a couple Winchesters and we could just charter a plane!

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## Chicago homicides in March up 32% year-over-year

(GSL) - HeyJackass.com reported 50 homicides in Chicago during March 2024, which represents a 32% increase over 2023's body count. Of course the mainstream media in Chicago has downplayed reporting the year-over-year monthly surge even after gleefully sharing February's 20% decline in y-o-y homicides. Go figure.

## Suburban PDs warn of 'Senior Assassin' game

(GSL) - Suburban Chicagoland police departments are warning over a game played by high school students where they try to "assassinate" one another with toy guns, some of which may appear very real. Obviously, if armed with realistic facsimile guns, those young people risk getting shot by a

third party.

In downstate Fisher, IL, two high schoolers entered another student's home unannounced as part of the game. Nobody was injured or arrested, but the family was quite scared.

## 'Polar Bear Hunting' back in Chicago

Chicago (WLS) -- A woman was punched in the face while walking down the street on Chicago's North Side, according to police. The incident happened on Friday at about 6 p.m. at the 800-block of North State Street near Chicago Avenue in the Near North neighborhood.

The 52-year-old woman said she was walking when an unknown man ran up to her and struck her in the face, Chicago police said.

## Chicago's crime numbers must have DNC organizers sweating bullets

(WirePoints) - The Democratic National Convention is coming to Chicago in August and its organizers are likely sweating over the potential mess it might become. Not because of the pro-Palestinian protests that are likely to occur, but because of Chicago's unabated crime.

It's a mess that Chicago Mayor Johnson and other city officials have been incapable of addressing.

Chicago continues to lead the entire nation this year in total homicides. The number of violent crime victims in the city is at a six-year high. And the city's robbery spree continues. Take what happened just days ago when "A group of armed men needed just 45 minutes to rob eight businesses from the Loop to Lakeview on Thursday morning..."

As much as Chicago officials would like to control world events like the Israeli/Palestinian conflict – they called for a ceasefire in Gaza – they can't.

What they can control, but won't, is Chicago's violence and crime. That won't reflect well when the eyes of the nation turn towards Chicago in August.

## Mainstream media, victim's family try to gin up outrage after a would-be cop killer gets shot dead

Chicago (GSL/Shooting News Weekly) - You can't hate the mainstream media enough. Those are strong words, but they're well deserved and more. Take, for instance, the Washington Post's coverage of the death of a violent Chicago felon.

Dexter Reed, 26, was illegally toting a gun the day he got pulled over while facing charges from last summer involving illegally carrying a gun as well as an indictment for \$20,000 in COVID Paycheck Protection Program fraud. He had also been shot by a family member in 2021.

Instead of following simple and lawful directives from police during the traffic stop, he instead chose to perform a magazine dump on the officers trying to kill them to elude capture.

The Chicago police did the only thing possible in the situation: they shot back at Dexter. They had the force of numbers, along with better tactics, training and superior accuracy. They shot the would-be cop killer until he no longer posed a threat. That left him deader than an organ donor.



How did the Washington Post "Democracy Dies in Darkness" cover it? First, in the grand tradition of Trayvon Martin, they grabbed an eight-year-old photo of the perp from his high school graduation. Then they slapped a misleading, sensationalistic headline on the story...

Police fire 96 shots in 41 seconds, killing Black man during traffic stop

By Jennifer Homan  
April 10, 2024

Then the WashPo reporter opened her story with this:

*Dexter Reed's mother remembers the last time she saw her son alive. "Mom, I'm going for a ride," he told her, before heading out in the car that he had purchased just three days earlier.*

*Reed, 26, was killed that same day, when tactical-unit police officers fired 96 bullets at him within 41 seconds, according to Chicago's Civilian Office of Police Accountability, or COPA, which investigates allegations of police misconduct and police shootings. "He was just riding around in his car," Dexter's mother, Nicole Banks, told Fox 32 Chicago on Tuesday, as she broke down in tears. "They killed him."*

Not exactly, mama. He tried to kill them so they shot him and he died. Nobody forced him to shoot 17 times at police.

Oh wait, that's right! WaPo's narrative-driven scribe couldn't manage to set aside her obvious hatred of the police to do even a modicum of research. If she had, she would see a police investigation showed that while 96 shots were fired, only 79 came from police (12+34+16+17+0 from the wounded officer). That leaves 17 rounds.

In the mean time, the family are trying to portray wanna-be cop killer Dexter Reed as some sort of saint. They even had the bird-brained Mayor Brandon Johnson publicly lamenting the death of a violent criminal.

"My heart breaks for the family of Dexter Reed," Hizzoner intoned. From WGN-TV.

The cynics among us may note how the mayor's heart tends to break for the families of those killed by police, but not so much or so often for those killed by criminals and gang members. After all, it's gang violence that drives Chicago's violent crime problem, not "gun violence."



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## 'Grassroots Rising' event coming Sat., April 27 in Peoria

Patriots United for America and the Illinois Freedom Alliance have partnered up to bring us Grassroots Rising on Saturday, April 27th in Peoria. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn and Suites at Grand Prairie.

Why should you go? Their speakers will share how you, one of the so-called "little people," can make a disproportionate impact upon our government to push back against all manner of things that don't make America great.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the hosts and you'll enjoy a number of speakers you'll recognize including Jon Schrock, the National Field Director of the John Birch Society. JBS is doing great work enabling and empowering the little people to fight back against globalism and one-world governance in their own communities.

John Boch will talk about the attacks on our gun rights and what we can do about it to make a meaningful difference in our lives. Nancy Hayes will share her thoughts on election integrity and how we can curtail on cheating.

Kirk Allen from Edgar County Watchdogs will no doubt share tips and tricks for preventing and if necessary exposing government corruption at the local level. Rochelle Arnold will talk about carbon sequestration and how that's not such a hot idea for a host of reasons, not the least of which is contamination of aquifers

under our land (CO2 plus water equals... which does what to limestone? And then what happens?)

Mark Lang and Terry Newsome round out the roster of great speakers.

Sign up at the Illinois Freedom Alliance website [illinoisfreedomalliance.us](http://illinoisfreedomalliance.us)

## 'Illinois Firearms Association' monthly fundraiser mailings all look the same

(GSL) - The Dorr Brothers started a new, supposedly "no compromise" gun rights organization called "Illinois Firearms Association" late last year. In January, they opened a Facebook page and about that time began blanketing the state with fundraising mailings sent from Ohio.

They have a phone number and when we called it, we reached one of the Dorr Boys, the one that is a registered lobbyist in Georgia, about 600 miles from Springfield, IL.

They don't give a bill number and nobody we've found knows anything about such a bill.

Some say the Illinois Firearms Association is good for nothing and how they are basically grifters preying upon the well-meaning but less-informed.



Claiming they are good for nothing is not true. Their fundraising mailings do make a good way to light kindling in the wood-burning stove on cold mornings.

For more on the IFA shenanigans, visit the Guns Save Life website and search for "Illinois Firearms Association."



One of our members received three mailings in as many months and shared them with us. Two of the mailings, from February and March, remained unopened. When we cracked them open, we found that they all looked exactly the same at first glance.

In the letter, the Door Brothers claim they need you to send them money to fight Gov. Pritzker's mental health gun control bill.



## Former ICE Director Tom Homan to Speak in Springfield on May 9th

The Sangamon County Republican Party is gearing up to host the 120th annual Lincoln Day Dinner on May 9, 2024. The event is scheduled for 6:00 pm at the Bank Of Springfield Center, featuring former U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director Tom Homan as the keynote speaker.



"We're honored to have Tom Homan join us as our keynote speaker for our annual dinner," said Mark A. Hurley, Lincoln Day

Dinner Chair. "His expertise and perspective will help our community and elected leaders better understand the current border security and illegal immigration issues, and the broader agenda to fix the border."

Tom Homan has a long career in Law Enforcement, first serving as a police officer before becoming a Border Patrol Agent. He served as an Investigator, Supervisor, and Special Agent in Charge prior to becoming an Associate ICE Director and later the Director of ICE. Homan is the CEO of Border911, a nonprofit. He and his team of border experts are touring the country and educating people on the importance of border security.

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## NRA-ILA's Illinois Lobbyist John Weber at multiple GSL events

(GSL) - Rumors of NRA abandoning Illinois were put to rest live and in person at a number of GSL meetings in April. John Weber, the NRA-ILA's lobbyist for Illinois, addressed GSL events in Danville, Rantoul and Charleston.

Also at our Danville event, the NRA-ILA Frontlines Activist Director Fritz Fitzgerald joined Weber. The Frontline Activists are NRA-ILA people who organize grassroots action on gun rights... and Guns Save Life helps to make his job a lot easier. GSL's success at grassroots activism allows him to spend more time working in Chicago neighborhoods, promoting gun rights among the locals there.



From left: GSL's John Boch, NRA-ILA's John Weber and NRA-ILA's Fritz Fitzgerald.

NRA-ILA is the division of the National Rifle Association that takes care of politics and litigation, two things very important to us in the Land of Lincoln as well as gun owners nationally.

Despite setbacks in Illinois, Weber shared some big victories the NRA-ILA's lobbyists have scored recently in other states.

Sure, we've taken some big losses under JB Pritzker. That happens when we don't have enough pro-gun legislators - and when legislative leaders drop a very bad bill in the middle of the night on the last day of session and then hold a vote an hour later. The gun control cabal love to "gut and replace" innocuous bills that poised for passage and then hold one last vote on it minutes later.

They did this with the SAFE-T Act as well as the so-called Protect Illinois Communities Act (PICA). "There's not a lot we can do about that other than take them to court," according to Weber.

Which is what the NRA-ILA did with the PICA gun ban. NRA hired arguably the best 2nd Amendment litigator in the nation to challenge it. They retained Paul Clement, the former US Solicitor General and the same guy who successfully argued the *Bruen* decision in front of the US Supreme Court.

The NRA-ILA's Illinois lobbyist credited Guns Save Life as "the best grassroots gun rights

organization in Illinois." He thanked GSL for its dedicated support both behind-the-scenes and publicly. "Guns Save Life has been true friends," he noted.

Weber talked about some of the state and federal accomplishments, not the least of which involved passing Constitutional Carry in more and more states - the latest being South Carolina and Ohio.

Ahead, we need to worry about the banking industry tracking firearms and ammo purchases through credit card purchase codes. Banks are already "cooperating" with the feds and as an example he cited banks giving up credit card purchase information for those at the January 6 protests in 2021.

Perhaps the best news had to do with LaPierre leaving the NRA. Membership is growing again, and donations are ramping up now that WLP has "retired."

At NRA-ILA, Weber assured us that they are now fully funded and staffed up ready to attack gun control efforts at every turn, without the Wayne LaPierre drama of the past holding them back or limiting their funding and staffing.

Even with one arm held behind their backs with LaPierre issues, they still managed to help get Constitutional Carry measures passed in a number of states. "We're kicking ass," Weber said. "But it keeps all of us busy."

It goes without saying that we wish they could kick some more butt in Illinois, but we need to elect more pro-gun House and Senate members for that to happen.

In question and answer, folks had some good questions. When asked why the NRA hadn't been more involved in testimony, etc., Weber noted how some of the pols would grandstand in his presence, almost as if trying to create some campaign footage of them beating up the evil bogeyman NRA. "If us showing up will serve no positive purpose, or will be counter-productive, then we're not going to appear." And frankly, most committee hearings have a pre-ordained outcome... and if it's in doubt, leadership will temporarily substitute reliable votes for unknown committee members.

Again, Weber noted how the worst stuff comes in the middle of the night so the Democrat leadership doesn't even have to pretend to seek input from stakeholders or the little people. They just pass it in the dead of night and we all have to live with the problems it creates afterwards.

Welcome to Illinois.

## GREAT GUNS 2024 Win an M1A Scout Squad rifle



(GSL) - Guns Save Life will hold our drawing for our "Great Guns 2024" drawing for a Springfield Armory M1A Scout Squad at the Charleston GSL meeting on June 13th.

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To help you form a decision of whether or not to invest a weekend of your life, we encourage you to read additional information at the [GSLDefenseTraining.com](http://GSLDefenseTraining.com) "Essential Carry" page.

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For more information, visit [GSLDefenseTraining.com](http://GSLDefenseTraining.com).

## Thoughts on carrying in "no guns" areas

by John Boch

"Non-permissive" environments in Illinois mean locations where *someone* doesn't want good guys to carry guns. These may be non-compliant signs that don't count, or they may be statutorily prohibited locations. Either way, the signs change mindsets of police officers based upon their attitudes and prejudices. Let me explain.



Even a non-compliant "No Guns" sign still changes mindsets.

If there's a call for a "man with a gun" or "shots fired," police will rush to the location looking for someone "with a gun."

Prohibited location or not, know that the responding officers' default mindset will likely be that *anyone* with a gun is probably a bad guy until proven otherwise. So don't be that guy! Concealed means concealed!

"No guns" signs will amplify that prejudice. Here's something else to consider: the stronger the security protocols, the stronger that assumption about "only bad guys will have guns here" will become for most cops. Because what good guy would/could

carry past a metal detector, right?

Sure, CCW non-believers will express skepticism that something bad will happen in a prohibited location such as a hospital or entertainment venue. And they would be correct, but at the same time they are blissfully unaware that off-site parking lots or parking structures are an entirely different animal.

Parking lots are one of the three most likely locations for people to become the victims of violent crime in public. (Gas stations are also on that list, and we'll let readers ponder the third location.)


Keeping a gun on one's person also keeps the gun out of the hands of a car burglar.

The big takeaway: If you're a "man with a gun" (in your hand) for whatever reason, that has serious potential to be very hazardous to your health. The general rule for CCW holders is to get that gun reholstered as soon as possible, because every moment the gun is visible, the good guy with a gun is in danger of getting shot by another good guy.

So, if you're in one of those prohibited locations with your little friend, be forewarned to never draw it short of the "aw, shucks! I'm going to die" moment. Then if the worst happens, get that thing put away as quickly as possible. You will save your own life by doing so as quickly and safely as possible.

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# Be prepared for emergencies, common criminals and sleeper cell terror agents

by John Boch

With Iran and Israel trading missiles and harsh rhetoric of late, it makes many of us worry just a tad about Iran's Hezbollah sleeper-cell agents in America. There are thousands, perhaps tens of thousands according to some public-source data. If even 10% of them go active, they could create quite a ruckus.

Then there's your average street punks, mental cases and natural disasters. A modicum of preparation can help you turn a potentially life-threatening incident into an inconvenience.

Protect yourself in your daily life by practicing your ABCs... as in "Always Be Carrying." Carry your Roscoe with you everywhere you can legally do so. Just in case Johnny Jihad or his cousin Moe decide to raise a ruckus in your neck of the woods. Or in case natural-born American bad guys decide they want to threaten your life for a pack of gum.

The best thing any of us can do to avoid these bad guys is to maintain situational awareness. If you look like a hard target and have that command presence about you, 95% of bad guys will look for an easier victim.

Expect more political violence as the elections approach, including mobs raising their own ruckuses by blocking streets and attacking motorists, particularly in deep blue enclaves. Know the law and have a plan ahead of time. And stay far, far away from the DNC Convention late this summer.

Here in Illinois, doomed energy policies have limited traditional electricity production and will result in failures when the grid gets strained. And that's before Johnny and Moe decide to shoot up some scarce large transformers to take out power as part of their sleeper cell ruckus raising.

Backup power for your home should be a top priority along with some extra gas stored safely at your residence (not IN your residence, by the way).



For the love of all that's holy, don't let this be you.

In your personal world, you probably need to get into better shape. If you're already in decent shape, join the gym and get in better shape. Lose some weight. Gain some muscle mass. Become harder to hurt or kill. Plus it'll make you feel better!



If you're older or not in decent shape, start walking. Do stretches to improve your range of motion and do low-impact exercise to get

started. Get on it now so you can have better mobility in an emergency.

Also visit the doctor, get a physical and make sure you've got at least 30 days of any life-sustaining medications you need at home. And a 90-day supply would be even better.

If you snore, get a CPAP. It's not exactly romantic, but you'll live longer and have a *much better* quality of life.

What else? One easy one is to keep your car's gas tank at least half-full at all times. Don't run your tank down to fumes and *assume* you can fill up after work or after the weekend.

Bonus points if you acquire the basic skill sets to be a "Minuteman." Training and practice go a long way to making you a harder target for perps. The good news is that you don't have to be a high-speed, low-drag operator. You just have to have better skills than the people who learned how to shoot from Hollywood and music videos.



You probably already have the gun and ammo thing knocked out. Make sure you've got the first aid, fire suppression, and potable water things figured out as well at home.

And because none of us can go it alone for long, make sure you build your network of friends. Make mutual arrangements for a place to stay in an emergency, and make preparations to reciprocate with guests if *their* residence becomes unsafe or uninhabitable during an emergency.

Closer to home, get to know your neighbors as part of improving your security posture. Make yourself a resource and an asset to them. Find out if they have some knowledge, skill sets or talents that might come in handy. Evaluate them to see if they're an asset or a liability.



Make you and your family an asset to your neighbors.

I'll be honest, I know of several networks of great people with lots of skills sets that I've met through Guns Save Life. If you start

## HOT New Product

### Holosun's hybrid Night-vision/Thermal Scope

by John Boch

(GSL) - Ever wanted to dip your toe into night vision and/or thermal rifle scopes but the price and size/form factor kept you away? Have I got good news for you.

Fair disclosure: When crypto was doing well back in late 2020, I had my eye on a thermal scope. Priced at about \$5000, it was a big \$\$ pill to swallow. Then crypto crashed and that dream purchase faded.

Seeing the prices on thermal scopes plummet recently, my interest was renewed. That \$5000 scope in 2020 is now closer to half that - or less.

Then I ran into Josh Loyd, the guy running for Congress who recently left his gig with the military. He heard of my interest and told me to sit tight for little while longer.

Apparently it's public knowledge that the Chinese stole our newest military scope tech not so long ago and busied themselves packaging it for sale to American civilians. Loyd told me it would be here by this summer at the latest. He was right.



The Holosun DRS-TH combines a traditional red-dot, thermal imaging and night vision all in one piece of gear that sells for \$1600.

One significant downside to this particular unit is its thermal resolution is only 256 x 192, or less than half the resolution of other popular modern thermal scopes. Hence why it has a limited effective thermal range.



There's good news coming though as Holosun will reportedly release a premium "high resolution" DRS-TH Pro version of the scope later this year and it'll be priced at about \$2300.

That's the one I'm waiting for.



Images courtesy OffGridWeb.com.

regularly attending one or more meetings each month, you'll meet exceptional people as well.

Other folks have networks from family, church or the workplace. It doesn't matter where you find them, just have them or build them. The better the quality of people within your group of friends, the better and easier your life will be in an emergency.

Don't wait until after an emergency hits. Disasters make desperate people.

Food: Most of us, myself included, could use less food. However, compulsory dieting sucks. Make sure you've got shelf-stable food for *at least* a week if you're in an apartment and four to eight if you live in a single family home.



Water: Make sure you've got a source for potable water, either through chemical treatment, filtration or other means. Diarrhea and dehydration are not nice ways to die.

There's a lot of boxes to check to help make emergencies, both natural and man-made, more manageable for you and your family. Put in a little effort to get ready now.

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## 11-year-old shoots man attacking his pregnant mother

*Charlotte, NC (Queen City News)* - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police say an 11-year-old boy shot a man to defend his pregnant mother against an attack from a hotel room intruder.



Police have warrants out for the suspect.

Investigators said he broke into a hotel room and started attacking a pregnant mother when her young son stepped in and shot him...

Police said the young boy is not facing any charges.

*Don't do drugs, kids...*

## Naked St. Louis home invader shot in mid-day incident

*St. Louis, MO (First Alert 4)* - The shooting of a man who allegedly broke through an apartment wall while naked and threatened to kill a man and his family will be investigated as an act of self-defense, police said.

According to St. Louis Police incident reports, officers were dispatched around 2 p.m. Friday to a report of a shooting in the 900 block of Park Avenue. There, officers found a man with a gunshot wound to his left hand. He was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Police said an initial investigation showed the suspect, described as a 32-year-old man, broke through the wall of the victim's apartment. The suspect was naked and threatening to kill the victim and his family, according to the report.

Fearing for his family's safety, the victim shot at the suspect, striking the suspect's left hand, police said.

*Home invader brought pipe to gun fight*

## Pipe-hitter meets gun owner... guess who prevailed...

*Bay City, MI (Mid-Michigan Now)* - Police say that an alleged home invasion suspect is in serious condition after being shot by a Bay City resident.

Police responded to a shooting in the 200 block of N. Jefferson St. shortly before 5 p.m. on Monday.

Officers found a 33-year-old Bay City man outside of the residence suffering from two gunshot wounds to the torso.

Investigators say the individual that was shot was allegedly armed with a pipe and had broken into the residence.



## POOR PLANNING: Burglar brought a golf club as weapon

*Coos Bay, OR (KVAL)* - A North Bend man was shot early Friday morning after he broke into a Coos Bay home armed with a golf club, according to Coos Bay Police.

Around 12:55 a.m., April 12, 2024, officials say the North Coos 9-1-1 Center received a call from a resident in the 700 block of Johnson Avenue in Coos Bay.

Officials say the caller reported that a man had been shot after breaking into their home and requested police and medical personnel for assistance.

## Aspiring armed robbers make error in victim selection

*Akron, OH (WJW)* - A 19-year-old is dead and another man is injured after an attempted robbery and shooting on Thursday afternoon.

According to a press release from the Akron Police Department, a 19-year-old and 22-year-old were shot just before 3 p.m. during an attempted robbery on the 2100 block of 19th Street SW.

Officers found the 19-year-old, later identified as Javeone Aamir Suggs by the Summit County Medical Examiner, in the drive with apparent gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the release.

According to police, during the robbery, the victim drew his gun and fired multiple shots, striking both suspects.

*The so-called 'Elites' hate you*

## The 'Elites' think Americans have too many freedoms & they support rationing food & energy, and cheating in elections

*(Issues & Insights)* - Earlier this year, pollster Scott Rasmussen asked voters a simple question: "Would you rather have your candidate win by cheating or lose by playing fair?"

The answers he got back were, as he put it in a Daily Signal podcast last week, "the most terrifying poll result I've ever seen."

Among all Americans, just 7% said they would want their candidate to win by cheating. As Rasmussen put it, he'd rather see that number lower, but that's not bad.

But more than a third of the elite 1% he surveyed would condone cheating. And among those who are "politically obsessed" - meaning that they talk about politics every day - that number shot up to 69%.

Keep in mind that this elite 1% group is overwhelmingly liberal. According to Rasmussen, these are



mainly well-educated urbanites who make more than \$150,000 a year and think Joe Biden is doing a great job. Nearly three-quarters identify as Democrats.

They are also highly influential when it comes to policy, and they are completely out of touch with everyday Americans. A few examples from the survey:

- Nearly 60% say there is too much individual freedom in America - double the rate of all Americans.
- More than two-thirds (67%) favor rationing of energy and food to combat the threat of "climate change."
- Nearly three-quarters (70%) of the elites trust the government to "do the right thing most of the

time."

- More than two-thirds (67%) say teachers and other educational professionals should decide what children are taught rather than letting parents decide.
- Nearly three-quarters (74%) say they are financially better off than before COVID, compared with 20% of the general public.

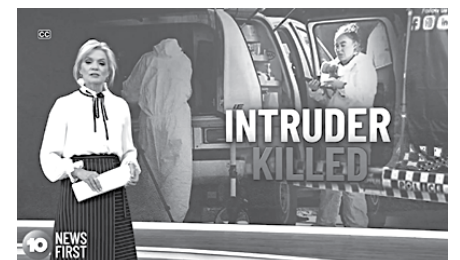
These elites are also the people who are constantly wailing and gnashing their teeth about how Donald Trump is a "grave threat to democracy." You can't turn on the television, open a newspaper, or go to any mainstream news site without being warned that "democracy is on the ballot this November," or told that Trump is a wannabe dictator, his followers semi-fascists, blah, blah, blah.

Yet most of these same elites would be happy to see Biden and the Democratic Party rob and cheat to steal an election rather than let Trump win a second term in office.

*Be thankful for your right to self-defense in America...*

## Australian homeowner killed home invader, may be charged

*Queensland, Australia (10News First Queensland)* - A widower, described by police as frail and living alone south of the Gold Coast, could be charged after fatally stabbing a burglar who broke into his home. He was attacked with an axe and almost had his arm severed, before fighting back with a knife.



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## Meeting notes

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committee team for the Danville region. He and his wife often sold drawing tickets at many of our earlier meetings.

Our main speakers were Neal Stephens and Cody Cochrane from Mission K9 Warrior for veterans. They provide trained PTSD dogs for vets with a 30%+ rated disability. The dogs help these disabled vets have a normal life.

They detailed how the dogs (and the recipient) are both trained and rigorously evaluated for the program. Thanks to great local support, they've been able to provide these dogs (rough cost is just shy of \$20,000 per pup) to a half-dozen vets each year. However, already this year they've provided nine and the year is just getting rolling. They have a "Ride to Thrive" in May which will help them raise more money for more dogs to help more veterans.

Stephens related how his pup, a Belgian Malinois, goes with him everywhere, even riding on his back when he motorcycles. It proved a great story.

John Weber, the NRA-ILA Lobbyist for Illinois spoke. And Fritz Fitzgerald of lead NRA-ILA Frontline Activist leader in our state joined him, talking mostly about all of the stuff coming out of Washington, including the huge push to make Red Flag laws easier to abuse.

### Rantoul.

We welcomed John Weber, the NRA-ILA Illinois lobbyist.

For Tech Time, Chad Berck shared a discussion and examples of night-vision and thermal scopes. He noted how they make a real game-changer when hunting after dark.



Chad Berck with an IR night vision scope.

Among the units he brought were IR (infrared) nightvision, pure night vision that sees in the

dark without IR emitters as well as a thermal scope. Technology keeps advancing for better, sharper images and longer battery life. Prices are coming down as well.

He and his son had a fun weekend harvesting some of the surplus coyote population at his family's farm in Southern Illinois. Chad also noted that feral hogs are coming north in Illinois and says we'll likely have them in Central Illinois within a few years. They're destructive but they're fun to shoot and thermals and night vision scopes are the way to go.

### Northwest Chicago.

Our featured speaker David Winter introduced the "Convention of the States" organization to those in attendance. CoS seeks to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, impose fiscal restraints, and place term limits on federal officials through a Article V Convention to address those topics, and those topics alone and to propose Amendments to the US Constitution, not to re-write it.

The idea of an Article V Convention of the States didn't sit well with some present.

### Charleston.

John Weber wrapped up his series of GSL meetings at Charleston, sharing that the anti-gun orgs in our state had a telephone conversation earlier in the day to discuss strategy. They're pushing Red Flag-related items very aggressively, at the behest (and with financial support) from the White House. They're also brainstorming other gun control measures.



John Weber.

Weber thanked those present for turning out to support GSL and the NRA. "Groups like this and people like you are how we fight this," he concluded.

JB won the gun!



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Image from the Beslan school massacre.

*Violence and Mass Murders*

**Debunking the ‘This type of violence does not happen in other advanced countries’ lie**

*“We as a country will have to reckon with the fact that this type of mass violence does not happen in other advanced countries.”*

- President Barack Obama

You may have heard Mr. Obama’s statement repeated by an assortment of celebs, elites, political hacks and assorted globalist narcissists, but how true is it? Spoiler alert: It’s not.

Yes, we have serious problems, particularly (of late) with school killing sprees, but while those numbers of innocents killed or injured is tragic and terrible, it could be far, far worse. Take for example a small sampling on incidents in advanced countries:

- July 2011 - Oslo, Norway: 8 killed, 200 wounded in terrorist bombing.
- July 2011 - Utoga, Norway: 69 shot and killed by a lunatic at a summer camp
- Nov 2008 - Mumbai, India: 4 day terror attack, 164 dead (mostly shot), 300+ wounded
- Dec 1989 - Montreal, Canada: 14 women shot and killed, 14 more wounded
- Dec 2014 - Edmonton, Canada: 8 shot and killed by suicidal nut
- Jan 2017 - Quebec City, Canada: 6 killed, 19 wounded at mosque
- May 2017 - Southern Egypt: 25 Coptic Christians killed, 26 wounded

Meanwhile in China, that bastion of gun control and news control  
 May 2010: Man hacks 7 children and 2

- adults to death in kindergarten
- Apr 2010: Weifang: Man wounds 5 kindergartners and a teacher with a hammer
- Apr 2010: Jiangsu: Man attacks 4-year-olds, wounds 29 along with 3 adults
- Apr 2010: Liezhou: teacher on sick leave stabs 18 primary school kids and one adult
- Mar 2010: Fujian: Man stabs 8 elementary school kids to death

- Russia, another country is very little private gun ownership. Maybe they get their guns from Dave’s Guns & BBQ in Laredo, Texas?
- Jun 2005: Budvonnovsk: 140 shot in hospital
- Oct 2002: Moscow: 170 killed, 650 wounded in theater in terrorist attack
- Feb 2004: Moscow: 41 dead in subway bombing.
- Sep 2004: Beslan: Heavily armed terrorists kill 333 including 186 kids in school
- Mar 2024: Moscow: 133 killed in shootings in theater, a hundred more wounded

Other bombings in Moscow: Nov ‘96:, 13 killed, 70 wounded in cemetery; Sep ‘99: 94 killed, 180 wounded in apartment building - then four days later 130 killed, 150 injured in another apartment building blast.

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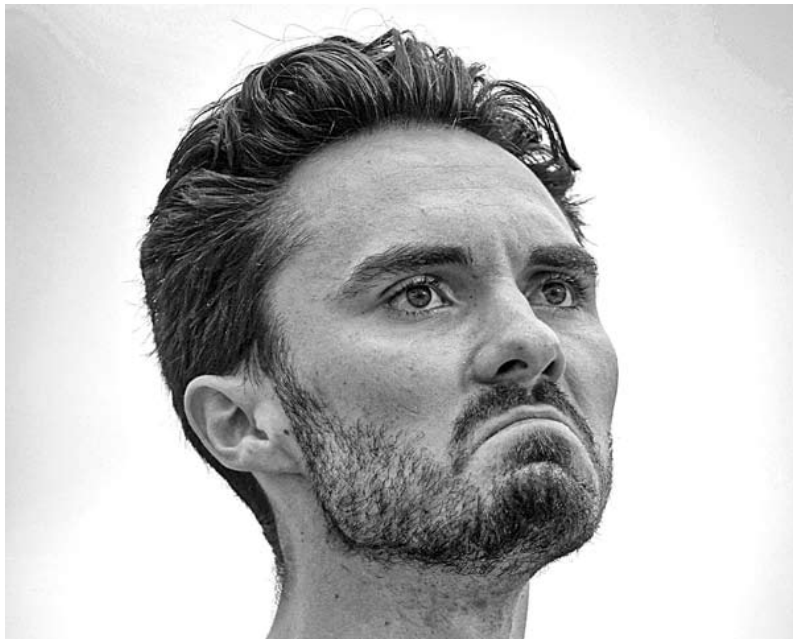


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## David Hogg group hit with allegations, spent less than 10% on stated mission

(Jonathan Turley.org) - Federal filings reportedly show that year-end 2023, [David Hogg's political action committee] Leaders We Deserve raised over \$3 million. That is impressive for its first year in operation.

The conservative sites allege that the group spent "only about \$263,000 on its stated mission of electing candidates from Generation Z to office combined with donations to other Democrat Party committees and groups—and instead spent more than \$1.4 million on disbursements to

themselves for payroll and to political consulting firms and legal fees, in addition to travel and entertainment expenses like hotels, flights, and meals."

However, it reportedly spent more than \$1,314,000 on travel and related expenses while giving \$80,000 to the Elias Law Group.

Previously, when allegations of self-dealing and accounting improprieties were raised with regard to Black Lives Matter, the group's attorney, [Mark] Elias, immediately stood out for

many. Elias resigned from his "key role" with BLM as the scandal exploded.

Elias's name has now again popped up in the controversy involving Hogg, who is accused of raising millions to support liberal candidates but allegedly spending only \$263,000 on such candidates while paying \$83,000 to the Elias law firm. (These figures are reportedly from federal filings but neither Elias nor Hogg have specifically addressed the media reports).

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We are the people who  
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the food, cook the food and  
facilitate the life they live.

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regarded, insurgent force  
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swer the phones, run cables  
to their devices, mow their  
lawns, solve their problems,  
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tial services and keep our  
heads below the radar.

We are the majority.

We are a self-reliant,  
freedom loving, normally  
peaceful and God-fearing  
assembly.

We drive them to their des-  
tination; we are comfortably  
out of mind until needed,  
and yet we are irreplaceable  
for the things they require.

We are armed with tools,  
hammers, pens, rulers,  
mice, pickup trucks, laptops,  
post-it notes, stickers and  
alternate forms of messag-  
ing that circumvent the con-  
trol mechanisms deployed  
to create our silence.



We are inside every facil-  
ity, every institution, every  
meeting, every moment of  
their existence – and we  
notice everything.

We have eyes of mice and  
ears of elephants. We are  
there when they do not  
expect, and we melt away  
before they notice our ap-  
pearance.

We are smart, strategic,  
highly intelligent and carry  
a brutally obvious and prag-  
matic common sense that  
finds optimal solutions to  
everything.

We identify our tribe imme-  
diately and without conver-  
sation.

We see what they hide, we  
hear what they whisper, we  
decipher their codes, and  
we understand the complex-  
ity they create in their effort  
to conceal.

We control the physical  
world that operates around  
every element of society,  
and we value real and tan-  
gible assets.

We do not sit around pon-  
tificating eloquently about  
philosophic nuances; we  
get shit done.

We are the people who fa-  
cilitate their ability to take us  
for granted, and we do so  
without issue, resentment or  
desire for recognition.

We are optimistic, affable,  
kind, generous, friendly,  
loyal, warm and quietly  
spiritual in purpose.

We are polite, considerate  
and slow to anger.

We prefer to be left alone.  
However, pushed entirely  
far enough, decisions are  
reached. Right now, we  
are tenuously staring with  
deepened gaze.

We are increasingly pissed  
off.... Big Time!

In every town, village and  
hamlet we are encountering  
the same conversation. On  
every porch, in every shop,  
at every event, the topic is  
the same.

Right now, we are taking  
this fury to the platforms of  
visibility where we hope to  
influence outcomes. But if  
that effort fails, and/or if the  
command-and-control au-  
thorities make the mistake  
of thinking they can shut  
down our visibility, destroy  
our leadership and therefore  
control the dissent, there  
will be no quarter provided  
in the aftermath.

The two biggest mistakes  
they can make right now  
is not understanding why  
we have begun to bow our  
heads.

First, our heads are not  
bowed because we are  
subservient, cowering or  
accepting the current effort  
to control us....

....We are praying!

Their second mistake would  
be to ignore that we are not  
praying for us....

....We are praying for those  
who trespass against us!

They may not like what fol-  
lows, "Amen!"

We are resolute and of  
common purpose.

We are what they fear!



## CAMP INDEPENDENCE

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### LiveFree USA's Camp Independence Returns Saturday, May 11th

#### Tippecanoe River State Park in Indiana

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event started in 1968 with a small group  
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Free USA rented the entire Group Camp  
facility including 32 cabins, a dining hall,  
and a variety of training buildings. The  
programs expanded to include more  
emergency preparedness, defense, self-  
reliance, and disaster survival programs.  
Full scale disaster drills, and scenario  
based training involving scores of families  
and groups were a frequent part of the  
program.

The event—and Live Free USA—gar-  
nered national attention in the 1980's  
with media vans and even helicopters  
landing at the park. The end of the Cold  
War brought a false sense of security  
and a decline in support for survival

and preparedness education. Live Free  
struggled to continue operations and  
participation in Camp Independence drew  
smaller crowds. Recovery was underway,  
when the Indiana DNR elected to close  
the Group Camp facilities five years ago.  
We tried some other venues, but eventu-  
ally elected to use the remaining Tipcon  
Hall at the same park for events, while we  
seek to raise funds for our own facilities.

Of course, Camp Independence was can-  
celed in 2020 because of the pandemic.  
Some felt we should postpone the 2021  
event, but we felt it was important to re-  
establish our commitment to survival and  
preparedness in the wake of the very kind  
of disaster we have been predicting and  
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**It's back this year as a single-day  
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**May 19: Kane County Sportsman's Show,** Kane County Fairgrounds, St Charles, IL. Mick Stout (815) 217-2266

**May 31-June 2: Indy 1500 Gun & Blade Show (IN).** Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis. 405-408-6197

#### June

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### GUN CLUBS

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**Second Sunday:** Annie Shoot/.22 steel plate shoot.

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**First & Third Sundays:** Breakfast at 8:30a.m. Through May. Open to public!

**Wednesday, June 12: Action Shoot.** 6pm.

**Saturday, July 6: Patriot Shoot.** 10am.

**Wednesday, August 14: Rifle Shoot.** 6:30pm.

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**Saturday, May 4: Fox Valley.** Tom Hartung American Legion Post 1977 in New Lenox.

**Wednesday, May 8: Northern IL.** Plug & Pellet Sportsman's Club in Rockford.

**Saturday, May 18: US Grant.** Elizabeth Community Building in Elizabeth, IL.

**Saturday, June 8: Illinois Valley.** The Auditorium Ballroom in LaSalle, IL.

**Sunday, July 28: Illini Country.** Tuscola Community Building.

**Saturday, August 3: Two Rivers.** Rushville Fitness & Community Center.

**Saturday, August 10: South Central IL.** DoubleTree in Mt. Vernon.

**Monday, August 19: Tristate.** The Pink Tavern in Lomax, IL.

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*Everyone's church needs to maintain a robust church security program...*

## Loser teen converts to Islam; Planned to attack churches

*Coeur d'Alene (Spokane Spokesman-Review)* - Federal agents over the weekend arrested a Coeur d'Alene teen accused of conspiring to attack local churches in support of the terror group ISIS.

According to a news release from the U.S. Department of Justice, Alexander Mercurio, 18, planned to carry out the suicide mission at churches this past Sunday using knives, guns, fire and other weapons...



*Misfit Mercurio before his arrest.*

He chose to "kill as many as possible" at churches April 7 to align with the end of Ramadan, the document said. Specific churches weren't named, but Mercurio allegedly wrote of "three or five" within

walking distance of his home. He also allegedly mentioned a church he knew of near his school.

After the FBI learned of the teen's online writings, informants began meeting with Mercurio, who laid out his plan to attack his father with a metal pipe, steal his guns and go on the church massacre in the name of ISIS, the affidavit said. He had expressed an interest in carrying out some kind of attack since October 2022, the document said...

While scouting for churches to target, the document said Mercurio expressed dismay that there were "too many churches."

"I am going to fix that real soon," he allegedly told an informant.



*Alexander Mercurio.*

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**HOW IT STARTED: Community groups pressure City Council members to defund Oakland police.**

—ABC7 News, June 15th, 2020

**HOW IT'S GOING: Oakland Crime Wave: Burglaries Nearly Doubled over Last Three Years as Arrests Cut in Half.**

- National Review, April 9th, 2024

**NOW IN DENVER: Denver To Defund Police To The Tune Of \$8.4 Million In Order To Pay For Illegal Aliens**

- Legal Insurrection, April 14th, 2024



St. Louis home where two thugs forced entry and lined up the three occupants to execute them. Two survived their wounds.

Can we hold mayor responsible for crimes on city property?

**Dem St. Louis mayor says business owners should be held 'accountable' for crimes that happen on their premises**

*St. Louis (Blaze)* - St. Louis has long had one of the highest violent crime rates in the country, and while some might say that the city's elected leadership should be held accountable, St. Louis's Democratic mayor Tishaura Jones recently suggested that instead the city should "hold... business owners accountable" for crimes committed on their premises, according to KOMOnews.

**But he scored well in DEI...**



The USS McCain's commander firing an AR with a scope mounted backwards.

## Report: FBI taught agents that pro-lifers greater threat than Islamic terrorists

*(The Federalist)* - The FBI trained personnel on countering extremism with material from the far-left Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), according to former special agent turned whistleblower Steve Friend.

In an interview with the Tennessee Informer last month, Friend recalled his experience at the FBI Academy in 2014: "We were shown a video that was produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center." The film, Friend said, "ranked people who oppose abortion, pro-life activists, as a greater threat than Islamists."

## Crime-ridden SF to punish grocers who close stores

*San Francisco (ZeroHedge)* - Unpunished crime is so out of control in San Francisco that the city now wants to punish grocery stores who want to leave.

Under the 'Grocery Protection Act' introduced by city Board of Supervisors member Dean Preston (Democratic Socialist), stores that want to flee all the crime and other increased liabilities will have to provide the city with six months advanced notice, and make efforts to find a replacement supermarket for the location being vacated, Benzinga reports.

The move comes after Whole Foods shut down its flagship store in San Francisco after being open for just over a year, citing employee safety concerns.

## 74% of all magazines ever produced hold over 10 rounds

*(Shooting News Weekly)* - You may want to sit down before you read any further. Shocking new data reveal that magazines that hold more than ten rounds are — GASP! — normal in America.

If you've managed to compose yourself, read on. Our friends at the NSSF have been doing some digging and here's what they've found. Of almost 1 billion detachable magazines produced and sold over the last 30 years, 74% of them hold more than ten rounds of ammunition.

If we didn't know better, we might conclude that standard capacity magazines — those that hold more than the artificial limit of 10 rounds that's imposed in some states — are in common use in America.



## Marines ditch 100-year-old marksmanship standards

*(Shooting Illustrated)* - The United States Marine Corps announced earlier this month it is changing the shooting standards to which it has adhered for more than a century. The new system will reflect accuracy as well as the speed at which a Marine delivers hits on target.

Re-evaluation of the century-old marksmanship qualification standards began in 2018, when a combat lethality study found an unexpected loss in proficiency in engagements at unknown distances, or when the Marine or target were on the move. The Marine Corps is investing \$34 million to better train its troops with the new system, phasing out an approach that required delivering 30 rounds at

established distance in two minutes. The old scoring system didn't differentiate between lethal shots and those that may not stop an aggressor or readily identify distances problematic for a particular shooter.

"This is about increasing lethality," Col. Gregory Jones, commander of the Weapons Training Battalion—part of Training Command at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia—told Stars and Stripes. "This is not your granddad's rifle range."

Marines are required to annually prequalify and qualify with their rifles. If a prequalification score met standards, it could be accepted for both in the past. Now it must be at the expert level, not just at

marksman or sharpshooter performance, to do so.

In addition, the Marine Corps has begun allowing entry-level shooters to support rifles with their magazines. The change reflects improvements in magazine design and strength as well as widespread success using the approach in civilian competitions.

"The rifle range in 1907, it's not bad or good. It's what we had when we had ... a 1903 Springfield [rifle], which was an 1890s technology," Jones explained to Stars and Stripes. "Now we have an M-16A4. The test is not as true a measure of lethality as it was when we had older, outdated technology."

## Prudent Californians tooling up in face of invasion

*El Cajon, CA (NY Post)* — Customers packed Cory Gautereaux's small gun store northeast of San Diego on a recent Friday afternoon.



Customers waiting at Firearms Unlimited California (FUCA) store.

Many of the people buying pistols at Firearms Unlimited California said they were concerned about the massive number of migrants being released onto the local streets after the area became a hub for the crisis at the border — which is just 25 miles from El Cajon, a Southern California suburb of 105,000 people.

"My wife and I have had home defense guns for many years. Recently, though, with all the stuff that's happening south of the border and all the people coming over, my concerns have broadened," said Keith Carnevale, one of the shop's customers, who's armed his entire family.



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# Devin Krueger's kin DEMANDS we take down stories about his crimes against a GSL family

by John Boch

(GSL) - Do you recall Devin Krueger? He's the prolific and destructive sociopath who savagely victimized one Guns Save Life family - repeatedly. Repeatedly as in three times in five days. He now calls the Graham Correctional Center Prison in Hillsboro home.



Satan? No. It's Devin Krueger.

Krueger stole from other people because it's the career path he chose for himself as a bad person with evil in his heart. For his "hard work" at stealing from others, he accumulated convictions in Jersey, Macoupin, Greene, Bond and Madison Counties.

He and his burglary crew repeatedly trashed our GSL family members' residence over those three visits in five days. Krueger also trashed their peace of mind and he pretty much did his best to wreck them financially as well.



His family – his kinfolk – reached out to GSL and demanded we take down our stories

about what happened to our member family and CrimeStoppers updates as that organization offered a reward for information leading to Krueger's capture.



Here's the damage he and his crew did trying to force entry on the third and final burglary.

They claim our reporting of the CrimeStoppers reward for info leading to his capture constitutes a "hit for his life up on your website." They also claimed he was doing 25 years "paying for his crime."

The Krueger story was a year-plus-old post that saw very little traffic and taking it down wouldn't have been that big of a deal. But first, I checked with the IL Department of Corrections. You know, "Trust but verify."

Well, they lied to me. For no good reason. Go figure. He was sent to IDOC in July 2023. And his projected parole date is October 2035. That doesn't make 25 years. In fact, that's about half of twenty-five years.

Interestingly, in a back-and-forth text messages, they revealed some information likely only known to people who were inside the GSL family's home. Did they accompany Devin on one of the three burglary trips? Perhaps to load his truck and/or trailer with stolen goods?

They also said that his victims "had insurance." Because insurance covers all the loses? It didn't. And now they are uninsurable because of their repeated claims related to Devin's deeds.

So no, we won't be taking down the Devin Krueger posts for now. If they want us to take them down, deliver to us restitution funds and we'll forward them to Jon and his wife. If that makes them whole and there's anything left, I'm sure they'll forward it to the authorities to offer to other victims of Devin Krueger.

And then we'll take down the post(s) they claim solicits a "hit" on lil' Devin.



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