

Meet Roselio.

INSANE!

IL Gen Assembly proposed bills include legalizing attacks on police (see pg. 5), illegal drug use, prostitution, and release of those serving ‘life’ sentences after as little as 20 years; sex offenders could live next door to daycare facilities

Springfield, IL (CWB Chicago) — Illinois lawmakers have been hard at work, developing legislative proposals that would, among other things, legalize “magic mushrooms,” give killers and rapists sentenced to life in prison the right to apply for parole, and allow registered child sex offenders to move 249 feet closer to grade schools.

The Illinois Sheriff’s Association, which opposes the bills, highlighted the proposals on its Facebook page.

House Bill 2764, would give all prisoners, even those sentenced to life in prison for murder or rape, the opportunity to apply for parole after 35 consecutive years of imprisonment. Two years after pas-

sage, parole would be available to anyone imprisoned for 25 straight years. And on its third anniversary, the bill would allow anyone imprisoned for 20 consecutive years to apply for release. Applications would be considered by the Prisoner Review Board, and the law would apply retroactively.



Rep. Carol Ammons introduced the bill, which has six co-sponsors...

Senate Bill 2254 is interesting. As you may know, state law currently prohibits sex offenders from living within 500 feet of schools, playgrounds, and daycare centers.



But the proposed law would allow all child sex offenders to move 249 feet closer to those facilities. It would establish no limit for daycare homes and group daycare homes. And, if the law passes, registered sex offenders and convicted murderers who don’t have a “fixed

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April 2025

- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **April 30**, May 28, June 25, July 30
Eagles Club, 3737 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **April 27**, May 25, June 29, July 27
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights
Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **April 7**, May 5, June 2, July 7
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **April 1**, May 6, June 3, July 1
Pontiac Sportsman’s Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **April 2**, May 7, June 4, July 2
Coz’s Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (Program at 6:45pm)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **April 3**, May 1, June 5, July 3
Barrack’s Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6:30ish.
- **Danville:** Second Monday **April 14**, May 12, June 9, July 14
Ela’s Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **April 9**, May 14, June 11, July 9
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.
- **Mattoon:** Second Thursday: **April 10**, May 8, June 12, July 10
The American Legion Post 88, 1903 Maple Ave, Mattoon
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **April 17**, May 15, June 19, July 17
Jamie’s Outpost, 602 Clark St., Utica

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 6 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.
Come on out and join us. Good food, good fun and good friends.
Dinner is optional but we encourage attendees to eat to support the venue.

Meetings are free and open to all.

Our meetings and our members...



Gregg won a 20-ga. double barrel shotgun at our final Champaign County GSL meeting. He's pictured with Rosie Delgado who won three-plus tanks of gas in the 50/50 drawing. Congrats to both!



We have some really unusual and really neat guns at our meetings too. Here's a four-shot .22 short Pepperbox derringer. You've got four chances to make someone really mad. They might die a week later of an infection, but you better outrun them in the meantime.



It's fun winning a gun!
GSL's Mattoon Regional Co-Director Keith Pippin with Rex at our Mattoon meeting. Congrats to Rex!



Santa won another gun!
Santa Claus won another gun at our Decatur GSL chapter! Yeah, we ordinarily don't include last names now, but everyone knows Santa Tom. Congrats on the new Ruger RXM!



Big Jon won a Kimber in Springfield!



You would be grinning too if you won both the 50/50 AND the gun at the same meeting! From Peoria! Congrats, sir.



Patriotic Kevin won the Ruger RXM in Pontiac.

Meeting changes/updates

Champaign County.

Our Champaign County meeting location has closed. We held our last meeting there in March. We encourage folks to visit other nearby chapters including Danville, Mattoon and Decatur.

Pontiac in April (and May in Peoria!)

We have John Purviance (ISP Retired) who will talk about the training ISP offers new recruits to help give them the mindset and tools they need to survive a gun battle.



From LaSalle: Theresa Schmidt, Tom DeVore, Crystal Loughran and John Boch.

Welcome Jadon Nafziger!

Central Illinois Precision Shooting continues to produce champion shooters, including three CIPS alumni who have gone on to shoot on NCAA Championship teams. One or more of those shooters may turn up on Team USA in the 2028 Olympics.



Central Illinois Precision Shooting

Their latest prodigy, Jadon Nafziger, joined us in Rantoul to share his story. In just five years, his shooting has taken him from his small town of Mackinaw to travel the nation at national shooting events. His scores have earned him an invitation to shoot in Peru to compete at the International level. That's coming this summer.

He's also the first disabled championship shooter they've trained at Joe Miller's CIPS. Jadon had an injury at birth that limited his mobility in his right arm. So his dad Matt is now his loader and he gets some additional

accommodations but it still relies on skills, dedication and a lot of hard work.

We salute Jadon for his work. The best part is he's got time at age 16 to continue his development to become among the world's best precision shooters even before finishing high school.



Jadon Nafziger with dad Matt.

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DEAR READER:

Thank you for picking up this issue of *GunNews Magazine*. We're proud of our monthly journal and hope it helps you to become a better-informed citizen and gun owner. If you like the content and want to get more each month, please join! We'll mail you a copy each month and you can enjoy other benefits of membership!

Our content can help you steer clear of violent criminals. It can help you avoid jail in post-use-of-force interactions with police, prosecutors, judges and jurors. Other content will help you weather adversity and emergencies to help keep your family safe and prepared.

Come out and join us at our meetings, too. You'll meet some great people, potentially make some new, high-quality friends and learn new things. We'll leave you educated, entertained and energized for our never-ending fight in this state to defend your right to defend yourself. Plus we have monthly gun drawings at our meetings.

In this issue we've detailed some of the great presentations from outstanding featured speakers sharing valuable information. Some are inspirational, others educational, and

some are both. But they happen regularly at our events. Come join us. You'll be glad you did if you're a first-time visitor or someone rejoining us. The meetings are only getting better and better.

Join our family using the application on the back page of *GunNews*, online at our GunsSaveLife.com website, or drop off your membership check at a meeting (where you'll get two free gun drawing tickets for each year you join or renew!). We need you in this fight alongside the rest of our family.

Membership in GSL is just \$30 annually at the moment. It's going up to \$40 on May 1st, but for now you can save \$10 and sign up today. Your membership allows us to continue our work at the local and state level defending your right to defend yourself in addition to bringing you and thousands of others *GunNews* each month.

Freedom isn't a spectator sport. Come join our family. Help us continue to get proven results defending your right to defend yourself.

Sincerely,
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Saturday, May 3 1-3p.m.
Cabela's in Hammond, IN

Al-Qaeda 2.0 is ready to launch the most wide-spread and sophisticated terrorist operations since 9/11. Intelligence briefings from the Transatlantic Intelligence Consortium (TIC) indicate that there will be a series of coordinated attacks across the United States and Europe starting in 2025. These attacks will be aimed at killing civilians, damaging infrastructure and creating general chaos and terror. No location or community will be immune to the effects of these attacks. Special survival and preparedness actions will be necessary to protect your family. Awareness is the key to preparedness!

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Live Free USA presents:

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Saturday, June 14 1-3p.m.
Cabela's in Hammond, IN

The rise of human and AI controlled drones represents the greatest threat to civilian survival and freedom in the Twenty-First Century. Drones can fly, hover, walk, and swim. Drones can be as small as insects or large enough to carry bombs, chemical weapons, or biological agents. These new weapons can easily be deployed by foreign powers, terrorist, and criminal organizations. Some drones are programmed to use deadly force without human control. Be able to protect your life, privacy, and liberty in the age of drones.

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Tickets are available!

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

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

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

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GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

Here are a few of the drawing guns!

Chicagoland Northwest April: Glock 43 MOS

Chicagoland Northwest May: Shield Plus with Optic 9mm

Pontiac April: S&W Bodyguard 2 .380

Sangamon May: Taurus Judge Polymer .45 Colt/.410

Sangamon May: Springfield Armory Hellcat 9mm

Decatur April: Rossi Model 92 lever action in .45 Colt

Decatur May: Sig P320C 9mm

Mattoon April: Armscor M1911A1 9mm

Chicagoland March: Ruger Max 9 9mm

Chicagoland April: S&W Bodyguard 2.0 .380

Chicagoland May: Canik MC9 METE

Executive Director's Report

Take a deep breath and relax

by John Boch

GSL Executive Director

Sometimes we just have to sigh and take a deep breath. While we're enjoying no shortage of winning at the federal level when it comes to Making America Great Again along with putting America first, we're facing great challenges in our home state of Illinois.

President Trump's policies are already having a very positive impact in a myriad of ways, and that's with 119 federal lawsuits trying to hamstring him. Many of those suits are filed by radical leftists like our own Kwame Raoul, and plenty of others are funded by none other than George Soros.

One way or another, these activist district court judges are going to either find themselves ignored, overturned, sanctioned or maybe even impeached. Of course there's no way there are the votes to sustain an impeachment in the US Senate.

Municipal elections April 1

Meanwhile closer to home, we have municipal elections coming April 1st. No joke. Also not a joke are the people who will be elected by a tiny turnout. Make your voice heard in that election because these local offices have the largest impact on your life and your family's lives. City Councils enact local policies and local school boards decide whether they're going to press forward with DEI and other woke policies or concentrate on educating kids instead of indoctrinating them.

For more on this, check out Nancy Hayes' column from the Illinois Freedom Alliance on page 7.

In the legislature, the extremists running the show have proudly embraced their radicalism. They seek to legalize attacks upon police, along with decriminalizing prostitution. They want to release the worst of the worst violent criminals after just 20 years in prison while persecuting gun owners. Is the unholy alliance between gangs and Illinois politicians growing stronger with each passing legislative term? It surely seems like it. For more on that, turn to page 11.

When it comes to "fighting" these radicals' gun-related legislative proposals, in a word we aren't. For two reasons.

First, we don't have the votes to stop them.

Even if we had five thousand paid lobbyists, the inmates are running the General Assembly asylum. They aren't interested our voices or in defending your right to defend yourself.

Heck, we can't even keep all of the supposedly pro-gun Republicans voting for gun rights. Several of them sided with gun control jihadists on gun confiscations without due process bill, including our feckless Republican leadership in the House and Senate. This despite the party's platform that says the Republican Party defends your right to keep and bear arms.

Secondly, we aren't in Springfield helping them make bad bills better. In years past, we would point out the most objectionable aspects of their bad bills. Then they would amend their bad bills to make them more survivable in potential court challenges.

Those days are over. For the most part as pretty much all of the gun rights groups in Illinois are embracing this "don't help them make a bad bill better" strategy. Hopefully everyone including our friends at ISRA will be onboard with this soon.

Gov. Pritzker signed the gun confiscation without due process bill. While these orders of protection are commonplace in divorce proceedings to give one side leverage in child custody and property settlement negotiations, I know most of you don't believe you have to worry about that. Until you get served with divorce papers.

With some of these new proposals to expand who can file these orders, if passed, might get you caught up in that dragnet if you make a flippant remark at a doctor's office or the emergency room. Or, for those who host family dinners, if you fail to serve a vegan alternative at your family's Thanksgiving Dinner. Because if you don't have a vegan alternative menu, you're *clearly* a danger to others, especially those suffering from Trump Derangement Syndrome.

If it makes you feel better, make a trip down to Springfield for IGOLD on May 14, 2025. For more information, visit ISRA.org. Right now though, at the present time, the courts are really our only hope for rolling back gun control in our state. And we know who owns the Illinois Supreme Court...

Attorney Mark Smith: If you're panicked, thinking Amy Coney Barrett is another David Souter, slow your roll

JUSTICE AMY CONEY BARRETT IS NOT ANTI-TRUMP OR LEFT-WING: Justice Barrett overturned *Roe v. Wade* in Dobbs, she ruled for 2A in *Bruen* & reaffirmed *Bruen* methodology in *Rahimi*; she voted to destroy the bump stock ban; she crushed Affirmative Action in public and private universities/colleges; she knocked out the deep state's favorite weapon, i.e., the *Chevron Doctrine of Deference*; she ruled for Trump in the 14A "ballot access" fight in *Anderson v. Trump*, and ACB ruled for Trump in the Jack Smith/lawfare POTUS immunity fight. Of course, she has issued some rulings I disagree with but I can say the same thing with all of the justices including Justices Thomas, Alito and Gorsuch.

— Four Boxes Diner's Mark Smith at X



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Nearly 700 bobcats harvested

(The Center Square) - The 2024-2025 Illinois bobcat season concluded with 649 bobcats harvested by hunters and trappers.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources issued 2,000 bobcat permits in the bobcat lottery out of 9,200 applicants. That is 1,000 more permits than last year.

Research from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale indicated the Illinois bobcat population could support an increased annual harvest without causing the population to decline.



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It would still be illegal to attack firemen, like her husband

State rep wants to make it legal for people ‘appearing’ to have a mental episode to attack cops

Springfield, IL (CWB Chicago) — Some Illinois state legislators are trying to make it legal for people who might appear to be having a mental health episode to attack police officers. But it would still be illegal to attack firemen like the one the bill's chief sponsor is married to.

Rep. Lisa Davis introduced House Bill #3458 last month and picked up two co-sponsors yesterday: Rep. Kelly Cassidy, who represents parts of the North Side, and Rep. Marcus Evans, Jr., whose district includes parts of the South Side and adjacent suburbs...

Davis' legislation would only legalize attacks on peace officers. Attacking any of the other professions would remain illegal.

That's probably by design. Davis is married to a Chicago firefighter and she probably doesn't fancy the thought of him being attacked by a stranger

without repercussions. When she's not crafting legislation, Davis is a defense attorney in the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender.



Rep. Lisa “Soft on Crime” Davis.



Illinois’ gun ID card scrutinized amidst violent crime outcomes

(The Center Square) — After a triple homicide-suicide in Bloomington, a gun rights advocate says Illinois’ Firearm Owners Identification card revocation processes and gun control laws “don’t work.”

A Bloomington Police Department news release last month said a firearm used in a triple homicide-suicide was recovered at the scene under the body of Christopher Simmons. The firearm was legally purchased by Simmons in 2021. In 2022, Simmons’ FOID card was revoked, and he was prohibited from legally possessing firearms.

Guns Save Life Executive Director John Boch said Simmons shouldn’t have had guns.

“In this case, a couple of officers could have knocked on that door and asked about his gun ... that might have gotten the gun, but they didn’t

do that, and the state police didn’t do that,” said Boch.

The Illinois State Police informed local law enforcement that Simmons failed to submit a Firearm Disposition form.

“Notification of Simmons’ revocation was sent and included in the law enforcement portal, which local law enforcement agencies can use for enforcement purposes,” ISP spokesman Melaney Arnold told The Center Square.

The Center Square asked Bloomington Police if confiscation or seizure actions were taken, they did not immediately respond...

Separately, Robert Crimo III pleaded guilty Monday to the 2022 Highland Park parade shooting where he killed seven people and injured dozens. ISP is facing civil challenges in the Illinois

Court of Claims over issuing Crimo a FOID card. Plaintiffs argue a local police report of Crimo being a “clear and present danger” should have blocked Crimo’s card.

In 2022, Lake County Deputy Chief Christopher Covelli discussed the report of Crimo given to the ISP.

“[In September of 2019] a family member reported that Crimo said he was going to kill everyone and Crimo had a collection of knives. The police responded to his residence. The police removed 16 knives, a dagger, and a sword from Crimo’s home. At that time, there was no probable cause to arrest. The Highland Park Police Department, however, did immediately notify the Illinois State Police of the incident,” Covelli said in a 2022 news conference.



Coming to public spaces and parks near you, thanks to the Pritzker regime. Bloomington, just south of downtown. Neighbors complain of thefts, violence, discarded needles, etc.

Because drug abuse, human trafficking, and crime never follow these “camps.” Nothing helps with the market value of your home quite like a homeless camp next door!

Pritzker: Local governments can’t restrict homeless encampments on public property

Chicago, IL (WTVO) — The Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) sent a letter Thursday reminding local governments that they do not have the authority to restrict homeless people from having camping in public spaces.

and state policy recognizes the civil rights of all Illinois residents. The Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness looks forward to partnering with local communities in pursuit of an Illinois where all people have a safe place to call home.”



Peoria, under a bridge.



Peoria at entrance to I-74.



Welcome to San Francisco in Springfield.

“In the last 15 months, at least 25 Illinois communities have passed ordinances criminalizing unsheltered homelessness. These approaches lead to increased isolation, additional barriers to housing and unnecessary cycles of incarceration,” said Chief Homelessness Officer Christine Haley. “It is more important than ever that local

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Roger B. | America's Oct. 7th coming soon

by John Boch

(GSL) - At our last Chicagoland meeting, we hosted Roger B. to share his research on the upcoming October 7th-style attacks coming to America.



October 7th attacks in Israel.

Islamic terrorists have a history of launching huge massacres of innocents to terrorize peoples. The Beslan attack in Russia, the Mumbai attacks in India, and more recently the Crocus City Hall in Moscow just last year.



Cleaning up after Beslan.

Roger's research, adding to what John Boch reported late last year and early this year, indicates that the Islamic terror groups have joined forces under the leadership of Osama Bin Laden's son Hamza. He's actually married the daughters of the respective orgs, creating a "family" affair.

The new unified group, called the Islamic Army, wants to launch fifty or a hundred or more of those Beslan/Mumbai/Crocus type attacks here in America using 1000 highly trained combat veterans from conflicts in Africa and the Middle East. Simultaneously or within days of one another. In terms of the human toll, their goal would be 50,000 Americans dead and

more if possible.

Using cells of 5 to 10, they could launch multi-pronged attacks in larger cities to dilute the first responder availability. Follow-on attacks might also target those first responders as well, along with spectators.

These trained fighters will exploit social media to livestream and record their horrific acts against innocents, especially women, children and babies - just as they did in Israel during the Oct. 7th attack. They'll manipulate the media and use American media to spread their terror and propaganda to amplify the impact of their attacks.

Imagine them livestreaming the rape and murder of little schoolgirls. Or a broadcast of them rampaging through a hospital nursery sexually assaulting babies before killing the babies with knives.

They will attack infrastructure as well, in an effort to create lasting damage to American society and the economy. After all, large power station transformers, bridges and other infrastructure devices don't get replaced overnight.

Another group of 1000 fighters will target American government including assassinating Donald Trump. That could also mean attacks on the Illinois State Capitol complex.

Roger detailed a whole host of impacts the terrorists hope to have. He's researched this through reading the book *Al-Qaeda 2.0: The Upcoming Attack on the United States and Europe Unveiled (Understanding Global Jihad)* by William Archer along with a host of publicly available intelligence data. The research behind the book comes from former and retired intelligence analyst professionals.

Their goal will be to tear America

apart. They even hope to recruit large numbers of disaffected native-born American Muslims to their cause and create "no go" zones for authorities where they can rest, regroup and rearm for further attacks.



Crocus City Concert Hall in Moscow.

Roger's message to the audience was "Nobody is coming to save you." What can you do? Have a first aid kit and know how to use it. Have your weapons ready and establish a plan for when the attacks may be underway. Carry everyday. These plans should include reunification of your family members and networking with like-minded friends and "associates" for mutual defense and support.

Assuming the terrorists don't take out the internet and cellular communications, cell phones are likely to be non-functional as the authorities will shut them down for everything except emergency government use. Do you have an alternate means of communications, like radios? Do you have access to repeaters to communicate more than a couple of miles away in an emergency?

It's best to start planning and preparing today, not after this thing kicks off.



DeVore | Republicans in the political wilderness - for good reason

Attorney Tom DeVore, the former candidate for Illinois Attorney General, spoke to a fired up audience at our LaSalle County GSL chapter meeting.

He shared a lot of inside baseball on politics in Illinois. The GOP in our state of alienated a whole lot of now-former voters by stabbing them in the back on votes. He explained why, in his opinion, they did it, and detailed a workable plan for turning out these now "low propensity" voters to Make Illinois Great Again.



Attorney Tom DeVore.

If Republicans don't embrace 'Vote by Mail' to boost off-year election participation, "We'll never have another Republican in state-wide office."

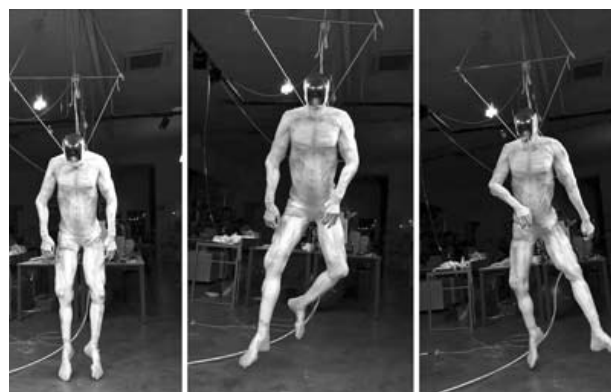
As it is, alienated conservatives aren't donating to the party - and in many cases not even to individual candidates. They're sick of getting screwed over.

Why are establishment GOP members so squishy? DeVore did some research and found that roughly half or more of their donations come from Democrat-aligned groups like the Teacher's unions. These are the "scraps" they send to Republicans to keep them obedient and to keep their foot in the door in the unlikely event Republicans ever regain a legislative majority.

Add to that Tony McCombie, the House Minority "leader" who grabs up what little scraps of cash that still come in and awards it to loyalists instead of races where it might make a difference.

And it works. DeVore also criticized the former leadership of the IL GOP for a host of unforced errors. Thankfully some of those responsible are gone, but more remain. And he had harsh words for the new GOP head Kathy Salvi for not coming to the aid of the House Freedom Caucus members Tony McCombie shunned and punished because they wouldn't kiss her ring and vote for her as minority "leader" in the House.

DeVore described the feckless House and Senate "leadership" as "bought and paid for" by Democrats and how they play the role of "controlled opposition" perfectly instead of getting aggressive to actually make a difference. Doing so might actually inspire conservatives to vote and donate.



Guns Save Life members won't worry...

SCARY: How long before this thing is roaming around exterminating people?

(ZeroHedge) - A video of a humanoid automaton coming to life has gone viral on X, and has people asking how long before this thing is weaponised?

The synthetic human-like creature, named Clone Alpha, was created by a company called Clone Robotics, which seems to have directly taken inspiration from the dystopian TV show Westworld.

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

What kind of gun owner are YOU?

There are all kinds of gun-owners. None are better than others; we're just all different. Here are a few types. You may know some; in fact, one might be staring at you in the mirror, so have fun.

The Absent-Minded Professor. You may or may not have a FOID. You're not really sure if you even have a firearm. You don't recall seeing one lately. In fact, you don't think about firearms one way or the other. But in the back of your mind there's this distant memory that down in the basement, there's this old trunk filled with stuff from your grandfather. You haven't looked at it in years. Old gramps; he fought in some war way back in the day. And he brought home some souvenirs. Better go find the trunk before you forget. It just might have an old Luger in there – an old expensive Luger. What to do now? **Apply for a FOID** and secure the Luger. This is exactly the start of bad stories of little kids finding a weapon. It may not be loaded. But "may not" doesn't cut it.

I Just Own One. You never use it. You have a FOID and someone helped you buy one years ago "just in case". But despite your intentions to learn how to shoot, you never have. It's probably a pistol and you have it locked up. Constitutional Purists often fall here; you believe in the right to bear arms, and have no intention of letting anyone take that right away. What to do? Go to the local range and talk to the folks. **Take a few lessons; learn how to shoot and how to clean it.** There's few things more tragic than reading about gun-owners who accidentally shot themselves cleaning their firearm. A firearm has no mind of its own; it goes off when you intentionally fire it, or make a mistake handling a loaded weapon. You're also the best recruiters to bring more folks into supporting the 2nd Amendment. So start recruiting.

I'm a Hunter. This probably means you know about firearms, and try to go hunting either religiously, or when you can find time amid all the other things you have to do. Skeet, trap, or sporting clays shooters fall in this category; your "bird" is just already dead when it comes out of the tower! Often, but not always, this means you have a shotgun or a rifle. Yes, you can hunt with a pistol, but most hunters use long guns. Of

all the types of gun owners, you probably fire the most rounds per year. You could almost clean your firearm in your sleep; in fact, you do clean it in your dreams and then wake up and clean it again. What to do? There's this Purdey, or Krieghoff, or Kolar, or Holland & Holland, or whatever, that just looks at you when you visit the dealers' row down in Sparta, Illinois every year at the championship shoots. It's that look. Just buy it. Life is too short not to. And then show it to me, so I'll want one too.

I'm a Collector. And you're addicted. Because as often as you say "This is it; this is the last one I'm buying" you are – shall we say – prevaricating! Some of your firearms you've never, and will never, shoot. Others you may shoot once. If you don't even have ammunition for a firearm, you're a collector. What to do? Unless you are filthy rich (and even that wouldn't work) you do not have the resources to buy everything. Nor the time, really. Many true collectors spend endless hours researching every purchase they make. For a military weapon, they want to know what unit had it, what battles it was in, etc. Because that knowledge can make an old clunker really valuable. As in "Add a zero, be a hero" when bidding at auction. What to do? Specialize. By type maybe, by nationality, by caliber, any distinguishing and unique characteristic. And get another gun safe; you're going to need one. And another one after that.

I'm Into Self-Defense and/or Survival Prep. Pistols are your favorite items; maybe a shotgun. It's all about practice. You go to the range as often as you can. You buy ammo by the case. Your spouse says you hoard ammo; little does she know – you have even more where that came from! In Illinois, you have a Concealed Carry License. You love talking guns at gun stores, and you often know more than the store clerk. What to do? If you really, truly, no kiddin' believe that your life depends on what you're carrying, ditch the so-so (but it's cheap) firearm you're betting your life on, and get the best you can afford. Maybe a \$2,100 CZ AccuShadow 2. Or one of those Tanfoglios from Italy. Or a Wilson Combat job. Do the research like you always do; find what's best for you and screw the cost. Because it's your life we're talking here.

I'm Dirty Harry. You seek out the closest/cheapest concealed carry class around. "I don't need no stinkin' class to know how to use a hog-leg to defend myself!" Thankfully they accepted your DD-214 from 'Nam, so ya only needed 8 hours in a stupid classroom, not 16. Shot the 30-round qual like everyone else. "I got a 28, cause my big .44 went off before I was ready couple of times," you say. No worries – you only needed 21 to pass. Ray Charles could do that.



"And now the damn gun-haters make us go back ev'ry 5 years. The nerve of those jack-booted thugs at ISP. Upside was that first shot blew all the dust bunnies out of my gun. Don't tell anyone, had to wipe the dust off the front sight so I could see it. This time I got 25. Damn recoil. Not my fault. At least I'm good for another five damn years." What to do? "I'll bring a few extra rounds in my pocket next time just in case. Nobody's countin'. Least I didn't shoot myself in the leg like that old colonel in the next stall. What a circus that was. Made my day."

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April 1st local elections

Isn't it time to vote where your tax dollars are getting spent and keeping boys out of the girls' locker rooms?

By Nancy Hayes
Election Integrity Chair
Illinois Freedom Alliance
Elections are near and dear to me. It's my ability to put clear-thinking, high-information people into public office. I want elected leaders who embrace our freedoms and liberty, including the right to keep and bear arms.

You would think more people would exercise their voting rights in critically important local elections, but sadly they don't.

Most folks don't realize that local politicians create and maintain the public policies that most directly impact your family, your community, and your local schools.

And then non-participating voters wonder why local government goes off the rails when the fringe radicals take over.

In Chicagoland, voter turnout in these muni polls typically falls between 5% and 18% in most communities.

Go vote!

If you want thousands of more reasons why you should vote in the upcoming April 1st municipal races, I invite you to look at your property tax bill. You likely pay thousands in taxes to the local school district, kids or no kids.

By electing intelligent,

right-thinking candidates for your local school board, not only do you impact your community, but the kids in your community. If the wrong people get elected, you get drag queen story time in your schools, boys in the girls' locker rooms and hiring based upon DEI instead of merit, excellence and intelligence.

Ditto for your local park district, fire district, library district and even your municipality itself.

Back to the dismal turnout: This is how a tiny bunch of rabble-rousing radical lunatics can get into public office. If their hundred or three hundred comrades vote for them, they're in and then the carnage begins. Sometimes candidates don't need hundreds of friends to vote for them to win. In University Park, the mayor won with 7 (yes, seven) votes - of 13 cast.

Yes Trump won his third election, but not in Illinois. We MUST vote in the April 1 elections. Early voting has already started.

If you don't vote, don't complain when the drag queens show up in your local library or the transgenders show up in your local locker rooms to shower with the girls.

You've been warned. Make sure you go vote, and en-

courage your right-minded friends to do the same.



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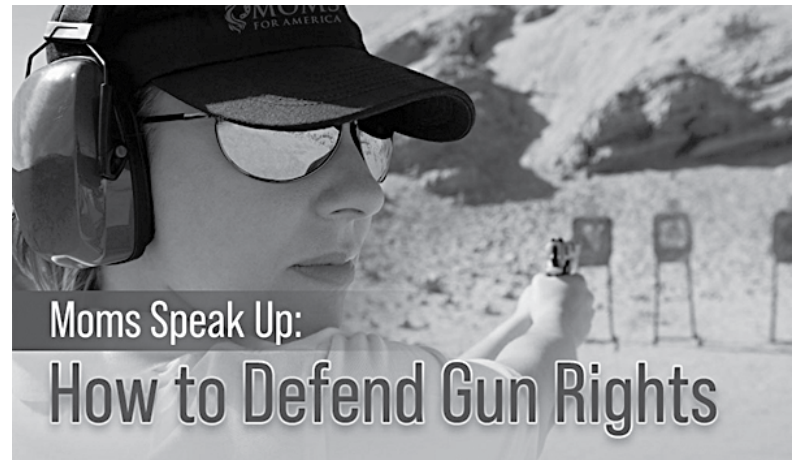
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Moms Speak Up: How to Defend Gun Rights

(Moms for America) - Did you know that every year in the United States responsible gun use saves lives? This fact does not come from a right-wing political group but from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This is just one of the thought-provoking points in information from Women for Gun Rights. This group, founded to counter the lies and disinformation of gun control groups, equips women - moms like you! - to speak up and defend our rights.

Make no mistake, as moms, gun rights matter. Some women mistakenly think that gun advocacy does not affect them or that they don't know enough about guns to have an opinion. Events in recent years have made it clear: our federal and state gun policies affect us all! As moms, we have vulnerable children to think about, in addition to our own safety and security. Contrary to what gun control activists tell you (and what gets parroted in the mainstream media), gun control laws make us less safe, not more. Designated gun-free areas are those most likely to have a mass shooting.

Women for Gun Rights

Women for Gun Rights is a great resource for anyone who wants to learn more about our Second Amendment rights. The group was founded by Diana Muller, a retired 22-year veteran of the Tulsa Police Department and two-time national 3-gun champion and professional shooter...

Diana began her organization to counteract the blatant lies in the media. Too often, women are painted with a broad brush. Women in the mainstream media are shown arguing for more gun regulations. These women do not represent Diana and the many moms, daughters, sisters, and grandmas she has brought together in her advocacy. There is another side to the story that biased media outlets won't show you.

Understand Your Rights

In addition to Women for Gun Rights, Moms for America has partnered with many organizations that defend gun rights and educate Americans about their rights. Understanding the Constitution and the Founders' intent in crafting our nation's founding documents is integral to the Moms for America Cottage Meeting series.

The fact remains that without the Second Amendment, we lose the means to ensure the defense of all other God-given rights protected in the Constitution. Without this key aspect of our Constitution, all of our civil liberties are in jeopardy... Gun rights are vitally important, especially for the protection of women and children.

Ever Been to the Range?

A great step in learning about the importance of gun rights is taking a trip to your local gun

range. It can be intimidating if you have never handled a firearm before. Check in your area for gun safety classes or ask friends in your neighborhood or church community to join you or take you. You might be surprised by who is an avid sportsman or gun enthusiast.



Visiting a local range can teach you a lot about responsible gun ownership and the reality of operating, maintaining, and storing guns for self-defense and recreation. These lawful and law-abiding citizens—your friends and neighbors - are the people that gun control laws harm... Going to the range will open your eyes to this fact and allow you to familiarize yourself with firearm use.

If you are the avid hunter or gun enthusiast, consider inviting a woman from your church or local community to the range. You might be surprised who will take you up on the offer... By introducing more women to legal gun ownership and responsible use, you can play a key role in gun rights advocacy.

Speak Up in Your Community

On the Moms for America Podcast and through other work of Women for Gun Rights, Diana Muller has fantastic tips for getting conversation started and changing hearts and minds. She emphasizes finding common ground. The goal for all of us is safer communities and protecting innocent people from violence. By establishing this shared goal, we can begin to show people that the way to achieve this is through further protecting gun rights, not trying to take them away.

Teach Your Children Their Rights

In addition to courageously taking a stand for gun rights in our communities, we cannot forget to have real conversations on these tough topics with our children. Whether on car trips or around the dinner table, don't be afraid to open up challenging conversations. If you do not give your children the facts, woke media figures will be all too happy to give them the spin.

You've Got This, Mama

Listen to the Moms for America Podcast and learn more about Women for Gun Rights. You can be an advocate for gun rights, no matter your place in the community. Your voice is needed. You've got this, Mama!



Firefighters union sent letter announcing intent to sue
Instead of targeting violent gang members, Mayor Johnson goes after firemen

Chicago Fire Department investigators searching firefighters' cars for guns?

Chicago (GSL) - In a city awash in gang members toting guns and giving Chicago the nickname of Murder City USA, Mayor Brandon Johnson is hard at work stamping out good guy guns where he can. For instance, the Chicago Fire Department has reportedly sent out investigators to search on-duty CFD firefighters' personal automobiles.

Why? They're looking for firefighters CCW guns stored in their cars while they are at work. CFD's investigators did this without warrants or probable cause of criminal activity. Instead, as Todd Vandermyde reports on it, it's almost like city leadership is trying to jam up firefighters with carry licenses.



Sure, there's a blanket prohibition on firefighters carrying guns on duty, but no doubt plenty like to have their legal carry piece with them for personal defense as they drive through crime-ridden neighborhoods to and from work.

As it is, applicants for CFD are asked if they have a carry license, and if so, to provide a list of all the firearms owned. (Chicago also wants to see a copy of their COVID vax documentation as well...) Failure to comply, according to the City of Chicago, is grounds

for termination.

Fortunately there's a lawsuit in the works to seek damages from those involved as well as they city. Chicago's firefighters union has sent a letter demanding the City retain all records relating to the searches.

Two things though: Justice moves at the speed of smell and secondly, it's Chicago. Finding one or more Cook County judges who are neutral on guns will pose the first hurdle. Ditto for the federal district court if they file in federal court in Chicago.



If Mayor Johnson is worried about guns getting stolen out of firefighters' cars, wouldn't it be cheaper and support improved morale if the city simply installed secure lock boxes in the station houses for firefighters to store their carry piece(s) while at work?

There's a reason Brandon Johnson's approval rating is at 6.6%.

6.6% APPROVAL

Mayor Johnson at -73% net favorability

Chicago (GSL) - A poll conducted by M3 Strategies for Fox Chicago found that Mayor Brandon Johnson enjoys a whopping 6.6% approval rating among about 700 Chicago voters surveyed. That's only slightly more than the number of Americans who think shape-shifting lizard people run our government.

Moreover almost 80% disapprove of Mayor Moron's work. That works out to a whopping 73.3% underwater in net favorability. Yep, he did it.



Sun-Times shock headline: **Only 6% of Chicago shootings lead to arrests**

Welcome to Murder City USA

Tourist shot in downtown Chicago

Chicago (Sun-Times) - She came to Chicago last week to attend a school choir conference and enjoy some pizza with her 11-year-old son, but as the Connecticut woman headed to the airport Monday she was bringing home some harrowing memories.

The night before, the 46-year-old woman was shot while walking with her son across the street from AMC River East 21 in Streeterville, a movie theater with a history of violence and loitering that has prompted calls for better public safety.



Chicago is a modern-day 'Wild West'

Gangland shoot-out at O'Hare International

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A wild shoot-out exposed the lack of license plate readers at O'Hare Airport, where gunmen fled in cars after wounding a self-proclaimed rapper, police sources say.

"How is it that we don't have those readers at the airport when we have them all over the city?" a police supervisor said, adding that such readers could have helped in the investigation.

Nearly 60 shell casings were retrieved outside Terminal 2 after two rappers from Austin and their West Side companions de-boarded a Spirit Airlines flight and got into a violent argument in baggage claim, leading to the shooting at 12:10 a.m. Wednesday.

Chicago police officials haven't announced a motive for the attack in the arrivals area on the lower level. *[Editor: Later reports speculate it was an attempted armed robbery in addition to a gang beef.]* But they know two separate groups stepped off a flight from Houston and made their way to baggage claim, where the quarrel between the rappers erupted, according to a police report and sources. Screaming expletives and throwing punches, the brawl escalated and moved into a vestibule before spilling into the street outside.

After someone in the melee called a "gun car," its occupants jumped out and began firing an AK-47-type rifle and a 9mm gun at people on the sidewalk, a police source said.



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Gangs & Politicians in Chicago: AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE

LAWBREAKERS, LAWMAKERS: In some parts of Chicago, violent street gangs and pols quietly trade money and favors for mutual gain. The thugs flourish, the elected officials thrive—and you lose. A special report.

Chicago (ChicagoMag) - A few months before last February's citywide elections, Hal Baskin's phone started ringing. And ringing. Most of the callers were candidates for Chicago City Council, seeking the kind of help Baskin was uniquely qualified to provide.

Baskin isn't a slick campaign strategist. He's a former gang leader and, for several decades, a community activist who now operates a neighborhood center that aims to keep kids off the streets. Baskin has deep contacts inside the South Side's complex network of politicians, community organizations, and street gangs. As he recalls, the inquiring candidates wanted to know: "Who do I need to be talking to so I can get the gangs on board?"

Baskin—who was himself a candidate in the 16th Ward aldermanic race, which he would lose—was happy to oblige. In all, he says, he helped broker meetings between roughly 30 politicians (ten sitting aldermen and 20 candidates for City Council) and at least six gang representatives. That claim is backed up by two other community activists, Harold Davis Jr. and Kublai K. M. Toure, who worked with Baskin to arrange the meetings, and a third participant, also a community activist, who requested anonymity. The gang representatives were former chiefs who had

walked away from day-to-day thug life, but they were still respected on the streets and wielded enough influence to mobilize active gang members...

At some of the meetings, the politicians arrived with campaign materials and occasionally with aides. The sessions were organized much like corporate-style job fairs. The gang representatives conducted hourlong interviews, one after the other, talking to as many as five candidates in a single evening. Like supplicants, the politicians came into the room alone and sat before the gang representatives, who sat behind a long table. "One candidate said, 'I feel like I'm in the hot seat,'" recalls Baskin. "And they were."

The former chieftains, several of them ex-convicts, represented some of the most notorious gangs on the South and West Sides, including the Vice Lords, Gangster Disciples, Black Disciples, Cobras, Black P Stones, and Black Gangsters. Before the election, the gangs agreed to set aside decades-old rivalries and bloody vendettas to operate as a unified political force, which they called Black United Voters of Chicago. "They realized that if they came together, they could get the politicians to come to them," explains Baskin.

The gang representatives were interested

in electing aldermen sympathetic to their interests and those of their impoverished wards. As for the politicians, says Baskin, their interests essentially boiled down to getting elected or reelected. "All of [the political hopefuls] were aware of who they were meeting with," he says. "They didn't care. All they wanted to do was get the support..."

During the meetings, the politicians were allotted a few minutes to make their pitches. The former gang chiefs then peppered them with questions: What would they do about jobs? School safety? Police harassment? Help for ex-cons? But in the end, as with most things political in Chicago, it all came down to one question, says Davis, the community activist who helped Baskin with some of the meetings. He recalls that the gang representatives asked, "What can you give me?" The politicians, most eager to please, replied, "What do you want?"

- While they typically deny it, many public officials—mostly, but not limited to, aldermen, state legislators, and elected judges—routinely seek political support from influential street gangs. Meetings like the ones Baskin organized, for instance, are hardly an anomaly. Gangs can provide a decisive advantage at election time by performing the kinds of chores patronage armies once did.
- In some cases, the partnerships extend beyond the elections in troubling—and possibly criminal—ways, greased by the steady and largely secret flow of money from gang leaders to certain politicians and vice versa. The gangs funnel their largess through opaque businesses, or front companies, and through under-the-table payments. In turn, grateful

politicians use their payrolls or campaign funds to hire gang members, pull strings for them to get jobs or contracts, or offer other favors (see "Gangs and Politicians: Prisoner Shuffle").

- Most alarming, both law enforcement and gang sources say, is that some politicians ignore the gangs' criminal activities. Some go so far as to protect gangs from the police, tipping them off to impending raids or to surveillance activities—in effect, creating safe havens in their political districts. And often they chafe at backing tough measures to stem gang activities, advocating instead for superficial solutions that may garner good press but have little impact.

The paradox is that Chicago's struggle to combat street gangs is being undermined by its own elected officials. And the alliances between lawmakers and lawbreakers raise a troubling question: Who actually rules the neighborhoods—our public servants or the gangs?


... Baskin operates his neighborhood center in an old church in Englewood, one of the most violent, gang-filled communities in Chicago. The church, like the neighborhood, has seen better days. Recently, as a light rain dripped through the leaky roof, Baskin tended to a makeshift system of buckets and tarps to minimize the damage. The basketball court and a theatre stage on the top floor are nearly ruined. "There are parts of this city where there are no legal jobs and the drug dealer and the gang leader are the biggest employers in the community," Baskin says. "The politicians know it; people in the community know it. That's the social dynamic that plays out in these meetings."





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Danville PD Chief Yates | Training officers, community support and building bridges

by John Boch

(GSL) - Imagine a community and its elected officials that support their local police, and where highly trained police officers support the community. A town where most work to fight gangs and improve the quality of life. This, of course, despite the agitators constantly seeking to divide and exploit feelings and emotions to gin up drama.

Welcome to Danville. Their six-year police chief Chris Yates gave a lengthy presentation at our Danville GSL meeting that proved not only educational, but should have made folks proud of the department and community he represents.

He covered all manner of topics but here are a few takeaways. As a career cop with Danville, Yates works hard to work with everyone in the community, building bridges and relationships where he can. This certainly includes with gun owners.

Despite the rough nature of the city, the locals had met with some success reducing violent crime through good policing, a strong prosecutor and good judges... at least until the Illinois General Assembly gave us the "No Cash Bail" law.

Despite the setback, the local judges and prosecutors work hard to revoke "no cash bail" for those who re-offend while out on release. Prosecutors try to keep as many arrestees who pose a risk to others in jail until trial as possible. It works fairly well because everyone

works together - from the community and the leaders within to the street cops to prosecutors and judges.

For example, during the 2020 George Floyd riots, Yates' department learned of a large contingent of troublemakers coming down to loot the big box stores and burn the downtown. It proved an all-hands on deck moment for the department and they even called in help from other jurisdictions.



Chris Yates.

They worked to barricade the local Walmart - even the parking lot. They greeted the would-be rioters in a public show of readiness to meet criminal acts with force. DPD even arrested a few of the loudest loud-mouths who were then given high bails. High enough that not even Kamala Harris' favorite bail-posting non-profit wanted to sink that many big bucks into bailing out those in custody.

The response to troublemakers proved quite a contrast to places like Champaign (and Normal)

where police were ordered to hang back and go hands off where possible.

Meanwhile the community pitched in as well. Some of the locals erected makeshift barricades to their neighborhoods staffed with residents with rifles to keep out those with ill intent. While DPD didn't endorse or solicit that help, they didn't discourage it either. One might say they appreciated not having to worry about home invasions and mayhem in some of the residential neighborhoods.

Asked his advice on interacting with police in a post-defensive shooting scenario, he thought about it for a couple moments. "In all honesty, it would be hypocritical to tell you something different than what I tell my wife. In short, tell them you used force in self-defense and let them know you want to talk to an attorney before making a further statement or answering any other questions." That was refreshing to hear.

Oh yeah, and make sure you're not holding a gun when police roll up.

He also confided that in the defensive shootings he's been around working in the department, the incidents prove mentally very taxing to the officers involved. "It tears them up," Yates noted.

Danville has a lot of reasons to be very proud of the local cops who try to keep a lid on gang violence and crime in the city. Keep up the good work, Chief Yates.

Caceres | Crimson Trace, Laser sights & more

by John Boch

(GSL) - At our Mattoon GSL meeting we welcomed Clyde Caceres, one of the earliest staffers of Crimson Trace. They are known today for their laser sights and other sighting systems. Their early work helped revolutionize sighting systems we enjoy today. Clyde was one of the people who helped make that happen.

He had a stroke in 2023 and says he now works at about 10% of what he used to accomplish. At the same time, speaking at events like this proves very therapeutic to his recovery.



Caceres shared the incredible renaissance in products that happened starting around 1990. Revolutionary design advances in firearms (polymer frames like Glocks), flashlights ("who's gonna pay \$200 for a flashlight?") to blades, and even gun sights (like Crimson Trace laser sights).

While Col. Jeff Cooper taught "front sight focus" for sighting, Clyde and CT advocated using a laser as an "adjunct" to the front sight to benefit the shooter. They showed how when coupled with good fundamentals, a laser proved a help, not a hindrance. Plus there are the psychological aspects in both

directions in applying the laser against bad guys.

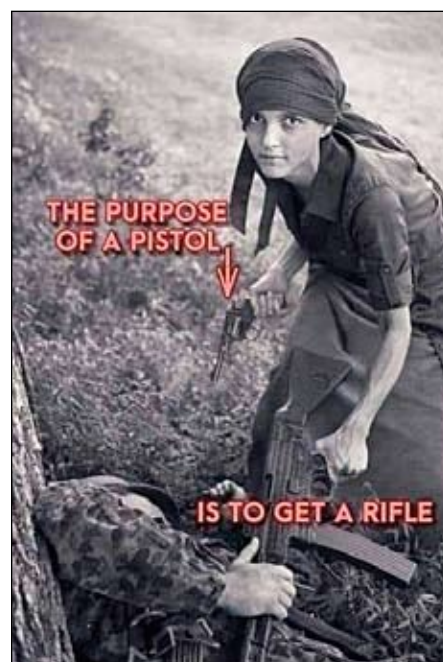
For older shooters who need bifocals or trifocals, or those who lose their glasses in a confrontation, seeing a bright red or green "splotch" on a bad guy is a remarkable improvement over struggling to focus on that front sight.

At the same time he repeatedly told folks not to skip the fundamentals and think buying a good laser will make them a master gun-fighter or shooter. He also stressed buying a quality product that's robust and reliable, even under adverse conditions over cheap, unproven Chinese knockoffs.



Clyde also talked about the industry itself and how they at Crimson Trace overcame engineering challenges not only to bring a laser that works reliably and intuitively with users, but also their work developing other products including body armor. He noted a couple of times his pride in helping bring products to market that helped save countless good guy lives. He said that his work saving lives proved incredibly fulfilling and meaningful to him. It's frankly something most people can't say of their work.

All in all, it was a very educational and informative presentation and we're grateful and then some for Clyde's presentation.



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Jon Purviance in Springfield at SCHEELS.

How the ISP trains their people to win a gunfight... we should train much the same way!

Purviance | Training to win

by John Boch

(GSL) - Some of us are lucky enough to save lives with the work we do. John Purviance counts himself in that category as a long-time (now retired) ISP firearms and tactics instructor.

How do they train their raw recruits at the ISP Academy on how to win a gunfight? After all, today's applicants often don't have military or prior law enforcement experience. First and foremost, the ISP trainers try to acclimate their cadets to high stress situations. They do this through simulators and force-on-force training. They tailor their training to research done by the leading national experts, giving their cadets (and Troopers with continuing education) every possible edge and advantage to help them win.

Now obviously they train for de-escalation and conflict resolution without going lethal, but sometimes drug-addled, or desperate people do irrational, desperate things.

Mr. Purviance explained some common physical and psychological effects people feel during adrenaline dumps. While they vary wildly in specifics, but generally fine motor skills go out the window and very often there is a time distortion. Accordingly, ISP trains their people

to exploit both aspects by drilling on gross motor skills in using the gun and using the temporal distortion (time goes in slow motion) to think about tactics instead of how to manipulate their weapon, radio, etc.

He explained that a good many folks lose bowel and/or bladder control in a life-and-death conflict, but it's nothing to be concerned with or ashamed of. (Hence the brown uniform pants...)

The former trainer also talked about how people - cops, good guys, etc. - must all break out of the "this can't be happening" denial response as quickly as possible in order to take life-saving action. He discussed tunnel vision and the importance of breaking it, along with auditory exclusion and a host of other common psychological effects of that massive adrenaline dump that you'll feel.

It proved a very insightful discussion of mindset and how everyday people can train and condition themselves to better react to an unfolding deadly force incident.

He also tackled pre-decision making on when you'll get involved in a third-party self-defense situation. It might be never vs. early in a confrontation. It's something you have to decide for yourself.

And it can vary depending on who's with you. It should be very different if you're flying solo vs. if you have your toddler kids or grandkids with you out in public. Decide what you can live with vs. what you can't (and what you are willing to risk to stop a potentially lethal attack). For example you might duck out the back of a store if you discern a robbery at the cash register up front, but you might engage if you're on a playground and someone starts shooting kids.

Purviance even discussed post-shooting interactions with responding and investigating cops. First and foremost, put the gun away, ideally before cops arrive. Expect to get cuffed up and treated like a criminal until officers figure out what happened.

He recommends telling the cops, "I acted in self-defense. I don't want to answer any questions without my attorney." And shut up.

There was much, much more but you'll have to catch him at the Pontiac meeting in April or the Peoria meeting in May to hear it. It was a priceless presentation, one you would be wise to hear and maybe even take some notes.

There is no right to keep and bear arms in Mexico... and cartels run the nation

Grisly 'Extermination Camp' found in Mexico

(ZeroHedge) - On a quest to find loved ones who've gone missing in Mexico's years-long plague of gang-driven disappearances, a group of volunteers has discovered a ghastly, bone-strewn "extermination camp" in a rural village near Guadalajara, complete with cremation ovens. Their shock was compounded by the knowledge that police first learned about the site months ago but did little to investigate it. Some witnesses say the site was

used to hold men who were abducted with the intent to force them into joining a criminal cartel -- and to teach torture techniques.



The first of an unknown quantity of human remains

have yet to be identified, but the site near the village of La Estanzuela holds at least 700 personal items, including some that appear have belonged to women and children -- such as a blue summer dress, a small pink backpack and high-heel shoes, the New York Times reports. Those and other shoes may offer one of the best indications of the potential number of people killed and/or processed at the site: There are hundreds of them.

Lt. Col. Dave Grossman's first ever

Bulletproof House of Worship Safety Conference

Thursday, April 24 - Saturday, April 26th

Central Christian Church, 301 N 10th. St., Mount Vernon, IL

(GSL) - The Department of Homeland Security's 2024 Homeland Threat Assessment details a heightened threat environment in our nation, and that certainly applies to houses of worship. Terrorists, political extremists and social misfits all have an axe to grind with Christians, faith-based institutions and religious-themed public gatherings.

The Family Research Council identified over twice as many incidents ranging from vandalism to arson to violence against US churches in 2024 compared to 2023. Incidents are not only growing but accelerating.



With all that in mind, one of America's foremost experts on mindset Lt. Col. Dave Grossman will be headlining a three-day Bulletproof House of Worship Safety Conference April 24-26, 2025 in Mt. Vernon, IL. He has a host of nationally-known speakers lined up to share important information and even some tactics for church security folks nationwide.

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- Do you have the right mindset?
- Lessons learned from The New Life Church tragedy
- Verbal De-escalation
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- The aftermath of use of force
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- Explosive devices
- What does the prepared person look like on Sunday?
- Stopping the killers
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[Editor's note: GSL not only endorses this event but **strongly recommends** church safety and security team members attend.]

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He tried that in a small town... it didn't go well for him

Dagger-wielding lunatic shot dead in Missouri small town

Benton County, Missouri (KCTV) - Self-defense is believed to play a role in the fatal shooting of a man assaulting multiple individuals with a dagger near a rural Missouri amphitheater.

The Benton County, Missouri, Sheriff's Office says that around 3:50 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, emergency crews were called to the 3100 block of Highway MM, near the Grand Stage Amphitheater, with reports of a disturbance that involved a knife and firearms.

As law enforcement officials responded, they said additional information was received that an individual had been shot. When they arrived, they found Mark S. Lomax, 59, with a gunshot wound to his chest. He was airlifted to the University of Kansas Medical Center where he later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead.

The Sheriff's Office said video footage reviewed on Friday revealed Lomax had been armed with an edged dagger as he assaulted multiple individuals.

Like a good neighbor, a gun owner is there Man saves neighbor from stabbing attack

Brentwood, TN (WKRN) — Authorities are investigating a stabbing that led to a shooting Wednesday afternoon in a Brentwood neighborhood.

The Brentwood Police Department said officers were called to the area of Lost Hollow Drive at approximately 1:17 p.m. after receiving a 911 call about a man who was stabbing a woman.

Before officers arrived, a neighbor — who was reportedly armed with a handgun — attempted to physically intervene but was unable to stop the suspect from stabbing the woman.

Police said that's when the neighbor shot the suspect multiple times in front of several witnesses.

'I assume he wasn't there for just yogurts'

Yogurt-loving intruder picks the WRONG house

Miami Beach, FL (WSVN) - A prowler who broke into a home in an exclusive Miami Beach neighborhood found himself facing a pistol-toting homeowner, triggering a massive manhunt that led to the burglar's arrest, police said.

Speaking with 7News on Thursday, homeowner Babba Joshua Yesharim said he saw the perpetrator on his property on Pine Tree Drive near 43rd Street on surveillance video during the overnight hours...

In a bathrobe with a flashlight and handgun, Yesharim faced the home invading burglar.

"The only thing that was going through my mind at the time was to protect myself and my family at all costs," he said...

"I saw him in my courtyard by my front door. I pulled my gun on him, I told him, 'Freeze. I've got a gun. I will shoot you,'" said Yesharim. "He looked at me and he started running away from me. And it looked like he went toward my neighbor's house and hopped the wall there."

The prowler would run into more trouble.

"I also have a house manager on property that was armed as well. He had a shotgun on him," said Yesharim.

After realizing he'd targeted the wrong house, the suspect fled, but his break-in fail was about to get worse.

The search to find the burglar led to a massive manhunt, one made up of everything from SWAT teams to K-9 units to a police chopper...

The suspect, identified as Jose Santospenna, was caught and cuffed and headed to jail...

"He took a few of my kids' yogurts, from all we can find. We can't really find anything else," said Yesharim. "He could have taken, or tried to take, I should say, a lot more. I don't know. I assume he wasn't there for just yogurts."



In 2022 at the Greenwood Park Mall in Greenwood, Indiana, an armed good guy with a gun stopped a spree killer seconds after the attack began. From a distance of forty yards, Elisjsha Dicken, 22, (pictured above) fired ten rounds from a Glock 19 handgun, hitting the would-be spree killer eight times, killing him.

The only thing that stops bad people with evil in their hearts is a good guy with a gun...

Armed civilians stop more spree killers than police, 51.5% to 44.6%

Everyday Americans accidentally shoot the wrong people less often than police, almost never have their guns taken away...

(CrimeResearch.org) - We have previously put out our study on the FBI's active shooting reports. If you watch entertainment television police shows, you would think something always seems to go wrong when guns are used defensively (including shooting bystanders to getting in the way of police to failing to protect the permit holder to continually having the gun stolen and use in a crime to it being used in an accidental shooting).

During the ten years from 2014 to 2023, there were 180 active shooting cases (as defined by the FBI) where a concealed handgun permit holder stopped an active shooting attack. We decided to do a deep dive to see how many cases there were out of those 180 cases where a concealed handgun permit holder accidentally shot a bystander (one case, 0.56%), got in the way of police (zero cases, 0.0%), had the handgun taken away (one case, 0.56%), and got themselves killed (two cases, 1.1%).

What was more common were cases where the permit holder was injured in saving the lives of others (44 cases, 24%). Fifty-eight of those cases were instances where a mass public shooting was likely prevented.

While civilians with concealed handgun permits stopped 51.5% of the active shoot-

ings in non-gun-free zones, police stopped 44.6% of the cases (124 arrested or killed by police, 32 committed suicide when police arrived = 156/350 = 44.57%).

Interestingly, police officers were much more likely to lose their lives or be wounded in stopping these attacks than armed civilians. Twenty-seven officers were killed in 19 attacks (7.7% and 5.4%, respectively). That is 5.94 times the rate that permit holders were killed. One hundred officers were wounded in 48 attacks (28.6% and 13.7%, respectively). That rate is 17% higher than for civilians.

In four cases, the police shot and killed the wrong person — twice they accidentally shot fellow police officers (Prince George's County Police Department District 3 Station on March 13, 2016 and Borderline Bar and Grill on November 7, 2018) and twice they accidentally shot civilians (Galleria Mall in Hoover, Alabama on Nov. 23, 2018 and Highlands Ranch, Colorado on May 7, 2019).

The bottom line is that the rate of police shooting the wrong person is very low, though it is slightly more than twice the rate that civilians shoot a bystander (1.14% versus 0.56%). The police accidentally shot other police officers at very slight higher than the rate that civilians shot bystanders.

SPOILER ALERT: IT ALREADY HAS...

Anti-gun Dems are very concerned their 'Gun Violence' junk science 'research' slush fund may dry up very soon

(The Trace) - Congressional Democrats are warning that Republicans' budget plan could threaten funding for gun violence research and prevention.

Senators are expected to vote this week on a stopgap budget — known as a continuing resolution — that would largely extend current federal spending levels through September and avert a looming government shutdown. But Democrats say the GOP's proposal, which passed the House on March 11, could embolden the Trump administration to shortchange anti-violence efforts.



Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Gun Control) is worried.



Drunk with power in their war on civilization

Thanks to very favorable elections in the Land of Lincoln, radical Democrats now run the Illinois General Assembly. They have carte blanche to enact their radical public policy goals. Of course, these aren't your dad's Democrats. Those America-loving John Kennedy Democrats were long-ago primaried out of office by hard-left socialists, along with their communist and Marxists pals.

These new breed of Dems distract from their public policy failures by blaming others including gun owners. Instead of holding gangs and repeat violent offenders responsible for violent crime, they blame guns. They loosen sanctions on criminals and criminal behaviors while regulating and handcuffing the police.

This has a lot of people outside of Chicago and the suburbs very frustrated.

We know Republicans in Illinois have become lost in the political wilderness. Feckless leadership has led to lost seats in the General Assembly, and a dearth of campaign cash. And according to Attorney Tom DeVore, much if not most of remaining donations come from Democrat-affiliated organizations.

Getting stabbed in the back by so-called Republican legislative "leaders" and individual reps and senators has alienated a lot of conservative voters. To the point many don't even vote any more much less donate. "What's the use?" they ask.

After all, the last time we had an exciting, articulate conservative candidate for governor, the cocktail-sipping elitists then running the state party worked to undermine his campaign. They made fun of him as a Trump-supporting redneck Neanderthal. And you don't even want to know what they said about his grassroots supporters and workers.

Meanwhile our billionaire trust-fund baby governor has never held a real job in his life. At the same time he has mastered the art of pandering to the low-information voters when he's not eating the finest foods with his silver spoon and fork.

And now, the radicals are letting their freak fly. It's almost like these people are trying to destroy civilization.

It's a surprise they haven't filed bills to curtail the right of self-defense too.

What also isn't surprising is how many Land of Lincoln residents are voting with their wallets and their feet by moving out of our state.

LETTER TO EDITOR: He loves the Great Guns rifle!

This a little overdue but I wanted to give you an update. As you may recall, I won the Springfield M1A in the GSL Great Guns 2.0 Drawing.



I want to again thank you and Zancha's Guns for offering this great gun.

I was finally able to take the rifle to the range yesterday and was very happy with the way the rifle performed. Using only the iron sights, the Point of Aim and Point of Impact were nearly identical and the felt recoil was very manageable.

Thank you again for a great and enjoyable rifle.

Jim Reynolds
City withheld, IL

MEME FAIL: The Left can't meme



Armed illegals? They are committing additional felonies relating to gun possession under American law. On top of felonies for coming to and living in America without going through the legal immigration process.

SHOCKING! Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette prints alternative viewpoint

Problem is gangs, not guns

Urbana police Chief Larry Boone lamented so-called "gun violence" for the violent crime in his city in his open letter published by *The News-Gazette*.



Larry Boone, in the suit, offering feel-good symbolism over substance.

Here we go again. It is gang violence, not gun violence. Gangs drive this violent crime we see in much of America, both locally and nationally. Even former Attorney General Merrick Garland acknowledged that truth at a survivor's summit. He said gangs and repeat violent offenders are responsible for most of the gun-related violent crime across America.

If the chief won't even call the problem what it is, how can he possibly solve this?

Locally, we need better public education. If kids graduate thanks to social promotion and can't read the diploma, then they're pretty much unemployable. Without career opportunities, all that's left is the glamorous gangster lifestyle of drug sales, ill-gotten cash, (already) illegally possessed guns and crime.

For those flirting with the gang lifestyle, we need criminal enforcement and accountability, including incarceration to deter criminal behavior — not the catch-and-release justice system the SAFE-T Act has given us.

Moreover, singing "Kumbaya, My Lord" after implementing another "restorative justice" program isn't going to deter criminal behavior.

Chief, get with the program. Call out those responsible and quit blaming guns for the gang violence in Urbana.

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Was Cole Turner on his way to commit mass murder?

TOO CLOSE TO HOME: Mom of armed 15YO shot dead by police demands 'JUSTICE!'

by John Boch

Bloomington, IL (GSL) - The story of a 15-year-old shot dead by Bloomington Police hit way too close to home for me - like 3-4 blocks away close. Close enough my kids and I heard the gunshots.

Thanks to unseasonably warm weather, I took my kids to the Harmony Park playground within Rollingbrook Park in Bloomington after school that Tuesday. And why not? Rollingbrook Park is my back yard and the kids love the playground.

We had just returned to the house to welcome mom home from work when I heard a burst of gunfire and without even thinking, said to myself, "That sounds like gunfire."



My kids heard my words and got a little stressed, but I played it off as fireworks.

"Why would someone be shooting fireworks now?" one of my skeptical kids asked me.

"Yeah, dad," said the other one.

Sometimes they're too smart for their own good.

Turns out the pops were indeed gunfire. They came from a couple of Bloomington cops responding to an armed subject call. They found 15-year-old Cole Turner. When confronted by officers, young Mr. Turner reportedly raised his gun. Reacting to the threat, the cops shot him... and he died.

The aftermath

The teen's mom now demands *JUSTICE!* among other things. Local activists have latched onto the death of Turner, trying to make his death some sort of cause célèbre. They even held a protest to agitate for "Justice 4 Cole." [Written English isn't their strong suit.] Photos suggest about 20-40 people showed up to "demonstrate."

This despite the fact that the investigation continues and where bodycam video will be released sooner or later.



According to mom, her son Cole Turner dreamed of law school and becoming a prosecutor.

Yeah, it's hard to go to law school when your school career involves expulsion from public school and failing grades at the alternative school. And a police standoff last October in

Normal for good measure.

On the day in question, Cole Turner reportedly showed off the handgun and indicated he was going to take care of some business shortly before the confrontation. He also told peers that he might die. In fact, one source related that Cole said he "expected" to die later that day.

I'm just thankful he didn't stroll three blocks east to the \$2M+ handicapped-accessible Harmony Park playground where my kids played happily just a few minutes earlier.



But thinking about it... was Cole on the way to that playground to "take care of business" by slaughtering a bunch of children to gain national fame and notoriety as the next mass murderer? After all, it was packed with scores of kids and families enjoying the unseasonably warm weather. And by statute it's a "gun free" zone for good guys.

We'll never know for sure. Thankfully he didn't make it that far. Thank almighty God that Bloomington PD's professionals dealt with him when they did, where they did. Because if Cole Turner had come to that park wielding a gun, endangering innocents in my presence, I might have had to do the dirty work of engaging him. Yeah, I don't get paid to do that.

But make no mistake, like pretty much every last Guns Save Life member I've ever known, I'm not going to sit idly by and watch some social misfit loser murder a bunch of toddlers and children in my presence uncontested.

One thing's for sure, no matter what Cole Turner planned to do with that gun on that fateful day before police showed up, by trying to shoot his way out of a(nother) arrest, he got his justice served up hot and ready. Just like a Little Caesar's pizza.

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New app offers personal bodyguards and private motorcades on-demand in NYC

New York City (NY Post) - Safety is the new luxury in Gotham.

A new app called Protector will offer New Yorkers on-demand access to armed ex-military and law enforcement to chauffeur them around town.

"Ultra high-profile individuals like Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos have dedicated full-time protection teams in place, but for most people, navigating security options is more challenging than it should be," Protector app founder and CEO Nick Sarath told The Post this week.

The app, which launches Tuesday in NYC and Los Angeles, costs \$200 an hour for a Protector and a driver.

But the price can skyrocket depending on the client's "mission," and whether additional security, a full motorcade, or other specialized measures are necessary, said Sarath, 25.

Clients can even choose how they want their Protectors dressed - business formal, business casual or "tactical casual." Vehicle choices include Cadillac Escalades and Chevy Suburbans.



"During each assignment, my number one goal is to keep our clients safe. That means assessing potential threats before they happen, anticipating risks before they escalate, and making sure whoever I'm protecting can move through their day without worry," said a Protector named Jim, who declined giving his last name for security reasons.

Being a Protector is a "natural fit," explained Jim, who said he draws on his nearly 30 years of experience as a Los Angeles police officer, and former Marine Corps combat sniper.

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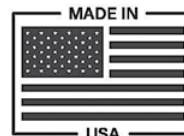
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The TROUBLE With the Turks

Are you considering a budget Turkish semi-auto shotgun?

By Damon Williams
GSL Member

About ten years ago, Turkish companies began importing budget semi-auto shotguns under different names such as Citadel, Tokarev, G-Force, Panzer Arms, and Black Aces.

These semi-auto guns have a price range from \$150-\$500. Although many of these models use similar designs and interchangeable parts, necessity has taught me that acquisition of those parts can prove difficult, if not downright impossible.

In 2019, after being influenced by several positive video reviews, I chose to purchase a Rock Island Armory Lion X4. Before I ever fired a single round, I upgraded the magazine capacity using a Carlson's magazine extension for about \$75.

Satisfied with the first modification, I began exploring other options to customize the gun for my purposes.

I soon discovered that unless you have forearms like Popeye, the slide release button proved difficult to actuate. So I ordered a slide release extension tab from Taran Tactical. This device gave me just enough leverage to actuate the control comfortably. The kit came with a drill bit and a tap to mount the tab onto the button.

How stiff was that slide release? I drilled and tapped the button in-place with no disassembly of the firearm. Later, I replaced the slide release button spring with two intertwined lighter springs of the same length, from (*ahem*) a Harbor Freight spring assortment kit. These mods finally had the slide release working almost like a race gun thanks to money and my time.

Then the problems started. Out of the blue, the slide would refuse to go into battery, stopping about half an inch short. Cycling the action would not solve the problem. I'd disassemble the gun and find no issues. I'd reassemble the gun, and it would work fine for a while... then it would occur again. I spoke to an importer rep; he'd never heard of such an issue. I took it to a gunsmith; of course, the gun would never act up for him...

After many impolite expletives, a friend and I tore the gun down and discovered the problem.

These guns use two interchangeable gas pistons. The light load piston, which is used most of the time, is sealed by a metal piston ring. Excess gases from heavy loads are bled off because the heavy load piston is looser fitting with no ring. My piston ring had sprung out of round and was protruding outside its ring groove. When sliding back into the gas cylinder, the ring would usually squeeze back into its groove, but if the separated ends of the ring were to protrude outside of the ring groove, they would catch the edge of the gas cylinder and stop, preventing the gun from going into battery. A search for a replacement piston ring yielded unsuccessful results. I had to contact the parts supplier directly to acquire a replacement.

Along came PICA. This shotgun could be reconfigured to comply with the new unconstitutional standards. I replaced the pistol grip stock with a traditional stock and removed the magazine extension. (I later lost these parts in a horrible boating accident...) I quickly discovered that there is a balance between the magazine spring tension and the slide release spring tension. When I went back to the factory four-round magazine spring, the slide release, which also actuates the slide stop, was not quick enough against a stronger magazine spring. This caused rounds to double feed. Using a spare magazine spring from a Winchester 1897, through systematic trimming, I was able to regain this balance and restore function.

Was all now right to satisfy me with this gun's performance? Well, no. Using Federal target loads, I continued to enjoy intermittent failures to eject spent shells.

My research revealed that these Turkish guns specify a minimum ammo velocity of 1300 fps. Bargain shotshells average about 1100-1200 fps. My solution was to reduce the action spring tension. I wanted to keep my original spring should I want to shoot heavy loads, but I wanted a replacement to tune the gun for lighter loads. I went back to the parts distributor, there were no replacement action springs to be found. I found a lighter action spring from a Charles Daly shotgun; problem solved. Heavy spring for heavy loads, lighter spring for light loads.

I've learned a lot about these imports. Are they the bargain that they seem to be? You get what you pay for. Some may find a reliable load and have no issues whatsoever.

If you tinker with things, as I have, you may overcome some of their design flaws. But if you buy a Turkish import and expect name brand reliability like a Mossberg, Beretta, or Benelli, you are going to be sorely disappointed.



Less reliable than Joe Biden's memory, or bowel control

My Citadel Semi-Auto Experience

by John Boch

A friend of mine once came into the GSL meeting at SCHEELS with great news. "Hey John. They've got a 12ga. semi-auto shotgun on sale for \$199 out there. You should check it out!"

I smiled and tipped my head like a puppy hearing a new sound.

Yeah, I saw it, along with the "tactical" looking choke tube and thought, "Yeah that's got my name all over it." So I bought one. So did several others there.

I don't know what their experiences were but mine were great. Right up until I took it to the range.



Thank heavens cameras didn't capture me looking like Tim Walz trying to load my new Citadel. I remember thinking to myself, "I shouldn't have to read a (bleep) instruction manual to load a (bleepity bleep) shotgun."

Once loaded, the malfunctions began to flow like poop through a goose. Oh, did they ever. Nothing worked... general purpose loads, buckshot, even some magnum loads. I couldn't get two shots to fire back to back to save my life. Quickly this gun excluded itself from that role in my life.

I had problems just getting the (bleeping) rounds to cycle manually too. Double

feeds, misfeeds, malfeeds. You name it.

I gave up on making it function (yeah, I oiled it, thanks for asking. Like a freshly glazed donut inside). So I decided to see about accuracy with a target at 25 yards.

The first time I walked down to the 8.5x11" target there were no holes on it. Hmmm. So I put a full-size B-27.

Fighting to get three more rounds to go boom, I noticed I was at least on paper now but I'd need my tape measure.

Once at the target I marvelled at the Citadel's phenomenal accuracy and patterning. That's sarcasm, by the way.

It gave me a delightful 5" pattern with the three rounds I eventually got to fire after a lot of shucking and jiving. In fairness it probably wasn't the best shooting I'd ever done given my mounting frustrations over the previous hour. The "cluster" centered 27" (twenty-seven inches) low and left (at roughly the 7:00 position) from the point of aim. So if I was shooting at a big buck running downhill to my left really fast, I might take him down with a hit in the knee or hoof. Great news.

In my spare time I write gun reviews for *The Truth About Guns*. My editor at the time saw my submitted review, excoriating this dysfunctional piece of... frustration. "We can't run this," he emailed me. It was the first and only review he flat out

wouldn't run. He suggested I contact Citadel and see if they would be willing to fix the gun and re-review it. I politely declined. I'd sunk enough money and time into that turd.

Fast forward a few years. Bloomington PD had a gun buyback where they were paying \$200 for semi-auto centerfire rifles and shotguns that worked. You should have saw their eyeballs light up when they saw a brand new semi-auto shotgun in the original box. They *really* thought they had something.

I remembered that look when I first saw it. Yeah, I took their \$200 and ran. Because I couldn't in good conscience sell or even give that gun to someone. Even someone I didn't like.

Because I wouldn't want to have their death at the hands of my old malfunctioning shotgun to nag me for the rest of my days.

Closing out on a positive note

I have yet to see a Turkish semi-auto 12ga. run well. While I would never buy another (or accept the headaches of a Turkish semi-auto as a gift), I've shot plenty of Turkish-made pump-action shotguns with very positive experiences.

They - the pump guns - are affordable, reliable, and they perform as expected. I can and do recommend them to good people I know as solid guns for defense of self, family and residence.

As Damon Williams notes in his piece, you get what you pay for.

When democracy turns to tyranny...



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If cell phones go down, how will you communicate?

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

by John Boch

What happens if cell phones stop working? Or the Internet goes down? Or both? How do you communicate with your friends? Have you thought about this?

I used to be a radio geek thirty years ago, listening to local weather watchers (and chasing funnel clouds), along with monitoring police and fire channels. Then municipalities went all-digital and I wasn't (and still am not) willing to drop a grand on a fancy digital radio. Through non-use, I forgot almost everything about making those radios work. But lately my interest has been rekindled.

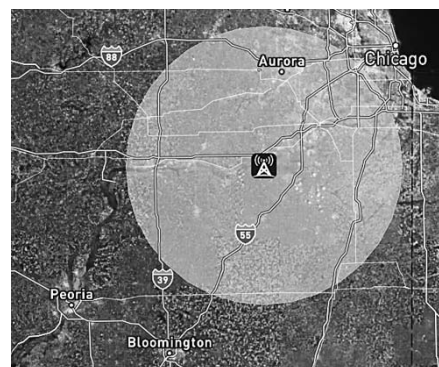


Live Free USA put on a **Radio Communications Seminar** at Cabela's in Hammond, IN on Saturday, March 8th. Roger B. delivered a very concise, informative presentation to help nudge prudent people to prepare contingencies if our cell phones go down for whatever reason.

In it, he shared options for very affordable radios that can reach out surprisingly far. You can use these \$25 radios to communicate among your neighbors with ease. Get a \$35 GMRS license from the FCC (valid for 10 years), you and your family can access and use nearby repeaters if you know how to program your radio for the frequency and tones required.

Those repeaters will take your transmission and rebroadcast it from a high antenna so it can be heard for tens if not scores of miles around. That will allow you to contact your similarly licensed emergency preparedness "friends" (or your own family) in the next town or even county so you can coordinate assistance with them, and also gather information on conditions locally.

Not only that, but most of the repeaters (sometimes called "machines") have backup power so even if the power grid goes down for whatever reason, many will continue to operate for quite some time.



Example approximate coverage area of a GMRS repeater located southwest of Chicagoland. A great "machine" to have access to if you're evacuating from NE Illinois. Map via MyGMRS.com.

Roger is a big fan of the Baofeng UV-5R, a dual band radio that is repeater-ready. It's affordable, selling for about \$25 or even less. He made recommendations on antennas (better antennas greatly increase effective range), batteries (buy the high capacity batteries), even which packages are better (\$65 gets you two radios with better batteries, chargers, better antennas, a programming cable and even handheld speaker/microphones - pictured below).



These are serious radios, not the garbage FRS radios you buy in a bubble pack at Walmart that advertise a 40-mile range and give you a few hundred yards of reliable service on a good day.

Roger gave tips on proper radio use and protocols for transmitting - the rules of the road for radio if you will. In short, he shared everything folks need to do to get started. If you get a pair of Baofeng UV-5R (or similar) radios (or more for larger households) and "clone" them with the CHIRP software and programming cables, you can instantly have backup communications with your family and disaster preparedness buddies that also have these radios.

Even if phones, internet and power are all down, if you've done this little bit of work ahead of time, you'll still be able to coordinate safely and effectively helping your friends while everyone else is trying to send smoke signals and carrier pigeons.

For a two-hour presentation, Roger crammed a ton of great information into it. He gets a solid A for both material and delivery. If this is offered again, make it a point to attend. I *highly* recommend it.

Recommended sources for more information (courtesy Roger):

YouTube channels to learn more basic, intermediate and advanced use of radios: Off Grid Ham Radio, RadioPrepper.com, KM4ACK, Ham Radio Crash Course, The Tech Prepper, Smoking Ape, S2 Underground.

Radios can be accessed from Amazon, Walmart.com.

CHIRP: (google CHIRP-NEXT download) to get the programming software (you'll still need the programming cable).

Also, "Unlocking the Boafeng UV-5R" on YouTube is a "must-see" video per Roger.

Planning for emergency evacuations

by Ken Frey

(GSL) - "Bugging out" remains a hot topic for prudent people, and for good reason. Just what is it and how to do it? Bugging out involves temporarily leaving a dangerous or potentially dangerous area for a safer place. Sounds simple, but no plan survives first contact.

We share this to nudge you into being better prepared for whatever comes your family's way. Because you never know what will happen or when it will occur.

I could list natural disasters until your eyes glaze over. They happen almost everyday, somewhere to plenty of "someones." Disasters are kind of like lotteries in reverse, only with a whole lot better odds. It gets better, too. Besides the natural disasters, we also must ponder man-made ones, including power and internet failures.

Notice I didn't mention zombies. Yeah, I don't believe in zombies, at least not yet. Who knows though, a government might come up with a virus to unleash on the world. Oh wait! That's been done already!

If you're very lucky, you will never face a disaster. For the record, "luck" has no survival value and is a poor substitute for preparedness and a plan of action.

For some disasters you'll have time to prepare. Others, not so much. Proper planning prevents poorer performance. At the very least, have a general plan of action in place. Practice it with your family - and house fire

response is a great place to start!

Sometimes like with veterans of hurricanes, prudent folks know more or less what to expect. Then something like with Hurricane Helene comes along dumping 30" of rain in as many hours. Those poor people in North Carolina lost everything. Nobody expected catastrophic rain and flooding, but it happened.

In the face of pending or in-progress emergencies people can "bug out" to a safer place, shelter in place or go to a shelter.

All have their pros and cons. Staying at home is the best option most of the time. Nobody wants to leave their home and worldly belongings behind, but if it's on fire or a mob with pitchforks and torches approaches, staying isn't a good option. And heading to shelters? That's probably a good choice for the unprepared. However, sometimes "safe" shelters fail - take the New Orleans Superdome during Hurricane Katrina back in 2005. Not only that, but shelters usually strip you of your defensive tools, quickly turning you into a refugee. Most of us in Guns Save Life aren't "refugee" types.

Sometimes disasters are the most unexpected. Nobody predicted those wildfires that killed 100 in Hawaii or the severity of the fires in LA County more recently. How many of those people had a plan for fires that big? (I dare say the prudent ones would have sold their homes and moved if they thought it was a real danger.) Obviously we hate to see our fellow man suffer in the face of a disaster.

During discussions about bugging out, the topic inevitability turns to what type of gun(s) would be ideal to have. It depends™.

For most situations, the gun you carry everyday and an extra mag or two will do the trick nicely. But if we're talking about large scale devastation like Global Thermonuclear War? That's another conversation altogether. "Want to play a game?"

Try this mental exercise.

Wherever you're at, you have to leave right now. You have two, maybe three minutes to get away from where you are at. Doesn't matter why, you just have to go. (There's a fire if you're obsessing over why you need to leave right effin' now.)

Doesn't matter if you're at work, home or somewhere in between. Ready or not, GO!

Here are some questions you must ask yourself. Now that you've escaped, where is a safe place you can "land." Where are your family members? How will you meet up with them again?

Does your phone work? Can you drive or will you have to walk? Do you have enough gas in your car? Will refueling be an option? Do you know how to get there without using Interstates? (AKA do you have a map)? Do you have cash to pay for said fuel if it's available and credit cards are down?



Do you have food, water and any life-sustaining meds? Will you have to compete with others for food, fuel or water? Can you defend yourself? What happens if your car breaks down? What happens if other people's cars break down or run out of fuel? (Hence why we avoid Interstates in emergencies!)



Are you dressed appropriately? Appropriate shoes, coat, hat, etc? Are you attracting unwanted attention with expensive watches or jewelry?

I could go on but you get the point. Now do you see why having plans simplifies emergency response? As our John Boch likes to say, with a modicum of preparedness, you can turn a life a life-threatening emergency into a mere inconvenience.

First off you shouldn't have to pack a bag, BOB should be all ready to go! BOB your Bug Out Bag.

Keep it light in case you're forced to go on foot. Light as in ten, maybe fifteen pounds

- you aren't 18-years-old any longer. Avoid military-looking packs.

What goes in BOB? You could do a college-level class on contents, but if in doubt, leave it out otherwise you'll have a fifty-pound pack the size of a bathtub.

Have a means to purify water for drinking. If you take life-sustaining meds, you want those too. Work gloves, non-cotton socks, a tiny flashlight and the means (plural) to start a fire. A compass and paper maps. Have a set of (non-cotton) clothes in case your clothes are or get wet. Comfortable boots should be in your pack or hanging from it (especially if you're wearing dressy shoes in your daily life). What else? Soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, and hygiene items. An extra set of prescription glasses if you're optically challenged. Baby wipes (or Dude Wipes if you're too manly for baby wipes.) Throw in a lifeboat ration food bar - it's relatively heavy but will keep you going for a two or three days. Pack a second one for your spouse and/or kids if you like them. Hot chocolate and instant oatmeal for morale boosters (have a metal cup to heat water over flame) and spoons. Large contractor cleanup bags can be used as rain ponchos, ground cover and much more. Copies of phone numbers from your phone and your important documents could be helpful along with a couple hundred bucks in small bills. Oh yeah, and a UV-5R radio (see page 20).

What else? Have some rally points where you can go with addresses and contact info. You might not be thinking clearly if the emergency is mentally traumatic. These might be friends' or relatives' homes who have agreed that you can surf their couch for a day or three in an emergency. Are you a college kid three or six hours from home? You ain't gonna walk home. Have a couple of places in mind that aren't in dorms or apartment complexes where you can crash during an emergency. If that's your kid, help them identify safe spaces for them to land. Again, bugging out without a destination in a more serious emergency makes you a refugee. Bad, bad things happen to refugees.

I'm sure that I've left some things out but "my" list isn't "your" list. I know this sounds like a lot of stuff but should you need it, these items will prove invaluable! And visit ready.gov for useful lists and information.

Items should be checked, updated and rotated once a quarter (or every month if you're an overachiever with extra time) to make sure BOB stays up to date with the freshest items.

Most if not all these items can be found in your home but if you only had 5 minutes to gather them up would you remember everything? Certainly not. This is why it's important to have BOB ready to go, or perhaps better yet already in your car. In reality, if your house is on fire, you might not even have 5 minutes!

I hope I've opened your eyes and minds to the possibility of a disaster in your area and what it might take to survive for a few days without little or no assistance. I hope you never need to bug out but if you do, BOB will be ready to go at a moment's notice.

The best part is if some planning, prep and a BOB helps you and/or your family avoid becoming refugees, it's time well spent to help make your life an order of magnitude better.

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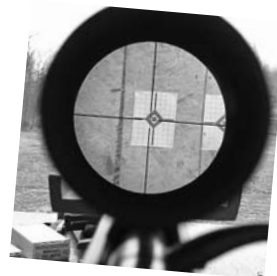


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April

April 5-6: Chillicothe Sportsman's Club, Chillicothe, IL. Steve Risinger (309) 208-1010.

Apr 5-6: Crown Point Gun Show, Lake County Fairgrounds, Crown Point, IN. Central IN Gun Shows. (765) 855-3836.

April 13: Kane County Sportsman's Show, Kane County Fairgrounds, St Charles, IL. Mick Stout (815) 217-2266

April 26: National Civil War & Collector Arms Show, DuPage Co. Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL. Irene Zurko (715) 526-9769.

May

May 17-18: Chillicothe Sportsman's Club, Chillicothe, IL. Steve Risinger (309) 208-1010.

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June

Jun 6-7: Pecatonica Gun Show, Pecatonica, IL. Marv Kraus 563 608-4401.

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April 9: Kankakee River Valley at Kankakee County Fairgrounds in Kankakee.

April 12: Sauk Valley at American Legion in Rock Falls, IL.

April 12: Gem City at Knights of Columbus in Quincy.

April 17: Little Egypt at the Pavilion of the City of Marion in Marion.

April 24: Lake County at Antioch VFW Post 4551 in Antioch.

May 3: Bluff City at Alton Wood River Sportsman's Club in Godfrey, IL.

May 7: Northern IL at Plug & Pellet Sportsman's Club in Rockford

May 17: Fox Valley at Tom E. Hardung American Legion Post 1977 in New Lenox.

July 19: Illini Country at Arcola Best Western in Arcola.

August 2: Two Rivers at Rushville Fitness and Community Center in Rushville, IL.

August 9: South Central IL at Doubletree in Mt. Vernon.

For more info, visit FriendsofNRA.org.

INSANE!

Continued from front page.

address" will no longer need to report weekly to the local police department.

Sen. Kimberly Lightford noodled up this idea. Sen. Adriane Johnson and Sen. Mary Edly-Allen have signed on as co-sponsors.

House Bill 3518 would decriminalize prostitution and give prostitutes the same rights and protections as any other worker, whether they are "employed, contracted, or self-employed." The law would also bar prosecuting prostitutes who engage in consensual sex work, and it would bar law enforcement from arresting, charging, or prosecuting someone for performing in sex work.



Rep. Will Guzzardi introduced the proposal. Rep. Kelly Cassidy and Rep. Theresa Mah joined as co-sponsors.

Magic mushrooms would be legalized under Rep. La Shawn Ford's House Bill 1143. It allows for the manufacture and delivery of psilocybin products and for providing "psilocybin services." The law outlines parameters for growing "psilocybin-producing fungi" as a crop and, of course, it

imposes a tax on psilocybin.

Confessions would be inadmissible in court if a police officer used "deception" during the interrogation under House Bill 2596. The burden would be on the state to prove that any confession given in "deceptive" interviews was "voluntary." Rep. Curtis Tarver II introduced the bill.

And, as previously profiled on CWB, House Bill 3458 would legalize physical attacks of police officers if the officer should have reasonably known the assailant was having a mental health episode.

[See more on HB3458 on page 5.]

Proposed gun-related legislation just as inane

Springfield, IL (GSL) - Instead of targeting repeat violent offenders and gang members, the Illinois General Assembly continues to seek additional regulation of law-abiding gun owners. Sometimes in completely arbitrary manners.

For instance, proposed legislation would treat flamethrowers as firearms in Illinois. More proposals would greatly expand who can file petitions for Orders of Protection and Red Flag Orders to include a wide range of medical professionals including social workers.

None of these proposals will make a difference in the gang violence that drives

Chicago's reputation as the nation's largest open-air shooting range, or give it the moniker "Murder City USA." These proposals also distract from the unholy alliance between gang members and Illinois politicians though.



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Nine students found dead in southern Mexico

(NY Post) - The bodies of nine students who went missing on vacation in southern Mexico last month have been found dismembered by the side of a local highway — with a bag of hands nearby.

The group's gruesome remains were discovered in the trunk of an abandoned vehicle and underneath a blood-covered tarp in San Jose Miahuatlan on the border of the Mexican states of Puebla and Oaxaca.

Four of the bodies were in the trunk, while the other five corpses were left under the tarp.

A bag with eight pairs of hands was also found at the scene, with two more hands left in the trunk, reported Periodico Central.



The failed progressive vision coming to IL

Newsom let thousands of prisoners walk... Then crime skyrocketed.

(Daily Wire) - Under Newsom's watch, violent crime in California has skyrocketed. Homicides jumped by 33.9 percent and aggravated assaults by 25.3 percent in 2022, with gun-related homicides and aggravated assaults soaring by 37.7 percent and 61.1 percent, respectively. The actual rates are likely much higher. Crime data only captures incidents reported to police, and many crimes go unreported.

The rapidly rising crime rates didn't just occur in a vacuum. They directly correspond with Newsom's decade-plus-long progressive experiment with criminal justice reform, which has resulted in far lighter sentences and the premature release of violent criminals from jail.

After Newsom released tens of thousands of prisoners during COVID, ostensibly to prevent the virus from spreading among California's incarcerated criminals, the state prison population dropped from 160,000 in 2011 to around 91,556 by mid-2024...

The surge in violent murders, rapes, organized retail thefts, and other crimes that shock the conscience are directly the result of Newsom's failed progressive vision and can be laid squarely at his feet.



Welcome to the 'enlightened' Eurozone

Danish 17YO girl used pepper spray to fight off a rapist near migrant asylum centre is told SHE will be prosecuted for carrying the weapon

Sonderberg, Denmark (UK Daily Mail) - A Danish teenager who was sexually assaulted near a migrant asylum centre has been told she will be prosecuted after using pepper spray to fend off her attacker.



Adios, scumbags

Making America's streets safer for all of us

Despite activist judge's order, 250 Tren de Aragua bangers sent to El Salvador

(Epoch Times) - Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on March 16 that the Trump administration had sent more than 250 Venezuelans accused of being members of the Tren de Aragua gang to a prison in El Salvador amid an active federal court ruling ordering the deportation flights to cease.



'SWATTING' calls proliferating; Kash Patel pledges to prosecute those responsible

Meanwhile the establishment media calls them 'pranks'

(The Hill) - The FBI said it would launch a probe into fake swatting calls after noticing an uptick in pranks targeting conservative media figures that have warranted a response from law enforcement.

"I want to address the alarming rise in 'Swatting' incidents targeting media figures. The FBI is aware of this dangerous trend, and my team and I are already taking action to investigate and hold those responsible accountable," FBI Director Kash Patel wrote in a Friday morning post on social platform X.

"This isn't about politics—weaponizing law enforcement against ANY American is not only morally reprehensible but also endangers lives, including those of our officers. That will not be tolerated," he added.

Several conservative hosts of shows, including Joe Pagliarulo of the "The Joe Pags Show" and Shawn Farash of "UNGOVERNED" as well as conservative commentator Nick Sortor, said they have been targeted by individuals who put out false alerts that have involved law enforcement's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) units.



Hunter Biden just lost his Secret Service detail... while vacationing in South Africa

(by Donald Trump via Truth Social) - Hunter Biden has had Secret Service protection for an extended period of time, all paid for by the United States Taxpayer. There are as many as 18 people on this Detail, which is ridiculous! He is currently vacationing in, of all places, South Africa, where the Human Rights of people has been strenuously questioned. Because of this, South Africa has been taken off our list of Countries receiving Economic and Financial Assistance. Please be advised that, effective immediately, Hunter Biden will no longer receive Secret Service protection. Likewise, Ashley Biden who has 13 agents will be taken off the list.



What caliber for drones? Birdshot?

TN congressman pushing to allow property owners to shoot down drones

Nashville (WSMV) - A Tennessee congressman is pushing for legislation to allow Americans the right to shoot down drones that are flying over their property.

Rep. Tim Burchett (R-TN-2) introduced H.R. 1907 last week to allow property owners to shoot an unmanned aircraft that's flying over their property.

"To allow an individual to shoot an unmanned aircraft flying over property owned by the individual under certain circumstances, and for other purposes," the House resolution reads.

Need another reason to carry everyday?

Lunatic ax-murderer/cannibal released in CT

(NBC Connecticut) - A man accused of cannibalism and murder has been granted conditional release, according to the Connecticut Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB).

The board granted Tyree Smith's release after a careful review of his clinical progress, officials said.

He's currently at Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown. Smith is accused of hacking a man to death with an axe in Bridgeport and eating part of the victim's brain and an eyeball.



DNC Vice-Chair David Hogg is performing every bit as well for Dems as he did for gun control

(Shooting News Weekly) - David Hogg first balled up his little fist and raised his delicate arm in the air at an AstroTurfed gun control rally following the Parkland school shooting. The gaunt, twink-ish Floridian was cunning enough, though, to parlay his newfound celebrity, the fawning profiles and softball interviews into a free education at Harvard and a top spot in the civilian disarmament industrial complex's firmament of camera-ready gun-grabbers.

Over the years, while advocating ardently for limits on the civil rights of his fellow citizens, Hogg washed out of a failed business venture, claimed that he'd been the target of seven assassination attempts and announced that he's decided not to reproduce. All of those adventures kept Hogg's name in the news, though, and this year, improbably, propelled him to a senior position in the Democrat Party.



Twinkish David Hogg.

The thing is, David has never been successful at, well, anything. Not at his schoolwork, not in the liberal pillow business and certainly not at advocating for stricter gun control laws. When Hogg rose to prominence in early 2018, there were 13 states with permitless carry laws in the US. Six years later, we ended 2024 with 29 permitless or "constitutional" carry states. So whatever it is that Hogg's been doing all these years, it hasn't moved the anti-gun ball forward.

Why the DNC looked at his CV and decided that he's exactly the kind of individual they

need right now to put a new sheen on their tarnished post-2024 brand isn't quite clear. To anyone. And now, the latest polling numbers show that, at least so far, Hogg's doing for the Democrat brand exactly what he did for gun control. [Editor: Insert story about Democrats at historic lows in voter favorability.]



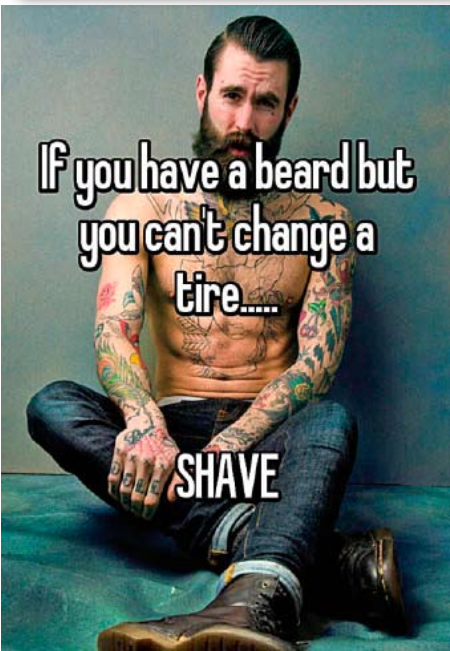
To be fair, these latest numbers are yet another new low in a long slide that started, as fate would have it, not long after Hogg became a thing.

But that's surely just a coincidence. There are a lot of other factors that have contributed to the Dems' long slide into a pit of voter disapproval than just the misadventures of David Hogg of south Florida. Still, given the fact that banning and confiscating guns have long been key planks in the Democrats' platform, all we can do is cheer David on and wish him a long tenure as a Donkey Party big wig.



Hogg's big mad.

Statistically, a gun is much less likely to be used in a crime than a senator.



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