



TRUMP EMPLOYS
CRIME CONTROL
INSTEAD OF
GUN CONTROL
-- AND IT WORKS!

(GSL) - For generations, statist politicians have told us that imposing gun control upon the law-abiding would make our streets safer. The problem is gun control laws never work. Sometimes they make crime worse. After all, by definition, criminals don't follow the law.

President Donald Trump is bringing crime control to

America. He's tasked the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement to round up violent criminal illegals. Almost like magic, violent crime - including murders - has fallen. Take Chicago, where homicides are down sharply or other cities like Baltimore where crime has fallen to near historic lows thanks to holding

criminals accountable.

Trump also sent federal agents and the National Guard to restore order in the District of Columbia. Hundreds of thugs and troublemakers - used to bullying the police - have found themselves cuffed and stuffed. Lo and behold, senseless violent crime seems to be on the decline for real, and not

the made up stats quoted by the mainstream media and DC political hacks.

Additionally, the Department of Justice is prosecuting Antifa-types who attack government facilities and staffers including law enforcement. You throw a subway sandwich on a federal agent,

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September 2025

- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **August 27**, September 24, October 29
Eagles Club, 3737 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **No August Meeting** (Labor Day), Sept. 28, Oct. 26
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights
Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **No Sept. Meeting** (Labor Day), Oct. 6, Nov. 3
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **September 2**, October 7, November 4
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **September 3**, October 1, November 5
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (*Program at 6:45pm*)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **September 4**, October 2, November 6
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6:30ish.
- **Danville:** Second Monday **September 8**, October 13, November 10
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **September 10**, October 8, November 12
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.
- **Mattoon:** Second Thursday: **September 11**, October 9, November 13
The American Legion Post 88, 1903 Maple Ave, Mattoon
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **September 18**, October 16, November 20
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.

Sights from GSL meetings across Illinois



Our Peoria Regional Director Richard Parks says we're working to get Sheriff Jim Mendrick to our Peoria GSL meeting.



You can call him Al.
Just like the old Paul Simon tune, you can call him "Al" even before he won the gun at SCHEELS.



Washington, IL's Police Chief Jeff Stevens joined us in Peoria for a heartfelt presentation. He began his career for the money and found meaning in his mission instead.



You never know what you're going to see at a GSL meeting. Like this Emotional Support Bunny, destined for a veteran with PTSD or a disabled child courtesy "David Sutton's Bunnies." Rabbits are potty trained like cats, only cleaner.



Macon County Sheriff Jim Root and State Rep. Regan Deering signing petitions at the GSL Decatur meeting.



Patrick, left, won in Peoria. He's pictured with the Regional Director Richard Parks.



Judge Paul won the gun in Mattoon!



John Boch, left, with David Windsor, a federal Air Marshal and Command Sergeant Major in the US Army.



A few of the Sullivan Trap Team joined us at GSL Decatur. We passed the hat and sent them home with almost \$650. Last year they finished 3rd of 17 teams.



Tracy Bettinger and Bill Hutton counting up donations for the trap team in Decatur.

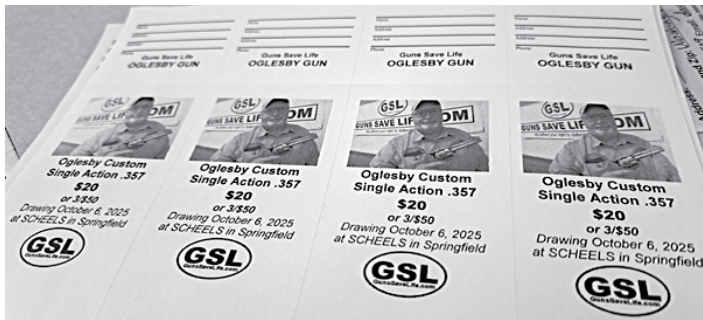


Who doesn't like a well-trained German Shepherd? See page 12.



Great Guns 2025
Oglesby & Oglesby Gunmakers have furnished a Custom Colt .45 for GSL's Great Guns 2025 event. The gun started as a Taurus with a whole list of extensive improvements to make it shoot like a dream. The end product is a \$3,000 to \$4,000 one-of-a-kind shooter that will deliver more accuracy than most shooters can manage. Tickets are \$20 each or 3/\$50. See more on page 3.





'One-of-a-kind' that 'Shoots as fast as a minigun'

World-famous gunsmith & exhibition shooter Bill Oglesby introduces GSL's Great Gun 2025 .45 Colt revolver

Proceeds go to GSL and its mission to defend your right to defend yourself

Bill Oglesby introduced GSL's Great Guns 2025 Single-Action .45 Colt revolver at our meeting in Springfield. Oglesby, world-renowned for his exceptional gunsmithing skills, took a nice Taurus Single-Action and turned it into a modern masterpiece by pretty much reworking or upgrading the internals, accuratizing it and more.



Bill Oglesby.

Oglesby described it as a gun that "started" as a Taurus which has a good reputation for single-action revolvers and after extensive customization and improvements has become a one-of-a-kind that will outshoot 99% of shooters.

What's more, when asked about the ability to make it shoot all five rounds (it's a six-shot, but the sixth chamber is usually left empty for safety considerations) with a single report, Oglesby said yes, single-action revolvers can shoot as fast as a minigun... in the right hands.

What are the improvements you ask? Here's the list all noted on the certificate of authenticity that accompanies the gun.

Fitted oversized Colt base pin, hand-fitted bolt, custom Oglesby springs through-

out, "duo" tone finish (high polished hard chrome), long firing pin with soft action return, internal overtravel, polished bore, zero cylinder shake, fitted hardened bushing, numbered charge holes, size and polished chambers, frosted cylinder face, hard chromed screws, action & trigger job, "Rugerized" hand and spring.

He also wrote in his certificate that the silver "finish" on the gun is hard chrome, not nickel, which allows the parts to remain within spec even after hard use over time. The process is easily twice the price but "You expect the best from the best and that's what you receive."

The drawing for the Oglesby Custom .45 Colt will take place at the October 6, 2025 GSL meeting at SCHEELS in Springfield. Tickets are \$20 each or 3/\$50. All proceeds dedicated to Guns Save Life and our mission to defend your right to defend yourself.



GunNews distribution hubs

Would you be able to distribute bundles or partial bundles of *GunNews* to sporting goods shops, local gun shops or other interested venues as part of your regular travels? If so, stop by these locations to grab some to share with others to continue to help GSL's public education mission.

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Dwight: Rick's Automotive in Dwight.

Chicagoland: Nick Klementzos in Lockport. Text or call: 708 476-0276.

Rantoul: Corky's Storage on south end of Rantoul. Unit #67. Call or text John Boch (217 649-3702) or Warren Drake (217 898-9602) for the lock combination.

Decatur: Rat's Whole Place motorcycle repair in Decatur.

Bloomington: John Boch. 2208 Patriot's Pointe, Bloomington. Call or text first. 217 649-3702.

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.

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Executive Director's Report

We win. Next year.

by John Boch
GSL Executive Director

First off, apologies as I'm in the early stages of untying the knot with my bride. Packing, moving, unpacking and assembling furniture at a frenzied pace have kept me sidelined from my usual poop stirring. That's the good news. The bad news is that it's getting ugly fast. So I'm on part-time duty.

Sydney Sweeney.

Either way, I'll be available soon if anyone has Sydney Sweeney's contact info. Why do I mention her after her much-talked-about ad for jeans? Well, the American-made beauty shoots too. She shoots better than 98% of men, in fact. I've seen the video. After watching her do her thing on a range, I'm pretty sure she's John Wick's daughter. So yes, I might be available in time for Christmas. Tell her to call.

SB-8 signed.

What else? JB Pritzker has signed SB-8, the "Lock up your safety" bill. Remember going forward that all your guns have to be locked up or carried on your person both at home and in your vehicle if anyone without a FOID has access to them. This would include guests, maintenance and repair folks, and arguably burglars as well. So if you have an extra carry piece in your console and go to Walmart or Jiffy Lube, you better lock up your console or you might get more than your oil changed if you gun turns up missing and it's used in a crime.

LITIGATION!

On the litigation front, we're still on for September 22 oral arguments in our lawsuit challenging the PICA gun and magazine ban. The "Protect Illinois Criminals Act" is a dead man walking. I predict we win at the three-judge panel. Kwame will ask for an *en banc* review where the entire panel of active 7th Circuit judges look at the case and decide if they want to second-guess the three-judge panel. I predict that we win the *en banc* by one, maybe two votes thanks to the US Department of Justice's *amicus curiae* brief supporting our position.

"What's the timeline?" you ask... Well, my crystal ball is in the shop getting polished, but I'd say around this time next year (give

or take a couple of months) we should have a final resolution.

Oglesby Custom Gun Drawing

We're giving away the Oglesby Custom .45 Colt single-action revolver in October at the Sangamon County meeting. It's an incredible work of art / barbecue gun that will outshoot 99.44% of shooters. With about a 1.5 pound trigger and an action that feels like there's a pound of butter lubricating the internals, it's an amazing "one of a kind" gun. Tickets are just \$20 each or 3 for \$50.

Practice your ABCs.

Always carry your gun. Chicago-style gang crime does come downstate, including to southern Illinois. And violent drunk bullies happen everywhere including at campgrounds in the woods. Practice your ABCs. After all, nothing sobers up a belligerent, violent drunk like a couple of sucking chest wounds.



Derrick Perry, an American hero.

Be like the Marine Corps veteran Derrick Perry, who had his CCW when he went to Walmart. He stopped a mass knife attack after three unarmed good Samaritans tried to stop a lunatic with a blade and got sliced up pretty well. A total of eleven folks suffered knife wounds.

Folks, ALWAYS carry at Walmart. Because lunatics, drug addicts, social misfits and gang bangers all shop for milk, bread and "stuff" just like the rest of us... and it seems they really like to shop at Walmart.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: CCW Safe absorbs Armed Citizen's Legal Defense Network

Consider this a tentative endorsement

by John Boch

Marty and Gila Hayes have retired from the Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network they formed way back when, and have handed the baton off to CCW Safe. If you're an ACLDN member as I was, you're now a CCW Safe member.

While I'm not privy to all the details, on the surface it still seems like a good deal for subscribers. I called and spoke with one of their senior people in early August and he answered a lot of my questions.

They'll pay for your preferred law firm to defend you in a post-use of force incident. (Cough, is your preferred attorney David McDermott? You know, the guy from Homewood, IL who does self-defense cases nationwide and hasn't lost one yet?) Or they can recommend law firms elsewhere across the nation.



In terms of reputation, I've heard more than a few horror stories about most companies, but have heard nothing about CCW Safe. Either they're doing everything well or they're sweeping mistakes under the rug with great skill.

What's the price? While they have multiple plans (similar to USCCA), it'll run you about \$200 per year for coverage similar to ACLDN's. If you don't have a carry license it's about \$95 more for (each?) of their plans.

I asked what seemed like the obvious question... "Riddle me this: What about the folks in about 30 states with Constitutional Carry? Are they required to cough up another hundred bucks if they skip the carry license?"

They are. He said they were working on that. Meanwhile I thought, "Why haven't you 'worked on this' for the past five years as the number of Constitutional Carry states roughly doubled (or tripled)?"

All-in-all, while I'm not fan of the "second class" status for those without government issued "permits." At the same time, CCW Safe seems like they're the most cost effective option for those who have their own attorney like the McDermott Law Group.

I asked about a discount for GSL members or those mentioning GSL and he shot me back a proposal to get a 20% commission on sales. I politely declined, telling him that our endorsements weren't for sale.

We'll see if they get back to us on a way for our family to save a few bucks when initially signing up and if so we'll let you know.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO(!)

Meanwhile, update your emergency contact number for CCW Safe.

Don't count on the ACLDN emergency number rolling over to CCW Safe.

And double-check you didn't fat-finger it when saving it. You don't want to be like our member who got arrested in Missouri. He spent six nights in the county jail after he had put the wrong number for US Law Shield into his phone. Whoops.



Guns Save Life is proud to announce our "Life Membership" for those who wish to show an exemplary level of support towards Guns Save Life and our mission defending your right to defend yourself.

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The Toxic Combination Of Illinois' Sanctuary Status And The SAFE-T Act

(ZeroHedge) - It's hard to believe he's been walking freely for months. A woman overdosed in his home. He concealed her death and dumped her body in a bleach-filled trash can in his back yard – where it remained for more than two months. His alleged crimes were heinous. Abuse of a corpse. Concealing a death and obstruction of justice. Class 4 felonies.



Meet Mr. Mendoza-Gonzalez.

Yet after Jose Luis Mendoza-Gonzalez was finally arrested, he couldn't be held in jail. His alleged crimes didn't qualify for pretrial detention under the SAFE-T Act, a law passed in 2021 that makes it more difficult to detain alleged criminals for certain crimes. The Act also made Illinois the first state in the country to ban cash bail altogether.

Incredibly, authorities had yet another opportunity to put Mendoza-Gonzalez behind bars. He's an illegal immigrant and could have been handed over to federal authorities. But Illinois' sanctuary status meant, again, he was allowed to walk free while awaiting trial.

It's an infuriating example of how criminals in Illinois are prioritized over victims and their families. And how two laws – Illinois' sanctuary status and the SAFE-T Act – can combine to wreak havoc on Illinoisans.

How many offenders in Illinois have been let out before trial due to an undetainable crime and then committed yet more offenses? It's hard to know, but CWB Chicago in their "not horrible" series has at

least compiled a list of individuals accused of killing, shooting, or trying to kill or shoot others while on pretrial release for a felony allegation. All of them crimes that likely could have been prevented.

And how many illegal immigrants have had the opportunity to commit more crimes after being released?

The good news is that Mendoza-Gonzalez has just been arrested and detained by federal immigration agents in Chicago, according to CWB Chicago. The bad news, of course, is that it took federal action to get Mendoza-Gonzalez off the street – something that only happened because of his illegal immigration status.

From CWB Chicago:

"We have lost all common sense when it comes to enforcing law and order," Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner said after Mendoza-Gonzalez was released in April. "When the SAFE-T Act was being debated, there were voices sounding the alarm about what could happen if it were to become law."

"There's other extenuating circumstances in this case. Not only the type of crime, how long the crime was concealed, the fact that the person that was arrested for this is not a U.S. citizen and you know, can maybe flee from the country."

Gov. Bruce Rauner's 2017 signing of Illinois' sanctuary status opened the door to people like Mendoza-Gonzalez. And Gov. Pritzker's signing of the SAFE-T Act allows alleged criminals like him to roam the streets freely while awaiting trial. Pritzker's further creation of a Welcoming Illinois Office – and the spending of billions on illegal immigrants – has also helped create more chaos for everyday Illinoisans.

It's all become a toxic combination of laws that needs renewed debate and reform immediately.

Advocating for tyranny via 'cancel culture' with the help of the mainstream media

INCONSEQUENTIAL: Highland Park gun grabbers target gun companies. Again.

(Sun-Times) - They've marched in protests. They've talked to their lawmakers. They've gone to Washington.

And they've watched with horror as mass shootings have happened again and again across the U.S., including in their hometown.

Now a group of Highland Park volunteers, fed up with easy access to assault rifles like the one used in the July 4th, 2022 parade shooting, are targeting the supply chains of companies that produce the military-grade weapons so often used in

such attacks.

The founders of the Highland Park Peace Project aren't just going after Smith & Wesson, Sig Sauer and other gun makers.

Instead, they're aiming for the bottom lines of companies that do business with them, compiling a public database of dozens of law firms, banks, retailers and more, and branding them as "enablers" of violence or "heroes" in their movement – and encouraging consumers to spend accordingly...

"By taking action against those businesses, it's our hope that we can disrupt the system that allows these mass shootings to continue," co-founder Daniel Perlman said.



Danny Perlman.

Many in most affected communities support any move to reduce violent crime...

Trump calls out crime in Chicago; threatens to send Nat'l Guard to address crime

Washington, DC (Life-Zette) - President Donald Trump on Monday criticized Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker, calling him incompetent, and said he may deploy the National Guard to Chicago to address crime.

He also pledged to reverse Illinois' elimination of cash bail.

Speaking in Washington, D.C., while announcing new federal law enforcement measures for the capital, Trump said the same approach could be used in other cities with high crime rates.

"And if we need to, we're going to do the same thing in Chicago, which is a

disaster," Trump said.

"We have a mayor there who's totally incompetent. He's an incompetent man. And we have an incompetent governor. That Pritzker's an incompetent. His family threw him out of the business, and he ran for governor."

State Police still looking for Gibson City man, but there's no 'active threat to the public'

Gibson City, IL (WGLT) - Authorities said Thursday they're still looking for a 70-year-old man who allegedly shot two police officers in Gibson City, but that there was no "active threat to the public."

David D. Jordan is wanted in connection with Saturday's shooting in Gibson City, about 30 miles east of Bloomington-Normal. Police responding to a report of a naked man made contact with Jordan at his home. He allegedly shot both officers, police

said. Jordan's house then caught fire and he disappeared — still without clothes.

Both officers have since been released from the hospital. One was struck in the left knee and left arm. The other was shot in the hip. Neither officer returned fire during the incident, police said. They are both on paid administrative leave.

Anybody who has any information about Jordan's whereabouts is asked to

call their local police or submit a tip on State Police's Crime Tip website. Jordan may be seen with a red bicycle.



David D. Jordan.

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Gerrymandered Illinois: Republicans cast 45% of ballots but only have 14% of Congressional seats

by Jonathan Turley
(ZeroHedge) - Democrats are struggling to convince the public that they are outraged that there is gerrymandering afoot in Texas.

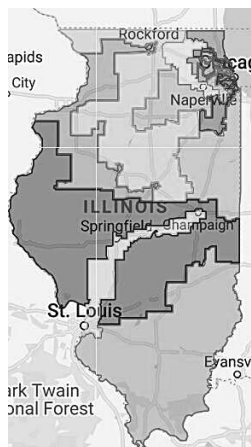
It is no easy task, particularly after Texas Democrats selected Illinois as their sanctuary state, a state considered the most gerrymandered in the country.

Trump received 45 percent of the vote in the state, but Republicans have only 14

percent of the congressional seats.

Even the New York Times admitted that gerrymandering has favored Democrats across the nation.

However, the winner of the Claude Rains award must be Marc Elias, who has expressed disgust over the notion of gerrymandering despite the fact that his group was denounced by courts for outrageous gerrymandering efforts.



State Rep. Chris Miller, GSL Executive Director John Boch and Congresswoman Mary Miller at the GSL Mattoon meeting. Mary brought a US House polo for John.

THEY'RE NOT EVEN HIDING THEIR PLANS ANYMORE

Democrats plan to rig the system

(PJ Media) - Democrats have dropped all pretense—they're openly plotting to seize and rig the system the instant they claw back power. This isn't quiet maneuvering in smoke-filled rooms. It's a bold, almost taunting declaration that the rules no longer apply to them, and that the very foundations of fair governance are expendable.

In Texas, Democrats staged one of their most brazen stunts yet, fleeing the state in a calculated bid to break quorum and derail a Republican redistricting plan aimed at reflecting Texas's actual political makeup. And at a rally in Fort Worth, former Congressman Beto

O'Rourke didn't just cheer them on—he glorified their stunt as the new standard for political resistance, cementing defiance and chaos as the left's playbook.

O'Rourke's rally was less a call for democracy and more a manifesto for raw political power. He openly labeled Republican lawmakers "fascists" and boasted about preemptive strikes, declaring, "We don't await the punch thrown by these would-be fascists to land. We punch first and we punch harder... There are no refs in this game," O'Rourke said flatly. "F*** the rules. We are gonna win, whatever it takes."

Perhaps most revealing was O'Rourke's vow for the future: "The next time we win power, we're gonna drive that car like we stole it..."

The reality is Democrats no longer merely seek electoral wins—they aggressively seek to rig the game itself, and they're not even trying to hide it anymore. We can't ignore what Beto and Carville said as just rogue voices in the party. They revealed exactly what the party wants to do the moment they return to power.

The future of our republic hinges on resisting these brazen attempts to dismantle the system rather than playing by its rules.

Mary Miller: 'It's dangerous in DC'

At our GSL Mattoon meeting, Congresswoman Mary Miller joined us (along with her husband State Rep. Chris Miller). She gave a quick report on what she's seeing in our nation's capitol and it's not pretty.

She began with cheering Trump's effort to clean up the out-of-control crime in DC. "There's always someone armed with me," she said. "It's very dangerous there despite what the media says." Staffers have gotten robbed, stabbed, shot and even murdered, even in the District's nicer areas.

Mary also cheered the efforts to remove the criminal illegal aliens, including some in Illinois that are suspected of killing people. One in particular was released by an Illinois judge because he "wasn't a danger to the community." Mary called her friends at ICE and they swooped in with 15 agents and picked him up the next day. She's now in custody.

She's also introduced legislation to block the Chinese from buying American farm-

land and homes - and it would require them to divest current holdings within a year. That met with cheers from the audience, as did her legislation to require schools to have students "opt in" to sex-ed programs and mental health exams. Of course, Democrats will block both bills in the Senate.



"JB Pritzker's mental health exams will probably be done by people who don't know the difference between a man and a woman," she only half-joked. The opportunities for abuse of this program against those who don't aren't the politically favored in Illinois are almost endless.



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In regione caecorum rex est luscus

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



So you live in Iran and want a gun?

Iran has been in the news a bit lately, but no one is addressing a significant issue over there: how easy is it to own a firearm in Iran? Bottom line is that you can legally own a gun in Iran, but the process to obtain one is strictly regulated by the government – and that government is HARD-ASS. Iranian citizens must meet specific criteria and follow a lengthy application process to obtain a license, which permits them to own and carry firearms. But it's rare. Iran has an extremely low rate of firearm ownership per capita, perhaps 3.5 firearms per 100 residents in Iran. By comparison, we have about 120 firearms per 100 residents. 3.5 per 100 ain't many; because it's intentional.

The primary legislation governing firearms in Iran is the "Islamic Penal Code and the Law on Firearms, Ammunition, and Explosives." And you don't want anything to do with "Islamic Penal Code." Trust me. These boys are *really* into the death penalty. At least 901 executions in 2024, including 40 people in one week; the year before, Iran was responsible for 74% of all recorded executions worldwide. You would expect to get hammered for murder, rape or child molesting. But how about: consumption of alcohol, homosexuality, armed robbery, burglary, incest, fornication, adultery, sodomy, sexual misconduct, prostitution, political dissidence, blasphemy, extortion, counterfeiting, smuggling, recidivist consumption of alcohol, producing and publishing pornography, or "recidivist theft"? What's recidivist? Doing something 100 times or just twice? Is blasphemy profane speech concerning God or a sacred entity, or just an irreverent action? Like flipping the bird.

But don't worry. Consumption of alcohol (one glass) is only punishable by 80 lashes; you have to really be hitting the sauce to actually get whacked. And how would you "get whacked" in "Good Old Iran"? Lethal injection? No. Hanging (sometimes from a crane); firing squads (not bad if they're accurate); stoning (No Way! Iranian law mandates that stones used must be small enough to not kill instantly, so most victims are hanging on almost two hours after the first stone hit!), or falling from heights off of a cliff or tall building; but remember, it isn't the fall that kills you, it's the abrupt stop.)

So how would you go about getting permission? Some steps are familiar, because bureaucracies are bureaucracies. Go over to your local police station. Submit a background check, including criminal records and military service status. Take a firearm safety course and pass a written and practical exam. Pay the required fees. Wait for approval from the authorities, which may take several months. Well, heck, are we in Tehran, Iran or Tinley Park, Illinois? But wait; I forgot – you also have to complete a comprehensive psychological evaluation to ensure mental stability. What I do not know

is if you are hooked up to electrodes during that evaluation, because they use electrodes a lot over there.

Does anybody have guns in downtown "T-Ran"? Sure, lots of folks. Just not you. Back in the Shah's day, the old Bureau for Intelligence and Security of the State, known as SAVAK, were all packing 9mm. They were some nasty dudes; in fact, so bad that the Iranians preferred to be run by the Ayatollahs, instead of SAVAK and the Shah. But old Grand Ayatollah Ruhollah Musavi Khomeini – you remember him; he was behind the 1979 seizure of the American Embassy in Tehran, and the 1983 murder of 241 US military personnel at the Beirut barracks bombings – needed his own security guys, and started The Ministry of Intelligence of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It was first called SAVAMA, but maybe that was too close to the old name for comfort, so the Ayatollah changed that to VEVAK. You say SAVAK; I say VEVAK!

Then there's the wonderful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). They have lots of guns and are a lot like the old Waffen-SS of World War II infamy. The IRGC has three major missions: prevent foreign interference in Iran; thwart coups by the traditional Iranian military; and crush all "deviant movements" that may harm the ideological legacy of the Islamic Revolution. That puts them at odds with the regular Iranian military; Iranian civilians are really afraid of them, too. Its big, with almost 125,000 personnel.

And lo and behold, three years ago, the vaunted IRGC got the no-nonsense mission to take the "Nuclear Corps Command" under its wing in the "Command for the Protection and Security of Nuclear Centres" to safeguard Iran's nuclear program. Those boys had a *really* bad night June 21-22, 2025, so who knows who's still around, above ground.

Major General Hossein Salami, the IRGC Commander-in-chief, got "salami-sliced" in an Israeli attack. As did Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, head of the Revolutionary Guards' Aerospace Force. So did Brigadier General Gholamreza Mehrabi, Deputy Head for Intelligence. So if you're a colonel in the IRGC and you're offered a sweet promotion to general, get a slip from your doctor saying that you're dying. Because if you accept, you will be.

If the Iranians had a vibrant Second Amendment, they wouldn't still be ruled by these jagoffs. But they don't, so it could get bloody when the Ayatollahs are finally shown the door, or even better, get hanged, stoned, or tossed off Tehran's Milad Tower – for a sweet drop of 1,427 feet!

Let me get this straight. You want a gun?

What's behind the steep decline in mass shootings in America?

by Kostas Moros

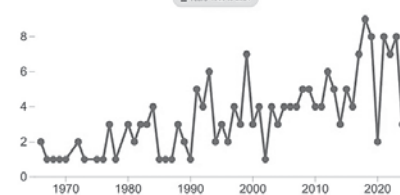
(Shooting News Weekly) - I hate to discuss any apparent "pause" in mass shootings, because it feels like that's tempting fate. However, it's hard not to notice that, for unexplained reasons, both mass shooting attempts and mass shooting deaths are way down since the start of last year.

I don't know what explains this. Maybe it's just random chance. While there has been a steep reduction in overall homicide lately, usually that sort of crime is uncorrelated with mass shootings, which makes sense, given the very different root causes of each.

It's important not to pop the champagne too early here. 2014 was a similarly good year, as was 2020 (with lockdowns, schools closed), but both reductions were

fleeting. Still, here's hoping something fundamental has shifted and the era of frequent mass shootings comes to a close.

Trend in Mass Shootings
People Killed 4-99 | People Injured 10-99 | Perpetrator's Age 11-72 | All 11 Types of Locations



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Two years in; no looking back!

Testosterone Replacement Therapy update

by John Boch

(GSL) - Imagine a life-changing treatment that can extend your life while making you look and feel better in a matter of weeks. A treatment that isn't snake-oil, but something where you and your friends can see big changes in few months.

Twenty-four months ago, I saw one of our GSL family looking like a new man. He had transformed from overweight, out-of-shape guy just getting by to a slimmed-down, well-built, well-dressed GQ man (with a gun, of course) exuding confidence.

Paul shared his secret: TRT. Known by its formal name of Testosterone Replacement Therapy. Thank you, Paul!

Researching, I saw I had all the symptoms of "low-T" as he did. I had the overweight, pear-shaped upper body, low energy and libido, mental fog, intermittent depression, an inability to lose weight or gain muscle.

But my blood testosterone level wasn't low enough for insurance to pay for treatment. So I went to Life Plus MD in Bloomington. After a \$300 consult and some additional blood work, Life Plus put me on testosterone injections.

The drugs and access to the medical pros at Life Plus cost me about \$175ish/month. It's the *best money I ever spent*.

Let me share my results. In less than a year I dropped about 40 pounds (from 224 to mid-180s). I lost nearly six inches around the waist and a pair of man-boobs. I surely don't miss those! It made me look forward to working out instead of sitting in a chair.

Now, at close to two years, I'm weighing in at 175, give or take a couple pounds, and 12% body fat. Candidly, I'm still chasing those six-pack abs on my bucket list.

While losing about ten pounds in the past year doesn't sound that impressive, that's come with losing two additional inches of

visceral fat around my gut.

Meanwhile, resistance training (aka "lifting weights") has given me muscles and strength like never before in my life. While I don't have those six-pack abs yet, I'm not far off. Moreover, my posture continues to improve thanks to my physical training. More on that in a moment.

How did I get here besides weekly injections? I ditched fast foods, sugared drinks and serious drinking. Portion sizes of carb-heavy foods (pizza, pasta, donuts, candy & cookies) have been *sharply* curtailed but not eliminated.



I eat a lot of eggs, baked chicken and turkey, along with beef and pork. What's more, my mom would be happy that I'm *finally* eating my veggies - to "fill" my tummy and curtail hunger.

Muscle development started back in late 2023 with four days a week in the gym for 30-45 minutes. When I saw the results, I wanted more so I increased the time, frequency and intensity of my workouts.

Crunch Fitness in Normal has a great selection of equipment in a nice, clean gym with a diverse clientele. I recommend Crunch gyms in general and this one in particular.

Through watching their trainers as I worked out, I identified the best and hired them starting in April 2024. I did well. Turns out I didn't even know what I didn't know about weight training. I've had trainers before but none were on par with Crunch's. Each of the three I've had

at Crunch brought a ton of knowledge along with their own perspectives on coaching tailored to my wants and needs. I constantly find myself drinking from a firehose of knowledge.

Janet Cook, the new training director, brings a very strong background in flexibility and mobility. Like my previous trainer Payten (who moved home after getting her master's degree in this stuff), Janet has a competitive body-building past. She and Ben Dillard, one of our GSL members who worked for 40 years teaching physical therapists at the college level, have collaborated to reshape my workout regime almost entirely. It's not exactly what I wanted, but their expertise says it's what I need to not look like an old man prematurely.

Today I spend almost an hour each visit with stretching, balance and mobility work, along with corrective exercises. Then I do some weight-lifting.

Also, Janet and the others before her keep me away from injuries. I'm almost 60 now and I don't heal like a 20-year-old anymore. They coach me on near-perfect form and strategies for lifting that get desired results while minimizing risk of injury. In short, moving less weight with great form gets better results than heavy weights and poor technique.

You don't need to spend two hours a day working out to see huge changes in your body with TRT. I'll be honest though: seeing big changes make you want more.

Back to diet: Protein is a huge component in my diet now... about 180-200 grams per day. You can't gain muscle tissue without protein, but your body will cannibalize muscle tissue for protein if you're losing weight and not consuming enough protein. Protein shakes will be your new best friend, along with high-protein foods.

Why do I write about this? Because I wish someone had

The Vital Health Benefits of TRT

Testosterone replacement therapy (TRT) is a game-changer for men suffering from low testosterone levels, also known as hypogonadism. This condition can *profoundly* impact physical and emotional health, affecting energy levels, mood, muscle mass and sexual function. In recent years, TRT has been recognized for its remarkable health benefits, making it an increasingly popular treatment option for men looking to regain their vitality and well-being. In this, we'll delve deeper into some of the vital health benefits of TRT.

1. Improved Energy Levels: One of the most notable benefits of TRT is the restoration of energy levels. Men suffering from low testosterone levels often experience fatigue, lethargy and a general lack of motivation. TRT helps to reverse these symptoms, increasing energy and vitality and enabling men to tackle daily activities with renewed vigor.

2. Enhanced Mood: Testosterone plays a crucial role in regulating mood and emotional well-being. Low testosterone levels have been associated with depression, irritability, and mood swings. With TRT, men often report improved mood and reduced symptoms of depression, enabling them to take a more positive view of life.



3. Increased Muscle Mass and Strength: Testosterone is a vital hormone for muscle development and maintenance. Men with low testosterone levels may experience muscle loss and reduced strength. When combined with proper exercise and diet, TRT can help stimulate muscle growth and improve strength, contributing to a more robust and active lifestyle.

4. Better Bone Density: Adequate testosterone levels are essential for maintaining healthy bone density. Low testosterone levels can reduce bone mass, making men more vulnerable to fractures and osteoporosis. TRT can help improve bone density, reduce the risk of bone-related problems and promote skeletal health.

5. Improved Cognitive Function: Some studies have suggested that TRT can positively impact cognitive function. Memory, mental clarity, and concentration may improve with optimized testosterone levels. While further research is needed in this area, these potential cognitive benefits add to the overall benefits of TRT.

6. Enhanced Libido & Sexual Function: Testosterone is a crucial hormone influencing sexual desire and performance in men. Men with low testosterone levels often experience decreased libido and sexual difficulties. TRT can rekindle the spark in the bedroom by increasing libido and improving erectile function, considerably boosting quality of life and intimate relationships.

7. Cardiovascular Health: TRT can also have beneficial effects on cardiovascular health. Studies have shown that TRT can improve lipid profiles by reducing LDL cholesterol and triglycerides while increasing HDL cholesterol. These improvements in lipid levels may help reduce the risk of heart problems.

8. Weight Management: For men struggling with weight gain and obesity due to low testosterone levels, TRT can be a valuable tool for weight management. Testosterone helps to build lean muscle mass, increase the body's metabolic rate and facilitate fat loss when combined with regular exercise and a healthy diet.

9. Insulin Sensitivity: TRT has shown promising effects on insulin sensitivity. Improvements in insulin sensitivity may benefit men with diabetes or insulin resistance, potentially helping them to manage their blood sugar levels more effectively.

Conclusion: Testosterone replacement therapy has demonstrated various health benefits for men with low testosterone levels. From increased energy and mood to improved muscle mass, bone density and sexual function, TRT can significantly improve a man's overall well-being and quality of life. However, it is essential to consult a qualified healthcare professional before starting hormone replacement therapy to obtain a personalized treatment plan that meets individual health needs and goals. With proper medical follow-up, TRT can be a powerful and transformative solution for men seeking to optimize their testosterone levels and regain vitality.

shared this with me twenty years earlier. That and I want my fellow Guns Save Life members to live longer, better and healthier lives.

After previous writing about my very positive experiences, I've had scores of GSL members come to me, thanking me for turning them on to TRT.

Their reports consistently sound similar: "I'm losing weight, gaining muscle, sleep better, feel better and love it." The stories I hear vary only how by much they rave over their improved quality of

life on TRT. A couple have even mentioned how blood sugar spikes have moderated dramatically as well. Good deal.

Yes, if you like the results you will need to continue treatment indefinitely. I liken it to thyroid medication or diabetes treatment.

Sure it's a bit of an outlay in docs, drugs and protein, but what's your life worth? Not only that, but stronger, fitter people are harder to kill.

Americans foolishly spend several billion each year on

"supplements" that in reality might be better labeled as "snake oil." If they didn't, places like GNC and Supplement Superstore would go out of business. Others opt for surgery or expensive shots to lose weight without the benefits of TRT.

What are you waiting for... So what are you waiting for guys? You only have one body. Take care of it. Get your testosterone levels tested and talk with a men's health specialist. Get healthy and live a better life. You can thank me later.



Most Chicago PD Officers carrying Sig P320s have switched to other guns

Chicago (Sun-Times) - Most of the roughly 1,450 Chicago police officers who carried Sig Sauer P320 handguns have replaced them following safety concerns raised this year about the weapon, the Chicago Sun-Times has learned.

Fraternal Order of Police President John Catanzara wrote to police Supt. Larry Snelling in April and urged him to ban the model, claiming the gun can accidentally fire without a trigger pull, which could lead to an officer or member of the public being wounded or killed.

"Current recruits at the Chicago Police Academy already have been advised that the Sig Sauer P320 is no longer a prescribed

weapon for them to purchase or utilize," Catanzara wrote.

On Monday, department spokesperson Maggie Huyhn said officers using the P320 were given a July 14 deadline to submit proof of buying a new approved weapon. The Chicago Police Department has about 11,600 sworn officers.



"More than 1,350 affected officers are now in compli-

ance with the phase-out process, with about 100 members not in compliance," said Huyhn, who declined to address the safety concerns about the P320.

The department's fire-arms training section had scheduled 20 days for those officers who owned P320s to meet with vendors to buy other department-approved guns and equipment, Huyhn said.

"Additionally, CPD worked with Acme Sports, a regional Sig Sauer distributor, to secure a 'trade-in' option that allowed affected members to pay \$95 to trade in their Sig Sauer P320 for another department-approved Sig Sauer model," she said in a statement.

Man on pre-trial release wearing TWO ankle monitors gets ten years for an armed carjacking of a third victim

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A Chicago man who carjacked a woman at gunpoint while wearing two electronic monitoring devices has been sentenced to ten years in prison.

Prosecutors said 32-year-old Keyruni Buford and another man ambushed a 47-year-old woman in the 7600 block of South Champlain Avenue around 2 a.m. on September 16, 2023. The woman was sitting inside her 2021 Nissan Sentra when the pair climbed in and forced her out of the driver's seat at gunpoint.

Arrested & freed Sunday, then arrested next day for home invasions

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A 34-year-old Wisconsin man who was arrested for allegedly breaking into a vehicle in Lincoln Park was back in custody less than 30 hours later, this time accused of terrorizing two families in the neighborhood during back-to-back attempted home invasions and burglaries, prosecutors said.

Chicago police first arrested Akram Akbar, of Beloit, Wisconsin, around 9:35 a.m. Sunday, August 3, in the 2100 block of North Stockton Drive. He was charged with criminal trespass to a vehicle and released from the Near North (18th) District police station less than eight hours later.



Delmonte Eason and Justin Neal-Guy (Chicago Police Department)

Cops: Thugs murdered father in front of his children during North Side home invasion

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Two men with violent criminal histories have been charged with murdering a 32-year-old father during a home invasion in West Rogers Park earlier this year. One of the accused men was on parole for armed robberies, and the other was on felony pretrial release when the killing occurred.

Months after life sentence was reduced to 20 years, murderer is accused of shooting guard during an armed robbery

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Less than a year after walking free from a life sentence for a 2003 double murder — a release that came after a scandal-plagued prosecutor championed his resentencing — Dante Brown is back in jail, accused of shooting a security guard in the neck last weekend during a Near West Side.



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Jussie's back!

(Breitbart) - On the eve of a comeback to TV, actor Jussie Smollett is again claiming he did not hoax a supposed hate crime perpetrated against him in 2019 and is renewing his attack on Chicago and its police department.

Should've added a zero or two...

Chicago woman shot with a 'Buyback' gun sues city for \$50,000

(Shooting News Weekly) - While the Chicago Police Department "gun turn-in program" website states that "all guns are destroyed and never returned to the streets," that wasn't the case for Twanda Willingham. Ms. Willingham recently filed suit against the City of Chicago and others after she was shot with a GLOCK 21 .45 caliber handgun that had been relinquished to Chicago police at a gun turn-in event in December 2023. The same fire-arm that was used to shoot Ms. Willingham was then used in at least two other shootings before being discovered on a 16-year old boy months later, as we reported back in April of this year.

Poster child for soft-on-crime policies

Chicago carjacking student brings machine gun to school, released after 17 months in jail

(Center Square) - A former Chicago Public Schools student has been sentenced to five years in prison for bringing a loaded machine gun to school, but he is not expected to spend additional time behind bars.

CWB Chicago reports that Marquis Terry, 20, pleaded guilty to possession of a machine gun last year, but he received sentencing credits after spending 17 months in the county jail.

At the time, Terry was on juvenile probation for aggravated vehicular hijacking.



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Gun Nation: The Rise of ‘Child Gun Influencers’

(UK Independent) - Fred Thrasher doesn't see his children as social media content creators, even if they run in those circles. "They're not influencers," he says, firmly. "We're a foundation."

The Survival Sisters Foundation is a nonprofit organization that takes families out in rural Georgia and allows them to learn about firearms while using expensive gear they wouldn't otherwise be able to access. It's targeted in particular toward girls and women, and runs a campaign called "Don't Be A Victim" that focuses on preventing domestic violence, child abuse, human trafficking and — perhaps counterintuitively — school shootings.



Still, child gun influencers have been becoming more common over the past five years...

Thrasher says that he has to take a more careful approach, balancing his enthusiasm for the space with how he knows American society views black

people. He takes care to make sure that the content the family puts out on social media is positive, that it could never be mistaken for gang content.

That's one of the reasons, he says, why the logo of the Survival Sisters is still a little girl with a ponytail and a flower, even though his girls are teens and young adults now, with the oldest two heading off to college and the youngest in high school. "Countering the narrative" is always top of mind.

Thrasher didn't start shooting with his daughters to get clicks, anyway, he adds. He did it because, after he and his wife divorced, he realized he needed a way to bond with his children, and he was raised as a "country boy," hunting, shooting, fishing and simulating river rescues. Traditionally, he'd been told that that was the purview of little boys. But why shouldn't it be a way for a father to bond with his four little girls?



[Editor's note: The UK Independent on young American gun influencers... "Oh no! The sky is clearly falling!"]

More opportunities for relief for reformed felons

Trump's Department of Justice proposes rule for reformed felons to regain their gun rights

(US DOJ) - President Trump directed the Department of Justice to address the ongoing infringements of the Second Amendment rights of our citizens—all of them. Federal law disables the firearms rights of many citizens who have been convicted of crimes without regard to whether they actually pose a threat of violence. But federal law also empowers the Attorney General to restore Second Amendment rights to individuals who are not "likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety." Today, the Department of Justice submitted to the Office of the Federal Register a proposed rule regarding the exercise of the Attorney General's authority under 18 U.S.C. 925(c) to grant relief to individuals who are otherwise precluded from possessing firearms.

"For too long, countless Americans with criminal histories have been permanently disenfranchised from exercising

the right to keep and bear arms—a right every bit as constitutionally enshrined as the right to vote, the right to free speech, and the right to free exercise of religion—irrespective of whether they actually pose a threat," said Attorney General Pamela Bondi. "No longer."



The proposed rule will provide citizens whose firearm rights are currently under legal disability with an avenue to restore those rights, while keeping firearms out of the hands of dangerous criminals and illegal aliens. Ultimate discretion to grant relief will remain with the Attorney General, and she will exercise that discretion

on a case-by-case basis in light of all available facts and evidence that bear on an individual's application. But absent extraordinary circumstances, violent felons, registered sex offenders, and illegal aliens, in particular, will remain presumptively ineligible for relief...

The Justice Department welcomes comments from communities that could be affected by a final rule including law enforcement, victims' advocates, elected officials, and individuals who would like to apply to have their gun rights restored. Because this proposed rule is intended to create a fair and thoughtful system to evaluate applications for the restoration of firearms right, the Justice Department recommends that individuals seeking the restoration of their firearm rights review and comment on the proposed process rather than submit applications at this time.

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Chaplain Steve Holden: Church safety and security, active killer response & more

(GSL) - Chaplain Steve Holden addressed the audience at SCHEELS in Springfield to talk about church violence in general and active shooters in particular.

He began with a salute to first responders who put themselves in harm's way to help others. "Their 'job' is a calling," he observed. The same goes for the good people who walk among us, protecting the flock.

Nutcases, criminals and terrorists attack others, particularly churches for a host of reasons, some more rational than others. Attackers prefer so-called "gun free" zones to limit resistance.

For churches, their best bet is to keep the violence outside. Watch the parking lots for trouble and secure the doors the instant trouble

is observed.



Chaplain Steve Holden.

Having armed and trained safety staff make a world of difference, especially when police response is measured in minutes, not seconds, best case.

Make your facility a hard

target with a church safety team, with limited access and armed responders for the worst-case scenarios. And again, monitor the parking lots for trouble.

For those inside, the "run, hide, fight" plan seems to be the most common suggestion. Although those of us with guns may change the order of those responses.

Anyone can be a leader in an "Active Killer" situation by guiding innocents to escape, to safety or to help them hunker down. The same goes for fighting back.

Holden also spoke of the recovery process for those victimized by violence (as well as their family and friends impacted by it). Prayer helps, as does professional counseling. Neither are a sign of weakness.

VA Advocate Michael Reagan: There are tons of resources and benefits available to veterans



Michael Reagan, VA Advocate

Local Veterans Affairs advocate Michael Reagan spoke in Peoria, detailing his life as a veteran and life after the military.

He's become an advocate for father's rights in addition to his work in the field of helping veterans via a couple of jobs.

Michael talked about the role of art in

giving veterans with PTSD a way to communicate, through art, some of their struggles and how that's helped some avoid suicide.

In a couple of jobs, he's learned a lot about the VA and knows how to navigate their world for vets to receive help with finding jobs, resources, vocational rehab and even financial assistance, particularly for those who have service-related disabilities.

Ragan said he can also help veterans to initiate those disability claims and a whole lot more. "There are a ton of benefits available," he said. For Illinois vets, they may be eligible for 120 credit hours at a state university. Oh yeah, he also raved over Taco Tuesdays that start around 6pm at the VFW in Peoria Heights at 1505 E. Lake.

If you're a veteran needing help, reach him at 309 258-8957. Text him first where possible. Also the Peoria Veterans Assistance Commission phone number is (309) 681-2554.



Sullivan Gun Club trap team says "THANK YOU" to GSL

For a young scholastic trap team, the Sullivan Gun Club is doing very well. A few appeared at our Decatur GSL meeting in July. We passed the hat and sent them home with almost \$650 towards ammunition and clay birds for their very successful program.

Never a dull moment at GSL meetings!

Central K9 Search & Rescue

Central K9 Search & Rescue brought a couple of their trained pups to the LaSalle County GSL meeting. After talking about the program, they had their dogs do real-life tracks on a pair of "missing" people.

They have dogs training in both recovery of live folks and cadaver recovery. The dogs are extensively trained and available to anyone for finding missing people. They've worked to find missing seniors and to find victims in storm-damaged homes. Each dog can cover more ground than 50 human searchers.

It's an all-volunteer organization and a labor of love for those involved. They don't charge for their services and are on call 24/7. For more information visit their website: centralk9searchandrescue.org



Central K9 Search and Rescue joined us in LaSalle.



Preparing for potential attacks: Both Islamic Terror and Homegrown Criminal

(GSL) - David Windsor joined us at the Chicago-GSL meeting with a wide-ranging presentation. He wears multiple caps, including working as an Air Marshall. He also serves as a Command Sergeant Major in the US Army specializing in intelligence analysis.

When he has a spare minute he also teaches defensive skill sets to regular people. He feels it's his calling to help people, and it's his passion.

We started talking about Islamic terror. That's one of the hats Mr. Windsor wears with his work in the Army. Yes, the Al-Qaeda 2.0 book is spot on in its open-source intelligence information. Yes, there are potentially Islamic training camps in the US, including more than one in Illinois. And yes, they planned to hit us this year.

What they hadn't planned was Donald Trump's round-up of illegals and his aggressive work rooting out potential terror suspects. We've likely disrupted some of those terror cells with the arrest of close to a thousand potential terror suspects early in the Trump administration. Unfortunately that leaves hundreds more we likely know nothing about.

Many, if not most of the DEI leadership has been replaced with hard-chargers who are aggressively running down leads, including plans to potentially use cargo jets instead of passenger jets to recreate 9-11.



John Boch, left, with David Windsor, a federal Air Marshal and Command Sergeant Major in the US Army.

How do you prepare? Carry your damn gun, every stinkin' day. Have some first aid skills, like application of tourniquets and wound packing. Have a decent first-aid kit in your vehicle. No, not the one for scrapes and boo-boos. Instead, one with chest seals, CATT tourniquets, wound-packing gauze, Israeli Battle Dressings and that sort of stuff that will save lives before the pros arrive to provide care.

He spend a lot of time talking about life on the streets of Chicago. He explained that the hardened, career

criminals in Chicago see victimizing people as nothing more than a job. If you thwart their plans with the threat of decisive, violent resistance, don't be surprised if they just laugh and walk away nonchalantly. It's not the first time they've seen the muzzle of a gun. And it's just a game of sorts for the experienced robbers.

Windsor says these thugs ask themselves two questions when they settle on a potential victim: "Can I take them?" and "Can I get away?" The easiest way to avoid interactions with bad guys? Be aware of your surroundings. Identify potential threats before they get anywhere near you. Be ready to use deadly force and look like you mean it. Just because you have a gun doesn't mean a career criminal's going to be dissuaded. You have to look like you'll use it without a second thought. Only then will they know that they can't take you and they aren't going to "get away."

So be sure to have some sort of legal defense coverage. You carry that gun to make yourself harder to kill. You know the law and have insurance so you're harder to convict in the aftermath.

Why is the gun control industry so freaked out about more women owning guns?

By Paige Pearson
(NSSF/Shooting News Weekly) - Leave it to gun control groups to suggest that half of the law-abiding population of the United States shouldn't be considered for gun ownership. And it's the half of the population that owning a firearm for self-defense benefits the most in time of need.



Sure, in the past, women were not the segment of the population that immediately popped in to mind as being firearm owners. But now in 2025, shouldn't that be different? Women already have the same rights as men – including the right to keep and bear arms. Firearms are a part of the American culture, enjoyed by everyone of any color, race and nationality. And over the past five years, industry data has shown women are the fastest-growing demographic of gun buyer. It makes sense that firearm industry businesses would pay attention to their customers and cater to their needs.

But that's not how many gun control activists and gun control groups see it and they are now aghast that lawful firearm manufacturers would cater their advertising and marketing efforts to appeal to women...

Media still widely misrepresents American gun owners as old, white guys but recent trends in firearm purchasing couldn't put this caricature to rest any better. Over the past five years, the surge of new first-time buyers has made the gun-owning community the most diverse population of gun owners ever. That's a good thing – as the Second Amendment is for everyone. And that includes women.

Women are featured more prominently today in advertising because more women are buying firearms for any number of reasons – all good ones – and the industry is listening to them. Women's nights at neighborhood shooting ranges, women-only firearm training classes and even friend groups choosing to go to the range together are all increasingly more popular activities as women choose to exercise their Second Amendment rights in any safe way they choose.

Marketing has changed over the last few decades to follow the customer. For Lickensbrock and others, that means seeing a lot more women with guns. And that's a good thing.

CHURCHES: *Know* your staffers

(GSL) - A child daycare worker was arrested in her "Little Blessings Child Care" polo shirt in Bainbridge, Georgia on felony child abuse charges. Yvette Thurston, 54, made her \$44,000 bail but is now unlikely to return to her gig with the daycare.

What's more, hopefully she won't be helping out at the Bainbridge Church of Christ either.



Parents of a young boy posted photos of

their battered son on social media which is why this case garnered national attention.

For those in church leadership, people volunteering to work with kids at a church must be carefully vetted, both at the personal level and with background checks. In this instance, this woman allegedly used physical violence against a toddler. However sex abuse runs rampant at churches as well. Why? Churches, especially smaller ones, can be desperate to find volunteers to help out. And "minor-attracted" pedophiles know this.

Churches should be wary of any new members who express a desire to volunteer in the youth ministry or church daycare centers. Incidents of abuse of any kind committed against the youth in churches will have parishioners leaving in droves.

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Terry Zeiters | GSL-sponsored Appleseed a big success

Terry Zeiters spoke at our Pontiac meeting about the successful GSL-sponsored Appleseed shooting event held near McLean, IL on the first weekend in August.

The weather took a break from oppressively hot heat to give folks a perfect weekend for a class to learn how to shoot a 1" square at 25 meters, along with American history.

Terry reported that partici-

pants ranged from pre-teen to seniors, with a nice mix of young people. Between the venue and plentiful, experienced instructors, it made for an enjoyable time and allowed participants to improve their skill sets.

"It's a competition with yourself," Zeiters explained. Everyone wants the "Rifleman" patch, but not everyone earns it.

Team exercises helped build camaraderie, and the

history lessons proved very insightful to first-time attendees who never learned these things about our nation's founding in public schools.



Terry (and GSL's leadership) highly recommend to our fellow GSL members and friend and family that they attend an Appleseed event near them. It's time well spent, and a great way to build quality family-time memories.



The effects of SCOTUS's *Loper Bright* ruling are real and they're glorious

(The Hill) - The *Loper Bright* ruling that ended so-called "Chevron deference" last June was described as a "return to judicial balance" — a technical correction. But its consequences are now impossible to ignore.

This decision has hit gun regulation especially hard, stripping the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of one of its key tools for enforcing gun control. Between *Loper Bright* and the Supreme Court's striking down of the ban on bump stocks in *Garland v. Cargill*, courts across the South have begun systematically overturning rules.

Before *Loper Bright*, the ATF claimed the authority to decide what counts as a firearm — including whether modifications or added parts fell under regulation. The agency used that flexibility to slow the spread of dangerous modifications.

After the demise of *Chevron*, however, courts are no longer required to defer to agency interpretations, meaning that agencies like the ATF can no longer count on winning if they "fill in the blanks" where Congress was vague. That means every new restriction must be clearly written into law, and older rules are now being challenged in court. The ATF is left watching from the sidelines as *Loper Bright* has become a standard

reference in gun-related cases...

A judge in Texas also blocked ATF's attempts to regulate forced-reset triggers — devices that let semi-auto rifles fire almost like automatics — on the grounds that only Congress can decide what counts as a machine gun. This ruling shows how, after *Chevron* ended, agencies lost their ability to stretch unclear laws into gray areas.

The argument is clear and consistent: If something isn't explicitly defined as a firearm in the law, the agency cannot necessarily count on its claims of authority over it holding up in court. Without *Chevron*, regulators can't just interpret or assume provisions "in the interest of public safety" and expect their interpretations to carry the day by default.

Chevron's fall didn't just weaken the ATF — it shook the foundation of how regulation works. Now, every gun rule must be spelled out. Until that happens, loopholes remain open.

Meanwhile, Congress's continued silence has opened the door to a wave of new weapon variations and modifications. The market is drifting into chaos, making rules hard to enforce and define.



Some of the River Valley Sharpshooters... Emily, Amanda, Reese, Lillie, Belle, Adrianna and Molly

Your GSL memberships and support going to help shape tomorrow's shooters

THANK YOU GSL!

[Editor: Guns Save Life sent a grant to the River Valley Sharpshooters group to help them purchase electronic scoring targets.]

by Tina Odle

Thank you Guns Save Life for your grant to help our junior rifle club. Through donations like yours, we have the ability to purchase electronic targets for our indoor air rifle and air pistol range.

As Level 3 Olympic Rifle and Pistol Coaches, we have been helping young men and women excel in competitive marksmanship since 1996. Several have gone to NCAA Collegiate Rifle Teams. We have an outstanding group of Precision Rifle competitors at this time (and look forward to nurturing many more).

We just came home from the CMP Smallbore and Air Rifle Nationals where

we competed in the CMP Three-Position Air Rifle Championship and finished 18th out of the top 43 teams in the country. I am so proud of our girls as this is our first year coaching them and they are all young.

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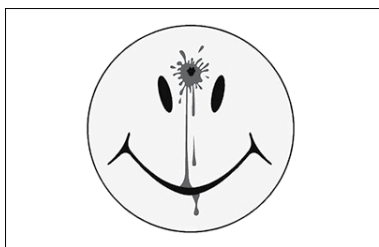
Derrick Perry, American hero.

Derrick Perry hailed as hero after stopping mass knife attack at MI Walmart

A local former Marine is being hailed as a hero by the community for stepping in during the horrific stabbing at a Walmart in Traverse City, Michigan, where 11 people were injured inside the store in what is being called a "terror rampage" by local authorities.

Derrick Perry, 41, who was at the Walmart with family when the stabbing occurred, pulled out his concealed firearm and held the suspect—42-year-old Bradford James Gille—at bay outside of the store until the Grand Traverse County sheriff's deputies arrived. Perry is being credited with potentially saving the lives of additional victims with his quick and decisive actions. Viral cellphone footage of the incident outside shows Perry approaching Gille as he and others yell at him to throw down his knife.

Traverse City Police Chief Lauren Gilbert said that Perry's quick and decisive actions may have saved lives. "Had he not stepped in when he did, the situation could've turned much worse. He likely saved lives," she said.



BOOM! Head shot!

Mama Bear in Joliet blasts bad boy home intruder with headshot

Joliet, IL (WLS) -- A mother with a baby fatally shot a suspected home invader in the south suburbs on Friday night, police said.

Joliet police said officers responded to a report of a home invasion in the 7000-block of Hadrian Drive around 10:30 p.m.

Police said the woman, armed with a gun, heard someone break into her home. That's when she took her child and hid in a bedroom closet on the second floor.

Police believe that when the suspect entered that bedroom, the woman opened fire, striking him in the head. The suspect was pronounced dead on the scene.



Two to the face is a good defensive tactic Robber's family wants Greyhound to disarm its passengers...

Father of 20 commits his last armed robbery; family wants disarmed victims

(The UK Independent) - An Atlanta father of 20 was fatally shot last month while allegedly attempting an armed robbery, police say.

On July 19, D'Anthony Reeves, 44, was killed outside the Greyhound bus station on Forsyth Street around 5:30 a.m. He was shot twice in the face and once in the arm, according to police.

In a Wednesday update, Atlanta homicide detectives said their investigation determined the case should be classified as a felon killed by a private citizen. Police said Reeves was in the middle of an armed robbery when he was shot...

"We're fixing to open up the D'Anthony Reeves foundation so we'll be able to serve his kids so they'll be taken care of," Deoinetea Hightower Reeves' brother told the outlet...

Hightower added that he is pushing Greyhound to end its policy allowing guns across state lines and urging Georgia Governor Brian Kemp to tighten gun laws to keep firearms away from young people.

Home intruder stabs country music star's mother to death, father returns the favor

(Nashville Tennessean) - It started as a random home invasion. It ended in the death of the mother of a rising country music artist.

Holly Hatcher, a former teacher, was found dead inside the family's North Valley Pike Virginia home at 11:58 p.m. Aug 3. after being stabbed by an armed intruder. Her husband, Michael Hatcher, then shot and killed the attacker.

Hatcher was the mother of Spencer Hatcher, a 28-year-old up-and-coming Nashville country singer



Deep blue city discovers enforcing laws and prosecuting criminals actually works to reduce crime dramatically

Violent crime plummets in Baltimore after voters fire Team Soros prosecutor...

(Free Beacon) - Homicides and other types of violent crime are dropping precipitously in the crime-ridden city of Baltimore. It started shortly after voters fired their progressive Soros-backed prosecutor in 2022—and experts say that's no coincidence.

Baltimore's homicide rate soared after state's attorney Marilyn Mosby took office in 2015 on a progressive platform of refusing to prosecute low-level crimes while aggressively charging police officers including those involved in the death of Freddie Gray, a black man who died from injuries sustained while in custody. Those officers were ultimately acquitted, but Mosby's policies still had a chilling effect on the Baltimore Police Department. Arrests plummeted under Mosby's watch as homicides jumped from an average of 229 per year before she took office to 333 per year during her eight years as state's attorney, according to figures compiled by the Heritage Foundation.



BALTIMORE NAMED DEADLIEST LARGE CITY IN AMERICA

By July 2022, Baltimore voters had enough. Mosby lost her primary election to her Democratic challenger, Ivan Bates, who pledged to reverse her progressive non-prosecution policies and put in place harsher penalties for repeat violent offenses and illegal gun possession.

By all appearances, it worked.

In 2022, Mosby's last year in office, Baltimore saw 334 homicides across the city. The next year, under Bates's watch, that number dropped to 262. In 2024, it dropped further to 202 homicides.

And during the first half of 2025, Baltimore saw just 68 homicides, a 62 percent drop from the same timeframe in 2022. Auto thefts are also down 34 percent, robberies are down 22 percent, and arson is down 10 percent in Baltimore so far in 2025 compared to the same timeframe last year.

"The numbers don't lie," Maryland Public Policy Institute fellow Sean Kennedy told the Washington Free Beacon. "Ivan Bates's model of targeting the most violent or violence-prone offenders (gun carrying criminals) is the primary driver of Baltimore's miraculous success."

You can bet gun rights is one of the third-rail topics

88% of college students self-censor on campus

(Washington Stand) - In today's hyper-polarized academic landscape, college students face an unspoken ultimatum: conform or be cast out.

New research by Forest Romm and Kevin Waldman, conducted between 2023 and 2025 at Northwestern University and the University of Michigan, reveals a chilling reality: students are hiding their true beliefs to navigate the social and academic minefield of ideological conformity. Based on confidential interviews with 1,452 undergraduates, the study uncovers a pervasive culture of self-censorship driven by fear of social ostracism and academic penalty...

The data says it all. When asked, "Have you ever pretended to hold more progressive views than you truly endorse to succeed socially or academically?" an overwhelming 88% of students said yes. Eighty-eight percent!...

So, within the classroom, what does this look like? According to the research, 78% self-censor on gender identity, 77% on politics, and 68% on family values. Alarming, 80% admit to submitting classwork that misrepresents their beliefs to align with professors' expectations — a practice so ingrained it's become "second nature" for many.



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Tip: Time to sell yours to someone you don't like

Sig P320

by John Boch

(GSL) - Sig-Sauer's P320 handgun is a fine handgun. It's easy to shoot, comfortable to shoot and has a great, crisp trigger that helps facilitate solid hits on target.

It also sometimes goes bang when dropped. What's more, sometimes it goes bang for no apparent reason in the holster - even for those not in the Bermuda Triangle.

Sig, of course, denies there's any problem and falls back to its stock talking points of rigorous testing, fancy engineering and blah-blah-blah. Despite the fact millions of us have seen the videos of the gun going bang when struck or dropped in a particular manner, Sig asks us to ignore our lying eyes and believe them that it's a safe gun.

It *might* be a safe gun. But I'm not putting it anywhere near me or my boys. I simply don't trust it.

And I'm not alone in not trusting this particular Sig product. An increasing number of police agencies want nothing to do with them. Ditto for ranges and training schools. And it wouldn't surprise us if dealers haven't begun to shun the model as well.

In short, if you have one of these 320s it might be a fine time to sell it to someone else. Ideally someone you don't like. Give them a bargain price. Because there may be a day soon where you'll be very limited to where you can practice or train with your 320. Or worse yet, if someday you bob instead of weave, or drop it just right, it might just go bang on you in a very unintended manner.

Better to sell it now and get *something* out of it than be left as the bagholder when the market for the 320 goes to near zero over fears - righteous or not-so-much - that the P320 is unsafe.



MAIL CALL



Illinois legislature commits overreach. Again.

Once again, the Illinois legislature has committed an egregious act of overreach—breaching the paternal sovereignty of the home under the guise of public safety. According to Governor Pritzker's office, the newly signed "Safe Gun Storage Act" outlines "improved" storage requirements and imposes civil penalties ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 for violations, depending on the outcome of the breach.

Who granted the legislature the authority to define "reasonable risk" within one's own household? The home—a man's castle—is a sovereign domain. When the state supplants the judgment of the head of household, it transforms protection into coercion. This law does not merely regulate—it reorders moral jurisdiction, replacing paternal responsibility with bureaucratic oversight.

The legislature claims this power under the doctrine of police powers, citing public health and safety. Yet such powers must be narrowly tailored and constitutionally sound. The Supreme Court's decision in *District of*

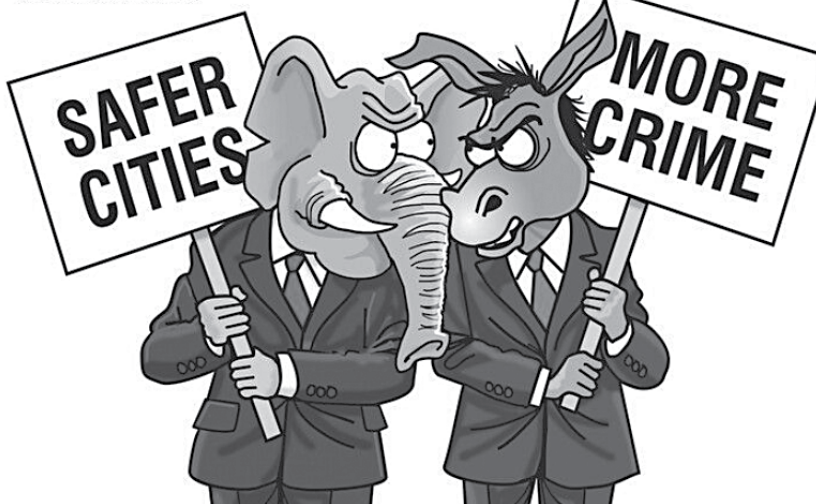
Columbia v. Heller (2008) affirmed that laws rendering firearms inaccessible for self-defense in the home violate the Second Amendment. The Fourth Amendment protects against unreasonable government intrusion, and the Due Process Clause demands clarity and fairness in law. SB 0008 risks failing all three tests.

This is not a debate over safety—it is a reckoning over sovereignty. The state may claim to protect, but when it dictates the moral order of the home, it ceases to serve and begins to rule.

To punish a man for how he stewards his own hearth is not a mere infraction—it is a desecration of origin. The home, as sovereign sanctuary and moral domain, precedes all edict. Its authority flows not from statute, but from nature—from intent—from the irreducible dignity of the individual who dwells within it.

Joshua R. Cox
via email

AT an IMPASSE...



Who do these people want to 'protect'?

Does anybody else find it bizarre that people with the greatest amount of support for locking down lawful citizens during Covid, and taking away guns from law abiding citizens now are also the

most upset that Trump's gonna try bringing a little bit of heat to criminals in DC?

Marc Randazza

IF THEIR POLICIES ARE SOUND, WHY DO THEY HAVE TO KEEP LYING?

Suicides with guns aren't 'gun violence' any more than hangings are 'rope violence'

Anti-gunners love to include suicides in their so-called 'Gun Deaths' stats to boost their bogus 'Gun Violence' talking points

by Kostas Moros

It's funny when gun control advocates try to mislead people by including suicide data, but it's obvious they're doing so because they include a state like Wyoming which has very little homicide. As they say, one of these is not like the other.

Suicide by gun is a problem. But it's not "gun violence" just like a suicide by hanging isn't "rope violence." The US suicide rate isn't abnormally high among first world countries. Guns are just used in suicide more because we have them here.

Elsewhere, other methods are used

more. And other countries with legalized assisted suicide hide their true rates by not counting assisted suicides. Canada's rate is over three times ours when legal suicides are included.

"Gun deaths" is a nonsense measure that includes suicides, which are more correlated with climate than gun availability. If you measure based on homicide instead of trying to mislead with suicides, there's no correlation like what Martin suggests here.

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California's Glock Ban: A case study in legislative absurdity

by Michael Keleher

(GSL) - The People's Republic of Kalifornia has a bill labeled AB1127, going in the state legislature right now, looking to ban the sale of Glock pistols and any Glock-like clones with a cruciform trigger bar.

Why? Because criminals might use them in more criminal acts like putting sear defeating plastic pieces on them and making them shoot as machine pistols in the general direction of humans. Other states are trying and failing to sue Glock for being too easily convertible- not to mention states and big cities trying to sue Hyundai and Kia for making their cars too "stealable." Yep, ya can't make this stuff up, and by the way don't ever blame the criminal for his decisions or acts. They are just *misunderstood*.

The giant "We know what's best for you" Nanny state are taking a firm but silly stand here. Their stated cause (*deep breath here*), because if you obtain illegal parts, and in an illegal act, put the illegal parts in the pistol, it makes the pistol more illegal and fire like a machine gun (Federal Felony) and just possessing the converted gun is oh yes... another illegal act. I think I got all the points in a row there. Yes, like banning cars because criminals might steal them and break speeding laws or crash into someone, or drunks might get intoxicated and drive in violation of DUI laws already in place!

California has long been known as a pioneer of ridiculous ambitious laws, but its latest attempt to ban the sale of Glock pistols takes aim at common sense as much as it does firearms. When you ask "Can it get dumber?" Why yes, yes it can, thanks for asking. You can buy Gen 3 and Gen 4 Glocks in California- but not Gen 5. Too Glocky I guess.

The proposed legislation, framed letting people legally buy more Glocks which some day could be converted by criminals in to machine pistol, limiting magazine capacities and banning models not on the state's certified roster, effectively targets one of the most widely trusted defensive sidearms in America—Overreach much California?

Did you know just to sell a new model of pistol in the Golden State, gun manufacturers have to submit the new models to Kalifornia and they do their own in house testing for their own definitions of "safety" before they can be state certified for sale within their boundaries. No other state in the nation has such limitations. Some gun manufacturers have thrown up their hands and said in the rich American tradition "This is bullshit" and won't send their guns for testing.

Yes, California, the same state that put a sticker on my gunsmithing hammer that says the hammer contains material which could be related to cancer if you ingest it. I am not kidding here, and no, I have never considered eating that hammer with or without the sticker.

Of course, they threw in a "it will reduce crime" aspect to the bill. Harumph, harumph, less of those pesky guns and the Crips and Bloods will finally just get along. Glocks are already legal in 49 other states who do not require safety testing, and of course over the decades there's no credible data showing that California's rigid handgun restrictions correlate with lower violence. Frankly, the data points in the opposite direction. But I digress.



I lived in Cali when Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger banned .50 cal rifles like the Barretts. No crimes had been committed in that huge state with that huge rifle. But well, you know, if they ever did, it would be bad, so let's use some good old-fashioned commie gun control on our captive populace.

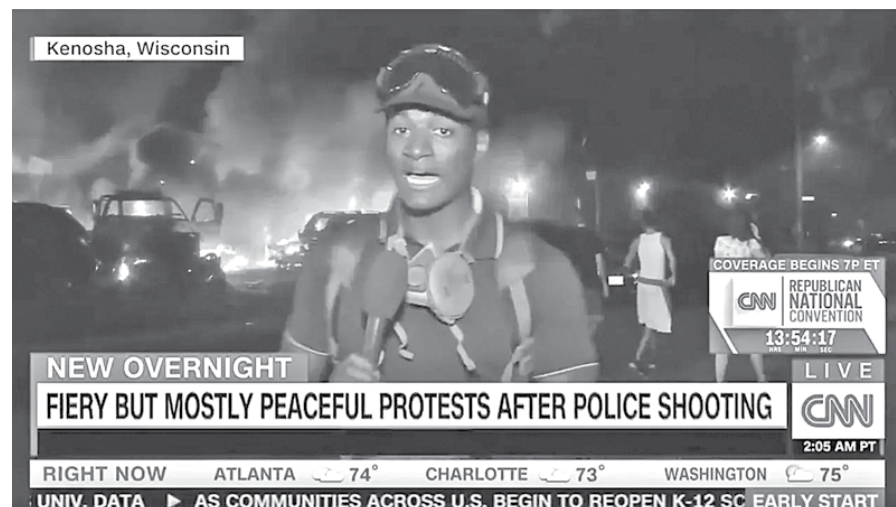
Criminals obviously don't pick up their weapons by consulting the California approved list of guns. This bill, instead, penalizes responsible gun owners and law-abiding citizens who simply want access to reliable tools for self-defense. In effect, it's a safety bill that endangers public safety. Wow the Zen of that sentence really gets me- safety which keeps you unsafe.

Once again, a liberal controlled state seizes on gun control instead of addressing crime control. Or maybe tackle root issues like illegal trafficking, mental health, millions of poor people let over the borders illegally, or gang violence.

The result? A bill that doesn't curb crime, doesn't make people safer, and doesn't even make logical sense but acts as "feel good" legislation for political hacks who seem to worry an awful lot about the well-being of criminals. Remind you of a state where you live?

I'm pretty sure this bill will pass later this week and become a new California law. Why do we care? Well beyond it is fun to marvel at stupid stuff from that state, **this will set a big precedence for other liberal controlled states, like-oh I don't know... Illinois!** Big parts of the draconian PICA Act came right out of similar California legislation. Copy and paste baby. Copy and paste.

The Illinois/Chicago run legislature will be drooling and wanting their own Anti-Glock bill to prevent lawful purchases yet not impede crime or criminals like Gov. Newsome will have! Why heck, they already have those machine pistol Glocks in the hands of Chicago gangs now! We could make them more illegal-er-ish. (yes, there are already state, municipal and federal laws on the books prohibiting importing Glock interrupting sears, making Glock interrupting sears, installing Glock interrupting sears, possessing those same parts, selling modified guns, offering to sell modified guns, possessing guns with the parts, and of course shooting those guns with the illegal parts at humans. But what's one more gun control measure between friends and enemies?)



STUDY: Journalists drink too much, are bad at managing emotions, and operate at a lower than average level

(Business Insider) - Journalists' brains show a lower-than-average level of executive functioning, according to a new study, which means they have a below-average ability to regulate their emotions, suppress biases, solve complex problems, switch between tasks, and show creative and flexible thinking.

The study, led by Tara Swart, a neuroscientist and leadership coach, analysed 40 journalists

from newspapers, magazines, broadcast, and online platforms over seven months. The participants took part in tests related to their lifestyle, health, and behaviour...

Each subject completed a blood test, wore a heart-rate monitor for three days, kept a food and drink diary for a week, and completed a brain profile questionnaire.

The results showed that journalists' brains were

operating at a lower level than the average population, particularly because of dehydration and the tendency of journalists to self-medicate with alcohol, caffeine, and high-sugar foods.

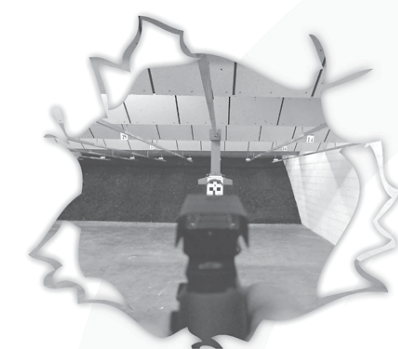
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Marvin Heemeyer and his 'Killdozer:' A 21st century Gadsden icon?

By Damon Williams
GSL Member

I was in a public venue recently, when I spotted a young man wearing a T-shirt "Heemeyer Muffler Shop: Granby, CO." I chuckled.



I approached the young man and shared with him that I understood the meaning behind his apparel. As I struck up a conversation with this young man, I learned that the events perpetrated by Mr. Heemeyer occurred before the young man was even born. Yet over two decades later, the events of the Killdozer rampage are gaining ground as an icon to civil disobedience.

"Sometimes reasonable men are must to do unreasonable things." This was a quote left behind by Mr. Heemeyer in his manifesto discovered postmortem to his rampage.

In the early 90's Marvin Heemeyer moved from South Dakota to start a new life in Granby, CO. There, he opened a muffler shop where business was moderately successful. About ten years later, a local businessman had approached Mr. Heemeyer about selling his property for it to be repurposed as a concrete plant. The two could not come to an agreement on the selling price. Frustrated that the two could not come to a deal, the businessman lobbied the town council to re-zone the neighboring property and his plant was built.

This change in property status opened numerous zoning issues for Marvin. First, Marvin lost easement to his shop, making customer access difficult, costing him business. Next, the town re-zoned his property, forcing him to spend \$80,000 to connect to the city sewer system and fined for being non-compliant. Mr. Heemeyer petitioned for a new road to access his property, the town council declined.

Facing financial ruin for consequences stemming from refusing to sell his lawfully owned property, as a reasonable man, Marvin sued. He lost. He appealed; he lost.

Financially ruined, this otherwise reasonable citizen lost every civilized tolerance to government bureaucracy he had. Marvin locked himself away in his now-closed muffler shop and spent the last year of his existence up-arming his Komatsu D355A bulldozer.

Lowering an armored shell around the cab, with remote cameras for navigation and strategically placed gun ports, there was no access in, nor escape from, his creation. On June 4, 2004, Marvin burst through the wall of his shop on a rampage to bulldoze a list of enemies.

First stop; the neighboring concrete plant. For two hours, law enforcement was powerless to stop him. They tried to block his path with earth moving equipment, he simply pushed them aside. Law enforcement opened fire with small arms; they may as well have tried to stop an aircraft carrier.

An Apache helicopter with sidewinder missiles was dispatched to destroy the Killdozer, but collateral damage considerations put a stop to this idea.



The rampage ended when Marvin took out a local hardware store owned by a member of the town council. Marvin did not know that the building had a basement. One track fell over the foundation: high-centering the dozer. When the engine finally failed due to overheating, Marvin ended his rampage of \$5M damage on his terms, taking his own life.

Only by the grace of God was no one injured or killed, except Marvin.

This story sounds like a storybook fairy tale of the little guy exacting vigilante justice upon crony politicians. However, there is a darker side to the lionization of Marvin Heemeyer.

As I said, it is only by the grace of God that Marvin did only property damage and no bodily harm. Here is a list of facts that show a darker side to his actions;

- Marvin leveled the house of the innocent widow of the deceased Mayor.
- Marvin opened small arms fire upon law enforcement. His shots did not find their mark due to the limited field of fire offered by his gun ports.
- Marvin demolished the public library where children had been present just a few hours prior.
- Marvin opened fire with 50 BMG armor piercing incendiary rounds at commercial propane storage tanks located across the street from senior apartments. Luckily, his rounds ricocheted off the ground ripper mounted on back of the dozer not allowing a clear line of fire.

Marvin's list of intended victims was extensive. Had his architectural error not stopped him, it is quite likely a victim may have actually been injured or killed.

Lessons learned? Study the blueprints of the buildings that you intend to demolish and substitute the water-cooled engine for an air-cooled power plant.

Martyr or Terrorist? That is a decision to be taken by the personal interpretation of the reader. It is evident today, 21 years later, that Marvin Heemeyer and his Killdozer are gaining folklore status symbolizing defiance to government bureaucracy. A 21st century Gadsden icon.

The Rule of Law

by Ken Frey
(GSL) - We follow the rule of law in the United States of America. For the most part, at least.

That has allowed us to grow and expand because people, groups and companies have a stable foundation on which to live their lives and do business. Government needs laws with which to operate fairly and uniformly no matter who it's applied to.

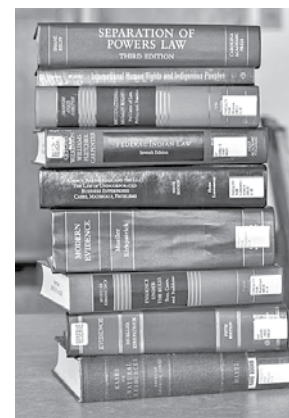
You know, the "equal justice for all" part of the Pledge of Allegiance?

Without the Rule of Law, America would lurch towards anarchy. If you need more clarification on what that might look like, just look at Third World hellholes. No thank you.

All laws must conform with our Constitution, the highest law of the land. Those laws "repugnant" to it are null and void. It says so right in the Constitution.

Unfortunately, legislators both local, state and national have taken liberties with the Constitution's provisions. Federal district

court judges have done the same. Yes, despite the oath they took to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America!



With all these officials clearly violating their Oath of Office, why are we NOT removing them from office and holding them accountable? I'll tell you why: because we don't have a perfect system. The PICA gun ban shouldn't have passed our state legislature. The governor shouldn't have signed it. But it did and he did.

We as Guns Save Life joined other groups challenging the Protect Illinois Criminals Act in federal

court, we won. Our win was overturned by a couple of rabidly anti-gun jurists who ignored not only their oath of office but the Constitution and the Rule of Law to uphold the law as legal. And they did so with impunity.

They weren't alone. Plenty of other federal and state-level judges have ignored the Second Amendment and the US Supreme Court's precedent laid out in *Bruen* since 2022 with impunity.

We call that a judicial insurrection, one that the US Supreme Court has been slow to address head-on.

Unfortunately laws without accountability mean absolutely nothing! Like the laws in Illinois about spending money, introducing and passing legislation and limitations for how long the Illinois State Police has to process FOIDs and carry licenses. If those in state government don't follow the law, there's zero accountability. That's not right. But that's the way it is right now.

And that's my \$.02.



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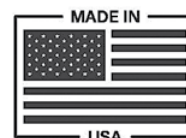
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Radical leftist gun owner cries blues about being forced to buy guns from non-woke companies

by AYF_Amph
(Reddit) - There is no ethical consumption under capitalism.

This is not a defense of companies like PSA, IWI, Spiritus Systems, etc., but rather a defense of the people who *have* to buy from them. The reality of being a liberal gun owner, especially in the United States, is that you are going to have to buy from company who's [sic] beliefs [do] not align with yours. If you are in a position in life to be able to afford guns and ammo from an entirely left leaning company, that's awesome and I hope you continue to do so. The unfortunate reality is some people cannot afford that, and need to buy a \$400 AR from PSA.

Flaming people about buying from these brands is discouraging discussions and

posts and is bad for the community. You can inform people about the views, etc. of the companies without attacking the individual who posted.



I hope this opens a dialogue regarding the topic, and not just a flame war.

Today's radical Dems are on wrong side of gun rights issue, too

VDH: Trump exposed the Dems for who they are... and they're melting down

(TownHall) - Political commentator Victor Davis Hanson spoke about what President Donald J. Trump's most significant political accomplishment is, and it's not shocking: the historian said point-blank that this president will be forever known for shattering the Democrats.

"He [Trump] broke the Democratic Party," said Hanson. "And he exposed it for what it was—it was a bi-coastal elite party with a bunch of billionaires who spend lavishly and a bunch of subsidized poor and a professional class that feels frustrated." The latter slice is the Zohran Mamdani sect.

Yet, he also noted that the Democrats lost the working

class, white and non-white, which is why Trump won the popular vote in 2024...



Trump broke the Left. They have no playbook to fight him, other than relying on rogue district judges issuing unlawful rulings.

They're also doubling down

on all the wrong policy issues—they're about to elect a communist as the next mayor of New York City. Besides awful policy positions and not being able to act normal, Hanson noted that Democrats, especially the slice that runs the party—white, wealthy, college-educated whites—spoke down to their supporters instead of listening to their concerns.

We don't care about schools being overrun or rising crime; these hordes of illegals will be good for you, because we know best. That's the ethos of the Democratic Party, and it's going to kill them in national elections until they learn their agenda sucks, their party sucks, and their messaging sucks.

Nationally, Dems are broke

(Human Events) - By all accounts, even those of liberal media outlets, the Democratic National Committee is broke. Under the leadership of newly elected chairman Ken Martin, the DNC is facing a full-blown financial crisis.

But how did it come to this?

Well, donor flight is one part of the answer. Since President Trump and J.D. Vance took office in a historic victory, the DNC's once-reliable donor class has slammed the brakes on contributions. But the bigger story, and one the mainstream press won't touch, is that a critical pipeline of cash has been shut off: the massive taxpayer-funded slush fund known as USAID.

For years, USAID was used by the Washington establishment to bankroll politically motivated nonprofits, foreign projects of dubious value, and leftist causes worldwide...

Now that the spigot has been turned off,

the DNC is flailing. The party that claims to represent "the people" can't survive without backdoor foreign cash and taxpayer subsidies. Without federal dollars being funneled through shadowy partners and ideological NGOs, there's no real donor base left. There's no grassroots support willing to foot the bill.

If the DNC truly had a nationwide army of enthusiastic supporters, it wouldn't be begging for loans. But it doesn't. That was confirmed again last week when new polling showed just 33 percent support for the Democratic Party, their lowest in 30 years. A staggering 63 percent of Americans view them negatively.

Why? Because I think the American people are sick of being force-fed a diet of open borders, gender confusion, radical climate alarmism, and racial division. That's the entire Democrat platform today. It doesn't resonate. And now, thanks to DOGE, Americans no longer have to subsidize their own cultural destruction.

Ham radio for emergency comms

by William Manton

In recent issues, our GunNews editor John Boch has done a remarkable job of looking at emergency communications. He's thoroughly covered GMRS, FRS, and MURS.

Those free unlicensed services provide a reasonably priced and simple way to stay in touch, but they are limited by power and range and can be crowded in an emergency.

Another alternative is Amateur (Ham) Radio. Ham offers virtually unlimited possibilities both as a hobby and for emergency communications. The hobby part is fun and a constant learning experience, but the emergency communications side really can't be beat. A lot of hams like me got into it for just that reason. Preparing for emergencies and providing emergency communications is what hams do.

VHF and UHF ham repeaters cover much greater distances, in many cases hundreds of square miles. Ham repeaters have "big ears", they can hear your 5 Watt HT from as far as 25 miles. Most are "open" repeaters which do not require any permissions or costs to use. Some are linked together covering multiple states. They are often mounted on high towers and have backup generators. Various digital modes allow you to use repeaters anywhere in the world with your phone.

Ham radio repeaters can be accessed with your Baofeng HT or with larger more powerful rigs. With much higher maximum power capabilities, even simplex, radio to radio communications cover much further distances when SHTF.

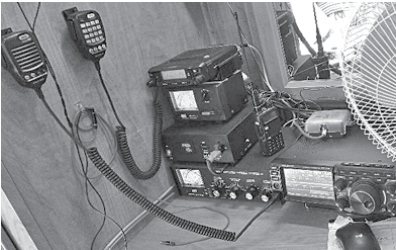
HF bands are often "open" and with the right conditions it's common to talk to the world. Mimicking emergency conditions, Parks on the Air (POTA) is a game that allows you to contact portable low power stations all over the world and practice making those contacts.

Everyone who uses ham radio must have their own license. You no longer need to know Morse code. The FCC has simplified licenses into 3 classes, Technician, General and Extra.

Getting the tech license is easy and gives you full use of all VHF/UHF bands. If you can pass a drivers test you can pass the tech test. Craig Buck (K4IA) publishes a series of books that give you the answers to the test that you can memorize, and the American Radio Relay League publishes a myriad of study guides. Online practice tests show you when you are ready to take the exam.

The cost of a license, including the test fee, license and study material is well under \$100.00.

Equipment costs can be as little \$40.00 for a cheap handheld (which many of you may already have) to thousands of dollars for a big station set up. A good mobile dual band radio runs about \$360.00 with an antenna.



General and Extra class licenses are a bit more difficult but open all the bands for you to use. It's really a matter of what you want to do with ham radio. As you study for those tests, you'll learn things like how to make an antenna yourself, out of common materials and build a self-contained station in a box. Many guys build go box radios in a 30-cal ammo can.

Everything you need to know to get started can be found at www.arrl.org/licensing-education-training

On the communist, gun-hating mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani:

You have to give people what they want and nobody deserves that more than New Yorkers


(Daily Signal) - That people get the government they deserve is a cruel adage, too cruel if you live in dark places where a small minority with guns terrorizes an unarmed population—see "Cuba, socialist state of." But in a democracy, the maxim holds firmly.

Which means that if the citizens of New York City vote in Zohran Mamdani as their mayor come November, and things go badly, then Gotham really can't ask for our sympathy. That Democrats voted him as their candidate in the primary on June 24 is one thing, but if voters of all parties ratify that decision on Election Day, that's another.

Then it's Pottery Barn rules: If you break it, you own it. Sure, it's only natural to spare an initial thought for our compatriots from the Bronx to Staten Island if things go south, but after that, sit back and get the popcorn. I plan to do so wearing my threadbare Yankee cap.

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Let's see what communism does to a major, modern metropolis—the world's financial center, no less.



Zohran Kwame Mamdani ✓
@ZohranKMamdani

We need to ban all guns.

5:10 PM · May 24, 2022

If it's really as good as its wild-eyed evangelizers say—and they are wild-eyed, if you've ever seen one up close—then people from the rest of the Empire State and the other 49 states will be flocking into the city.

The history of communism, everywhere else it has been tried, says the contrary. People will do anything within their power to escape its clutches. Communist states have had to throw up barbed wire fences, and in the case of Berlin, a wall, to keep desperate citizens from fleeing.

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Sept 20: National Civil War & Collector Arms Show, DuPage Co. Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL. Irene Zurko (715) 526-9769.

Sept 27 & 28: Chillicothe Sportsman's Club, Chillicothe, IL. Steve Risinger (309) 208-1010.

Sept. 27 & 28: Kankakee Gun Show, Kankakee County Fairgrounds Kankakee, IL. Mike (630) 363-3131.

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October

Oct. 4 & 5: Central IL Gun Collectors New Berlin. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, IL. Patrick Keen oldcarbines@gmail.com.

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September 13: Kishwaukee Valley at Red Roof Inn in DeKalb, IL

September 14: Illini Country at Arcola Best Western at Arcola

September 25: Spoon River at Knights of Columbus at Galesburg.

September 27: Gin Ridge at VFW Post 1921 in Macomb, IL.

October 9: Winnebago-Boone County at Tebala Event Center in Rockford.

October 11: Grundy County at Aces Garage Bar & Greill in Minooka, IL.

October 18: River Bend at Circa 1921 in Carrolton, IL.

October 25: Capital Area at VFW in Springfield.

October 26: East Central at Doubletree by Hilton in Bloomington, IL.

For more info, visit FriendsOfNRA.org.

Wealthy, white liberals protest against safer communities for working class

Anti-Trump, anti-crime control DC 'protesters' were frequent flyers

(ZeroHedge) - Dark-money-funded leftist NGOs were at it again this weekend, attempting to stage a color-revolution-style regime change in Washington, D.C., right outside the White House. But as with every operation this year, dating back to "Tesla Takedown," the only people these far-left groups, funded by rogue billionaires and some with taxpayer funds, managed to summon were the usual unhinged white baby-boomer liberal, serial protesters at best, with nothing else better to do.



Wealthy, white liberals

Self-proclaimed investor and "CIA/NSA contractor/whistleblower" Tony Seruga wrote on X about who potentially attended the D.C. protest march on Saturday. Using device data collected from the area, Seruga found it was largely the same crowd, leftist NGO foot soldiers - or repeat protesters from previous marches...

Device Analysis

- 318 mobile devices present (law enforcement, media, and demonstrators).
- 92% of devices had been at 5+ past D.C. protests.
- 67 devices tied to federal government employees, with access to secured federal buildings (DoD, VA, DHS, DOJ, FBI, Treasury).
- 9 devices accessed the White House Northwest Gate multiple times in the prior 30 days.

Demographics: Mostly local DMV residents; 86.7% from homes valued >\$850,000, 34% from homes valued >\$2.5 million.



"Protesters" against safe communities were almost all white. That's right: there were almost no minorities protesting against fighting crime.

Life in the formerly Great Britain: Government tells people to delete old emails to save water

(Newsweek) - Millions across England were told to delete their emails to save water during a "nationally significant incident."



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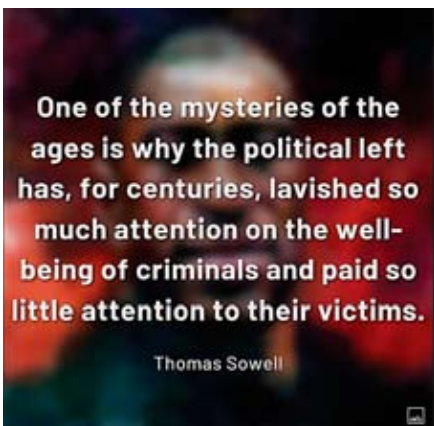
LaToya Cantrell. There's not enough beer.

Will Chicago's mayor be next?

New Orleans mayor faces multiple charges

(CNN) - New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell was indicted Friday in what prosecutors called a yearslong scheme to hide a romantic relationship with her bodyguard, who is accused of being paid as if he was working even when they met alone in apartments and traveled to vineyards for wine tasting.

Cantrell faces charges of conspiracy, fraud and obstruction, less than five months before she leaves office due to term limits.



Fun Fact: Democrats voted to reduce penalties for horrific crimes in DC

(X) - 173 House Democrats backed a Washington, D.C. law to REDUCE penalties for:

- Murders
- Sexual assault
- Robberies
- Carjackings
- Home invasions

In case you didn't hate the mainstream media quite enough already...

Jim Acosta 'interviews' AI-generated avatar of deceased teen promoting Gun Control

(Outkick) - Former CNN host Jim Acosta "interviewed" an AI-animated avatar of deceased Parkland victim Joaquin Oliver on Monday to promote a gun control message.

Elections matter

Trump admin speeds CCW permitting from months to days

(FoxNews) - President Donald Trump's crime crackdown in Washington, D.C., includes streamlining the gun permitting process for law-abiding residents looking to protect themselves, Fox News Digital has learned.

The concealed carry permitting process and firearm registration process in the deep blue city have been slashed from months down to days via Trump's Making DC Safe and Beautiful Task Force, which was established via an executive order in March to revitalize the nation's capital.



Cincinnati couple attacked by black mob... black city leader blames victims, not the mob

Cincinnati (WXIX) - A Cincinnati City Council member under fire for comments she made about viral videos of the Downtown violent attack, saying those who were assaulted "begged for that beat down" has abruptly quit a county board. [Editor: But she's keeping her council seat.]

Victoria Parks resigned Wednesday from the Hamilton County Veterans Services Commission, according to a copy of the letter she wrote to County Commissioner President Denise Driehaus.

Teen boys more likely to be victims of physical dating violence

(Mazelit Toni Airaksinen Substack) - A recent study has found that Canadian teen boys are more likely to be victims of physical dating violence, a disparity that has been documented — but rarely reported on — by researchers in other English-speaking countries.

Anyways, the study, "Ten Year Trends in Physical Dating Violence Victimization Among Adolescent Boys and Girls," draws from a survey that was administered to nearly 30,000 students in 7th through 12th grade in western Canada.

FACT, NOT FICTION: '94 Percent of Mass Shootings Occur in Gun-Free Zones'

(Breitbart) - **FACT CHECK:** Gun Owners of America Spokeswoman Claims '94 Percent of Mass Shootings Occur in Gun-Free Zones'

CLAIM: During Wednesday's congressional testimony before the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, Gun Owners of America's (GOA) Antonia Okafor said, "94 percent of mass shootings occur in gun-free zones."

VERDICT: True, when "gun-free zones" are defined as "places where where general citizens couldn't carry guns."

Okafor's testimony is part of the Committee on Oversight and Reform hearing "examining the practices and profits of gun manufacturers."

The hearing centered on AR-15 rifles, which Okafor said she was proud to

defend. She listed numerous instances in which law-abiding citizens have used AR-15s for self-defense, then noted that mass public attacks with ARs largely occur in gun-free zones...

Okafor intimated that the attackers enjoy the gun-free zones because they know they will not face armed retaliation.



Tyranny in Europe marches on...

EU media "Freedom Law" allows for journalist arrests

(ZeroHedge) - The European Union's "European Media Freedom Act" became binding law across all member states on August 8, but behind its name lies a set of provisions that could restrict the very freedoms it claims to safeguard.

...The regulation authorizes arrests, sanctions, and surveillance of journalists whenever authorities say it serves an "overriding reason in the general interest."

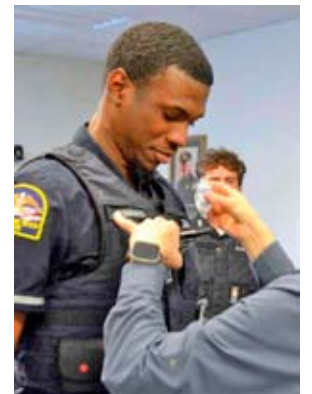
ICE arrests illegal alien hired as police officer in Maine after he attempted to buy gun

Old Orchard Beach, Maine (Not The Bee) - The Old Orchard Beach Police Department made a big deal swearing in Jamaican Officer Jon Luke Evans last June, and it would have been a great, feel-good story if Evans were a legal immigrant that had become a citizen.

Nope, Evans is an illegal immigrant. He doesn't have approval for working

in the U.S. (let alone as a POLICE OFFICER), and he definitely doesn't have approval to have a firearm, issued or purchased.

ICE Boston Field Office Director Patricia Hyde said in a statement: "The fact that a police department would hire an illegal alien and unlawfully issue him a firearm while on duty would be comic if it weren't so tragic."



TRUMP EMPLOYS CRIME CONTROL INSTEAD OF GUN CONTROL -- AND IT WORKS!

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you're going to catch a felony and spend time in prison. You spit on a federal agent, expect up to five years in prison. Throw a brick at them and you'll be out of circulation for a generation. Hope you brought your soap on a rope.

Instead of lobbying for more gun control schemes, President Trump's Department of Justice is defending the Second Amendment in cases like Guns Save Life's challenge to the Protect Illinois Communities Criminals Act.

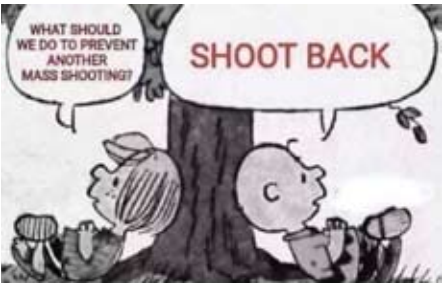
Locking up bad guys works. Just look at El Salvador where gang members now spend their days in prison and the murder rate has dropped from over 200 per 100,000 to

1.1 in the span of ten years.

God bless President Trump for his work cleaning up America's streets and making America great again.



Lighten up, Francis.



Dems unveil 2028 slogan: ‘We Hate Capitalism, Hot Chicks, And The Jews’

(Babylon Bee) — As preparations geared up for the 2028 presidential election, the Democratic Party unveiled its new campaign slogan of “We Hate Capitalism, Hot Chicks, and the Jews.”

The party expressed belief that the new slogan would convey a clear message about the party’s values while broadening its appeal to new groups of potential voters.

“We were looking for a slogan that would communicate our agenda of abolishing capitalism, Jewish people, and objectively attractive women,” one Democrat source said. “This new slogan couldn’t be more perfect.”



WNBA warns anyone throwing ‘things’ onto court will be forced to attend 10 more WNBA games

New York (Babylon Bee) — In an effort to create a strong deterrent to anyone considering perpetrating any further incidents, the WNBA issued a warning that anyone caught throwing things onto the court would be forced to attend 10 more WNBA games.

The policy change came on the heels of multiple incidents in which unidentified individuals threw inappropriate items into the court during play. WNBA officials said that any further instances of such behavior would result in the people responsible being sentenced to watch more WNBA, whether they liked it or not.

When Sanctuary City cops hear ICE is offering a \$50,000 signing bonus



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