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Chicago’s leaders are failing their city

by John Lott and Richard Porter
(Daily Signal) - Rather than learn from Washington, D.C.’s experience, Chicago’s leaders are doubling down to frustrate a proposed federal law enforcement surge here that will make Chicago safer for all.

federal crime-fighting initiatives are merely a cover for President Donald Trump’s supposed darker, more authoritarian motives.

of officers.” A new poll by M3 Strategies suggests Chicagoans would appreciate a surge of officers here, too.



In 2024, among our nation’s 25 most populous cities, D.C. had the worst murder rate—28% higher than second-place Indianapolis and 179% higher than the group’s average.

But after Trump intervened, for 13 days, there were no murders in D.C. Compared to 2024—when the district recorded 187 homicides—the odds of that happening randomly are just one in 800.

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As the weekend’s carnage unfolded, Mayor Brandon Johnson issued an order blocking the Chicago Police from cooperating with any new federal law enforcement effort while Gov. JB Pritzker was on TV describing a D.C.-style federal law enforcement surge as an invasion. Last week, Pritzker declared that crime is a “manufactured crisis” in Chicago and that

Pritzker’s now familiar stridency contrasts sharply with D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser’s approach, who thanked Trump last week, saying: “We greatly appreciate the surge



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November 2025

- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **October 29**, November, December cancelled (holidays)
Eagles Club, 3737 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **October 26**. November, December cancelled (holidays)
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights
Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **November 3**, December 1, January 5
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **November 4**, December 2, January 6
Pontiac Sportsman’s Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **November 5**, December 3, January 7
Coz’s Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (*Program at 6:45pm*)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **November 6**, December 4, No January meeting
Barrack’s Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6:30ish.
- **Danville:** Second Monday **November 10**, December 8, January 12
Ela’s Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **November 12**, December 10, January 14
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.
- **Mattoon:** Second Thursday: **November 13**, December 11, January 8
The American Legion Post 88, 1903 Maple Ave, Mattoon
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **November 20**, No Dec. & Jan. meeting
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.



It's not everyday you meet a guy who has wrestled alligators... professionally. Conservation Police Officer Longley joined us in Decatur and had folks laughing.



History came to life in Danville with a very rare Model 1893 shotgun and the history behind it. See page 18.



Great Guns winner! Steve Henickson of Springfield won the "Great Guns 2025" gun, a Bill Oglesby .45 Colt.



Rod won our gun at the Pontiac meeting!



History came to life in Decatur as Gary Larson talked about a genuine WWII Liberator .45 pistol.



Guess who won a new gun in Decatur!



Radios and emergency comms gear were on display at our Chicagoland meeting.



Sangamon County Sheriff candidate David Timm (of @trusttimm fame) speaks at the Sangamon County GSL meeting. He indicated that the number of Sangamon County deputies is down by double digits from twenty years ago, while violent crime is now 320% more than similar sized cities/counties across Central Illinois. "We need new leadership."

Thank you Ed Hampton. RIP, sir.

Ed Hampton hasn't made the GSL meetings in Mattoon for a while now. He has a good reason for his absence. He passed away.

He didn't have a lot of family and only a few friends, among them the people at the Mattoon GSL meetings.

He thought enough of us to leave his firearm collection with GSL to use in whatever fashion we wished to raise money for our organization and to further the cause we hold near and dear: to defend your right to defend yourself.

He had about eighteen guns, some were pretty plain, others modern

defensive guns. Our local leadership has opted to bundle the guns together for the next few months. We may draw multiple winners some months, other times it may be "winner takes all."



With that in mind, for November, we're going to draw three winners and the guns will be a Ruger Security 9, a Ruger 10/22 and an old, single-shot shotgun that we know next

to nothing about.

For December, we may do a "winner takes all," especially if we run into difficulties about who gets which guns if the winners aren't present (and that happens at GSL drawings more often than you would think).

We would like to salute Mr. Hampton for holding us in high esteem and thinking of us in his estate planning. Thank you Ed. You were a good man, sir. We're glad you enriched our lives with your friendship and companionship. You have been missed.

DEAR READER:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Membership in GSL is just \$40 annually. Your membership allows us to continue our work at the local and state level defending your right to defend yourself in addition to bringing you and thousands of others *GunNews* each month.

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

Sincerely,
Guns Save Life



CCW Safe: Not an insurance company

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.

As most of us have had little exposure to CCW Safe, Jerome Vinet joined us and provided GSL meeting attendees at four locations a look at the company and how it differs from other similar products. And, of course, he took questions aplenty.



Jerome Vinet.

His visit wasn't a sales pitch. In fact, he began by saying "it really doesn't matter who you have, just have coverage." He did provide an informative look at his company and how they handle member claims for self-defense incidents.

Key takeaways, at least for me:

- If there's *any* admissible evidence of self-defense, they'll cover you.
- If you're an ACLDN subscriber, CCW Safe will continue to honor those renewal rates (\$105ish/year) for their

"Citizens" plan which covers everything ACLDN covered and more.



- You can bring your own attorney (provided he or she is qualified to do criminal defense work) or they can make local or regional recommendations. Yes, David McDermott, the Chicagoland-based criminal defense attorney who has not lost a self-defense case yet, would be covered.
- CCW Safe has a whole expert self-defense team that goes to work on your behalf in the aftermath of an incident, supporting both you and your family. In the event of a serious or lethal self-defense incident, one or more of their critical response team will come out to meet with the member and their family personally to assess what's needed and provide support and assistance.
- Their coverage includes attorney(s), expert witnesses, appeals and post-acquittal actions (such as to get your licenses back, etc.) and even more for

- the higher-tier programs.
- They cover the use of any weapon in any location.
- CCW Safe is not insurance, and if you accept a plea for a lesser charge, there will be no "recoupment" of fees as insurance companies (or companies operating under the insurance model and associated regulations) may be required to do. Recoupment is where companies ask for reimbursement of their expenses because insurance cannot cover criminal conduct. (I'm not a lawyer and may not have gotten that 100% correct, but that's the gist of it.)
- Because they refuse to play the "insurance" game, they cannot service subscribers in New York, New Jersey or Washington State. Nor will they cover claims made by customers who travel to those states and have an incident.

Bottom line:

At Guns Save Life, we've long recommended that folks carry some sort of legal defense coverage. Like the ACLDN, CCW Safe allows you to bring your own attorney or they can recommend counsel in all but three states.

As always, our endorsements aren't for sale.

Looking at the multitude of companies out there, we still like US Concealed Carry Association, US Law Shield and now, from what we've learned, CCW Safe.

If you're an ACLDN member who was rolled over to CCW Safe, this is a no-brainer,

screaming bargain at just over \$100 per year. Even if you're not one of those lucky folks, \$200ish per year is a very good value in self-defense coverage, especially if you have an attorney in mind to represent you.

US Law Shield is good stuff as well. By the time you add riders (like national coverage), you're at close to \$200 per year. The only downside, if you can call it that, is that you have to use US Law Shield's attorney. In Illinois, that's Michael Johnson and he's experienced and very good. But he's in Chicago and that's a hoof from Central Illinois. (They will waive the set up fee for GSL members, and give you two extra months free if you sign up at the annual rate.)

Lastly, US Concealed Carry is pretty darn good stuff. I'd describe it as the premium concierge service, but it comes with a premium price tag as well. My only criticism of USCCA is they spam the heck out of your phone and email addresses. (They offer a 15% discount for GSL members if you sign up through group sales.)

CCW Safe may have a discount for GSL members. They're mulling things over. Discount or not, it's a good value.

At the very least, if you haven't yet secured legal defense coverage for yourself, you owe it to yourself to see if CCW Safe is a good fit for your needs. Even if you have coverage elsewhere, it might be time to reassess which company provides the best product for your individual wants and needs.

Rest In Peace, Marty Hayes

(*Backwoods Home Magazine*) - I learned on October 6 that Marty Hayes had passed in his sleep the night before. Marty and I had been close friends and co-instructors for some 35 years.



Marty Hayes.

There is much to say about this good man. Street cop for many years, from patrolman to chief law enforce-

ment officer. One of the all-time great modern armed self-defense instructors, and founder of the Firearms Academy of Seattle. A champion shooter, and I had the honor of being there on the same range when he won some of those titles.

An expert witness for the courts since 1990, Marty's testimony helped keep countless good people who had defended themselves out of prison and out of the poorhouse. Perhaps his most memorable accomplishment was literally creating an industry, that of post-self-defense support for law-abiding private

citizens.

Having seen the exorbitant, sometimes bankrupting cost of defending oneself in court after having done so in the street, he went through law school and then created the Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network, a non-insurance support group for members charged or sued after defending themselves... ACLDN helped thirty-some people through such crises. The model was widely copied by others.

Rest in peace and in pride, Brother Marty.

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.

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Executive Director's Report

'They have us surrounded. Poor bastards.'

HOPE IS NOT LOST

by John Boch
GSL Executive Director

Almost two generations ago, the predecessor group to today's Guns Save Life began meeting in the basement of a restaurant in Urbana. We grew from less than a dozen regulars each month to today's powerhouse organization through proactive advocacy. While others talked and complained, we opted for in-your-face advocacy and achieved concrete results that energized our regulars and brought new outstanding people into our orbit.

We've done exceptional things defending your right to defend yourself. We took junk guns to "gun buybacks" and plow that money into training the next generations of shooters. Along the way we scored international publicity doing it, humiliating Chicago and other gun buyback sponsors. Yes, our members humiliated the gun grabbers more than once by coopting their events - not just gun buybacks - to promote freedom, gun rights and self-defense.

Our ingenious and humorous highway sign program has racked up over three and a half BILLION sightings with slogans like "DIALED 911 - AND I'M ON HOLD - SURE WISH I HAD - THAT GUN I SOLD - GunsSaveLife.com." Those are seen by over a half-million people everyday (hence over 3.5 billion impressions) and have garnered countless column-inches of newspaper coverage and TV reporting as well over the years.

Our monthly journal *GunNews Magazine* is known nationally for exceptional, timely and informative content. It now has a circulation larger than many of the failing daily newspapers that have trashed gun rights for generations.

We've lobbied for good legislation and against bad legislation. Through *GunNews*, our website and our meetings, we've educated our members on good and bad candidates when it comes to guns. Heck, a whole bunch of our members have decided to run for office themselves. We've got at least two sitting members of Congress who are members, and numerous members of the General Assembly on down to mayors, school board and town council members. And for the record, I can assure you the scoundrel Adam Kinzinger was never a member of GSL. We're WAY too aggressive in our advocacy for him.

And we've served as the organizational plaintiff in multiple lawsuits, one of which is under consideration at the US Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. That case will be almost assuredly be appealed to the US Supreme Court if we lose at the Seventh.

So imagine: in less than 33 years, we've gone from local advocacy to today having a case poised to land in front of the United States Supreme Court. Should SCOTUS accept it and rule in our favor, it would likely mark the end of gun and magazine bans nationwide.

While I wasn't one of those original dozen or so people who started GSL's predecessor organization, I'm sure none of GSL's founders could have dreamed of that trajectory of success. Sadly many of those patriots have passed away over the years, but I guarantee you they would be proud beyond measure. And they should be. Talk about putting a dent in the universe to improve the world for their fellow man... most ordinary men and women could never dream of leaving a legacy like GSL's. Clearly though, our members aren't ordinary.

In this time of uncertainty and political violence, particularly living in a deep blue state (thanks in large part to relentless gerrymandering), we have our work cut out for us.



Lewis "Chesty" Puller.

While some may see our situation as hopeless, we prefer U.S. Marine Lieutenant General Lewis "Chesty" Puller's take on it. "They have us surrounded. Poor bastards."



NRA 2.0

Report from GSL's own Dick Fairburn

by Dick Fairburn
(GSL) - Hello folks, I am Dick Fairburn, a GSL member from Canton, IL, who was recently elected to the NRA Board of Directors. I will write a column for the next several issues of the GSL newsletter reporting on the state of the new National Rifle Association of America, what we on the Board of Directors have termed NRA 2.0.

The members of GSL have a large degree of overlap with membership in the NRA. Most NRA Life members have remained, but recent corruption revelations led many annual members to leave. That corruption became apparent when the New York Attorney General Letitia James attempted to destroy the NRA and its pro-Second Amendment agenda. Her attempt to destroy the NRA failed, but the corruption it uncovered actually saved the NRA and put it back on track.

I ran for the Board of Directors when reformers elected

in 2024 publicly asked more reform-minded candidates to throw their hats in the ring. With the help of GSL members, I won a seat on the Board of Directors, though only with enough votes to fill the last year



of a vacated term. I was recently nominated by the Nominating Committee to run again this year for a full three-year term.

I was sworn in at the Annual Meeting in April, becoming part of a reform majority. We voted out the sitting NRA President, replacing him with Mr. Bill Bachenberg. When I won my seat, Mr. Bachenberg, then the 1st Vice President, was the first to call and congratulate me. The changes he has made in just a few months are nothing short of amazing. In April many Wayne

LaPierre supporters were still evident and vocal. At the September Board of Director's meeting, those resisting our reforms were much more subdued ... several did not even attend. The "climate" of the recent

meeting was very different. President Bachenberg is making bold, dramatic changes and the NRA is returning to its core missions of Training America's shooters, Overseeing firearms competitions and Defending the Second Amendment.

One notable change is the Board of Director's new Mission Statement, which begins: "We are the NRA ... Freedom's Safest Place."

In the columns to come I will outline the positive changes you will be seeing in the NRA and hopefully convince some of you to rejoin. Feel free to contact me at richardfairburn18@gmail.com with any questions you might have.



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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To sign up for this new Life Membership option, fill out the form on the back page of this issue of *GunNews* and send it in today.

Illinois News

HB-3320 would essentially ban firearm sales in the Land of Lincoln

'RIFL' bill seems stalled in veto session

(GSL) - A month ago, the so-called RIFL bill (HB-3320) looked as though it had the momentum to pass into law. With new co-sponsors signing up almost everyday, it seemed like it was a sure bet. But then interest waned. Perhaps it was a bridge too far, even for the radicals running Illinois.

What is HB-3320? In a nutshell it creates an \$866 million licensing program for firearm manufacturers. They would have

to pay to buy a license in order to sell guns in our state. What's more, private sales of firearms made by any non-licensed manufacturer would be just as banned as buying them at gun shops. In other words, it would be the end of firearm sales in Illinois.

We'll keep an eye on it, but with the veto session nearly over, the earliest it would be considered will be next January.



Hanover Park Police Officer Radule Bojovic, and Chief Johnson.

ICE arrests illegal serving as Hanover Park cop

Background checks?

Hanover Park, IL (WLT Report) - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) said it arrested an illegal alien serving as a local police officer in suburban Chicago.

"While conducting targeted enforcement operations in Rolling Meadows on Oct. 15, ICE Chicago arrested an illegal alien from Montenegro who was recently sworn in as a police officer in the Chicago suburb of Hanover Park," ICE announced.

"Officers assigned to Operation Midway Blitz identified Radule Bojovic as a B-2 visitor visa overstay, who was required to leave the country by March 31, 2015. He illegally overstayed his visa by more than 10 years," it added.



Pritzker stands with criminals, literally

Pritzker poses with wanted fugitive 'anti-violence' worker

(The Center Square) - Gov. J.B. Pritzker is defending the use of taxpayer dollars for community violence intervention, even after he posed for a picture with an alleged CVI worker who was wanted in four states.

Earlier this month, Pritzker met with CVI workers in Chicago and posed for a picture with Kellen McMiller, who was charged with murder in connection with a burglary and fatal crash on Chicago's Magnificent Mile a few days later. CWB Chicago reported that McMiller was also an anti-violence "peacekeeper."



**THE GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS
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JB Pritzker: Look at me!

(GSL) - Thanks to a fawning mainstream media, JB Pritzker has free reign to make all manner of outlandish assertions largely unchallenged. Why does Gov. Pritzker threaten the Trump administration and federal law enforcement on a daily basis? Easy. He's rallying the hard left to support his likely presidential run in 2028.



Gov. J.B. "Look at me!" Pritzker.

Among his latest remarks, he's urged continued "mostly peaceful" protests against ICE, particularly at their Broadview, IL facility. Nevermind how these "protests" frequently become violent to the point of gunfire.

Pritzker also continually trashes ICE, the Border Patrol, the Trump Administration and assorted Trump administration officials. Why it's almost like Pritzker's running for President and gasping for the oxygen of publicity with his over-the-top remarks.

What else? Pritzker says he's working on how to prosecute federal agents for their work enforcing federal immigration laws. Trump told Fox News Chicago that he may not be able to prosecute them now (for unspecified crimes), but after the Trump Administration is out of office, he may seek to then prosecute them *for something*. Yes, nothing like weaponizing the Department of Justice against your political enemies and federal employees who enforce federal law.

As if encouraging the "protests" that have repeatedly become violent, Pritzker also turned up the heat against ICE agents, calling them "Jack-Booted Thugs." And then he has the audacity to claim the Trump Administration is creating a "dangerous time" in America.

Homeland Security responds to Pritzker

Department of Homeland Security (X) - Can you believe this guy?

Governor Pritzker threatening to prosecute law enforcement for enforcing the law and arresting murderers, pedophiles, rapists, drug traffickers, and gang members is DISGUSTING.



It's no wonder Chicago's murder rate is 330% higher than the national average under JB Pritzker.

His conduct is directly contributing to domestic terrorists attacking our brave law enforcement. He is going to get someone killed with this trash.

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Pritzker's Crime Conspiracy

by Nancy Hayes

The Biden/Harris administration replaced the FBI crime reporting system with a new system.

This new system made it optional for state and local law enforcement agencies to report their crime numbers. As a result, as many as a third or more of law enforcement agencies didn't provide data. This painted a very false picture of public safety for real Americans.

What's more, non-reporting was common among Democrat-controlled big cities like New York, Chicago, and San Francisco – places where crime was essentially decriminalized, and serious violent crime often went unprosecuted thanks to Team Soros prosecutors.

That's right: violent felony cases were downgraded to misdemeanors or outright dismissed. Offenders that were prosecuted and who showed up for court were typically offered diversion agreements which kept the offenses out of crime statistics.

Across the country, these Soros-backed prosecutors consistently refused to prosecute. Democratic mayors and governors including J.B. Pritzker use that now-flawed FBI crime data to weave a very misleading narrative, while those living in crime ridden hell hole neighborhoods in Chicago suffer.

In Chicago, every weekend, dozens of people are shot in gang violence and many die. Yet Mayor "Let's go Brandon" Johnson cancelled the Shot Spotter program that reported gunfire to the police almost instantly. Shot Spotter allowed first responders to reach victims and get them treatment, as well as helping to identify the (often) gang members firing the shots for arrest and (often non-) prosecution. Johnson called Shot Spotter racist because the high number of blacks identified as shooters by racially blind microphones that detected the gunfire.

According to an article published by Illinois Policy Institute in 2025, Chicago residents reported 28,443 violent crimes during 2024. Attacks and threats were both up with aggravated assaults hitting a 20-year high.

Arrests were made in about 1-in-7 violent crimes - less than 15% of the time. The arrest rate has been trending down for 20 years. That's not good news.

Black residents remain the vast majority of serious crime victims, too.

The Englewood neighborhood on Chicago's South Side followed by Mayor Johnson's home neighborhood of Austin ranked numbers one and two for the most crime-ridden of the city. Both are overwhelmingly black.

No worries though. Mayor Johnson has over 150 officers on his security detail which cost taxpayers \$22.5 million in base salaries and benefits alone. With overtime, Johnson's security cost taxpayers \$33.7 million annually. That's more than most police agencies have on their entire departments across the state. That's more than the 130 full time officers assigned to the CTA to cover 79 stations, 46 platforms and 335 trains. Did I mention that thanks to the CTU pressure and Stacy Davis Gates, there are NO police officers assigned to schools? Talk about the utter incompetence for public safety!

Seems crazy that neither Mayor Johnson nor Governor Pritzker want to help clean up crime in the City of Chicago or the state of Illinois. Obviously Pritzker and Johnson prefer advocating for illegal aliens which they no doubt believe will provide crucially needed votes to replace natural-born Americans who are wising up to their shenanigans and empty promises.

Governor Pritzker and Mayor Johnson would rather file a lawsuit against the Trump administration than use taxpayers' funds to reduce crime.

They'd rather just manipulate the numbers and crime statistics to make people "feel" safer instead of hold bad actors accountable.

The deployment of troops in Washington, D.C. dramatically reduced crime.

In fact, I believe it was one of Charlie Kirk's last requests – for President Trump to help clean up the violence and crime in Chicago and Make

Illinois Safe Again.

Who in their right mind doesn't support that?
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If you are NOT engaged, then you don't have any right to complain! Get involved! Stay inspired! Stay educated!



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The radical left's political violence and threats continue, even in smaller Midwest cities

FASCISM: Death threats to McLean County Republicans over 'Save our Schools' meeting

Bloomington (GSL) - In this post-Charlie Kirk assassination world, the radical left continues to use threats of political violence to chill the speech of those with opposing perspectives. Example: The McLean County Republicans received a series of messages from Aden Ramirez (772-451-5757 adenjramirez@gmail.com).

Mr. "Aim for the Neck" wrote, "STAY home if you want to STAY alive" followed up by "I am going to make sure I do everything in my power to stop your upcoming event on the 22nd. Just watch" followed by a unknown emoji and a fire emoji.

Local law enforcement

didn't initially want to even take a report on the incident.

The October 22 event is a "Save Our Schools Coalition" organizational meeting. Apparently the angry fascists on the left don't want that message to happen.

They would feel righteous killing you

ISU grad student TA arrested over political violence on ISU campus

Normal, IL (ISU PD via Facebook) - On October 17, 2025, after an investigation by the Illinois State University Police Department (ISUPD), 27-year-old Derek Lopez, of El Paso, IL, was arrested in Normal on charges of Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Damage to Property. Lopez is a graduate student and teaching assistant at Illinois State University.

Over the last week Lopez is alleged to have disrupted two informational tabling events being hosted by a registered student organization. ISUPD was contacted by the registered student organization following the escalation leading to an investigation, identification, and arrest. This case is pending and may be grounds for additional charges and University disciplinary action.



Derek Lopez.

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



Radicalized to the point of political violence... and they feel righteous about it, too

American Kamikazes

Over the last thirty years or so, many of both sides of the political aisle have manifested something called "Derangement Syndrome." In the mid-1990s it was "Clinton Derangement Syndrome". Twenty years later, it was still "Clinton Derangement Syndrome", but now the subject was Hillary, not Bill. Just a couple of years later, this became "Trump Derangement Syndrome." Joe Biden never really earned his own "Biden Derangement Syndrome". Why? Most detractors (and even supporters on the sly) thought he was more incompetent (the punch line of a joke), rather than some really bad person. Biden was managed by handlers in the White House to do their bidding, and he was too far mentally gone to understand much of anything.

'Hatred so intense that it impairs judgement'

So what is Derangement Syndrome (DS)? Some would suggest it describes negative reactions toward someone characterized as irrational, and disconnected from actual facts. One political commentator offers that the term includes, "hatred so intense that it impairs people's judgment"; while another offered that at its core, the syndrome boils down to someone who, "simply can't accept certain facts."

A real-life psychiatrist dug a little deeper and concluded that DS is an obsession that actually is an example of a form of toxic criticism, and "paradoxical intention" (working against oneself). He added that depending on who suffers from DS, a person can have a wide range of reactions: verbal expressions of intense hostility, overt acts of aggression, and even violence against anyone supporting, or anything symbolizing, the object of this hate. The doc then opined (but who never actually examined the perpetrators) that the two 2024 assassination attempts on a presidential candidate, "provides compelling evidence of the volatility and potential dangers" of derangement syndromes if left unchecked.

I'm not a doctor, and so cannot truly analyze psychiatric terms, who may be "nuts" and who isn't. So let me offer a substitute term for Derangement Syndrome – Manipulated Kamikazes. The term flashed into my mind when I saw excerpts from YouTube. There, two ladies, obviously expecting, were seen laughing, dancing and popping tablets of Tylenol pain-killer – nonchalantly as jelly-beans – that had recently been mentioned by a significant political figure, as potentially damaging to the unborn that could result in an increased possibility of later Autism. I am assuming that neither lady was a physician, so given the potentially grave drug effects, they were basically saying to "F-off" at the potential ramifica-

tion of causing SIGNIFICANT injury to their own bodies and their OWN babies. They did so because of who had issued the warning.

That goes way beyond DS. That is the act of a kamikaze, one who has a callous disregard for human life. I would say that most school spree killers are also manipulated kamikazes, and many of them, I believe, are taught to actually hate themselves for being born as someone they wish not to be. So they want to die and take as many happy little innocent kids – who are enjoying life – with them as possible.

Kamikazes included Japanese pilots – but could sometimes be on non-air modes – in World War II that intentionally crashed their aircraft – often carrying extra explosives – into enemy targets, killing themselves in the process. Their effect was much the same as the terrorists of 9/11, who also knew they would die.

How did the Japanese manipulate the minds of these kamikaze pilots? Much the same as the manipulation of the current crop of attackers of political figures, ICE officers, law enforcement in general, and anyone else that domestic terrorists, anarchists, and the political fringe deem to be unworthy of living. The Japanese shaped beliefs through propaganda to effectively mold the minds of these pilots, ensuring their unwavering commitment to the cause. Today that propaganda includes the unceasing drumbeat from the media that a segment of our society is evil and must be destroyed. The Japanese emphasized the honor and glory associated with sacrificing oneself for the nation. Today, many elites – gutless and who would never become a kamikaze attacker themselves – hide in the shadows and say these killers were justified, press for dismissal of charges and help finance their legal defense if they survive.

Japanese pilots were made to believe that their families, friends, and the entire country counted on them to protect and defend their society. Today, the deranged, would-be killers are swamped with daily info blasts that their segment of society is historically disadvantaged, victims, downtrodden, who will never achieve success because the playing field is permanently tilted against them.

In other words, it's somebody else's fault. Japan created a social environment in which dissenting opinions were discouraged and conformity was highly valued, which resulted in the pilots being influenced by the collective mindset. Today one need look no further than the Internet, Facebook, Chat Groups, TikTok, etc. The Japanese military would have

NEW CIVILITY WATCH: Don Lemon encourages people of color to arm up and shoot ICE agents.



(Shooting News Weekly) - "Black people, brown people of all stripes whether you're Indian-American or Mexican-American or whoever you are, go out in your place where you live and get a gun legally. Get a license to carry legally. Because when you have people knocking on your door and taking you

away without due process as a citizen, isn't that what the Second Amendment was written for?

Go back and read what the Second Amendment says and perhaps it will knock some sense in the heads of these people who are saying, 'Well it's all great.

I don't believe they're doing it without due process. They're asking people for papers. They're not really beating people up. These people are doing things that are illegal.'

Nobody is illegal. It is a misdemeanor to cross the border.

recruited ten times the number of kamikazes had they possessed these current psychological tools.

Those who preach murder are not innocent

Initially the US had a difficult time comprehending the mental component of these kamikazes, which was essential to developing tactics and techniques to defeat them. Today, too many people focus on the "aircraft" and not the "pilot" because it's an easy target. But it's the wrong target. Kamikaze aircraft were

almost completely similar to ordinary aircraft. The motivation of the pilot was the distinguishing feature. To defeat today's domestic manipulated kamikazes, we need to defeat the "pilots", and perhaps more importantly, their instigators (who are physical cowards lurking in government, online, entertainment, media, some educators, pollsters, etc.) who manipulate and dupe the gullible by providing moral, psychological, legal, and perhaps even direct material support, for these would-be murderers. No. Those of you who preach murder; you are not innocent.



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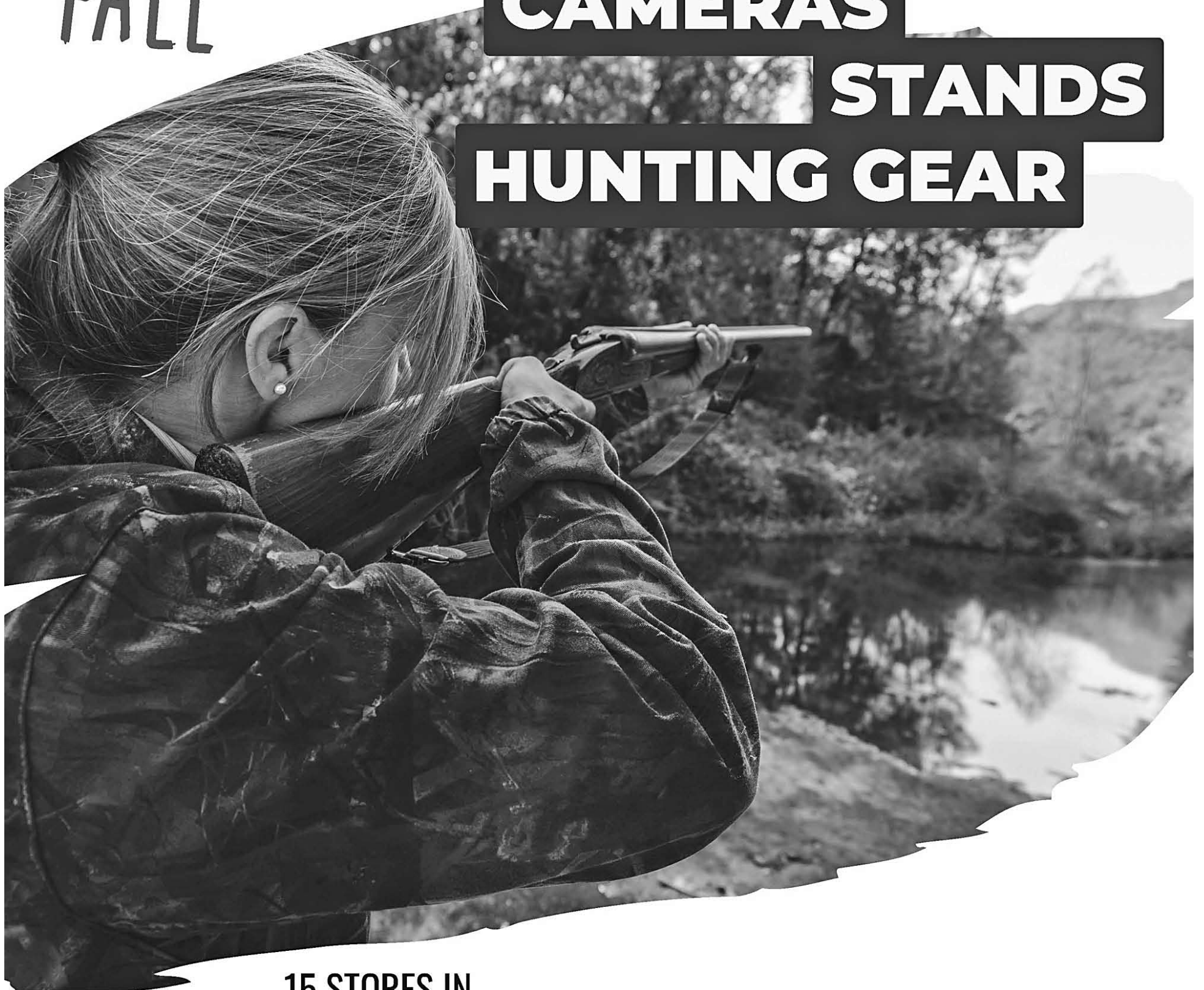
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Pastor Stephen Holden

Active Killers: Prevention & Response

Pastor Stephen Holden shared his presentation on "Active Killers" with our members. He offered some great advice on preventing attacks as well as mitigating carnage if it does happen. A large part the information applied to religious facilities, yet much of it could be carried over to other institutions, workplaces and organizations

First though he noted that it's tempting to try to discern a reason why irrational lunatics do what they do. It's a fool's errand to think they respond to anything but armed resistance. As such, these social misfits love "gun free zones" which they see as allowing them more time until good guys (and gals) with guns arrive to put them down like a rabid dog.

These spree killers don't always use guns, either. Sometimes they use fire. Or vehicles to run people down in congested locations. More recently, we've seen attacks where they'll use a vehicle to breach an entrance to launch the attack. In fact, one recent church attack featured a lunatic who plowed his truck through the entrance, shot a bunch of folks then set fire to the church - a veritable trifecta of disaster and mayhem.

Harden.

How does your venue prepare for this? First and foremost, hardening the property goes a long way. Lock unsupervised entrances. Install laminates on windows at entrances to greatly delay forced entry. What's more, lock the main entrance doors shortly after services begin and then only admit known persons. These are very affordable steps that make a world of difference.

Watch the exterior either through cameras or one or more good guys in the parking lot(s) with radios for fast communications of problems. The vast majority of attacks begin outside in the parking lot. Either confronting killers in the parking lot, or failing that, blocking a killer's access to the building's interior will save countless lives.

Get an assessment.

What else? Consider a professional security assessment to identify weaknesses. Pastor Holden pretty much guarantees you'll learn about vulnerabilities your facility never considered.

Overall though, don't be paralyzed into inaction because you learn of your vulnerabilities. Take the first step now, and keep working on the highest priority items. Even if you only achieve 25% of success over three

or six months, that puts you way ahead of where you're at now - and ahead of many other nearby religious venues. Believe it or not, there are still a sizeable number of churches, even some large ones, without any church safety team. Some don't know the dangers, others prefer not to think about it. However, denial has no survival value.

What else? Find someone who can be the church's Public Information Officer to deal with the media and others in event of a tragedy. This will prevent conflicting comments from well-meaning members. Let everyone know who the PIO is, and to refer all questions and inquiries to them.



During an attack...

If you're inside during an attack, exercise the classic "Run, Hide, Fight." You can change the order of that if you're armed, but most people won't have a gun on their person - not in Illinois at least. Run from the chaos (ideally out of the building). Hide by barricading a door of an interior room, while turning off lights and silencing all phones. And lastly, if all else fails, FIGHT with any and every available improvised weapon. Dry chemical fire extinguishers work nicely, but so too will a Bic pen to an eyeball or throat. Of course, a gun in the hand will come in very handy for a surprise counterattack.

Have well-stocked first aid kits throughout the facility and we're not talking band-aids and aspirin. Tourniquets, chest seals, Israeli Battle Dressings should all be plentiful. With training, wound packing gauze and a host of other stuff will save lives until the paramedic professionals are cleared to enter the facility by the police. This goes double if police response is measured in tens of minutes, not seconds.

Post incident.

Provide counseling and professional trauma and anxiety specialists to help treat the mental wounds created by an incident. Have resources, vetted and specialized, lined up ahead of time.

CLYDE CACERES:

Don't let pop culture dictate your carry habits

Clyde Caceres, the long-time training junkie and industry guy (he was part of the group that started Crimson Trace long ago) joined us in Charleston to discuss carry habits.

He asked folks to have an open mind and ask themselves about why they chose to carry a gun or not, and if they do carry, if how they carry complements their lifestyle and the potential threats they might face.

Clyde counseled against letting pop culture influence how and what you carry. Need an example? Back in the 1980s, a whole lot of folks bought shoulder rigs.



Don Johnson and his Bren 10 in a shoulder rig on Miami Vice.

Why? Everyone wanted to be like Don Johnson from Miami Vice. Women loved him and guys all wanted to be like him.

Those holsters found their way into the backs of closets in short order.

Other gun owners will sometimes carry in the small of their backs - just like some Hollywood movie stars. That risks spine injuries if you're knocked onto your back.

Body shapes also play a role in where and how people carry - or it should at least. Regardless though, body shapes vary as much as perceived needs and desires. Those with disabilities have even more unique challenges to overcome.

Other considerations: a sturdy belt is the foundation for securely carrying your gun and keeping it as concealed as possible. Carry with quality gear. Crappy (often the "made in China" stuff) gear will flop outward and print against your clothing. Or really crappy gear will allow your gun to fall out at inopportune times - like while using a porta-potty in the heat of summer.

Really, first and foremost, he urged people to carry as much and as often as they can. "Don't leave it at home!"

Some people don't leave the gun at home but they practice off-body carry. "Do you really think you're going to have time to access your briefcase to get your gun?"

And then there's the category of folks who carry with an empty chamber. (Pro-tip: Not a good idea!)

Purse carry has its pros and cons too. Ditto for pocket carry. With a snub-nose revolver, both offer the potential to surprise an attacker with multiple, behavior-modifying gunshots.

The bottom line: packing a smaller, lighter gun that's comfortable to carry will serve you well if you have it consistently because it's not a burden to put on everyday.

"So think about how you carry, what you carry and when you carry," Clyde counseled. The life you save by practicing good carry habits might your own, or it might be ours.



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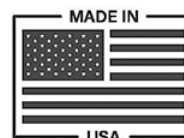
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CHICAGO: Black gun owners charged with felonies despite valid FOID cards, CCLs

Chicago (CBS Chicago) - An investigation by CBS News Chicago uncovered several times where police stopped black gun owners for minor traffic violations and then charged them with felonies -- even though they had legal firearm licenses.

The findings prompted a rebuke from the National African American Gun Association. The ordeal also led to an exhausting toll and financial strain on the drivers. They had valid firearm licenses, but because of their arrests, spent months fighting to get charges dropped and expunged from their records.

Some have sued, or plan to sue Chicago police, accusing the department of violating their civil rights.

"My rights were violated"

One of those drivers is 46-year-old Louis McWilliams, a Tinley Park resident who owns a local cheesecake company, Ann's Flavored Cheesecakes. He was charged with a felony in April after being pulled over on Chicago's South Side on his way to a business meeting. The case was later dismissed.

"This has been very traumatic for me," McWilliams said. "I feel like my rights were violated."

The arrest report also acknowledged he was in possession of his card at the time of the stop. McWilliams can even be seen handing it to the officer in the video, and he said he was expecting that to be enough.

But it wasn't.

When an officer pulls over a driver, it's standard practice to check a database operated by the Illinois State Police, called LEADS. If the driver has a gun on them, or in the car, it's also common for officers to check LEADS to verify the FOID and CCL are valid. In McWilliams' case, the officer told him the CCL didn't appear on the database.

Police cited that as a justification for his arrest, and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved two felony charges: aggravated unlawful possession of a weapon, and unlawful use of a weapon.

"This shows that no matter how much you follow a system of which they create, they can still deem you wrong," McWilliams said. "I feel like that's unfair."



"I think they made a quick, hasty, improper decision on this case," said Irv Miller, CBS News Chicago's legal analyst. A former prosecutor once in charge of reviewing police cases, Miller also believes McWilliams never should have been charged.

"He showed [police] a valid CCL card," Miller said. "Not only did they see it, they actually took possession of it

and inventoried it, gave it a Chicago Police Department inventory number, and sent it off to headquarters."

It's also unclear why the information was not in LEADS, or why the officers chose to arrest Williams. A spokesperson with the state police would not comment on specific cases but said if an officer is unable to check the status of a FOID or CCL in LEADS, "the officer should not take any law enforcement actions as it relates to a potential FOID/CCL violation."

[Editor's note: There were at least two others mentioned with similar stories. We included Mr. McWilliams' case alone for space considerations.]

We welcome the fact that the mainstream Chicago media have picked up this story. It might actually lead to meaningful change in Chicago PD policy and that of other suburban Cook County agencies. These stories are not CPD's finest moments nor do they reflect well on the Cook County State's Attorney Eileen Burke.]

You mean besides not answering 911 calls?

What is driving falling crime in Chicago? Increased prosecutions

by Paul Vallas (Chicago Contrarian) - Mayor Brandon Johnson is overseeing a city in crisis. Though the mayor continues to assert his "progressive" policies are the corrective measures to restore Chicago's fiscal dislocation, failing schools, and stubborn crime, nothing could be further from the truth. Johnson's progressive agenda is largely fictional... Johnson has done little meaningful to address violent crime. Contrary to the mayor's claims, the ground Chicago has gained in the fight against crime is owed to the election of Eileen O'Neill Burke, who Johnson opposed in the Democratic primary...

walking free each day in Chicago's streets. According to CWB Chicago, one in five individuals arrested and charged with a felony were already out on pretrial release for another offense. Between 2020 and 2024, 408 individuals arrested for murder or attempted murder were out on pretrial release awaiting trial for other felonies. In consideration of the city's historically low arrest rate, the true figure is likely four to five times higher.



The single biggest reason for declining crime: Cook Co. State's Attorney Eileen Burke.

So what explains Chicago's long-awaited turnaround? The difference-maker is new Cook County State's Attorney Judge Eileen O'Neill Burke. Now 11 months in office, Burke has reversed many of the lenient prosecution policies of her predecessor, Kim Foxx. She applies the law

as written, files appropriate charges, and prioritizes detaining those accused of serious crimes. Since her election, detainments for gun offenses have risen sharply.

Burke ended Foxx's "catch and release" approach and maintained her pledge to seek no bail for those accused of possessing machine guns or committing violent felonies. She has strengthened prosecutions while elevating domestic violence and crimes against children as top priorities. Under her leadership, the newly created Special Victims Bureau focuses on domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and hate crimes. Monthly admissions to Cook County Jail for individuals ordered detained -- mostly for gun-related crimes -- have increased by 47 percent, and those for domestic battery have surged 81 percent.

If you want to understand why crime went down so dramatically after the national surge in the 1970s through the 1990s, look to the same principle at work today: Public confidence in the rule of law. Prosecutors and police who enforced clear consequences for serious crimes restored that confidence.

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New NRA Director Dick Fairburn on changes he's seeing with NRA leadership

by John Boch

NRA 2.0. That's what folks are calling the NRA now that Wayne LaPierre and a bunch of his cronies are gone from the NRA's leadership. GSL member Dick Fairburn joined us at a number of GSL meetings this past month to explain what he's seen from his personal point of view - and it's glorious.

For those who missed it, he's going to hit a bunch of additional GSL meeting locations in the coming weeks.

Who is Dick Fairburn? He's written for national gun and law enforcement publications for forty-plus years. His public safety career has spanned about as long. Mr. Fairburn started in the fire service, and then became a cop. He finished his career as the Public Safety Director in Canton, IL, leading both the police and fire departments. He also spent a couple decades as a civilian teaching for the Illinois State Police.



Dick Fairburn.

He ran for the NRA Board last year because the reformers said they needed more good people to run. Fairburn won enough votes to fill a one-year term vacated by a director who passed away. (And, now Mr. Fairburn's running for a three-year term this next cycle!)

So what's happened? Well, thanks to two years of getting reformers elected to the Board, the reformers now have a solid majority of board members. The Wayne LaPierre buddies who had run the NRA into the ground for so long were very vocal at the April Board meeting, according to Fairburn. They thought they still ran the place.

But then the reformers flexed their muscles and unseated the sitting president Bob Barr and replaced him with a reformer named Bill Bachenberg - by two votes.



Wayne LaPierre, the long-time face of the NRA, is gone. So are many of his cronies in leadership thanks to the election of reformers.

Reformers now control pretty much the entire leadership of the National Rifle Association, including key committees, top leadership posts and they are instituting huge reforms.



NRA President Bill Bachenberg.

Bachenberg has set about building a foundation to carry the organization for the next 150 years, in part by running it like a real business. He's investing in social media outreach to bring in more younger members. Board committees like the membership committee are meeting regularly. For instance the membership committee has met monthly when they didn't meet at all in the seven years before Bachenberg's election.

Moreover, the committees are seeing subject matter experts appointed to them, and these include some of the most influential and powerful names in shooting, industry and government. For example: the hunting and conservation committee have powerful non-board members on them who have spent a career in those roles. Competition committees have champion competitors on them. And the list goes on and on. The days of LaPierre's "old boys club" are ending quickly.

The Brewer law firm that soaked the NRA for over a hundred mil has been fired. Ditto for the public relations firm. The new marketing firm is doing the work for half of the price and they're one of the top shops for non-profits like the NRA.

Among the scarce few LaPierre buddies who remained on the board, many of them didn't even show up at the September board meeting.

Should the reformers continue with their winning streak, this next year's voting should put them in the super-majority.

Fairburn talked about some of the stuff the NRA does that scarce few people even know about. As a former cop, he noted that active duty police can join for a mere \$20 per year and with that comes a \$35,000 life insurance policy covering line-of-duty death. Tragically, that's paid out over \$4.4 million since 2000.



Other changes include revamping the cheap Chinese premiums presented to donors

What can we do to help the NRA?

1. **Participate in NRA events**, including training, competitions, NRA range days, local meetings and Friends of the NRA events that benefit youth shooting in your area. And attend the NRA Annual Meetings!
2. **Support and participate in groups like Guns Save Life** that are staunch NRA backers.



3. **Take the youth out and get them into shooting.** Teach them the NRA's three rules of safety. If you see an NRA youth program in your area, send kids in that direction.
4. **Worth repeating: Support the Friends of NRA** which funds youth shooting activities, among others.
5. **Keep voting for reformers** for the NRA Board of Directors.
6. **For those who dropped their memberships** in protest of LaPierre's "leadership" and the dysfunction and corruption so common a few years ago, **Fairburn urged those folks to give the NRA a second look.** It's changing. Big time.

After all, the NRA, even at "only" five million members and change, is still the 500-pound gorilla in the room. It has more members than all of the other gun groups put together.





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ASA, NRA, SAF, FPC file lawsuit challenging the National Firearms Act

(Shooting News Weekly)
- You have to love the strategy. If you'll remember, back in June when the Big Beautiful Bill was being haggled over, there was much sturm und drang over the existential nature of the National Firearms Act, and how the Senate Parliamentarian would treat efforts to pull items like suppressors and SBRs out as part of the reconciliation process. Again, reconciliation measures can sidestep the Senate's 60-vote requirement and pass with a simple majority.



As many pointed out, the courts and the DOJ had for decades made the case that the NFA is tax measure. That's how its primary

champion justified it as not infringing on Americans' gun rights when the NFA was being considered back in 1934. That being the case, inclusion of both the SHORT Act and the Hearing Protection Act in the B³ should have been a no-brainer.



The Senate Parliamentarian, however, saw things differently and ruled them out. That's why, instead of pulling suppressors, SBRs and SBSs out of the NFA and regulating them like any other firearm you can buy today, the only step forward included in the final version of the B³ was the elimination of the \$200 tax stamp (which

will take effect on January 1).

But wait. Zeroing out the tax stamp isn't nothing. As we and others have pointed out, eliminating the tax stamp undercuts any remaining argument that the NFA is a tax... because there is no longer a tax involved. On top of that, cans and SBRs are in common use. That means they pass the Heller test. There's also no text, history or tradition of regulating them which means doing so doesn't pass the Bruen test.

Long story short...the NFA is now very constitutionally vulnerable. Yesterday, four gun rights orgs filed a lawsuit in the Northern District of Texas — part of the gun-friendly Fifth Circuit — making exactly that case.



Off the beaten path... Restaurant review

Whiskey Bill's Saloon & Whiskey Emporium

by John Boch

Our GSL members tend to be successful, well-rounded folks with a host of interests. In short, we aren't Neanderthals who only grunt when we see firearms. Far from it. We appreciate the finer things in life and good food is among them. If you're in Central IL, I have a gem you might want to visit for a fun night with the spouse or significant other.

A "friend" and I took a trip down to Pana one Saturday evening in September to visit the Locked & Loaded gun shop. And from there, we intended to visit Whiskey Bill's for dinner. Well, a monster storm rolled in shortly before we did and killed power as I visited the lil' boys room at the gun store.

You know me and flashlights. A lack of light because of power outage? Not for long.

Anyway, after browsing the store by flashlight for a half-hour as the worst of the monsoon passed by. We left the safety and shelter of the darkened gun shop and ventured towards Whiskey Bill's. Fortunately it was located in the half of Pana that still had electricity.

It's almost certainly new construction and wonderfully decorated with a charming ambience. Whiskey Bill's is to restaurants what Locked and Loaded is to gun stores.

We sat down at the last open table and soon met a charming fifty-something waitress with

a great sense of humor and a good memory. My plus one had a Filet Mignon and I had a big old slab of Ribeye. Yes, beef. It's what's for dinner.

Both were priced just under \$30 and we also had a couple of Old Fashioneds (whatever those are) at the waitress' recommendation. She made them well herself with Bulleit bourbon and it didn't take long for our beef to arrive cooked medium rare as ordered and seasoned to perfection. The steaks were tender, tasty, juicy and a delight to inhale. The sides arrived fancied up as well.

Honestly, I didn't have high expectations of a whiskey joint in a small town. I half expected a bar with bar food - you know, pull from freezer, heat and serve.

Boy, was I wrong. My friend and I have both eaten steaks at famous high-end steak joints. These were on par with those at a quarter or a fifth of the price. The best part: we didn't have to go to St. Louis or Chicago and dodge gunfire to pay exorbitant prices and wait two hours for a table. A hundred dollar bill covered the meal, drinks and a generous almost 25% tip for exceptional service. Good luck finding that anywhere near Chicago for good steaks and booze at a nice place.

If you live in Central Illinois, make a trip to Whiskey Bill's for a date night of something fun and unusual. You can thank me later.

Excerpt from

'No Second Place Winner' by Bill Jordan

by John Boch

My friend Robert Meier, a man who loves his books, sent me an early edition of Bill Jordan's "No Second Place Winner." It's from the sixth printing (1975) for all of the book nerds out there.

Who is Bill Jordan and why should you care? Bill retired as the Assistant Chief Patrol Inspector with the US Border Patrol in 1965 after about thirty years of service. Renowned for his exceptional shooting skills, he could draw and fire a hit on a target with a double action revolver in .27 seconds. The Texan also towered over most folks standing 6' 6" tall.

Here's an excerpt I found at random one morning when I had a few minutes to take a look at the book. I found it amusing and entertaining and hope you will as well... starting from page 16...

The coroner was newly elected, and upon taking office had proved extremely zealous in the performance of his duties. When informed that his predecessor had made a practice of holding inquests into all deaths of a violent nature in the safety of his office, he stated publicly that this was a sorry way to do business, as was only to be expected of his late opponent.

However, while HE was in office all inquests would be held, as was proper, at the scene of the violence. This new policy lasted only one day. Upon stepping out on the bank of the Rio Grande to view a "scene" at close hand he had been fired on by a .30-30 from the other bank. Whereupon righteous resolutions went by the board. Which brings us back to the inquest in point — at the coroner's office.

In telling his story the Border Patrolman stated that he had halted the smuggler

on the bridge whereupon that worthy had immediately fired three shots at him from a palmed pistol, but that his willingness to commit murder so far exceeded his skill that he missed with all three shots. The officer, recovering from his surprise, finally got off one shot which proved adequate, ending the affray and the career of the subject of the inquest. At this stage it was pointed out that no gun had been found on or near the deceased. By way of explanation the officer said, "Well, when I shot him, his gun flew out of his hand, hit on the bridge and bounced off into the canal." It was decided to recess until morning and then drag for the missing weapon.



Now, I knew this young man well, and I knew that he would not lie. Not to me, anyway, and he had told me exactly the same story that he had told the coroner. If he said the smuggler had shot at him three times before he returned the fire, I knew that this was true. However, I also knew that the canal over which the fight had taken place was very large and that a pistol was a proportionately small and hard to find object. Thinking of the implications I found that I could not get to sleep. Finally, I gave up trying and slipping a small revolver remarkably similar to the one described as a typical alibi gun into my shirt pocket, I drove out to the scene of the affray and leaned over the bridge railing trying to estimate where

the lost gun would most likely be located. As I gazed down at the moonlit water I saw and heard a splash which prompted me to feel hastily at the shirt pocket where I had been carrying my gun. My concern was justified. It had fallen out into the water below.



I can only give a second hand report of the wrap up of the case since I somehow felt that it would be better if I took up some just remembered but urgent business instead of attending in person. At the continuation the following morning with the entire cast assembled at the bridge, a large, powerful magnet which had been acquired for the occasion was lowered into the water. As it was moved slowly back and forth across the bottom, tension began to build. Finally, just before the suspense became unbearable, it was pulled up and lowered to the bridge planking for inspection. There was a great sigh of relief, for there, firmly held to the magnet, was a gun. The case was immediately dismissed with the judgment that the officer had fired in self defense. In fact, one of the jurymen later told me privately and in strict confidence that it was the worst case of justifiable homicide he had ever seen ... for in addition to the previously mentioned gun, there had been five more picked up by the magnet — all positively identified as having belonged to the deceased — and each with three shots fired!

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Twin B, left, and Twin A fired their first shots in late September.

Introducing the next generation to the safe and fun world of shooting...

First shots with a rifle

by John Boch

In my line of work, my twin boys gained an early exposure to firearms, including getting their own FOID cards well before their first birthdays. Hard to believe, right?

Guns are just a normal part of life to them. Of course, they learned the three rules of gun safety long ago. And when we're out and about, they get to practice them when they have a chance to handle firearms at stores and other places. They do pretty well, but the fun stops if they point a muzzle in an unsafe direction.

As one might imagine, for a couple of years now they have wanted to shoot "real" guns.

So, with mild weather and a day off school, I took them to the DeWitt Co. Sportsman's Club to fire their first shots with a rifle.

The Savage Rascal proved the star of the

show. Crew served, it allowed them to load the gun, aim it and pull the trigger. At the same time, it allowed me to hold onto Mr. Rascal to ensure we kept the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.



The Savage Rascal... a perfect gun for those under 9 or 10.

Both boys had a lot of reservations about muzzle blast and recoil. Twin B in particular doesn't like loud noises. So to ensure they enjoyed their first shots, I dug into my exotic

.22 stash and produced some Aguila Colibri rounds. These powderless .22s are almost silent from a long gun but have just enough horsepower to go through a single layer of cardboard and a paper target.

I also brought some "Super Colibri" rounds which have a dash of powder and run a bit hotter. Just for grins I also brought some mild CCI CB Short rounds, known affectionately as "CB caps."

It turns out we could easily skip the ear pro because the Colibris made about as much noise as a BB gun.

After about twenty-five rounds each, I'd learned that the CB caps, even with ear muffs, are more "crack" than the first-timers liked. That's fine. They will have plenty of chances to shoot hotter .22s another time.

To seal the deal, after packing up, we stopped by Sweet Mae's in Clinton for some exceptional ice cream. (Highly recommended for a treat on the way home for those shooting at the DeWitt Co. Sportsman's Club).



Post-shooting ice cream at Sweet Mae's in Clinton.

Yes, a surprise ice cream treat on the way home proved a huge hit, complementing positive memories of firing their very first shots with a real gun.

There are many options for introducing new shooters to the fun of shooting.

For an adult skittish or downright negative about guns and shooting, I might introduce them to handguns with a mid-sized .22 revolver with Super Colibris and *maybe* graduate them to CB Shorts on their first range visit.

A bolt-action .22 with similar light loads might work for a similarly nervous or fearful first-timer wanting to fire their first rifle shots.

Either way, after shooting, I'd take the new shooters out for ice cream to cement those positive memories into their psyche.

It's up to all of us adults to bring new shooters, including the next generation into embracing and enjoying America's Second Amendment. Like learning how to swim, learning how to shoot a gun safely and effectively is a life skill that might someday save their lives.



Guess what Twin A now wants for Christmas? A full auto BB gun. I told him GSL has a lawsuit to win before he can have his own genuine AR-15!

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HOME VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

by John Boch
(GSL) - Would you like to identify prowlers and other ne'er-do-wells lurking near your home or business? Do you want to protect your family and deter bad guys?

You have lots of options to keep a proverbial eye on your property. In fact, if you search Amazon you will get page after page of systems. How do you know which to choose from? That's actually a very good question. Some are a pain to install, others require monthly subscriptions to access "events." Others bog down your home wi-fi network and will burn out your router pre-maturely. Others just suck offer poor performance.

I've dealt with four or five systems over the years and here's a few lessons I've learned to help you avoid some headaches, expenses and work.

Zosi
Seven years ago, I settled on a Zosi 4k hard-wired system for my residence after getting my tires slashed and having repeated threats of political violence leveled at me and my family. Running wire through a hot attic sucks, as does burying it out to detached buildings. For the time it provided a good value, however its remote user interface - never all that stellar - hasn't improved unlike the competition. Moreover, the constant heavy-use recording burned through the original hard drive after about 10 months. I replaced it with a heavy duty drive and it's been fine since. No, I wouldn't buy it again.



Reolink.
A couple of friends and the DeWitt Co. Sportsman's Club have Reolink systems. I have a lot of positive things to say about Reolink hard-wired systems. I like the adjustable "zoom" in some models for more distant monitoring. You still have to hard-wire the ones I've played with but remote playback (say, on your phone when out travelling) is pretty good. One downside: it has limited controls to manage "alerts" and if you have it notify your phone with text messages for every "event" detected, you'll get buried in notifications and quickly ignore them all.

Arlo Essentials.
More recently, with my new residence, I picked up an Arlo Essentials 4-camera system from Sam's for half-price (at \$150). Oh, sweet baby Jesus. What a mistake that proved and I'll tell you why: The cameras provide nearly useless resolution after dark beyond room-length distances. Want to catch a license plate or a face that you can identify? Good luck. They also require charging every couple of weeks in the best conditions. (Note: They come with a solar panel charging system, but it fails to keep the camera charged. For me and my neighbor both.) Just imagine how much fun you will have breaking out a ladder every week in the dead of winter to pull the cameras down and charge them! Especially with snow and ice on the ground! For the record, Arlo did not include an ER co-pay coupon with the system.



Charging Arlo cameras every week in the dead of winter? Stay away from Arlo.

And while Arlo's AI automatically discerns "events" like vehicles and people passing through its field of view, it only saves short clips a few seconds long. In short it sucks. I wouldn't give it to anyone I liked. As if that wasn't bad enough, Arlo wants \$30 a month to monitor that four-pack of cameras every month. Get stuffed, Arlo.

Weilailife wi-fi system
Researching what else is currently available, I settled on a wi-fi camera system by Weilailife. Yes, common spelling. It's a four camera, 1Tb system going for about \$200. It's not a wi-fi system that piggybacks on your home router, bogging things down. This one had it's own dedicated wi-fi connection between the cameras and the recorder. Alternatively, if you want to hard-wire the cameras, that option is available too.



Weilailife system.
It connects effortlessly to your home's internet router to make the feed and recordings available online. Pulling 1944p, high resolution videos from the cameras is easy. The video is crisp and clear, even at night thanks to 18 IR emitters built into each camera that clearly illuminate everything out to about 60+ feet. No hard-wiring of cables is required but the cams need access to AC power.

For remote monitoring it uses an app called "Honest Cam." Anyway, it takes a few seconds to pull up the live video but delivers live feeds from all four cameras real-time. The playback interface is intuitive and easy - and bringing up earlier recordings is almost instantaneous. Plus no subscription services are required unless you want cloud storage of recordings in addition to or in lieu of the included DVR/base unit which has disk space for about five days' of history. One bug: It's supposed to synch the time to your phone. However, in my system the synched time is two hours early.

Conclusion...
A decent camera system will give you peace of mind and then some. While other options exist, including game cameras that will transmit still photos to your cell phone to monitor your property, for videos, a wi-fi system like the Weilailife provides a great product and a very affordable price, easy installation - and no required subscriptions.



Bless their hearts... Dark money NGOs, funded by billionaires, fund 'Riot, Inc.'

'No Kings 2.0': Coup d'FLAT

These same radical leftists hate your gun rights with a burning passion too!

The Democratic Party's dark-money NGO network, bankrolled by left-wing billionaires, unleashed a highly coordinated, color-revolution-style mobilization nationwide on Saturday (October 18th); the same tactics U.S. intelligence agencies have used overseas for years in regime-change operations. Yet the turnout wasn't dominated by unhinged young leftists or gender-confused woke warriors, but rather by white baby-boomer liberals, a mobilization effort that NGO expert Mike Benz described as a "Coup d'flat."

The nation is waking up to the fact that dark-money NGO networks, including the Arabella Network, Soros Network, Gates Foundation, Ford Foundation, Tides Foundation, Rockefeller Network, Singham Network, and many others, are funneling millions of dollars into what investigative

researchers Peter Schweizer and Seamus Bruner of the Government Accountability Institute call "Riot, Inc." - the permanent protest industrial complex and the engine behind "No Kings 2.0" partners and organizers. These protests are far from organic; this movement is manufactured, coordinated, and entirely artificial.

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Concealed carry holder shoots car thief who tried to run him down

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Chicago police are investigating after a concealed carry holder reported shooting a man who tried to run him over with his own stolen car Sunday morning in South Shore.

The licensed gun owner called 911 around 7:14 a.m. and reported that two men had just stolen his blue 2023 Acura and attempted to hit him with it in an alley behind the 6800 block of South Cornell Avenue.

Less than five minutes later, a 23-year-old man arrived at the University of Chicago Medical Center with a gunshot wound to his lower back. He was taken directly into surgery and was listed in critical condition.



Aspiring Chicago rapper 'Glizzy The Tweaker' shot dead in robbery gone bad

Chicago (Tribune) - Chicago drill rapper Mekhi Moore, known professionally as Glizzy The Tweaker, was killed on September 26, 2025, during what police say was a botched robbery attempt in the city's Chatham neighborhood. He was 19 years old.

According to VIA-X, the incident occurred around 5:03 p.m. near 89th Street and Michigan Avenue. Officers responding to reports of gunfire found Moore with multiple gunshot wounds to the chest. He was transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

Authorities said Moore, along with at least three others, allegedly attempted to rob a construction worker at a renovation site. The worker, who was legally licensed to carry a concealed firearm, reportedly fired four shots in self-defense, striking Moore. The other suspects fled the scene in a vehicle. A second individual was also shot, but their condition has not yet been confirmed.

CCW arrived a whole lot faster than CPD

CCW holder shoots, kills West Side would-be home invader

Chicago (WGN) - A man was shot and killed by a concealed carry license holder while trying to break into a West Side apartment Saturday morning, according to Chicago police.

Sources close to the investigation said a 33-year-old man was kicking the back door of an apartment, threatening a woman and her children inside. The resident called police and a relative, a 28-year-old woman, who was able to get there quickly.

Police said the incident happened in the 3400 block of West Monroe Street just before 7 a.m. Saturday in East Garfield Park.

The man allegedly continued trying to get into the apartment, breaking a bedroom window and threatening to kill the family inside, sources told WGN-TV. The 28-year-old relative, who has a valid CCL, fired toward the man, hitting him multiple times.

A .22 in the hand beats a .45 in the safe

Career thug meets CCW holder in Decatur, IL

Decatur (Herald & Review) - Police say a gunman whose criminal record bars him from legally owning weapons got the worst of it when he opened fire at a victim with a concealed carry license whom promptly shot back, seriously wounding his assailant.

Defendant Telly C. Young was described as suffering a bullet wound to the right pectoral muscle region of his chest and right bicep in the Sept. 2 shooting incident in the 200 block of West Packard Street.

Three intruders no match for armed homeowner

Miami Gardens, FL (Breitbart) - A Miami Gardens resident shot one of three alleged intruders Monday morning shortly before noon, causing the other two suspects to flee the scene.

NBC 6 reported that one of the three alleged intruders was armed.

The Miami Herald observed that the alleged intruder with a rifle opened the resident's bedroom door and was then shot.

The other two suspects fled after the resident opened fire and are still on the loose.

What the stats really say about crime surge

(Real Clear Politics) - During last year's presidential debate between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris, Trump said violent crime was rising. ABC moderator David Muir immediately fact-checked him, claiming, "President Trump, as you know, the FBI says overall violent crime is coming down in this country..."

Nearly every major media outlet echoed that narrative...



However, a new Bureau of Justice Statistics report,

which includes data through 2024, shows that Trump was right during the debate when he said, "Crime here is up and through the roof." The National Crime Victimization Survey shows violent crime surged 59%, with rape and sexual assault up 67%, robbery up 38%, and aggravated assault up 62%. That's the largest four-year increase in the survey's 52-year history...

Other factors also distort the FBI data. Many big-city police departments, such as D.C., have reclassified serious offenses, apparently in an effort to make the streets seem safer than they are. Downgrading aggravated assaults to simple assaults removes them from the FBI's violent crime statistics, for example. Whether an attack counts as "aggravated" often depends on whether a weapon was used - but

many progressive district attorneys now refuse to pursue weapons charges. That difference matters because the NCVS asks victims directly whether a weapon was involved, even if police reports omit it.

Progressive prosecutors in cities like New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles have also made a habit of reducing felony charges. In Manhattan, for example, the district attorney's office downgraded felonies 60% of the time - with 89% downgraded to misdemeanors and 11% to less serious felonies. Chicago has labeled some murders as "death investigations" rather than homicides. These practices appear to be spreading, and police may now be adjusting their own reports to reflect prosecutors' leniency.

It happened to him

Good Samaritan reflects on heroic act to save lives seven years later

by Adam Nesvick

(AR15.com Edited for readability) - It was this night, seven years ago. It was a crossroads for me, in a lot of ways. I had always been a "mind your own business" type of person. I stay out of arguments, after growing up with an a-hole for a father, I don't like conflict and confrontation.

But I still have to look at myself in the mirror in the morning, and I'm not going to watch some drunk asshole kill his girlfriend/fiancee/whatever she is in front of me.

So many terrifying experiences that night... watching a woman get nearly beaten and choked to death, watching a kid trying to save her get thrown like she was a piece of garbage. I watched another human being in a sight picture, watching him fall like a rag doll and bleed out into the sewer after all was said and done. I can still see them, seven years later, as if it just happened.

I like to think that I'm healed from the incident, or that I've at least made my peace about it. I don't think about it very often, but every October, it comes up... my daughter was asking about it this year. I hadn't ever really talked to her about it, beyond what

was said in the news story (she never read the Mas Ayoob interview, until now). She has just started carrying and I want her to understand the reality of what she might have to do.

Taking someone's life, no matter how righteously you do so, will change you and those close to you, forever.

It's not something to be trite about, or joke about, or beat your chest about, its an absolutely horrible experience that I wouldn't wish on anyone.

But at the end of the day, it had to happen that night, and will have to happen again. Hopefully not by me, but if I'm put in that position again, I know I'm ready.

I leave you with this. Something I think about constantly:

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1st John 3:16

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The Insurrection Act

by Glenn Reynolds
(Instapundit) - With resistance to ICE in many blue cities, there's been a lot of talk about Trump invoking the Insurrection Act. There are other, lesser statutes that he can employ, but this is the big gun. It intentionally gives the President enormous freedom and power to put down resistance to the law.

This is the relevant part of the Insurrection Act:

§252. Use of militia and armed forces to enforce Federal authority Whenever the President considers that unlawful obstructions, combinations, or assemblages, or rebellion against the authority of the United States, make it impracticable to enforce the laws of the United States in any State by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings, he may call into Federal service such of the militia of any State, and use such of the armed forces, as he considers necessary to enforce those laws or to suppress the rebellion.

So first, it's discretionary to employ: "Whenever the President considers." This language leaves no room for judicial review, by design; it's up to the President to determine when the predicates for invoking the Act apply. Second, this phrase, "unlawful obstructions, combinations, or assemblages, or rebellion against the authority of the United States, make it impracticable to enforce the laws of the United

States in any State by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings," seems to fit perfectly with what's going on in places like Portland or Chicago.

Third, discretionary language again: "as he considers necessary to enforce those laws or to suppress the rebellion."

It's entirely up to the President under the statute. You may think it's a bad idea -- I'm not so sure it is, because I don't think it's a good idea for state and local governments to have a veto on federal law enforcement actions -- but it's entirely lawful. And, properly understood, not subject to judicial review. (The Insurrection Act, once triggered, also overrides the Posse Comitatus Act's prohibition on using the military for law enforcement purposes.)

Invoking the Insurrection Act wouldn't be unprecedented -- it's been done thirty times in the history of the Republic, or a bit less than once every 8 years. A state actively resisting federal authority could be met with the full power of the U.S. military -- and the President could even recognize a competing, alternative state government. There's no meaningful opportunity for judicial review under the Insurrection Act as its invocation is a "political question" and hence non-justiciable. (The same is true, as the Supreme Court held almost 200 years ago, in the case of *Luther v. Borden*, of recognizing one of two com-

peting state governments as the legitimate government of a state).

"Political question" just means that the decision is left to one or both of the political branches of the government, leaving no room for judicial resolution. There is discipline, just not judicial discipline; instead it comes ultimately from voters.

And invocation of the Insurrection Act carries a special political resonance, though how much of one depends on how it is used. Using it to send troops to Portland to control a mob isn't likely to be too controversial. Using it to replace the government of California, or to support a breakaway state of "New California," would be more so.

Unless pushed, I don't think Trump will go very far with this. Politically, it suits him to have Democrats, who yammered about "insurrection" for the past several years, acting loudly insurrectionary. And he seems to be able to accomplish a lot with threats -- a threat to send the National Guard in to Chicago produced a sudden flurry of action from the Illinois State Police.

As Clay Whitehead used to say, the value of the Sword of Damocles is that it hangs, not that it falls. That may be the case here, too. But if the sword of the Insurrection Act falls, it can fall very heavy indeed.



MAIL CALL



The 'Resistance Games' perpetuate race hustling

What is really behind the fashionable anti-Trump "resistance games" playing out on Chicago's streets and other Democrat-run hell-holes?

Chicago, LA, Memphis, NOLA, DC, and so on, are all part of a race hustling infrastructure that has been allowed to consume America's urban centers.

Thomas Sowell once wrote: "You cannot take any people, of any color, and exempt them from the requirements of civilization -- including work, behavioral standards, personal responsibility and all the other basic things that the clever intelligentsia disdain -- without ruinous consequences to them and to society at large."

Truer words have never been uttered! Sadly, we now find ourselves dealing with the ruinous consequences of the nonsensical "disparate impact" theory of justice, which dictates the insane doctrine that an invisible hand of white supremacy preordains every social, legal, and economic outcome to the detriment of racial minorities, and black folks in particular.

Heather MacDonald rightly observed: "The idea that racial disparities in arrest and incarceration rates reflect discrimination and not disparities in criminal offending has been a staple of Democratic policymaking for years. The "systemic criminal justice bias" conceit has led district attorneys across the US to

stop prosecuting and stop seeking jail terms for a host of crimes, simply because penalizing those crimes would have a disparate impact on black criminals."

It is precisely this scam of perpetual victimhood, along with the political power bestowed upon it by the courts, that JB Pritzker and Mayor Johnson are so desperate to defend in the face of Trump's outrageous plan to restore the most basic "requirements of civilization" to the streets of Chicago. Removal of illegals is the first step on the path to restoring a civil society.

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We're all so much safer with crazy gun control!

I retired from the Illinois State Police after serving 30 years, and later served 7 more years with the Marissa, IL PD before moving to Sedona, AZ.

I return to IL every year to qualify to carry under LEOSA, previously HR218, and so I can visit some of my former colleagues and my sister who still lives in Decatur, IL.

I stopped at a sporting goods store in Springfield, IL wanting to replenish my ammunition but quickly found myself unable to do so because of Illinois worsening gun laws.

Anthony L. Walker
ISP Sergeant, retired

A master of understatement...

I'll be visiting my daughters in Chicago for Thanksgiving. Unfortunately but not surprisingly, I see the state of Illinois still doesn't recognize out of state licenses.

I have no doubt the CPD would be faster to personally meet me at baggage claim for a TSA sensitive item than they would be to assist ICE after a ramming incident on the street.

Certainly interesting times we live in when local and state police will pick and choose what laws they want to enforce against citizens while giving non-citizens a free pass.

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Harbor Freight's poor man's tactical light



By Damon Williams GSL Member

Like many of us, I have been burned several times by cheap Chinese flashlights from eBay, Amazon, and even the local auto parts and farm supply stores.

Most of the time they just suck for anyone older than six years old. Not only to they offer poor performance, they just don't hold up when babied, much less rough service.

Around May, I found several YouTube videos about the Braun 1000 Lumen Tactical Rail Light by Harbor Freight. These reviews were all amateur-ish (filmed in basements and garages), but a lot of nice things were said about the light. I took a gamble.



The Braun tactical light: the poor man's Streamlight TLR-1.

A Chinese clone of the Streamlight TLR-1 HL (\$170-\$200), the Braun product sells for \$50ish. It fits on your gun and seems to stay there. And if you shine it in the wrong

direction (you should always practice good muzzle, bowel and bladder control), you'll see strange spots for a while. It comes with two of China's finest CR123A batteries with an advertised 90 minutes of run time. It uses a rocker switch which straddles the trigger guard. With the right triggerfinger, a spring-loaded push up is flash and strobe, click down for constant on. (Opposite for the left-handed perfect people out there.)

The light comes with the Glock rail insert installed. With the included Allen wrench, you can swap out inserts fitting popular models of Smith and Wesson, Berretta 92, Sig P320, and 1913 rail. These rail adapter swaps take just a couple of minutes.

While I installed the light on my firearm with a screwdriver into a wide, easy access, screw head, I decided to simulate field conditions and removed the light with the backside of my pocketknife blade. It worked and I didn't spring any blood leaks either.

I tested my light on a Glock 19 with about 30 rounds figuring it to be moderate recoil: so far, so good. After dark you get a lot of light for such a small package. It's advertised range is 850 feet, but the radios at Harbor Freight claim they're good for 30-some miles and we know how that's wildly over-exaggerated. By my observation, you will easily get light for *much* greater distances than most people will be able to land hits with a handgun.

Would I trust my life in a defensive situation with one of these lights as compared to the Streamlight? Well, no. As I said before, I've been burned in the past with Chinesium flashlights. For now, this light has a new home on a 22 kept at the ready for dispatching critters who threaten my chickens. Maybe later I'll try one on a shotgun for a real reliability test.

For those on a very tight budget, this might be a \$50 ticket better than nothing. Although trained people have used conventional flashlights with pistols (without attaching them) for generations to provide accurate enough fire against bad guys.

Glock discontinues most models pending release of new 'V' series guns in December

(ShootingNewsWeekly) - GLOCK has announced the discontinuation of more than thirty models of their uber-popular handguns in a move prompted by a combination of litigation and "right-sizing." The only models not discontinued will be the their single-stack models such as the 42, 43, 43X and 48X.

Well, streamlining their commercial portfolio is one of the objectives. GLOCK is axing pistols chambered in now arcane calibers like .45 GAP, and .357 SIG.

GLOCK will also be stopping production of whatever remaining Gen3 pistols they've been producing. That will be a problem for people in California who've been enjoy-

ing what Perfection® they can with the few Gen3 pistols that were still in production and are on the not-so-Golden State's approved handgun roster.

The other more significant reason for the move is a legal one. Last week, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill outlawing "machinegun-convertible pistols." What that really means is GLOCKS that, with the illegal addition of illegally produced switches, either imported from China or 3D-printed, can be made to fire fully automatically.

In December GLOCK will begin shipping a series of new models with "V" designations after the model numbers. The

new V models will have rear plates and redesigned trigger bars that will prevent the use of full-auto switches. There will be new models in .22, 9mm, .40 S&W, 10mm, and .45 ACP, all the post . Firearm distributor Lipsey's sent this notice to their customers with the new model numbers of the guns GLOCK will continue to produce.

Some might blame big blue cities with chronic gang violence problems (and the federal government), jurisdictions that failed/refused to do anything about the recidivist criminals and enabled allowed the proliferation of "GLOCK switches" to continue, forcing this drastic, expensive move on the company...but we couldn't possibly comment.

Winchester Model 1893 Shotgun

In Danville, our audience enjoyed a historical treat: A Model 1893 shotgun from the last years of the Yuma Territorial Prison, from roughly 1896 to 1909. Hank Judd brought the specimen in and shared some remarkable history behind it.



Hank Judd with the 1893.



It was one of only 43 configured with the 22" barrel length. This particular one was completed in March 1896 as a riot gun.

It fired black powder shells 2 5/8ths inches long, so it won't chamber modern shells which is just as well as it's not designed to handle smokeless powder pressures.

Not many of the Model 1893s remain in the world - many were blown up by people trying to use smokeless shells in them. Go figure.

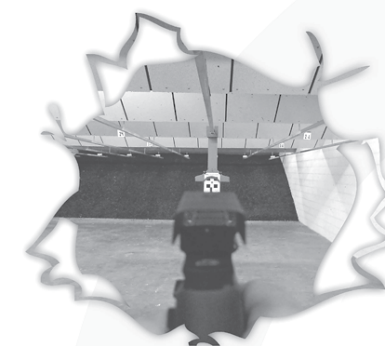


We also heard some great history about the Yuma Territorial Prison including some notable outlaws it held, both men and women. Some were more notorious than others, and some of the stories were... remarkable. Like the guy named Franklyn Leslie who became famous for shooting and killing two men in self-defense in Tombstone, AZ. He then married the widow of one of the men he killed eight days later. Eventually he divorced her and later shot and killed another woman he lived with while drunk and in a fit of jealousy. He was sentenced to life in prison but was pardoned six years later.

Thanks, Hank, for a great specimen and great history!

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Dems all in for Civil War 2.0 as the Democrat Party grift-machine stalls

What Is Power For?

"Ordinary judicial proceedings become impracticable when the people paid to execute federal law coordinate to prevent its execution."

- EKO on "X"

Now, try to imagine Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker (Jabba the Pritzker) as a Confederate general, his juddering bulk astride a panting war-horse, as he gallops into battle against federal positions in Millennium Park, Chicago. . . . Yeah, in the immortal words of Homey D. Clown, I don't think so. Yet these seem to be the fantasies typically entertained in our times by the Big Dawgs of the Democratic Party: a confederacy of dweebs.

While Mr. Trump uses presidential power to bring the Gaza War to resolution, officials in the Party of Chaos, distributed through the federal bureaucracy, and down into the state and city ranks, maneuver to ignite Civil War 2.0 in our country.

They seem to be mighty pissed-off about something, but what could it really be?

Surely not just the removal by deportation of countless border jumpers they ushered in during the baleful term of "Joe Biden" to beef-up their voter rolls.

No, what galls them is the sheer hemorrhaging of their power.

The people of this land increasingly reject them and their insane claims and are walking away from the party, at the same time that Mr. Trump seeks to methodically disassemble the scaffold of all their roguery because it is bent on wrecking the republic.

What was their power for? I will tell you: nothing more than maintaining that scaffold, which was a colossal racketeering operation, a matrix of money-flows at every level from the cash payments to their sniveling nose-ring foot-soldiers marshaled outside the ICE buildings, to the many thousands employed by Woke foundations, think tanks, and NGOs, to the grifters of the teachers' union, to the mayors, governors, and bureaucratic myrmidons of "sanctuary" cities and states, to the federal agency goldbricks and "Trump resisters," to the zillion-dollar stock portfolios of their avatars such as Nancy Pelosi, AOC, Ilhan Omar, Sheldon Whitehouse, and Adam Schiff, to the bonuses of worker bees in foundering news orgs such as The New York Times (Michael Schmidt) and MSNBC (Nicolle Wallace).

That is the beginning and end of their power-seeking: one big moneygrubbing racket. The Party existed solely for the sustenance of the Party, a political tautology in living color. Everything else — their idiotic "policies," their gender madness, their race hustles, even the mutual admiration of Stephen Colbert and Jimmy Kimmel — was noise, sturm and drang, gaslight, pretend. . . finally vectoring toward treason. The sedition it underwrote had a single purpose: to destroy the one figure seeking to end the rackets, the duly-elected Mr. Trump. Their great frustration in failing to accomplish that, and his terrifying return to the Oval Office in 2025 after monumental efforts to banish, ruin, imprison, and kill him, has driven them batshit crazy. So, now they're all-in for Civil War 2.0.

The Democratic Party grift machine was kind of the modern reincarnation of the old "Spoils System" of government from the late 19th century ("To the victor go the spoils"). But back then, it was strictly government jobs for the connected. There was no giant asteroid belt of subversive service orgs, no NGOs or think tanks that flourish today around Washington. Of course, the Spoils System blossomed after the terrible ordeal of Civil War 1.0, and the last thing the grifters aimed to do was undermine the golden goose of government. They just wanted them golden eggs. Anyway, the whole wicked business got the kibosh when Congress passed the Pendleton Civil Service Reform Act of 1883.

But as things will in history — which rhymes, as you know — the Spoils System was reincarnated in a new-and-improved guise by the Democratic Party under Barack Obama and finally burgeoned into a gigantic, demonic, criminal enterprise under Mr. Obama's stand-in, "Joe B," himself a connoisseur of bribery and money-laundering.

So, the Democratic Party appears now to be moving into overt insurrection, for the very purpose of goading Mr. Trump into declaring insurrection, in order to put down the insurrection they are ginning up around the country.

And that way, they get to label him "a tyrant" so as to persuade the voters to keep the party of Chaos in office to "fight for our democracy" — meaning, to keep all their rackets going.

I doubt that Mr. Trump will shrink from the challenge, certainly not because a gang of sycophant federal judges issue injunctions against his exercise of constitutional power — that is, the power to preserve, protect, and defend the reasons for our existence as a nation.



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The Hunters

by Ken Frey
(GSL) - Every autumn, the woods change. The leaves turn colors and the air sharpens as temperatures grow much cooler.

Suddenly the woods are filled with a curious migration. **HUNTERS!** Arriving in rumbling trucks, they eat jerky and drink something called "Monster."

They wear bright orange, kind of like safety traffic cones. Yes, even on their heads. And they whisper loudly. Very loudly.

First comes the gear parade. Their new or seldom worn boots that squeak like squirrels chattering. Some wear camouflage patterns that clash badly. The all carry magical glowing boxes and assorted other gadgets that beep, buzz and otherwise announce their presence to the whole neighborhood.

They carry massive packs, but somehow they always forget toilet paper.

Then comes the waiting game. They climb up into trees or sit in little wooden boxes. Some even sit on the ground until their butts get wet and/or cold. They're all convinced they are invisible while making more noise than a French Bulldog in heat. They sneeze, cough and fart. They unwrap foil- or plastic-wrapped snacks making enough noise to ensure every critter within a hundred plus yards hears them and stays away.

These hunter types sit for hours staring into the brush, sometimes dozing off. On really special occasions you can watch them doze off and fall out of their tree stands. That's always amusing.

Hunter's conversations are fascinating. They speak about "scent control," while dousing themselves in rancid, year-old deer pee. Like we're dumb enough not to notice.

And when the moment finally comes, they're looking at their magical glowing boxes, or dozing peacefully.

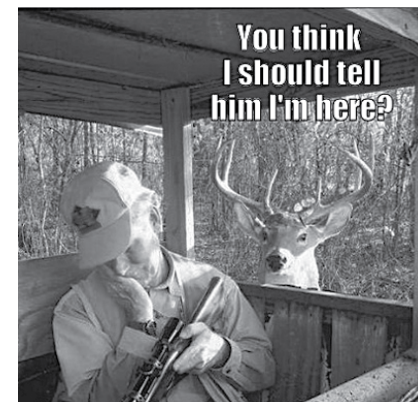
The evenings are the best part. Around the fire, these hunters tell stories taller than the trees. They argue over who saw what and how big it really was.

The truth is, we were standing just out of sight chewing quietly and watching them argue about us.

Still, we respect the effort. It takes special dedication to rise well before dawn, stumble through the woods like a drunken, blind fool, while hoping we can't see, smell and hear

you coming to a world very outside your comfort zone.

Not only that but it takes a special kind of stupid to douse yourself in rancid deer pee, and then endure frozen toes and numb fingers all day long. All to return home utterly empty handed. Sure, you'll tell your family that "the deer just weren't moving today." But here's the secret, we were moving. We are always moving. We know every shortcut through the woods. And we avoid noisy intruders.



We see the blaze orange long before you see us. We hear you moving around in that over-priced stand that took you two hours to carry out here in the middle of nowhere and set up (and leave your scent behind). We also hear your sigh of frustration when you realize you've been outsmarted again. We giggle as we show you our middle finger, the white of our tail.

And if you haven't guessed by now, we are the ones with the antlers. Yes, we've been watching you for generations. Sure you get the dumb ones who chose not to learn survival skills. Most of us didn't get these antlers by being stupid. We know the woods better than you ever will. After all, we live here.

We disappear in an instant when we sense your presence, even if you're a lot stealthier than your average hunter. And trust us, we see, hear and smell you long before you see us.

We are the deer. And we'll even eat your lunch if you're not careful.



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Wrist slap sentences for left-wing political violence sends a very clear message: **DON'T STOP!**

(The Federalist) - Two teenagers who brutally assaulted former Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) staffer Edward "Big Balls" Coristine did not receive any jail time in yet another instance of left-wing judges protecting militant thugs from being held accountable in any meaningful way.

D.C. Superior Court Judge Kendra Davis Briggs, a nominee of former President Joe Biden, sentenced two 15-year-olds from Hyattsville, Maryland, to probation after they were arrested for an Aug. 3 attack on 19-year-old Coristine that left him bloody and battered.

The two sentenced to probation — a male and female — were among a "group of 10 guys," Coristine said, many of whom apparently remain at-large. Coristine suffered a concussion and a broken nose after he and a female companion were jumped by the group.

The slap-on-the-wrist from Briggs comes

after another Biden judge gave the would-be assassin of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh a laughably light sentence, citing the assassin's claim of being a "transgender" woman, despite his being a male.



While prosecutors sought a 30-year sentence for would-be assassin Nicholas Roske (who now says he goes by the name "Sophie"), Maryland U.S. District Judge Deborah Boardman instead gave him eight years.



"Big Balls" following his attack by DC thugs.

"Though she got far too close to executing her plans, the fact of the matter is she abandoned them," Boardman said, using female pronouns to refer to Roske, a male. "I take into consideration the conditions of pre-trial confinement and the fact that she

is a transgender woman and will be sent to a male-only [Bureau of Prisons] facility."

The message from left-wing judges is clear: If you plot or perpetrate violence against conservatives, you will be rewarded with light sentences. The message it sends to would-be leftist terrorists yet to commit their violence is that the criminal justice system has their back. Nothing short of impeachment and removal from office for Boardman is sufficient.

Terrorism is a pillar of the left-wing movement, and their bloodthirsty activists and politicians want more of it. Many on the left justified and even applauded the assassination of Charlie Kirk. They want Americans dead if they disagree with their politics, and they will inspire, import, and protect any terrorist who accomplishes that goal.

The Democrat Party is a domestic terrorist organization. Perhaps no recent example has made that more clear than literally zero elected officials pulling their endorsements of Democrat Virginia attorney general candidate Jay Jones, who tripped down on his fantasy that he could assassinate a Republican colleague and that the Republican colleague's wife would be forced to watch her children die in her arms...

Left-wing terrorists are given legal cover from judges and political cover from politicians and commentators, sending one very loud message to their militants: Don't stop.

POLITICS OVER PEOPLE Chicago's Leaders Are Failing Their City

Continued from Cover.

Bowser announced that in the first 20 days after Trump's takeover (Aug. 7-26), violent crime had plummeted 45%, carjackings down 87%, robbery down 62%, and sexual abuse down 44%. D.C.'s residents suddenly felt much safer.

This isn't rocket science. The research is clear: Crime goes down as the risk of arrest and conviction, and the cost of conviction, goes up.

As of December, the D.C. police department had 1,340 patrol officers and 3,400 officers total, but only about a third of them are available on any given shift to serve a city of 720,000. "Crime is out of control, and our officers are stretched beyond their limits," D.C. police union Chair Gregg Pemberton warned.

Trump added over 500 federal law enforcement officers and about 800 National Guard troops, effectively doubling the number of patrol officers, calming the mayhem dramatically.

Contrary to what Illinois' political leadership is asserting, Chicagoans do perceive violent crime as a real issue, according to the M3 Strategies poll, and there's broad support for beefing up Chicago's law enforcement to calm the mayhem here as well.

The 5,000 officers being discussed for Chicago would also be a substantial increase over the roughly 11,700 officers Chicago employs to protect its 2.7 million residents.

In response to Trump's broader plan to deploy the National Guard and federal forces to cities like Chicago and D.C., Chicago's Mayor Brandon Johnson argued that jailing offenders is "racist, immoral, and unholy" and does not curb violent crime. "We've tried that, it doesn't work."

Johnson isn't the only Democrat who believes that arresting criminals is racist, but as the M3 Strategies poll shows, blacks and Hispanics are more supportive of law enforcement than white—no doubt because the burden of crime falls heaviest on blacks and Hispanics.

A National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform analysis of D.C. homicides between 2019 and 2021 found that about 96% of victims were black. The same is true, though to a lesser extent, in Chicago. So far this year, 80% of the murder victims are black. With 573 murders last year, that amounts to about 450 black people murdered.

Black residents suffer disproportionately in other crime categories as well, and they're hurt by the corollary effects of high crime as businesses shut down, jobs disappear, stores close their doors, and property values take a hit.

So, it should not be surprising that Chicago's blacks and Hispanics support federal help to fight crime. Black residents, by a 48%-to-44% margin, think it would be a good idea. Hispanics have even stronger support by a 55%-to-38% margin.

Washington, D.C.'s experience shows that a significant and visible increase in law enforcement will save lives and reduce violent crime. Pritzker and Johnson's approach will instead disproportionately harm those they claim to want to protect: the low-income, black, and Hispanic communities.

Gov. Pritzker and Mayor Johnson need to follow the data, learn from D.C., and embrace strategies that make it riskier for criminals to commit crimes. Let's make Chicago safer for everyone.

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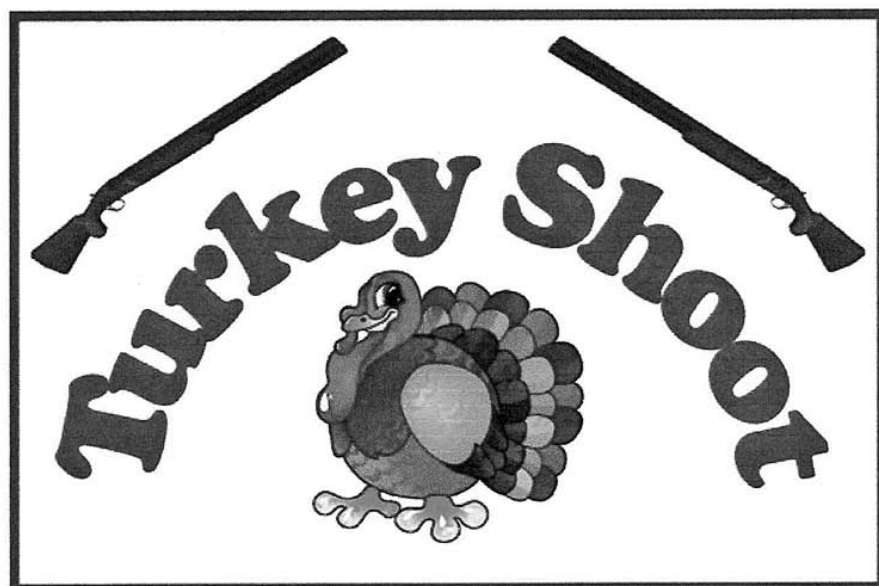
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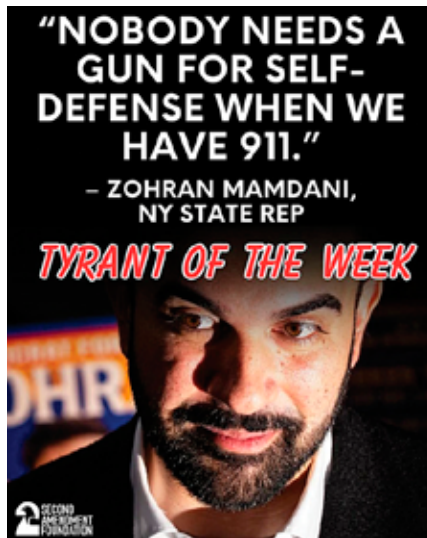
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Agents found the stand on Thursday, and the FBI is now leading an investigation into the discovery. FBI Director Kash Patel said the hunting stand has not yet been connected to any individual.



Trump hater arrested after shooting at man over Trump sign

(PJ Media) - Mark Thomas had a Trump sign in his own front yard, but Benjamin Michael Campbell apparently doesn't believe in private property, because he stopped to tear down Thomas' sign and then fired multiple shots at the house while Thomas was on the porch. Fortunately Campbell missed hitting Thomas — barely. The wacky anti-Trumper has since been identified and arrested.

[Editor: Mr. Ben Campbell is facing 17 years in prison for his little stunt.]



Get woke, go broke

Hollywood loses third of jobs in 2 years

(Filmmakers Alliance) - According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, around 100,000 people were employed in Los Angeles County's motion picture industry at the end of 2024. Two years earlier, that figure stood at 142,000.

That's a loss of 42,000 jobs—nearly a third of the workforce—in just 24 months.



Criminal illegals pulled off Interstates

(America First Report) - Federal agents have ramped up operations across the country, pulling illegal immigrants out of truck cabs and off the interstates. These moves, spearheaded by ICE and state patrols, come as President Trump's team enforces long-ignored rules on who gets to haul freight in America. The result? Pay rates for legitimate drivers are climbing, especially in the spot market where quick loads get bid online.

One trucker posted on X about a run from Chicago to Fargo: "[I] Normally do Chicago to Fargo for \$1200. Had a [delivery] broker call and offer me \$1800. Needless to say, I took him up on the offer. Lord do I hope this hangs around a little bit."



Springfield introduces a .380 ACP Hellcat

(GSL) - Springfield has dropped it's .380 version of the Hellcat pistol. It's a tiny little thing, weighing in at 16.5oz. loaded with a 13-round extended magazine. What's more it ships with night sights standard and for a few more bucks you can get one with optics installed from the factory if that's your thing.

Fantasizes assassinating his political opponent and his children, welcomes cop deaths

Despicable Dem. Virginia AG candidate fantasizes about political assassinations, and now endorsed by Big Gun Control

(Just The News) - During his first bid to become Virginia attorney general, Jay Jones promoted legislative efforts to divest from the police, pull cops from schools, end qualified immunity for law enforcement, and abolish cash bail. As he centered his unsuccessful 2021 Democratic primary run on police reform and race, he repeatedly invoked Black Lives Matter icons George Floyd and Jacob Blake...

were to "die before me" then "I will go to their funerals to piss on their graves" to "send them out awash in something..."



Jay Jones.

The Virginia Democrat's bid to be the Virginia attorney general has been rocked by the revelations that he sent hateful texts wishing death upon his Republican political opponents and their children.

Jones wrote in 2022 that if a number of his former Republican colleagues

The Virginia Democrat also texted that, in a hypothetical situation in which he had only "two bullets" and was faced with Republican Speaker of the Virginia House Todd Gilbert and two dictators (Adolph Hitler and

Pol Pot), then "Gilbert gets two bullets to the head" and "he receives both bullets every time."

Jones also confirmed in texts first released by National Review that he had said that he hoped that Jennifer Gilbert's children would die in her arms, writing that "only when people feel pain personally do they move on policy." Jones added: "I mean do I think Todd and Jennifer are evil? And that they're breeding little fascists? Yes..."

Republican Virginia Delegate Carrie Coynor, to whom Jones had sent the hateful texts, also said this month that, in 2020, Jones had told her that a few police officers dying would stop them from killing more people.

Violent Antifa fascists charged federally

(Reuters) - Federal prosecutors in Texas have for the first time filed terrorism charges targeting antifa, FBI Director Kash Patel said on Thursday, citing President Donald Trump's recent designation of the far-left anarchist movement as a terrorist organization, opens new tab.

Cameron Arnold of Dallas and Zachary Evetts of Waxahachie, Texas, were charged on Wednesday with providing support to terrorists for their alleged role in the non-fatal shooting of a police officer at an immigration detention facility. Both were arrested in July with eight others and charged with attempted murder and weapons offenses.

Cry me a river... tell them to 'learn to code!'

NBC News layoffs

(Hollywood Reporter) - Layoffs hit NBC News on Wednesday, with the network news division facing cuts ahead of Comcast's spinoff of Versant. About 150 jobs were eliminated, representing about 2 percent of the workforce of the NBC News Group.

You thought we had it bad...

British judge gives protesters more jail time than the illegal child rapist they protested against

(Townhall) - Britain has a justice problem. Time and again, "crimes" like "rude" social media posts land otherwise law-abiding citizens in jail while real crimes -- like sexual assault and murder -- get slaps on the wrist.

It happened again, and this time the irony is even more biting...

Hadush Gerberslasie Kebatu from Ethiopia entered the UK by boat and made his way to the town of Epping, England. Once there, he decided that he wanted to have sex with all the teenage girls.

No, really, within a few days of arriving in England, he sexually assaulted multiple girls.

Instead of being deported, or perhaps executed as a public example of what civilized countries do to foreigners who try to rape their children, Kebatu received a measly year in jail...

Counter-protesters were arrested and some of them were sent to prison for longer than



Owning a gun means you no longer have to fear the night.



- A million gallons of water per day
- The 'little people' spoke out and got active!

Google withdraws Indy data center plans after massive public outcry

(WBOI) - Google announced its intent to withdraw a contested proposal to rezone hundreds of acres on the southeast side of Marion County for a data center campus.

A final vote on the project was expected during Monday's City-County Council meeting, but Councilor Michael-Paul Hart, a key player in the fight over the center, surprised dozens of residents in the overflow room when he said the tech giant planned to withdraw.

Minutes later, Joseph Calderon, the local attorney for Google's rezoning request, confirmed the news, and hundreds of cheers erupted in the packed council chambers.



Left's lunacy leading to party's irrelevance

Brilyn Hollyhand @BrilynHollyhand (X) - While the Left is nude on bikes defending illegals in Portland, Trump just released all the hostages and negotiated the end of a war.

And they wonder why their party is in the trash heap of history?

NYC's mayor-to-be: Ban guns from Americans, not Hamas



Hopefully it won't result in looting/rioting

Food Stamp benefits may pause if gov't shutdown continues

(CNN) - Roughly 42 million people are at risk of losing critical food assistance in November amid the federal government shutdown...

The food stamp program will run out of money in two weeks, Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins told reporters at the White House on Thursday...

Like other members of the Trump administration, Rollins cast blame on the Democrats, posting on X Thursday that they are putting "their political agenda ahead of food security for American families."

From Babylon Bee...



Trump responds to 'mostly peaceful' protests with mostly peaceful military



Chicago mayor hoping his ICE-free zones work better than his Gun-Free zones



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