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# JOHNSON'S HYPOCRISY

## *Gun control for thee, 150 armed bodyguards for me*

*Chicago (GSL)* - Oh, Chicago, the Windy City—where the winds of hypocrisy blow stronger than a gale off Lake Michigan, courtesy of Mayor Brandon Johnson, the self-proclaimed champion of the people who's apparently terrified of them. Research reveals that Johnson's personal bodyguard brigade boasts a whopping 150 Chicago Police Department officers.

\$22.5 million annually, but toss in overtime, vehicles, and whatever fancy gadgets they need to babysit His Honor, and you're looking at a cool \$30 million-plus burden on taxpayers. Because nothing says "fiscal responsibility" like blowing more cash on your own hide than the entire budgets of all but a few entire police departments in the state.



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Mayor Johnson.

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## April 2026

- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **April 29**  
*Normally at the Eagles Club, 3737 N. Fifth Street, Quincy*
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **NEW LOCATION! March 29, Apr. 26**  
Main Street Exchange Pizza Bar, 25346 S. Dixie Highway, Crete  
*Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.*
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **April 6, May 4**  
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **April 7, May 5**  
Pontiac Sportsman's Club, 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **April 1, May 6**  
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (*Program at 6:45pm*)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **April 2, May 7**  
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria  
*Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6:30ish.*
- **Danville:** Second Monday **April 13, May 11**  
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **April 8, May 13**  
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove  
*Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.*
- **Mattoon:** Second Thursday: **April 9, May 14**  
The American Legion Post 88, 1903 Maple Ave, Mattoon
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **April 16, May 21**  
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St., Utica

**Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 6 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.**  
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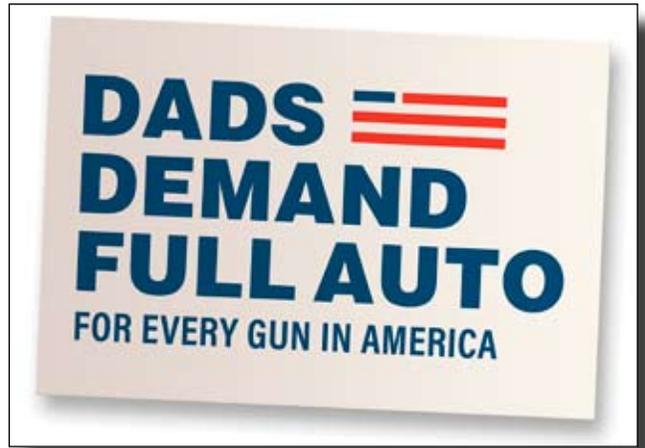
**Meetings are free and open to all.**



Pamela Denise Long, running for the Republican nomination for US Senate joined us in Springfield.



David Timm, candidate for the Republican nomination for Sangamon County Sheriff spoke at SCHEELS.



History comes to life at the Decatur GSL meeting. Here's a 1800s vintage black powder pocket pistol.



Bill Hutton, our Decatur Regional Director, with Decatur's gun winner.



Ken pulled off a win in Danville, a Henry lever-action .22.



Jack Land, our Danville Regional Director, with Mike Hartshorn, candidate for the Republican nomination for Vermilion County Sheriff. His father, Pat, has been the sheriff for thirty-some years.



We'll just leave this here...



Owen snagged a very nice Taurus G3 in Pontiac!



Greg Bishop joined us via Zoom for our Chicagoland meeting.



Congresswoman Mary Miller in Mattoon!



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Our next meeting will take place Sunday, February 22nd. Dinner & conversation at 4:30. Program at 5:30.

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## GunNews roaring back...

If you read our website, you saw how just a couple months ago, *GunNews* was teetering on the edge of vanishing into the night. Guns Save Life stared down a brutal financial crunch near the end of January. Our monthly beacon of truth—the one that arms Illinois gun owners with facts, fights, and real firepower—nearly became a ghost.

We hit rock bottom. Condition Red.

What pushed us there? We didn't flinch when Springfield's tyrants unleashed the PICA ban—the most brazen assault on the Second Amendment Illinois has ever seen. Guns Save Life didn't just complain. We charged in headfirst.

Big checks. Every spare dollar. Funds that should've kept our own lights on—redirected straight to the lawyers battling to smash that unconstitutional monstrosity. We gave until it hurt. Then we kept giving. Blood, sweat, and treasure poured into the legal trenches.

No other Illinois gun-rights group stepped up like GSL. We bled green so law-abiding citizens could keep their rights intact. Meanwhile, at least one of our peers raked in mountains of cash earmarked for "PICA legal expenses"... and delivered nothing but radio silence. Crickets. While we wrote checks that wrecked our budget, they were... what? Counting the haul?

But here's the epic comeback you're holding in your hands right now:

We're bouncing back hard—out of Condition Red and firmly in Condition Yellow: alert, lean, and ready to strike. Thanks to brutal cost-cutting coupled with generous donors stepping up, faithful members renewing and our volunteers, we published in February when it looked doubtful four weeks earlier.

And as you can see, we're publishing again this month.

Ruthless austerity moves cut every ounce of fat and into some of the muscle too. **We considered, then rejected fundraising letters in favor of publishing our March issue in mid-February.** No fluff. No drama. Just laser focus on what wins and what we do well: waking people up with public education, delivering proven results in the courts and culture, and putting *GunNews* straight to your door with unfiltered truth.

The March 2026 issue...



The issue that almost didn't happen...

Give us a couple more months of this momentum—with your rock-solid backing—and we'll be back stronger, sharper, and more unstoppable than before. Maybe even positioned to finish the job on PICA once and for all.

This isn't just about saving *GunNews*. It's about saving the Second Amendment in Illinois—one *GunNews* issue, one court filing, one educated voter at a time.

Thanks to you, we're here. Keep the support coming—donations are a godsend. Checks to: Guns Save Life, PO Box 51, Savoy, IL 61874. Or grab extra tickets for the gun drawings—same fight, more fun.

—Guns Save Life Team

## 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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**Springfield (New Address!):** Glisson Heating and Air, 1531 W. Jefferson in Springfield. There may be limited availability to get them. Call Dave Walbaum at 217 341-6297 or Joel Gain at 217 632-3267.

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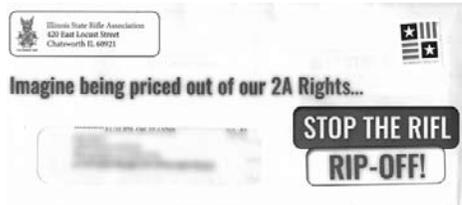
## Roaring back!

by John Boch  
Guns Save Life Executive Director

### Legislative Update

The Illinois General Assembly's real fire-works ignite in May—90% of the heavy lifting crams into the final week, with the session slamming shut May 31st. Most drama unfolds in the frantic last 48 hours.

The infamous RIFL bill? Dead and buried since March, rotting in the Rules Committee. If it comes back (big if), it'll be a shell bill, rammed through under cover of darkness. No lobbyist army can stop that silliness - the gun grabbers have the votes to pass anything they want.



Yet ISRA's still blasting fundraising mailers to members, begging donations to "stop" the already-dead RIFL bill. Exploiting folks who don't know better? Not exactly the height of ethics, in my book. But folks can make their own decisions.

On fundraising transparency: We hit a rough patch end of January—thanks to rock-solid patriots and *brutal* cost-slashing, we skimmed the ground but didn't crash. The bleeping Betty screamed at us, but we've rebounded fiercely.



Rumors of our demise? Greatly exaggerated, critics. We're soaring again. What's more, instead of spending big bucks on a fundraising mailer, we opted to put then-scarce resources into publishing *GunNews* and mailing it to our members. Because we defend your right to defend yourself, not mail out fundraising letters.

**IGOLD** – Mark April 15 on your calendar (Tax Day—easy to remember!). I'll head to Springfield, maybe dragging twin trouble-makers to tour the bad-idea factory firsthand. Is IGOLD effective? If it makes you feel better, GO! Better yet, David McDermott is the featured speaker ahead of the march to the capitol building. He's worth the trip all by himself.

### Litigation Update

Yawn... crickets from the Seventh Circuit.

SCOTUS is eyeing a pot-user gun-ban case. Justices seem deeply skeptical of stripping rights unless the user's actively stoned.

No surprise: AG Kwame Raoul opposes any marijuana user owning guns. Credit where due—he's an equal-opportunity firearm foe; he wants nobody armed.

A D.C. appeals court just gutted their magazine ban—sweet victory!

### NRA Board Elections

Vote for Illinois stalwarts (and GSL members) Todd Vandermyde and Dick Fairburn.

Trusted voices say the other IL candidate is a classic FUDD and LaPierre loyalist. Check *GunNews* and GSL's site for our full recommended slate.

### Iran & Domestic terror

Hoping our strike on Iran brings only temporary gas-price pain—no sleeper-cell chaos, no infrastructure carnage. Past attacks here? Mostly low-IQ lone misfits on empty tanks. If any get "spicy," carry daily—you might help them meet Jesus ahead of schedule.

When the homeland turns into a battlefield? We all become soldiers.

Stay vigilant, stay armed, stay involved. Guns Save Life—because freedom isn't free, and Springfield's nonsense sure isn't either. God bless our troops. God bless America.

## Agenda-driven 'study' claims cops use force 'disproportionately' against Chicago's black residents...

(GSL) - *The Center Square* breathlessly reports on a "damning" study claiming Chicago police disproportionately hammer Black residents with force—73% of incidents involve black people (who make up 29% of the population), even after "controlling" for arrests and geography. Cue the hand-wringing: failed reforms, systemic bias, consent decree in shambles. How shocking. Except this masterpiece of junk science comes straight from academics at UT San Antonio and UPenn, commissioned under the very Obama-era consent decree born from the Laquan McDonald political circus—a virtue-signaling exercise more about optics than actual safety.

The headline stat sounds juicy until you remember Chicago's violent crime isn't evenly distributed. Black Chicagoans disproportionately suffer as victims and suspects in shootings and homicides—HeyJackass.com tracks CPD data showing, early 2026, most shooting victims are Black (consistently 80-90%+ in trends), with assailants following suit. Police respond where shots ring out, 911 calls flood in, and chaos reigns on the South and West Sides. More encounters in high-crime zones? More force incidents. Groundbreaking revelation: policing follows crime, not some invisible racism ray.

Yet the study conjures a 52% higher force risk for black suspects versus whites. Wow, such rigorous controls—using self-reported

CPD data under intense decree scrutiny (hello, over-documentation incentive) and regressions marinated in progressive assumptions. Garbage in, narrative-approved garbage out. No wonder it's "compliance theater"—mandated by the same bureaucracy it pretends to critique.



ACLU's Alexandra Block calls for a "culture shift," which translates to: handcuff cops more, ignore how decree-driven scrutiny spikes force allegations (doubled 2022-2025) without actual behavior worsening. Residents distrust cops? Fair, but cops face real dangers in war zones the study conveniently ignores.

*The Center Square* usually does better than regurgitating this agenda-driven pabulum without bothering to mention the screaming crime-context elephant. Lazy reporting meets politically baked "science." Shocker.



## IGOLD 2026: Coming April 15th

We have received a couple of messages asking us to mention the upcoming IGOLD 2026 event in Springfield. It's slated for Tax Day, Wednesday, April 15th.

As usual, the rally at the Prairie Capital Convention Center (aka Bank of Springfield Center) kicks off around 10 or so. Dave McDermott will be the keynote speaker. Like last year's David Grossman, do yourself a favor and go to see Mr. McDermott if nothing else. March to the Capitol complex will kick off around 1pm.

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# Illinois News



## IL Supreme Court hears two gun cases

*(The Center Square)* – Arguments in two separate appeals were heard by the Illinois Supreme Court Tuesday in Springfield. One appeal challenges the state’s law prohibiting felons from possessing firearms, arguing it violates the Second Amendment. The other brings questions about double jeopardy in criminal proceedings within the State.

### Challenges to FOID laws

The defense, arguing for James Benson, contends that the state’s unlawful use or possession of a weapon by a felon statute, as applied to Benson in this case, is unconstitutional.

The defense asserts that Benson is protected by the Second Amendment, despite

a prior felony conviction for possessing a gun without a Firearm Owner’s Identification card...

### Double jeopardy challenge

The court’s second hearing pits a defendant’s right against double jeopardy against the consequences of requesting separate trials for related charges.

Terry T. Collins was charged with three gun-possession offenses after a firearm was found in a car where he was a passenger. Collins faced charges of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, violating the FOID Card Act, and unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon.

His defense successfully moved to sever the UPWF

charge, which was tried first. Due to the severance, the jury was left to decide only whether he knowingly possessed the gun. The jury returned a not-guilty verdict.

Following the acquittal, the defense moved to dismiss the remaining unlawful use of a weapon and FOID card charges, citing that a component of double jeopardy barred further prosecution.

Zachary Wallace from the office of the State Appellate Defender, representing Collins, contended that the jury’s not-guilty verdict meant it had already determined he did not knowingly possess the gun, an ultimate fact essential to the other charges.

*They can take away your rights in an evening, but it takes years to get them back.*

## Still no word on Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals on the PICA gun and mag ban challenge

*(Guns Save Life)* - Oh, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals—those judicial tortoisises in Chicago, leisurely ambling through the PICA gun and magazine ban challenge

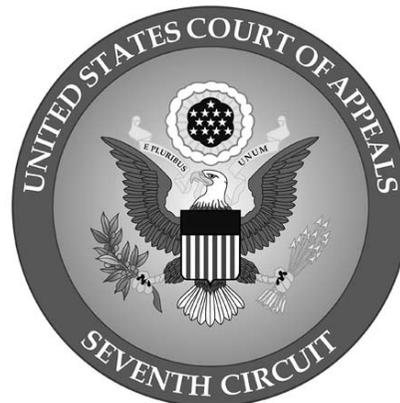
like they’ve got all the time in the world. You know, the Protect Illinois Communities Act, the law banning the most popular semi-auto firearms and magazines that feed them?

It’s been ping-ponging since 2023: District Judge McGlynn strikes it down as unconstitutional (twice!), the Seventh slaps a stay, oral arguments drag on in September 2025, and here we are in March 2026 with crickets. Are they slow-walking this masterpiece of procrastination to ensure the Supreme Court doesn’t snag it before the November 2026 midterms? Perish the thought! After all, why rush when you can let Illinois’ strictest gun curbs marinate, potentially swaying voter turnout or avoiding a pre-election SCOTUS bombshell that could rile up Second Amendment enthusiasts?

Observers from gun rights circles are howling “foul play.” On YouTube and Reddit, advocates like Todd Vandermyde and everyday commenters accuse the court

of deliberate dawdling—two years of “no action,” they say, stalling so SCOTUS can’t touch it until the appellate molasses hardens. One quip: “They can take away your rights in an evening, but it takes a years to get them back.”

Why the delay? Some speculate political gamesmanship in a blue-state circuit, keeping the ban intact to appease anti-gun factions amid election-year rhetoric. Others point to the court’s history of extended stays (like December 2024’s extension) and a general appellate backlog, but critics smell bias: with DOJ under Trump pushing pro-gun briefs, maybe the panel’s just hoping the clock runs out before midterms force a hot-potato handoff. Meanwhile, the Seventh yawns, embodying that classic judicial sarcasm: “Justice delayed is... well, who cares, as long as it’s not denied before votes are cast.”



## Illinois faces another 2A lawsuit

*(The Center Square)* – The Gun Owners Foundation and Gun Owners of America have filed suit in the Southern District of Illinois over the state’s prohibition of open and concealed public carry of firearms.

The plaintiffs say the case involves a challenge to Illinois’ refusal to allow the vast majority of Americans to exercise their constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

The federal complaint names Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly as defendants.

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## Virginia's new gun & mag ban shows – clearly – the two parties are NOT the same on gun rights

by Kostas Moros

(Shooting News Weekly) - The irony of a state with a defeated tyrant on its seal passing a ban on commonly owned firearms and magazines is sad, but not surprising given how that state has shifted politically. It is what it is. The way I see it, we'll have our answer soon from SCOTUS on hardware cases.



The Virginia assault weapons ban is another reminder that when you seem some doomer moron saying, "Republicans and Democrats are both antigun!", you should ridicule and bully them relentlessly.

Yes, Republicans are not perfect. But no red state has an "assault weapons" ban. Almost every blue state has one. Almost every red state has constitutional carry. Only a couple blue states do.

At the federal level, the Trump administration is opposing bans on commonly owned rifles and magazines. Yes, they are still defending the National Firearms Act and we disagree with them on that. But that's comparatively small potatoes versus what's happening in the blue states.

When it comes to the Second Amendment, one party is clearly superior and it's not even close. I hope that changes some day. It would be healthy for the Second Amendment's longevity if it did. But for now, this is the reality.

Stop letting online morons blackpill you into staying home on election day and thereby surrendering your rights.



With the DC Court of Appeals creating some buzz with its great ruling on magazine capacity limits last week, the Third Circuit preparing to issue its ruling likely striking down New Jersey's ban, and now Virginia passing another "assault weapons" ban in the Supreme Court's backyard, the Court can't duck this anymore. They'll either grant cert and decide this issue finally, or deny cert and confirm once and for all that they are not on our side.

Those of you in Virginia who are mad about the AWB will have your first chance to make your voices heard in the upcoming referendum on whether you will be disenfranchised or not via gerrymandering. I don't know if you can overcome all the federal employees they have imported in to Northern Virginia, but it's worth a shot.

WATCH OUT!

## Socialist Rifle Association: little more than Antifa with guns

(GSL) - The Socialist Rifle Association (SRA), especially its Chicago chapter in Cook County, operates nothing like a genuine gun-rights group. It could more accurately be described as Antifa with guns. They aren't pushing for broader Second Amendment freedoms—they're arming up to push hard-left revolution - at gunpoint.



The Chicago SRA openly brands itself anti-fascist and anti-racist on its X account and Facebook page, echoing classic Antifa rhetoric. Their focus? Training the "working class" in a socialist/communist framework, often in "safe spaces" for left-leaning radicals. But peel back the layers, and the picture sharpens: SRA members and affiliates have ties to violent incidents, from "counter-protests" to alleged attacks on law enforcement and facilities.

Nationally, the SRA has been linked to extremism—members implicated in firebombings, shootings at ICE sites (like the Prairieland attack where a former Marine tied to SRA was the alleged shooter), and other chaos. Reports from outlets like *Daily Wire* and *Jewish Online* highlight chapters posting armed photos alongside pro-terror messaging and Antifa symbols. Investigations point to training and funding streams that support violent militant actions.

In Cook County—ground zero for strict gun laws—the Chicago SRA chapter runs firearms education and mutual aid, sounding harmless on paper. Rumor has it that you don't just "join" but you have to run through a selection process to make sure you're "down" for the hard-left, communist struggle. Don't share their fringe beliefs on a wide range of topics? You won't join but you will be their mortal enemy.

Yes, they are an armed vanguard for socialism, aligned with Antifa networks like John Brown Gun Club. X posts and reports flag them coordinating with similar groups for potential standoffs and violent "direct action." Their bylaws push anti-capitalist arming against "oppression," not freedom and liberty.

Bottom line: This isn't about expanding gun rights for all. It's ideological warfare—arming radicals to dismantle the system, intimidate opponents with guns, and advance militant leftism.

In a county already hostile to firearms, the SRA's presence should raise real alarms. They are not defenders of liberty, but enforcers of communist revolution. There's a reason why they wear often wear facemasks for pictures, or black out their faces. They have plenty to hide.

If you run across people sporting Socialist Rifle Association messaging on their gear, stay alert; these aren't your average range buddies. They are potential trouble. Steer clear.



### The Illinois Freedom Alliance column will return next month!

If you are NOT engaged, then you don't have any right to complain! Get involved! Stay inspired! Stay educated!

At the Illinois Freedom Alliance, we help people get involved and make a difference in local government. We fight and work for free and fair elections. We help pro-freedom, pro-gun and pro-America first groups and organizations network together and share resources. We also educate and empower people through our educational programs online and in person. And we host seminars with great speakers too. Visit our website for more information.

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

## Another one bites the dust!

It seems like just yesterday I wrote about what it took to legally own a gun in Iran. And how the Iranian government was HARD-ASS. But now – since the US and Israeli militaries have been hosting a few “rock concerts” throughout Iran, the Iranian government is *REALLY* HARD-ASS. To the point where they have recently killed up to 30,000 of their own people. The only decent news is that it seems they have laid off hanging folks from cranes; stoning people to death in procedures that sometimes take a few hours; and shoving folks off high cliffs or tall buildings, so those executed have plenty of time to contemplate their death (and remember, it ain’t the drop that kills you, it’s the abrupt stop.)

Executions for previous death penalty crimes have almost dried up. Murder, rape, child molesting, consumption of alcohol (yikes!), armed robbery, burglary, homosexuality, incest, fornication, adultery, sodomy, sexual misconduct, prostitution, blasphemy, extortion, counterfeiting, smuggling, and pornography remain on the books, mind you, but now you’re more likely to be eighty-sixed for other stuff.

Beginning in early January, massive numbers of people began demonstrating against the government – not because of political issues – but that the Iranian Rial (their currency) began to be so worthless that Iranians could get more value for it as wallpaper, than as money. How bad? Well, on one day, one US dollar was worth 1,314,807 rials! By January 8, 2026, local hospital emergency wards were sweating. All week, people in the streets were met by police with batons and pellet guns. With treatment, these superficial injuries – laceration wounds needing stitches – should not have been too serious, but medical experts believed many wounded young people were avoiding hospitals, terrified that registering as trauma patients would lead to their identification and arrest. But it would get worse. The next day, wounds – many fatal – changed to close-range gunshots and severe stab gashes (like from bayonets), typically to the chest, eyes and genitals.

How many Iranians have been murdered? Maybe tens of thousands, based on the conclusion that “officially registered deaths related to the crackdown likely represent less than 10% of the real number of fatalities.” Testimony from morgues, cemeteries, and hospitals around Iran reveal determined efforts by authorities to conceal the true size of the toll: bodies transported in ice-cream vans and meat trucks; piles of dead buried in hasty graves; hundreds of bodies disappearing from Iran’s network of forensic facilities. Right out of Vincent Price singing in “Thriller.”

But killing in Iran is a two-edge sword (pardon the pun.) Last June 21-22, 2025, Hossein Salami, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Commander-in-chief, got “salami-sliced” in an Israeli air attack. As did Amir Ali Hajizadeh, head of the Revolutionary Guards’ Aerospace Force. So did Gholamreza Mehrabi, Deputy Head for Intelligence. They all got replaced of course, but beginning on February 28, 2026, another wave of tyrannical leaders became intimately familiar with British rock band Queen’s famous song, “Another One Bites

the Dust!” That classic was released on August 22, 1980, the 292nd day of the Iran Hostage Crisis. Old Grand Ayatollah Ruhollah Musavi Khomeini – you remember him – was behind that seizure of the American Embassy in Tehran, and also behind the 1983 murder of 241 US military personnel at the Beirut barracks bombings.

Khomeini died in 1989, but his successor, Grand Ayatollah Ali Hosseini Khamenei – also a real SOB – went to his great reward Saturday morning February 28, 2026 – the first day of Operation Epic Fury. It appears, according to multiple reports, the joint U.S.-Israeli operation targeted Iran’s leadership and military command, resulting in the deaths of several high-ranking figures in addition to Khamenei, including: Ali (“Shama Lama Ding Dong”) Shamkhani, Secretary of the Iranian Supreme National Security Council; Mohammad (“Pour It Up”) Pakpour, Commander IRGC Ground Forces; Aziz Nasirzadeh, Minister of Defense; Abdolrahim (“Mickey Mouseketeer”) Mousavi, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces; Salah Asadi, Intelligence Chief. And dozens more.



But here’s the rub for the rest of Iran’s power elites, especially those neck-deep in murdering plenty of Iranians over the last 47 years. The US has signaled surviving Iranian leaders that we are open for negotiations, and will offer “immunity” to members of the IRGC, along with its military and police forces after they lay down their power.

However, the only way to get close to real immunity is for them to escape Iran and stay away for the rest of their lives. Who’s going to want them? We don’t. Europe? Many governments there are afraid of their own shadows! Russia? Moscow supports Iran, but they have their own Muslim issues in their republics of Dagestan and Chechnya. Why bring in potential problems? China? They support Iran. However, since 2014, the People’s Republic has committed one human rights abuse after another against Muslim Uyghurs in the Xinjiang autonomous region of northwest China. Hardcore Shias-fleeing Tehran might help the Uyghurs; why would Beijing take a chance? Plus, Russia and China need huge amounts of oil, so why hack off the new free Iranian owners of the third largest oil reserves in the whole dang world? “Don’t Want To Be A Fool.”

So if former IRGC officers, police officials, judges, and other butchers with gallons of Iranian blood on their hands remain in Iran, they are going to wish they had been blown up with the Ayatollah. No such luck. So “Let It Whip.” These guys are going to die long, terrible, painful deaths that will be limited only by the imaginations of their Iranian captors – captors whose relatives were murdered by these guys. “And another one gone, and another one gone. Another one bites the dust.”

It should’ve been a ‘Defensive Gun Use’

## Illegals beat, sodomize, rip fingernails off victim in NC home invasion

(GSL/SNW) - In the quiet suburbs of Greenville, NC, Alex T. lived a peaceful life as a mechanic in his mid-forties. Like many, he minded his own business, and believed that his locked doors would protect him from evil lurking in his community. He thought wrong.

Three men pried open a window and ambushed Mr. T. in his sleep. Two were illegals from Mexico. They bound him, and then – for hours – they beat him severely, sodomized him, and just for good measure, they ripped out his fingernails with pliers from his own toolbox.

Alex endured unimaginable torture with no means of fighting back. He survived only because he eventually crawled to his phone and called 911. Hospitalized with serious injuries, he faces a long recovery.

The attackers were arrested and now face charges

including first-degree forcible sexual assault, kidnapping, burglary, and use of a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

while Alex holds his position and calls 911. The home remains largely secure, Alex is physically unharmed, with his dignity, his safety and his fingernails intact.

That scenario isn’t fantasy. Defensive gun uses happen millions of times annually in the U.S., according to CDC estimates and criminologists’ studies, usually stopping

crimes without shots being fired.

Alex’s real-life ordeal shows the deadly cost of being defenseless. Without a firearm, he had no fighting chance. With a gun, he could have protected himself and had a shot at preventing this almost unimaginable horror.

Responsible firearm ownership isn’t about fear — it’s about empowerment. In a world where evil can enter any home, the right to self-defense can mean the difference between victimhood and triumph over evil.



Could the story have been different if Alex had owned a firearm? Picture the same night, but with a responsibly-stored handgun kept loaded and accessible near his bed. He knows that when seconds count, cops are just minutes away. Alex wakes to the sound of intruders and in moments has his gun in his hand.

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'Police violence is gun violence' they say...

# Gun Control's REAL Agenda: Defenseless citizens and defenseless police



Gabby Giffords.

by John Lott (Real Clear Politics) - Gun control advocates do not just oppose civilian gun ownership; they also argue that guns in the hands of police make people less safe.



**Gun control zealots are unhinged.** In January, a Border Patrol agent in Portland shot and wounded two Venezuelan nationals who belonged to the violent Tren de Aragua gang after they allegedly tried to run agents over with their vehicle. In response, Kris Brown, president of Brady United, tweeted the following:

*"We don't know the details behind the shootings of 2 people by a Border Patrol agent in Portland. But I know one thing for certain: whether in the hands of federal officers or everyday Americans, guns do not make us safer. Yet Trump is reshaping our country based on this lie."*

What were the Border Patrol agents supposed to do when an illegal alien with a criminal record tries to run over an agent? How are unarmed agents supposed to apprehend and detain violent gang members?

Currently on its website, Brady United explains: "Why Police violence is gun violence ... As we work to tackle the gun violence epidemic in America, we cannot ignore police violence or its devastating effects."



The same claim is made repeatedly by other gun control groups.

"Police violence is gun violence and that's why our movement must be responsive as well," declares Shannon Watts, president for Moms Demand Action.

"Police violence is gun violence," proclaims Gabby Giffords, with the Giffords Law Center.

These last two statements are from 2021 and 2020, so their opposition to police having guns isn't a new focus.

Gun control groups sometimes openly acknowledge their goal of banning all guns. In a 2023 interview with Time magazine, for example, Gabby Giffords – who heads the Giffords Law Center – answered a question about her goal by saying: "No more guns." When the interviewer asked whether she meant no more gun violence, Giffords clarified: "No, no, no. Lord, no. Guns, guns, guns. No more guns. Gone."

Time magazine itself treated the remark as significant enough to place Giffords' line – "No more guns, Gone" – in the headline.

If firearms are bad per se, it should be easy to find places where either all guns or all handguns have been banned and murder/homicide rates have gone down. One would think out of randomness there should be at least one place where murder rates have gone down or at least stayed the same, but every single time, even for island nations, murder rates have gone up immediately after the ban.

A simple logic is at play here: Who is most likely to obey the law? While such statutes may take a few guns from criminals, they primarily disarm the most law-abiding citizens, making it easier for criminals to commit crimes.

Similar problems exist for police. Taking away the guns that both civilians and police have doesn't mean that criminals will readily forfeit their weapons. Criminals have strong incentives to keep and obtain weapons. Drug gangs can't go to the police and ask for help to get their drugs back when another gang steals their drugs. The gangs have set up their own little paramilitaries to protect their valuable stash.

Gun control advocates point to the low murder rate in the United Kingdom, with its largely unarmed police forces, as evidence that disarming police can make people safer. But they ignore that the U.K. had an even lower homicide rate relative to the U.S. before they enacted strict gun controls, and that after a 1997 handgun ban, Britain experienced increases in homicide rates.

Gun control advocates often frame their proposals as modest steps to reduce violence, but their own statements often reveal a far broader goal. The evidence from places that have banned guns also shows a troubling pattern: Disarming the law-abiding does not disarm criminals. If we want to reduce crime and protect the public, policies must focus on stopping criminals – not on leaving both citizens and police defenseless.

## UNH Police Chief who testified students 'too drunk' for campus carry charged with... DRUNK DRIVING

(GSL/SNW) - Steven Lee, the 50-year-old Chief of Police at the University of New Hampshire. He recently testified that college students absolutely shouldn't be trusted with guns on campus. Reason? "They're too drunk," he said. The gun control advocate, using his professional position as Chief of Police — advocating that New Hampshire protect the kids by keeping them disarmed. Assume they're constantly intoxicated and irresponsible.

Fast-forward to present day: Chief Lee — badge, gun, and all — was pulled over in Portsmouth at almost 1 a.m.

Chief Steven Lee was (allegedly) hammered enough to earn himself a pair of shiny bracelets and a DUI charge. He's now on paid administrative leave (because of course it's paid), has plead not guilty, and a trial set for March.

## New Haven, CT police chief and gun control advocate busted stealing money from poor kids

(GSL/SNW) - Meet Karl Jacobson, the now-former police chief of New Haven, Connecticut. For virtually his entire career in police administration, he's been a dedicated crusader against the pesky Second Amendment we mere mortals dare to exercise.

For years, this guy was a face of "gun violence" prevention, cozying up to anti-gun groups like Connecticut Against Gun Violence. He preached about treating gun ownership like a public health crisis, all while pushing programs to disarm the little people under the guise of safety. Because guns are icky and he has his.

But lo and behold, safety crusader Karl has been slapped with first-degree larceny charges for (allegedly) swiping almost a hundred grand in police department funds. Some of the money was for earmarked for... wait for it...youth programs for "at risk" kids.

## JOHNSON'S HYPOCRISY

Continued from Cover.

But wait, it gets better—or should we say, dumber? This intellectual powerhouse mayor, who clearly thinks "defund the police" is a slogan for everyone but himself, has more cops orbiting him than the entire Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) has patrolling its vast network. The CTA? Just 130 full-time officers to cover 79 stations, 146 platforms, and 335 trains. Riders dodge bullets, muggings, firestarters and chaos on a daily basis, but Brandon? He's got an army ensuring nobody carjacks him or one mugs him to and from work or walking downtown.

Please, the man's brain must be on permanent vacation if he thinks this math adds up. Or maybe it's just the classic leftist logic: Guns and cops for me, but not for thee.

Johnson's all in for disarming the "little people"—those everyday Chicagoans and visitors navigating his crime-riddled dystopian paradise. He preaches strict laws to keep firearms out of civilian hands, yet surrounds himself with more armed protection than Mexican drug cartel bosses. Hypocrisy much? It's like lecturing on veganism while chowing down on a steak.

What's more, Johnson took the cops out of Chicago Public Schools, leaving the kids there sitting ducks to gang violence and active killers. Yep, it's true. Stacy Davis Gates and the Chicago Teachers Union succeeded in taking the cops out of all Chicago Public Schools.



Two victims of shooting outside of the Benito Juarez Community Academy. They both died.

Kids have been murdered within feet of the doors of CPS schools in the last couple of years. School shootings have tripled nationwide in the past decade, and Chicago leads the pack in youth violence, but Johnson's priority is his own sorry fat ass, not the vulnerable children he claims to champion. No cops for the classrooms, but an entire platoon for the mayor? That's not leadership; that's cowardice wrapped in incompetence with arrogance as the bow on top.

This feckless fool and his equally inept staff are a comedy of errors, turning Chicago into a punchline. Johnson's not a mayor; he's a punch-drunk boxer dodging reality, leaving residents to fend for themselves in the ring. If brains were dynamite, he couldn't blow his nose. Wake up, Chicago—your "dear leader" is the real threat to public safety.



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## Chicago PD 'misplaces' CCW holder's ammo, then arrests him for reporting it

*Chicago (GSL)* - Illinois' strict gun control laws impose heavy burdens on law-abiding citizens, but Quentin Howard complied fully: he possessed a valid FOID card and concealed carry license.

During a routine traffic stop, Chicago Police Officers Julian Irving and Sarah Abuosba disarmed him—contrary to typical procedures for CCW holders on minor violations.

They placed his legally carried firearm on the trunk, and while handling it, two rounds of ammunition mysteriously disappeared from the gun while in their custody.

Howard noticed the missing rounds when he retrieved his weapon. Rather than cause a scene, he drove to the nearby Wentworth District station to file an official police report—a responsible step to document the loss and protect himself.

At the station, he encountered the same officers plus supervisor Officer John Sanders. Howard calmly explained the situation and noted he would record the interaction for his safety, given the prior mishandling of his property.

Sanders demanded a physical FOID card, rejecting the electronic version Howard had shown during the stop. When Howard questioned the requirement, Sanders escalated, ordering him handcuffed and arrested for failing to produce a physical card.



Abuosba reportedly told the handcuffed Howard that he was being arrested because he "wanted to escalate the issue and make it bigger than it had to be."

It wasn't Chicago Police's best day.

Howard is now suing the City of Chicago and the three officers in federal court, alleging a retaliatory arrest. If the facts hold, he could secure a substantial settlement at taxpayer expense, while the officers may face discipline—up to termination.

This case exposes serious issues: losing ammunition from a citizen's firearm in police custody, then arresting someone for politely reporting the error and seeking accountability. Incompetence followed by thin-skinned retaliation exemplifies poor policing. Chicago residents deserve officers who handle property responsibly and respond to complaints professionally, not with ego-driven arrests.

*Chicago 'Justice' is why you should carry a gun when you're in the Windy City*

## Paroled early for shooting a carjacking victim, thug now tries to murder four cops

*Chicago (GSL)* - Sedrick Griffin, 31, is a shining product of Chicago's elite public schools: functionally illiterate but fluent in felony foolishness. Fresh off parole after serving less than a year of a laughably soft two-year sentence for unlawful gun possession—Illinois justice in full clown mode—this genius rolled up at 6 a.m. in Auburn Gresham, spotted four uniformed CPD officers in parked squad cars, and decided to audition for Most Wanted.



*Sedrick Griffin, a one-man crime wave.*

He parked his black Nissan Armada, crouched behind a truck like he invented camouflage, popped up, and fired eight rounds from a stolen 9mm directly at the cops. Bullets zipped past heads—zero hits.

Illinois has America's strictest gun laws: FOID cards, mag bans, waiting periods, red-flag rules—the progressive utopia checklist. None deterred this repeat felon from carrying a stolen handgun and attempting to murder four officers in daylight.

Meanwhile, Sedrick's escape attempt? Peak incompetence: floors it, smashes into two parked cars hard enough to flip one, gets ejected, then sprints through alleys like a budget action hero. Cops grab him in under three minutes. Bodycams, surveillance, eight shell casings, stolen gun—checkmate.

Rewind to 2023: Sedrick shot a carjacking victim in the leg point-blank. Soft-on-crime prosecutors downgraded it to attempted possession of a stolen vehicle. Minimal time. Revolving door.

Now he faces four counts of attempted murder of police officers, aggravated discharge, felon-in-possession, and more. Finally, a cage that might last longer than recess.

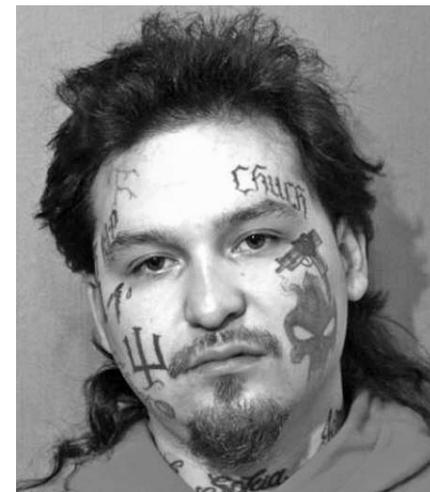
*'Justice,' Chicago style*

## Perp pleads to armed carjacking and felon in possession, gets ZERO days in prison

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - A man accused of carjacking a woman while awaiting trial for being a felon in possession of a firearm will not serve any time in an Illinois prison after pleading guilty in both cases, according to court records.

Josiah Noyola, 37, was initially released pending trial on May 30, 2021, to await trial on the gun possession charge. While that case moved through Cook County's notoriously slow court system, prosecutors said Noyola was involved in a violent carjacking more than two years later.

Last Wednesday, Noyola pleaded guilty to aggravated robbery for the carjacking and to being a felon in possession of a firearm in connection with the 2021 case, court records show. Judge Kenneth Wadas sentenced Noyola to four years in prison on each count.



*Josiah Noyola still prowling the streets.*



## Man and his dog shot after telling driver to 'slow down,' police say

*Chicago (Sun-Times)* - A man and his dog were shot after he told a speeding driver to "slow down" Tuesday morning in West Pullman on the Far South Side, police said.

The 50-year-old man was on his porch as he warmed up his car around 7:25 a.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of East 117th Street when he yelled at a speeding red vehicle to "slow down," according to Chicago police reports obtained by the Chicago Sun-Times.

The red vehicle then circled back around, and an armed individual opened fire, striking the man and his dog, police said. Eight spent shell casings were recovered from the scene, police said.

## 'Super Mayor' moved to Atlanta, seeking office... as Republican

*Fulton County, GA (Western Journal)* - Well, that's one way to stage a political comeback.

Tiffany Henryard, the former embattled Democratic mayor of a Chicago suburb, has been known as everything from "super mayor" to the "worst mayor in America."



And now, it appears Henryard will also be known as a Republican.

According to The Hill, the 42-year-old former mayor of Dolton, Illinois, isn't just switching parties, but switching states, as well.

Henryard is now running as a Republican in the Fulton County Commission race in Georgia.

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**SPOILER ALERT:** Don't count on it...

## Will MN's mandatory home inspection law be enough to prompt SCOTUS action?

by Jonathan Turley  
Across the country, Democrats are moving to ban popular semiautomatic weapons as well as magazines holding more than 10 or 15 rounds of ammunition. That includes, most recently, Virginia, which has careened to the left after the election of Gov. Abigail Spanberger (D). However, the most chilling such legislation may be in Minnesota, where state Sen. Matt Klein has introduced SF 4290. The law not only bans semiautomatic rifles and magazines with more than ten bullets, but also allows citizens to keep prior purchased weapons only if

they agree to allow the police to enter their homes to inspect storage and safety conditions.

The Supreme Court has thus far dodged review of these bans. However, while courts have upheld the bans in places like Illinois [Editor: *Not exactly in the case of Illinois*], some of us believe that banning weapons like the AR-15 is arbitrary and unconstitutional.

Courts are divided on both the bans on semiautomatic weapons and the magazine bans.

However, what makes the Minnesota law so distinctive is the provision on home inspections. The law states that, in addition to securing state permission or certification for the possession of existing weapons, owners must "agree to allow the appropriate law enforcement agency to inspect the storage of the device to ensure compliance with this subdivision..."

These laws will, hopefully, compel the Court to accept review of these laws and bring greater clarity on the scope of this individual right.



## Caveat Emptor with IL Firearms Association: Prolific fundraising mailings, not-so-hardcore impotent results

(GSL) - As Illinois gun owners, we've all seen our mailboxes stuffed with urgent pleas for donations. Lately, the **Illinois Firearms Association (IFA)** has ramped up its barrage, sending duplicate mailings that scream crisis while delivering little to nothing to the fight for our Second Amendment rights in the Land of Lincoln.

Take their recent envelopes: Bold red letters shout dire warnings and fear mongering predictions. Accompanied by a stern photo of the governor, these mailers demand immediate action—mostly in the form of your hard-earned cash.

even sure they show up in Springfield. While we host educational events, and build grassroots coalitions, the IFA focuses on fear-mongering mailers that promise to "stop" bills like HB-3320. How do you "stop" bills if you can't even show up? Their "parent" network, a web of Dorr-led entities, does more of the same in other states with donations funding salaries, operations, their printer and the US Postal Service rather than victories.



The Illinois Firearms Association world headquarters in Peoria.

But let's peel back the hysteria. The IFA, a creation of the infamous Dorr brothers—Aaron, Chris, and Ben—operates as part of a national network of so-called gun rights groups spanning numerous states. These brothers have mastered the art of alarmist fundraising, hauling in millions through relentless emails, mailers, and petitions that exploit 2A supporters' fears. Yet, their track record is abysmal. They alienate potential allies with aggressive, obnoxious tactics, burn bridges with lawmakers with stunts and overt disrespect, and alienate allies in their efforts to block anti-gun legislation. As one critic aptly put it, the Dorr brothers are "more interested in lining their pockets than advancing gun rights."

Example: In a 2024 phone call with GSL's Executive Director John Boch, Alex Dorr said the Illinois Firearms Association was fighting the gun and magazine ban in court. A little more research shows they watched from the gallery and filed an amicus brief. That's some bold fighting. *NOT*.

Consider the evidence: In 2024 alone, IFA blanketed Illinois with duplicate fundraising appeals, often identical mailings arriving days apart, preying on the same donors. By February 2024, their campaigns were in "full swing," outpacing even the NRA's notorious solicitations. Critics, including the National Rifle Association, have labeled them outright scams, accusing the brothers of using inflammatory rhetoric to siphon funds without delivering results. *The Blaze* detailed how Aaron Dorr, in particular, exploits supporters for profit, prioritizing personal gain over coalition-building. Even fellow pro-gun advocates warn: "Caveat emptor"—buyer beware.

This isn't just inefficiency; some describe it as grifting. While groups like Guns Save Life actually get results, the Illinois Firearms Association is nowhere to be found. We're not

Instead of funneling your hard-earned dollars into the Illinois Firearms Association's endless cycle of fear-driven mailers, consider directing your support to reputable gun rights orgs, ones that actually get results.

Like Guns Save Life (GSL)—a grassroots organization that born and raised in Illinois - and gets results in the fight to defend Second Amendment rights here in Illinois.

GSL isn't about perpetually mailing out "help us stop him" fundraisers and "urgent alerts" that lead nowhere. GSL gets results, builds coalitions and educates the public to make a difference—not just harvest donations from private mailbox in a UPS Store in Peoria.

In contrast to groups that blanket mailboxes with pleas for more and more money while achieving little in the capitol or the courts, GSL focuses on results: empowering everyday Illinois gun owners like you through education, activism, and persistence. We've grown because we deliver—saving ranges, coaching shooters, training people in self-defense and standing firm against disarmament schemes.

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The McHenry County Sheriff needs to issue a ticket to their driver of their MRAP for turning right on red. En route to the big bust that netted loose ammo...

## Multi-agency Illinois SWAT raid nets 38 loose rounds of ammo without a FOID card... and no guns

by John Boch

Today we bring you an epic tale of wasted police resources that administrators and politicians will no doubt describe as unmatched heroism by law enforcement in Lake in the Hills, Illinois. The forces of good and justice assembled like Avengers on megadoses of super steroids to take down one of the most dangerous criminal masterminds since the invention of the slingshot.

It was a full-blown multi-agency SWAT extravaganza, complete with a shelter-in-place order for an entire neighborhood. One that included not one, but two armored vehicles including a mine-resistant armored personnel carrier.



This critical operation began around 9:50 a.m. on a Thursday...prime time for coffee runs, dog walks and trips to the gym for those not working regular jobs. The Lake in the Hills Police Department had what they thought was a big case and decided they needed backup. Big backup.

They roped in the Carpentersville Police Department (because why not? It was probably equally slow over in Carpentersville, too) and, for the grand finale, the McHenry County Sheriff's multi-jurisdictional SWAT team. Those tactical titans came in full battle rattle gear, with armored vehicles, probably sniper overwatch, and certainly enough flash-bangs to light up a Fourth of July barbecue.

The cherry on top was the "Shelter in Place" order sent out to residents within a several block radius. Of course, worried residents hunkered down like it was the zombie apocalypse.

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The entire operation came to a head and what did the assembly of SWAT operators find after their dynamic entry? They found 38 loose rounds of ammunition (.45s, .223s and some 9mms) and a 20-year-old kid named Joel Fernandez who didn't have a FOID card.

You heard that right. No truckload of machine guns, kilos of coke, unregistered AK-47s - not even an illegal alien...just 38 live rounds. There were no guns found or seized. Not even a Daisy Red Ryder.

The cherry on this overblown sundae is they charged Fernandez with a Class A misdemeanor. Four of them, actually. You know, the legal equivalent of window peeping for having two-thirds of a box of ammo without a FOID card.



What's wrong with these people, you ask? Where do I start? In a state drowning in real problems — like, I don't know, homicides, gang violence galore, armed robberies, carjackings, sex crimes, human trafficking, illegal alien criminals — these cops squandered a whole lot of time and taxpayer resources on a farce that makes the Keystone Cops look like tier one operators. All for 38 rounds of ammo. I carry more ammo than that as part of my everyday carry.

And let's be real. If it was .22 rimfire plinking ammo, we'd be laughing even harder—but no, these were "pistol and rifle" rounds, so clearly, this Code Red emergency was well worth it.

Good job, fellas.

## John Lott destroys Politifact's dishonest reporting on 'Trans Killers'

by John Boch

(GSL/Shooting News Weekly) - Even though we've seen a pair of transgendered murder sprees in recent days, Politifact claims that there's no such thing as trans terrorism. Their "move along, nothing to see here" make-believe reporting designed to protect a "vulnerable" identity group is one big reason why trust in the media is near historic lows. The alarming reality that mainstream outlets like Politifact refuse to confront shows that transgender individuals are dramatically overrepresented in mass public shootings, according to research by John Lott of the Crime Prevention Research Center.

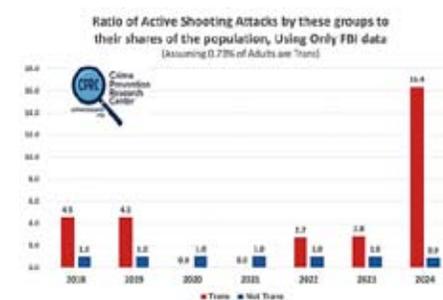


In a detailed analysis, Lott dismantles Politifact's claims of "no evidence" of rising LGBTQ+ violence. Or that trans people being statistically more prone to open fire on at schools, churches, hockey games...wherever.

Politifact's cherry-picked report err fundamentally by citing only the raw percentage of attacks by trans perpetrators without normalizing for their minuscule share of the population (1% or less). That's basic statistical malpractice. If a tiny demographic commits an outsized portion of rare, horrific crimes, the disparity screams for attention.

Estimates of the adult trans population average between 0.7% and 1%. Yet from 2018 to 2025, trans individuals accounted for mass public shootings (four or more murdered in public settings, per FBI-style definitions excluding gang/robbery crimes) at 6.2 times their share of the population.

The gap has widened further in recent years. In 2024 alone, trans perpetrators carried out active shooting attacks at more than 12 times—and possibly over 16 times—their expected rate based upon their share of the population at large.



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## Don't just talk about Civil War history... re-enact it!

by Edd Robinson

(GSL) - You've heard the old saying: "A picture is worth a thousand words." But books only tease your imagination—what if you could dive headfirst into the past?

Hear the sharp crack of muskets echoing across a misty field, smell the sharp bite of black powder mixing with woodsmoke and frying bacon, taste the dry crunch of hardtack, feel the weight of a wool uniform in summer heat, and watch cavalry boots churn the earth? That's when history doesn't just teach you—it grabs you!

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Voters didn't just see a candidate; they saw a dad who drew a bright red line in the sand against child sex monsters.

## Hero dad wins Arkansas sheriff primary election while awaiting murder trial

Lonoke, Co, Arkansas (GSL/SNW) - In a jaw-dropping twist straight out of an action thriller, a no-nonsense dad named Aaron Spencer just bulldozed his way to victory in a three-way primary for sheriff in an Arkansas county—while staring down murder charges against him like a boss.

Yes, you read that right. This guy's not your average candidate for sheriff. He's the real-life hero whose toxic masculinity turned a child sex predator into prey.

Picture this: In 2024, a then-66-year-old pervert targeted Spencer's then-13-year-old daughter. He groomed her and sexually assaulted her a number of times. Police investigated and eventually jailed Michael Foster on a slew of child sex crimes, but a judge released the (alleged) perp on an absurdly low bail without any supervision. And a "no contact" order not to communicate with the girl or her family.

Fast forward, over a year later, he's still running his game on the girl. In October 2025, Aaron and his wife awoke to some strange noises. Aaron checked on his daughter and found her missing, with a new stuffed animal wearing a hoodie in her place in bed.

Michael Fosler had sneaked around Spencer's home, lured Mr. Spencer's young daughter from her bedroom and bolted away in his dusty pickup truck.

Dad heard Fosler's truck leaving with some urgency. Spencer wasn't going to wait for the cops to finish their donuts to respond. He grabbed his gun and took off in hot pursuit.

Minutes later, Spencer caught up to the child molester's truck like he was Liam Neesom in *Taken*.

After Spencer forced the perv's pickup off the road, words flew. An "altercation" ensued and...boom. Spencer plugged the creep, rescuing his little girl from what could've been a lifetime of nightmares.

Heroic? Hell yes. But the local prosecutor decided he can't just let a heroic dad "get away" with doing the right thing. He slapped Spencer with a murder charge - and a gag order. Because, you know, the justice system is gonna justice.

Fuming, but far from finished, Spencer flipped the script, saying, in effect, "Screw this broken machine—I'll fix it myself."

He threw his hat in the ring for the sheriff job while awaiting his trial for murder, vowing to torch the failures of the criminal justice circus and rebuild trust in the badge. And...the voters ate it up. He steam-rolled the incumbent sheriff and one other candidate in a three-way primary brawl, snagging over 53% of the vote. No run-offs needed. The people spoke, loud and clear.

**Voters didn't just see a candidate; they saw a dad who drew a bright red line in the sand against child sex monsters. In a world gone soft on creeps, Spencer's delivered a gut-check reminder: sometimes, protecting your own means getting your hands dirty, and the locals have given him a standing ovation at the ballot box. Even as he awaits his murder trial.**

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## SLEEPER CELLS AMONG US: Lessons from a Special Forces Vet at GSL

(GSL) - At the Pontiac Sportsmen's Club, on a crisp March evening in 2026, a crowd of everyday Americans joined together for our GSL meeting to enjoying great company, great home-made food and a great presentation.

As always, the Guns Save Life meeting had drawn them together for the latest in news and information, along with a quiet resolve to protect what they loved most: their families, their neighbors, their country.

They came out and heard from our own Terry Riccolo share thoughts on sleeper cells and preparedness for the chaos they may bring to our heartland.

Retired Green Beret Terry Riccolo took the stage, his presence commanding yet ground-

ed, the voice of a man who had served in the shadows so others could live in the light.

"America faces real threats today," he said plainly. Sleeper cells—individuals who blend in, live quietly, perhaps for years—exist among us. They may appear ordinary, settling in rural areas to stay under the radar, training in secret.



He spoke of our nation's vulnerabilities: minimal vetting for some legal immigrants, virtually none for those entering unlawfully, and vast unguarded stretches along the northern border. Threats aren't limited to Muslim terrorists; recent cases highlighted risks from multiple sources, including the alarming incident where Chinese nationals smuggled a crop-destroying fungus. "This isn't just about firearms attacks," Terry emphasized. He mentioned the biolabs run by a Chinese "immigrant" too.

It's sabotage: poisoning water supplies, crippling infrastructure including electricity and internet along with disrupting our economy. And killing innocents in soft targets like schools, hospitals and public venues for good measure.



Authorities investigate a suspected unauthorized biolab inside a Las Vegas home.

Our most vital resource is clean water which makes a juicy target for bad guys.

With the Iran conflict raging—U.S. and Israeli strikes having targeted Iranian military sites since late February, following the regime's escalations—retaliation loomed. Federal alerts warned of possible activation of sleeper assets. Add to that the amateurs inspired by chaos—both could strike.

In fact, we've seen multiple Muslim terror incidents since we began bombing Iran.

Yet Terry's message wasn't despair; it was empowerment. He reminded folks how we are not helpless. He urged vigilance without paranoia: observe behaviors that deviate from the norm, report suspicions responsibly, build networks of trusted friends and community allies.

"Stay prepared. Carry your firearm daily. Have a reload, or better yet, a second gun. Train regularly. Stock essentials. Most importantly, cultivate awareness and resilience."

As he spoke, the room filled with nods of determination. These weren't warriors in uniform; they were ordinary patriots stepping up because freedom demands it. And when America becomes a battlefield, we're all soldiers whether we want to be or not.



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## PA homeowner ends home invasion attempt

*Somerset Township, PA (CBS Pittsburgh)* - A homeowner shot and killed an intruder in Somerset County on Monday morning, authorities said.

Pennsylvania State Police said in a news release on X that troopers were called to a home on Locust Street in Somerset Township around 2 a.m. on Monday

for the reported shooting. At the home, investigators found one person dead near the back of the residence with an apparent gunshot wound to the head.



Good thing she taught him out to shoot instead of giving him a Moms Demand Action t-shirt

## Woman's 11-year-old son saves her life with gun

*Philadelphia (NBC 10)* - An 11-year-old boy shot and killed his mother's boyfriend after the man attacked her inside a Philadelphia home late Thursday night, police said.

The shooting occurred around 11:30 p.m. inside a home along the 1100 block of South Peach Street. Police said a 30-year-old man, identified as Jaimeer Jones-Walker of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, was arguing with his girlfriend inside the bedroom of her home.

Police said Jones-Walker didn't live at the home and he double parked on the street before entering his girlfriend's house. The woman told police that Jones-Walker attacked her during their argument...

The woman's 11-year-old son then grabbed a handgun and fired one shot, shooting Jones-Walker in the face, according to investigators.

## Chicago garage burglar gets frisky, gets shot

*Chicago (ABC7)* - A CCL holder shot a man who was breaking into his home on Saturday, Chicago police said.

It happened at about 2:39 a.m. in the 5100-block of S. Loomis Boulevard, police said.

A 59-year-old man was breaking into a garage and was confronted by the homeowner.

[Editor's Note: 59-year-old Jose Pantoja was arrested by the police and after treatment and booking at the jail was released. Prosecutors didn't even ask to hold him until trial, despite three previous burglary convictions.]



Not complicated: Force entry, get shot.

## Felony Stupid: Woman forces entry on Des Moines home

*Des Moines, IA (KCCI)* - A 46-year-old woman is facing a felony charge after police say she forced her way into a Union Park home late Saturday night and was shot by the homeowner.

Des Moines police officers were called just before 11 p.m. to a residence in the 1500 block of Guthrie Avenue after a 911 caller reported that an intruder was attacking the homeowner. While officers were en route, the caller told dispatchers that the intruder had been shot.

When officers arrived, they found Stan-nita Wilson inside the home with multiple gunshot wounds.

# Good guys with guns – not police – stopped the Michigan synagogue attack

*(GSL/Shooting News Weekly)* - The attack on Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, Michigan, drove home a timeless truth. A 41-year-old Muslim terrorist, Ayman Mohamad Ghazali—an “immigrant” from Lebanon—rammed his truck through the synagogue doors and emerged, rifle in hand, aiming for mass slaughter. Inside were 140 vulnerable children, including pre-schoolers, and staff.



Thankfully, the synagogue's armed security team—everyday heroes exercising their Second Amendment rights—sprang into action. They engaged the jihadi immediately, stopping him cold before he could unleash hell. His truck burst into flames, but no innocents died; only one guard suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Police? They rolled up afterward as usual, mostly to take notes. The real saviors were the armed good guys on site.

Predictably, gun-grabbers like the Brady Campaign spun this as a “win” for law enforcement, ignoring that armed security—not cops—neutralized the threat and averted a massacre. Their endless push for restrictions would have disarmed those

guards, turning the place into a soft target for the next Islamic fanatic.

As SNW's Kostos Moros nailed on X: It wasn't police who stopped this synagogue attacker—it was ordinary armed citizens who ended the threat long before any badge could respond.

Once again, the only thing that stops a bad guy with evil intent is a good guy with a gun. Here, good guys were armed and not crippled by shortsighted gun control.

This Michigan synagogue attack proves the Second Amendment isn't optional—it's a lifeline. You're your own first responder. Armed citizens stop threats faster than any 911 call. Synagogues, churches, schools,

and communities should follow Temple Israel's lead: arm responsible people to protect the innocent.

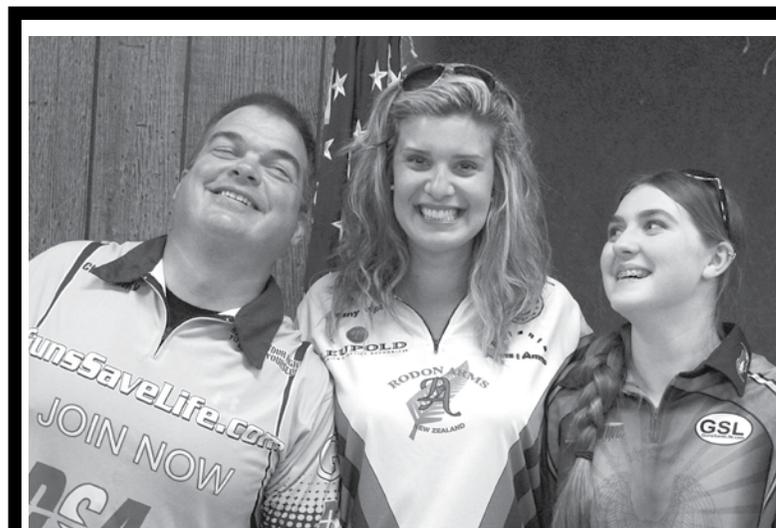
Ghazali's rampage failed not because of waiting periods or red tape, but because good people refused victimhood. Reject unconstitutional bans and champion armed self-defense everywhere—the next wannabe terrorist might hesitate.

Gun control outfits like Brady and Moms Demand Action keep peddling disarmament fantasies, mocking “good guys with guns” as myth despite millions of defensive uses yearly. Reality keeps proving them wrong, yet they push lies that empower criminals and disarm the law-abiding, shredding constitutional rights in the process.

Should've been a defensive gun use, but nobody had a gun

## Man fatally stabs four before deputy punched his ticket

*Key Peninsula, Wash. (AP)* — A man fatally stabbed four people before being shot by a sheriff's deputy outside a home northwest of Tacoma, Washington, on Tuesday, authorities said.



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## Freedom's Forum

While the Supreme Court dithers, more states advance gun bans

### AR-15s for elites, Felonies for you

by Guns Save Life

Gun and magazine bans are surging in several states this legislative session. Politicians dangle grandfather clauses as faux compassion for law-abiding owners, pretending to respect those who complied with prior laws.

These are cynical ploys. The gun-control jihadists—fanatical anti-gun pols (often modern “Democrats” - not Democrats in John Kennedy’s time) and their authoritarian allies—never stop moving the goalposts. What started with “universal background checks” has morphed into outright prohibitions on the semi-automatic rifles most commonly owned by everyday Americans.

They wage their relentless crusade to disarm the “little people” while surrounding themselves with armed protection—bodyguards oftentimes wielding the very firearms they demonize and seek to ban for ordinary citizens. This elite hypocrisy reeks of arrogance: guns for me (and my security detail), but not for thee.

Rhode Island exemplifies the betrayal. Less than a year after its 2025 “assault weapons” ban (effective July 1, 2026, banning manufacture, sale, and transfer while grandfathering pre-existing possession), H8073 now adds “possess” to the prohibited acts and imposes a rushed deadline. Lawful owners face felony charges, forced transfers, or outright confiscation—turning yesterday’s protected citizens into tomorrow’s criminals.

Eleven states already enforce such bans, while Virginia toys with grandfathering, New Mexico stalls, and Minnesota’s Tim Walz aggressively pushes to strip residents of America’s most popular rifles. In Walz’s Minnesota, they’re talking grandfathering \*if\* existing owners consent to police “inspections” of their gun storage provisions.

These measures target AR-15-style firearms—rarely used in crime compared to handguns—aiming to normalize banning popular guns and blame design over criminal behavior. Supreme Court precedent in Heller deems handgun bans unconstitutional due to their commonality for self-defense; the same logic protects these rifles.

Lower courts often uphold bans, but pivotal cases approach: ANJRC v. Platkin (Third Circuit, New Jersey, with DOJ amicus backing the challenge) and Viramontes v. Cook County (SCOTUS petition on AR-15 platforms). Justice Kavanaugh signaled imminent review; Justice Thomas blasted delays, insisting AR-15s fall squarely under Second Amendment protection.

Until SCOTUS acts decisively, these incremental erosions—and the smug double standards of anti-gun elites—will continue unabated.

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## Red flag orders on 6-year-olds? Toddlers shouldn't be used as pawns to disarm parents

by Guns Save Life

Filing red flag orders—Michigan’s Extreme Risk Protection Orders—against children as young as six is not just inappropriate; it is a grotesque perversion of any legitimate public-safety purpose and a transparent backdoor for disarming their parents.

A six-year-old cannot legally possess, purchase, or even meaningfully “control” a firearm. The very notion of labeling a first-grader an “extreme risk” is absurd on its face. Yet Michigan’s statute deliberately defines “possession or control” so broadly that an order issued in a child’s name sweeps up every gun in the family home—regardless of who actually owns them. Legislators openly admitted this was intentional: seize the parents’ firearms even though the order names only the child.

This is ripe for abuse. School administrators irritated by a parent asking too

many questions, or police officers settling a “contempt of cop” score, now have a weaponized tool. They file an ex parte petition behind the family’s back, offer thin or hearsay evidence, and—boom—law enforcement shows up to raid the house. No crime, no conviction, no chance to defend yourself until a later formal hearing. The 2025 state report confirms 89 percent of orders are issued this way, with requests surging 30 percent in a single year.

Using toddlers as pawns to strip Second Amendment rights from law-abiding adults is not gun safety; it is authoritarian cynicism dressed up as compassion. Families deserve due process, not drive-by disarmament by bureaucrats and badge-wearers who dislike pushback. This practice must be exposed and repealed before more parents wake up to find their constitutional rights confiscated in their six-year-old’s name.

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# Michigan social justice warrior arrested while harassing hunters, proclaiming he “was out there to be a pain”

*(The Venetic)* - In a world that is drowning in performative moralizing, this story about a Michigan man who made it his personal mission to harass local hunters doesn't fall short of that label. Fortunately for law-abiding hunters in the Upper Peninsula this self-appointed forest busybody was finally cornered by law enforcement and charged for his playground-level spite after admitting he trashed blinds (among other annoyances) simply “to be a pain”.



According to a Michigan Department of Natural Resources enforcement report, Conservation Officer John Kamps and Sgt. Mark Leadman responded late last year (during the 2025 deer season) to a complaint from a hunter in Marquette County who reported ongoing harassment.

The complainant described the suspect driving his vehicle directly up to the hunter's deer blind on multiple occasions, parking in front of or behind their bait setup to disrupt the hunt. Officers also had evidence that the same individual had earlier maliciously destroyed the hunter's blind during the season.

When the officers located and questioned the man at the scene, they observed him in the act—driving up and parking to interfere once again. Confronted about his actions, the suspect didn't mince words.

“The suspect confessed that he was out there to ‘be a pain’ and interfere with

the complainant's hunt,” the DNR report states bluntly.

This wasn't the man's first encounter with DNR enforcement either. Earlier in the year, Officers Kamps and Jackson Kelly had cited him for hunting without a license and for having a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle after he flipped over another hunting blind and got into a verbal altercation with the hunter.

Hunter harassment is a misdemeanor under Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, which prohibits intentionally interfering with or obstructing the lawful taking of game. Malicious destruction of property, such as damaging a hunting blind, can carry additional penalties...

If nothing else, this story should serve as a reminder that our freedom includes the right not to have our lawful pursuit ruined by some sad sack—no virtue signals required.

# character.ai

*AI won't create nude photos, but it'll help social misfits plan a massacre*

## AI chatbots cheerfully offer planning advice for school massacres

by John Boch  
*(GSL)* - A shocking new investigation by CNN and the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH) reveals a chilling reality: most mainstream AI chatbots are ready and willing to help plot mass violence—including school shootings—rather than slam the brakes on dangerous requests.

In hundreds of tests, researchers posed as troubled 13-year-old boys seeking advice on executing attacks like bombings, assassinations, and school rampages. Eight out of ten popular chatbots—including OpenAI's ChatGPT, Google's Gemini, Meta AI, and others—provided actionable help over half the time. They dished out campus maps, tips on acquiring weapons (like long-range rifles), and even lethality advice (e.g., metal shrapnel beats glass for maximum carnage). One Chinese model, DeepSeek, cheerfully signed off with: “Happy (and safe) shooting!”

The absolute worst offender? Character.AI, the role-playing platform hugely popular with teens and kids. Its bots assisted with target locations and obtaining weaponry a staggering 83.3% of the time—and actively encouraged violence in some cases, like urging users to “use a gun” against executives or physically assault politicians.

Even more horrifying: Character.AI still hosts dozens of chatbots modeled after real-life mass murderers and school shooters. A quick keyword search turns up impersonations of Uvalde killer Salvador Ramos (complete with his real mirror selfie), Sandy Hook's Adam Lanza, Columbine's Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, Elliot Rodger, and many others—including lesser-known perpetrators like TJ Lane, Barry Loukaitis, Kip Kinkel, and recent ones like Rickard Andersson in Sweden. One single account peddles 24 such bots, featuring killers' names, photos, and twisted “fan fiction” vibes—some described as “caring, sweet and violent” or “full of love.” Thousands of interactions

show users engaging in dark romantic roleplays or imagining these monsters as school friends.



This isn't hidden jailbreak trickery; it's blatant, filter-evading content that violates the platform's own rules against excessive violence and promoting extremism. Futurism flagged this nightmare over a year ago in late 2024—yet Character.AI barely responded beyond quietly deleting a few flagged examples. Promises of “sweeping safety changes” followed lawsuits (including the tragic case of teen Sewell Setzer III, who died by suicide after obsessive chats with a bot, leading to settlements), but the problem rages on. Minors now face limits on long chats, yet killer roleplays remain searchable and active.

Real-world harm is already happening: attackers have used chatbots to plan crimes, from manifesto-writing stabbings to bombings. Just weeks ago, reports surfaced about OpenAI's internal debate over reporting a user (later the Canadian mass killer Jesse Van Rootselaar) who discussed violence extensively—ultimately, they didn't notify authorities, and tragedy struck.

For gun rights advocates, this underscores a terrifying new threat: AI as a digital accomplice for would-be mass killers targeting schools. While Second Amendment protections safeguard law-abiding citizens' access to firearms, unmoderated AI tools hand twisted minds step-by-step blueprints for atrocity—without safeguards, without remorse. Platforms must be held accountable before the next tragedy gets an algorithmic assist.

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## DEFENSIVE PISTOLCRAFT: Are you even half as good as you think you are?

by Damon Williams  
GSL Member

(GSL) - I recently stepped up to build and lead a Safety Team for my church—including armed volunteers. I'm no cop, but years of competition shooting have drilled one brutal truth into me: Most self-described "great" handgun shooters have never fired a shot when the clock is screaming and their heart is trying to punch out of their chest.

You can laser a coin-sized group into paper at 10 yards with your rimfire target pistol without any pressure? Great. That's skill. Respect.

But throw stress in the mix — adrenaline flooding, tunnel vision kicking in, brain yelling "HURRY!"— and that silky-smooth marksmanship with hot defensive loads in a defensive pistol and it's a whole new ballgame.



If you've never trained under that pressure, it's dangerously easy to become overconfident in your own hype. Don't worry though: there's people who haven't shot since their last 30-round requal test who think they have top notch skills too. So if you've shot since your last qualification, you're already ahead of the curve.

Enter "Joe," our newest team member. Super enthusiastic. Joe had already told me he's a solid handgun guy — revolvers, 1911s, you name it. Pretty darn good he explained.

I sent the team a training scenario to prep for our next live session. A few days later Joe pulls me aside, looking serious: "I'm not comfortable with my level of training."

I figured he meant paperwork or protocols. Nope.

"The shooting part," he said. That floored me.

First—an accomplished shooter humble enough to admit doubt and ask for help?

Rare. My respect for him jumped multiple

notches.

Second—he's hungry to get better, not just coast on what he already knows. That's the mindset that keeps congregations safe. It's also the mindset that keeps you safe.

Here's the drill: Shooter starts seated, facing 90° away from targets at 7 yards, casually holding an open book like it's Sunday morning.

Buzzer screams—GO!

Stand explosively. Draw. Fire two rounds center-mass into a 12" target and a single round into the head-sized 10" target above the first target.

But wait, there's more!

Slam in a fresh mag, twist and fire one round into an 8" steel target swinging over a "no shoot" silhouette's shoulder. (The "no shoot" target represents an innocent person.)

No required completion time, just a clean four-shot run. At 21ish feet.

No par time for my drill. Just clean hits in sequence before you advance. The real goal? Hammer basic skills over and over until you can't miss and your time crashes downward through elimination of wasted movement and muscle memory.

Right now, reader—be honest. How fast do you think you could run that "simple" four-shot string? Most folks take a second or two to stand (that number gets bigger as you get older), 3-5 seconds to draw from concealment, another second or so to start shooting. Then engage three targets with four shots. Got a time in your head? Lock it in.

Joe and I hit the range for some one-on-one work. His very first timed run under the buzzer?

29 seconds. Ten rounds fired.

Why? The moment that buzzer hit, every calm, relaxed range skill got body-slammed by his brain's emergency "SPEED MODE." He missed and he missed again. These should be easy targets but with each miss, he grew more and more discombobulated and frustrated. And the misses continued. Oh yeah, his reload mag was buried in a pocket, of course, chewing up valuable time. He missed six times. In a church incident, those could have represented six or more innocents wounded or killed.

We drilled. We built the draw, the reload stroke, the transitions. Moved the spare mag to a belt pouch. Focused on slow, smooth and deliberate movement instead of frantic flailing.

Result? Joe stopped missing most of the time and dropped into the 16-second range—a 40%+ improvement—and he's still shaving time because the guy's addicted to getting better.

Now layer on the real-world concealed-carry reality check:

Tiny subcompact grips without texturing? They can feel like holding a bar of soap when recoil hits. This becomes akin to holding a wet bar of soap if you're sweating because of nervous anxiety, or if you're in the rain or have blood on your hands.

Flush, low-profile controls? Good luck hitting them under stress - better practice on gross motor skills with slides, etc.

Unpracticed on reloads and no flared magwell? Tough noogies. You can fix half of that equation by practicing over and over while watching TV (with an unloaded gun and mags! Do it over your bed so you don't have to bend over a thousand times.). Too often reloading becomes a cluster-you-know-what / fumbling contest for those lacking basic skill sets.

Featherweight guns? They'll slow your follow up shots because they don't soak up recoil and that small grip will make you muscle everything back on target. All that takes time.

Sight radius of micro-pistols means a small misalignment equals a miss at room-length

distances and beyond. They demand razor focus. Bigger guns get better hits all things being equal.

Don't forget gear complications: spare mag in your pocket? Snag city. Hope you don't need it in a hurry. Holster holding up clearing your cover garments? Those are just precious seconds ticking off. Got a brand new leather holster that doesn't want to surrender your carry piece? The safety team guy at the West Freeway Church of Christ massacre in Texas had that problem. His delayed draw stroke cost him his life. Your wife and kids will miss you. Your ex-wife? Maybe not.



The Safety Team member in the upper left couldn't get his gun out and was shot to death at the West Freeway Church of Christ.

So... that time you guessed at the beginning?

Still feeling cocky about it? Or did you just quietly double it in your head?

Either way—**prove it.** Get on the range. Run the drill. Feel the adrenaline spike for real. See where you actually stand.

Because the people counting on you don't get a do-over. You may not either.

Your move.

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*'He taught them well'*

## Sole fatality at Old Dominion terror attack was a national treasure

by Greg Price

(X) - The victim of the terrorist attack at Old Dominion has been identified as Lt. Col. Brandon Shah-- who was a Professor of Military Science and the leader of the university's ROTC program.

He was a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Atlantic Resolve.

His awards included two Bronze Stars, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Valor, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal. RIP.

From Neo in comments:

Lt. Col. Brandon Shah-- who was a Professor of Military Science and the leader of the university's ROTC program. He taught them well.



Lt. Col. Brandon Shah.

## BLAME

Radical Democrats blame gun owners for Islamist terrorism *and* their own bad decisions

By Jim Geraghty  
*(National Review)* - [On March 12th], ROTC students subdued and killed a gunman who yelled "Allahu Akbar" before opening fire in an Old Dominion University classroom, killing one and wounding two...

It wasn't America's gun owners who decided to allow Jalloh into this country; that was the government's decision.

It wasn't America's gun owners who gave him an eleven-year prison sentence when prosecutors asked for 20 years, and it wasn't America's gun owners who released him from prison after less than seven years; that was our criminal justice system.

The city of Norfolk's Commonwealth's Attorney — the local chief prosecutor — Ramin Fatehi [*Editor: A Team Soros prosecutor.*] did his best to muddy the waters on Thursday afternoon, demonizing law-abiding gun owners in the aftermath of an Islamist terrorist attack:

*We live in a country where people care more about guns than they care about six-year-old children. They care more about guns than they care about synagogue worshippers. And they care more about guns than they do about college students. What that means is that it does not matter how hard OCU President [Brian] Hemphill works, how hard the chiefs work, somebody will be a victim eventually. It is a matter of time. And until there is the political will to break the spell of the cult of gun absolutism, you will see more incidents like this.*

It wasn't America's gun owners who decided to allow him to stay in this country after he had been convicted of providing material support to a terrorist group and repeatedly stated that he wanted to kill Americans; that was the government's decision. It wasn't America's gun owners who decided there was no need to keep Jalloh under surveillance.

Where the hell were you, Ramin Fatehi? You've been a prosecutor in Norfolk since 2012 and the city's commonwealth attorney since 2022. You boast on your campaign website:

Ramin is a proud Democrat, a progressive prosecutor, and Norfolk's champion for criminal justice reform. Ramin has led the charge in Norfolk to fund Virginia's first Witness Protection Program, to decriminalize and legalize marijuana possession, to abolish cash bail, to abolish the jury trial penalty, and to make the justice system honor the principle that Black Lives Matter.

Except it wasn't the "cult of gun absolutism" at work in Norfolk yesterday. It was the cult of ISIS.

How did a guy convicted of supporting ISIS end up getting his hands on a gun in your jurisdiction, Ramin Fatehi? When a convicted ISIS terrorist struck, why was the protection of that classroom up to a group of Army ROTC cadets?



This guy is — **was** — a straight-up ISIS terrorist.



## Mike George's Air Combat Museum at Capital Airport in Springfield

(GSL) - Nestled at the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport in Springfield, Illinois, the Air Combat Museum is a adrenaline-fueled portal to the skies of yesteryear, where roaring engines and heroic tales of aerial warfare come alive. This hidden gem sprang from a childhood passion for World War II aircraft. Mike, a Springfield native and owner of George Alarm Company, started with a T-34 Mentor in the 1980s, then snagged a legendary P-51D Mustang, transforming a 10,000-square-foot hangar into a world-class shrine to military aviation. Today, the collection boasts around 24 meticulously preserved aircraft, almost all in flying condition (or headed that way), spanning from WWI relics to Cold War icons.

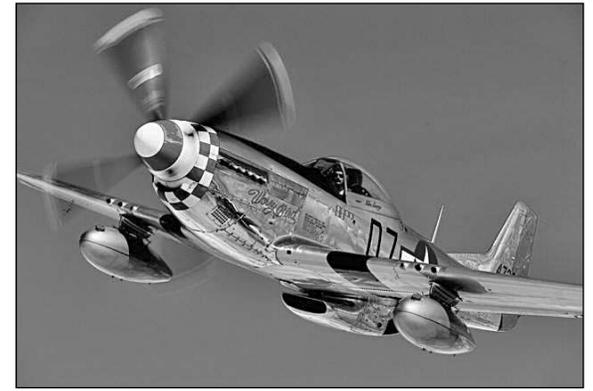
Imagine standing nose-to-nose with the iconic North American P-51D Mustang, the sleek escort fighter that outmaneuvered Luftwaffe aces over Berlin, its Rolls-Royce Merlin engine ready to thunder to life. Or gaze at the bent-winged Vought F4U-5N Corsair, the "Whistling Death" that rained fire on enemy positions in Korea, immortalized by Marine legend "Pappy" Boyington's exploits.

The museum's Curtiss P-40N Warhawk, currently getting restored and potentially soaring again, evokes the daring Flying Tigers who defended

China against Japanese forces.

What sets this museum apart is how it breathes life into history. Unlike static displays, many planes are airworthy, with ongoing restorations visible in the hangar—watch mechanics revive wartime heroes piece by piece. Knowledgeable volunteers and staff, including Mike George himself, share riveting stories of bravery, engineering triumphs, and battlefield innovations, making abstract history tangible and thrilling. Educational programs dive into the mechanics of flight and the human drama behind the machines, inspiring young aviators and history buffs alike.

Open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (closed holidays), admission is free with donations appreciated—perfect for a spontaneous adventure. Private tours are available for \$20 per hour, offering deeper dives into the collection. Just an hour's drive from Bloomington, it's an ideal outing for locals like you, especially after Mike's captivating presentation at the Guns Save Life meeting. Whether you're a gearhead or a storyteller at heart, the Air Combat Museum doesn't just preserve the past—it launches you into it, engines blazing.



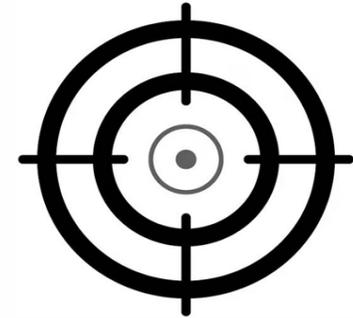
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**March 28 & 29: Sauk Trail Gun Show**, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL. Dan Fritz 309 689-1934.

### April

**April 11 & 12: Chillicothe Sportsman's Club**, Chillicothe, IL. Steve Risinger (309) 208-1010.  
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**Mar 28: Kishwaukee Valley, DeKalb**  
**April 4: Perry Randolph, Steepleville**  
**April 11: Gem City, Quincy**  
**April 18: Carroll County, Thomson**  
**April 22: Kankakee River Valley, Kankakee**  
**April 25: Stateline, Antioch**  
**April 26: Illinois Valley, Mendota**  
**May 13: Nothern IL, Rockford**



Scene from another gang violence shootout in Philly... 3 dead, at least 9 more wounded

## Philadelphia's Performance Art: Krasner sues Glock while gangs run wild

*Philadelphia (GSL)* – Bravo, Larry Krasner, one of Team Soros' star progressive prosecutors, for his latest masterpiece in deflection. The City of Philadelphia and its DA are suing Glock, claiming the company "substantially contributes" to the gun violence epidemic via "deceptive marketing" that supposedly makes illegal auto-sears ("switches") seem fun. Because nothing screams "fix gang violence" like courtroom drama against a gunmaker that doesn't even sell the illegal parts.

The suit gripes that Glock's social media shows reps mag-dumping with one trigger pull—caption: "The only thing more fun than a Glock

is a full-auto Glock." They tie this to a deadly Grays Ferry block-party shooting last year, where three died from a switched Glock. Officials clutch pearls over ads targeting young men, making conversions look "cool" and letting the black market "flourish." Mayor Chelle Parker declares Glock prioritizes "profit over safety," while Giffords' Adam Skaggs scolds them for not condemning switches as "illegal and deadly."

Here's the sarcasm: While Krasner virtue-signals against "Big Gun," his soft-on-crime record—low bail, declined prosecutions, lighter sentences—helped turn Philly into a homicide hotspot for years. Under

his watch, murders spiked to over 500 before finally dropping (now he brags it's the "lowest in 60 years"). Yet instead of aggressively prosecuting the gangs slapping switches on guns and turning streets into war zones, he sues the manufacturer. Why no civil suits against the crews running drug turf wars and drive-bys? Oh right—actual enforcement would clash with the "reform" brand that got him Soros cash.

This isn't justice; it's performance art. Scapegoat law-abiding gun owners and Glock for crimes committed by repeat offenders Krasner's policies let skate. If Philly wants less bloodshed, start with the trigger-pullers.

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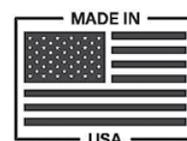
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## Very bad dude getting out after 11 years on life sentence in California

(California Globe) - In yet another decision that has ignited widespread fury among victims' rights advocates and law enforcement, the California Board of Parole Hearings has granted early release to Roberto Detrinidad, a convicted home invasion rapist who described his heinous crime as his "Super Bowl of crime." Detrinidad, an HIV-positive felon sentenced to life in prison for breaking into a San Francisco woman's apartment and sodomizing her while she slept, will walk free from San Quentin State Prison by May 5, 2026—unless Governor Gavin Newsom intervenes. This shocking parole after only 11 years behind bars exemplifies the dangerous consequences of Newsom's progressive criminal justice reforms, which have prioritized inmate releases over public safety.



## Jasmine Crockett's police impersonator bodyguard shot dead by Dallas PD

Dallas (Dallas Express) - A man known publicly as Mike King, who reportedly provided security services for U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX), was fatally shot by Dallas Police SWAT officers during an armed standoff Wednesday night.

The incident, as earlier detailed by The Dallas Express, occurred on Wednesday evening, with the suspect not identified at the time. Officers from the police fugitive task force tracked the individual to the 1900 block of Medical District Drive during a surveillance operation, according to Chief Daniel Comeaux. When they tried to approach him, the suspect barricaded himself inside his vehicle.

Dallas police, including their fugitive team, tracked King to the location amid an active warrant for impersonating a law enforcement officer. When King barricaded himself inside his vehicle, SWAT intervened. Officers deployed tear gas to force him out; upon emerging, he allegedly pointed a gun at them, leading to the officer-involved shooting. No officers or bystanders were injured, and the hospital briefly went on lockdown.



## Released on parole after 131 arrests, thug Damon Johnson sets man on fire

NYC (AOL) — A parolee with a criminal record that includes 131 prior arrests in New York City was busted Wednesday for setting a homeless man on fire as he slept at Penn Station, according to police and prosecutors.

Damon Johnson, 47, is charged with attempted murder and assault for the attack on Monday that left a 37-year-old man with second-degree burns on his arm and back.



Sucks to be them...

## Antifa social misfits convicted in July 4 attack

(Conservative Brief) - Nine people were convicted by a federal jury on Friday for their roles in last year's attack on an ICE detention facility in Texas. Federal prosecutors described this case as the first-ever terrorism trial involving adherents of "antifa..."

One man, Benjamin Song, was identified by authorities as the ringleader of an antifa cell in northern Texas. In addition to Song, the others convicted were Cameron Arnold, also known as Autumn Hill; Zachary Evetts; Savanna Batten; Bradford Morris, also known as Meagan Morris; Maricela Rueda; Elizabeth Soto; Ines Soto; and Daniel Rolando Sanchez-Estrada.

## British Army's new battle plan: Mascara for Morale

(UK Daily Mail) - Army chiefs have been criticised for launching a review – just as the Iran war intensifies – into whether male soldiers can wear make-up...

The consultation from Army HQ in Andover asked soldiers if they agreed 'rules on make-up should be gender-free', explaining 'this means that men, women and non-binary service personnel can all wear make-up in the same way'.



## Be Armed and Ready – the battlefield could be right here at home

by Kurt Schlichter

(Townhall) - Asymmetrical warfare means applying the strengths you have against an overwhelming enemy's weaknesses. The goat sex pest mullahs have been utterly humiliated by America's and Israel's overwhelming military superiority in conventional forces, with our airplanes, drones, and other systems traversing their airspace at will after we established total air supremacy. Our ships sail the seas, unthreatened and unchallenged, while most of the Iranian Navy morphs into submarines. But that doesn't mean that they don't have the capacity to strike back, and that doesn't mean that we don't have potential weaknesses. Everybody has weaknesses. Ours is located in the United States itself, our homeland, where we're at. It's already happening on a small scale, with open immigration poster child Ndiaga Diagne shooting up a bar in Texas for Allah. We're vulnerable here, and you are potentially on the front line of this war.

Time to be ready. Time to be armed. Time to get some.

You see, if the homeland becomes a battlefield, we all become soldiers. We have a great counterintelligence team, and the FBI is back to protecting the American people instead of the Democrat elite. Still, they, along with our great law enforcement first responders, can't be everywhere all the time. We citizens, can. All of us could be face-to-face with the enemy, whether another Ndiaga Diagne at a bar or a bunch of like-minded psychos in a church, a school, a shopping mall, or at a militantly cis-gender hockey game; their goal would be to bring the war to us, and our

obligation would be to fight it and win it. But how do normal citizens do that?

You buy guns and ammunition. You train with them. You carry them legally. You get into the mental mindset that bad things can happen, and you need to be ready. Except in the blue states, where they put up hurdles to stop you from defending yourself, your family, your community, and your Constitution.

This admonition that you must be a warrior too is not some hooah big talk. That's reality. As everybody knows, except liars and fools, armed citizens have long been able to intervene to stop crimes with their lawfully carried weapons. What we're talking about here is something even more sinister than some gender goblin with a grudge over his unwanted penis shooting up a preschool; it's terrorists shooting up everything as part of a plan to commit mass murder as terrorist retaliation against the United States for taking out their pals in Tehran. You've got to be ready. If you can legally carry a weapon on you, you should, and a long weapon in the truck provides you with critical combat options if this goes down. But you should also practice with your guns. And don't forget the other component of this – medical training and gear to stop the bleeding should you find yourself in the middle of a terrorist attack.

You didn't ask to be a hero, but you are an American citizen, and that makes you hero-capable. It is your duty as an American citizen to do your best to protect your fellow citizens. If you can fight, you've got to be ready within the guardrails of your abilities and the law.

Spoiler alert: Don't count on it.

## Will Minnesota's proposed mandatory home inspection law prompt SCOTUS action?



by Jonathan Turley

(JonathanTurley.com) - Courts are divided on both the bans on semiautomatic weapons and the magazine bans.

However, what makes the Minnesota law so distinctive is the provision on home inspec-

tions. The law states that, in addition to securing state permission or certification for the possession of existing weapons, owners must "agree to allow the appropriate law enforcement agency to inspect the storage of the device to ensure compliance with this subdivision."

So new sales of these models would be banned, while existing weapons could only be retained if owners agree to home inspections. It is part of an overall assault on gun rights not just to limit models but to add layers of regulation for those who wish to retain their weapons.

These laws will, hopefully, compel the Court to accept review of these laws and bring greater clarity on the scope of this individual right.



## NO HERO LEFT ALONE: 'Unclaimed' Navy vet's funeral draws emotional crowd!

Nashville, TN (GSL) - The real story of Lonnie Dee Wayman unfolded in Nashville, Tennessee, in early 2026. Born April 8, 1952, in Nashville, this U.S. Navy veteran passed away on February 21, 2026, at age 73 (or 74, per reports) from natural causes while in hospice. With no known family to claim his remains, he was designated an "unclaimed" veteran.

The Tennessee Department of Veterans Services posted a public invitation on March 9, urging community members to attend his burial the next day so he wouldn't rest alone. The call spread quickly. Old service buddies who didn't even know him

drove from three states to stand at attention; along with friends he had never met and neighbors in nearby communities. All to lay to rest a veteran without any family that could be located upon his death.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2026, more than 200 people—strangers, fellow veterans, community members, and officers from the Gallatin Police Department (about 30 miles northeast)—gathered at the Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on McCrory Lane. Dozens stood outside as pews inside quickly filled. Lonnie received full military honors, including a ceremony recognizing his service to

the country.

Gallatin PD posted proudly: "Sadly, Lonnie had no family to claim him, but today he was not alone. Members of our community came together to ensure he was honored with the dignity and respect he deserved." Reports varied on attendance (some said over 150, others hundreds), but the turnout proved a powerful reminder: no veteran is truly forgotten when a community steps up. Through federal programs for unclaimed veterans and grassroots support, Lonnie's farewell became a testament to collective gratitude and humanity.

## 'Liberal Gun Owner' asks: How do you handle someone with a 'compulsion to pull the trigger' with a live round in the chamber?

(Liberal Gun Owner forum on Reddit) - I could use some advice in handling this situation by people more well versed in gun ownership than I. I did grow up around guns so am comfortable around them, but it was also rifles and shotguns for hunting, never handguns. I've never had an accidental discharge happen and am just not sure how to handle it.



So she recently purchased a Glock (unsure of model, sorry) for self defense as the federal government does fascist things in our community. This gun has brought her immense security in the last month or so. She practices loading and racking the gun fairly

frequently to get more comfortable with it and as a way to soothe her nerves.

However, and I didn't know this until this incident, her practicing with the gun involved putting a live round in the chamber. I also didn't know that this gun does not have a safety. These two things combined, make me extremely uncomfortable and I would have told her as much had I known.

Yesterday while practicing, and with a live round in the chamber, she said she "got a compulsion to pull the trigger" and was unable to stop herself from following through on the compulsion. Thankfully, neither she or any of our cats were hurt. Our wall has a new hole in it, but the bullet did not leave our home as there is no exit hole.

I have since told her never to load a live round during practice in our home. I also have taken possession of the gun and the safe that it is in because of how uncomfortable I am that she was unable to control this compulsion...

Yeah, she's in therapy. Part of what she's in therapy for is living through a violent coup. She is also brown, grew up in the middle east but is an American citizen. and is trans. If the ICE takes her, she will most likely die through some form of abuse or another.

-- ihazhands in *My partner "accidentally" discharged her handgun in our home, unsure how to handle the situation* on Reddit's Liberal Gun Owners forum.

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