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## The real future of our freedom

In the December 2020 issue of America's First Freedom, the National Rifle Association claims the future of our freedom rests in the hands of youth stars of the shooting sports. We believe that sharing the thrill, excitement and fun of shooting with lots of everyday young people is a far more important to ensuring a strong future for everyone's gun rights. More on page 12.

## GSL held hostage no more!

**Peoria and Decatur meetings return in January!**  
See page 2.

# GOT AMMO?

- Ammo scarce, prices climbing
- Magazines are next. Get yours while you can!

(GSL) - Ammo purchases in recent months have left shelves empty at gun shops and online vendors alike. With eight million first-time gun purchasers feeding their guns along with existing gun owners nervous over civil unrest, ammunition scarcity has become the norm.

While a few retailers have limited stocks, they have them because of rationing sales or charging a premium as part of supply and demand economics.

While ammo production continues, so too does the list of back orders for product. Vista Outdoors reported a billion dollars in back orders that will take a year or more of production to fill. Clearly, it will take time to satisfy this new norm of consumer demand.

Those recalling the rush to buy guns and ammo in 2012 recall that it took two years for ammo to return - and for prices to stabilize.

When Joe Biden's handlers get their hands on power following Inauguration Day, they will advance gun control, including regulating online and retail ammo sales. They've promised us that. Their goal: to ban all online ammo sales and enact California-style background checks on retail ammo purchases.

What's next to become scarce? Ammunition magazines. At the moment, they remain relatively plentiful and affordable. However, as soon as a Biden administration makes a serious push to regulate or ban new production of these, existing stocks will vanish quickly.

The bottom line: if you don't already have extra magazines for your semi-auto rifles and pistols, but them today while you can. If you see ammunition for sale at "normal" prices, buy it. You may not be able to buy mags or ammo at anything except highway robbery prices by this time next year.

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In memory of  
GSL Director Bob Simmons (1957-2020)  
and Ellen Hansen (1943-2020)

## January 2021

Watch the GunsSaveLife.com website for updates

- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: *Temporarily suspended.*
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: *Temporarily suspended.*
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **January 6**, February 3  
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion  
(Don't arrive before 5:15pm)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **January 7**, February 4  
Temporary location just north of Germantown Hills. Food will be served, but reservations needed. If you need the address, call or text 217 649-3702.
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **January 12**, February 9  
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **January 14**, February 11  
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **Chicagoland (South):** *Returning someday!*

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 5:30 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.

**Meetings are free and open to public.**

Come on out and join us. Good food, good fun and good friends.  
*Dinner is optional.*



## Sights from GSL December events



Just a few of the tools of the trade for precision, long-range (1000 yard plus) reloading.



Just a few of the cap and ball revolvers from the Champaign County GSL meeting.



Winners at the Champaign County GSL meeting. From left, Mr. Anonymous, winner of the 50/50, Mr. Anonymous #2 who won a Taurus Model 66 revolver and Dan Worthey, our GSL Champaign County Regional Director.



From left, Mr. Jim Cox won the 50/50, Wayne Cox won the .38 Special Bodyguard package and Bill Harrison served as the master of ceremonies in Charleston.

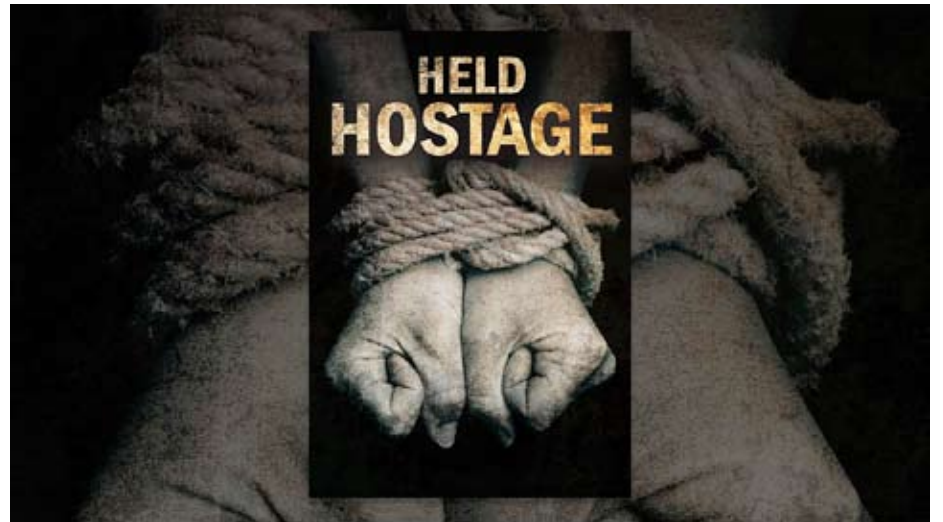


Dave Randolph talked about his volunteer work helping to train tomorrow's shooters - including potential future collegiate competitors. Oh yes: 'know your target and what's beyond it' applies to staple guns too.



This is what a \$3000 competition air rifle looks like... from the Charleston GSL meeting in December.

**Check with the Guns Save Life website for meeting status updates**



Do you have a host location? We're looking for temporary venues for meetings.

## HELD HOSTAGE NO MORE! New alternate meeting locations!

Given the arbitrary and constantly changing orders, escalating threats and moving goalposts of Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker's COVID response, we have had to cancel some GSL meetings. Sometimes on short notice. For that, we apologize. Now, given new restrictions, we are seeking short-term alternative meeting locations to replace regular venues unable to host us for fear of losing their food or liquor licenses.

Our policy remains that if we have a host location available, we will continue to exercise our First Amendment rights to celebrate, protect and defend the Second Amendment rights we hold dear. We will do so in a safe and responsible manner.

We believe our friends and family can make their own informed decision about attending. And, as always, we welcome everyone so long as they feel healthy and don't have symptoms of illness.

Furthermore, we encourage those with pre-existing conditions to stay home for the time being. We'll bring you the highlights from meeting in the next issue of *GunNews*. What's more, you can always mail in a ticket request if you see a monthly gun somewhere that you would like to win.

If you have a heated barn or building that could comfortably accommodate 75-100 or more people and are willing to host a GSL meeting for a month or three until our regular locations re-open, please contact Dale Lock or John Boch (see page 22 for contact information).

We can ask folks to bring chairs, so don't worry that you don't have seating. We are open to paying "rent" to help cover heating costs, utilities and wear and tear. A restroom is quite desirable, of course.

### Temporary locations!

#### DECATUR GSL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JAN 6th.

Coz's Pizza (the usual place)

Doors open at 5:15pm.

Don't come before 5:15. Come hungry.

We have a backup plan a few blocks away if Coz's can't serve us due to a last-minute shutdown.

#### PEORIA GSL MEETING THURSDAY, JAN 7th

We have secured a location just north of Germantown Hills (or north of East Peoria). Food will be available - please make a reservation through Barrack's hospitality so they can prep the right amount of food (visit the GSL website for a link to do so). Or you can call them at (309) 692-3990.

We are asking that everyone bring their own chair(s) and a card table to eat on, if you have one. This is all new to us all and trying to figure out how we can best meet during these difficult times. Thank you!

Please check the GSL website for the latest news and updates, including meeting information.





## Meeting Summaries

### Champaign County.

GSL's **Champaign County Regional Director Dan Worthey** called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge, we recognized our veterans! **Lois Morton** shared a prayer for the evening, and then it was off to the races.

**John Boch** brought folks up to date with a brief **Executive Director's Report**. He also touched upon ten things gun culture members do to help "Save the Second Amendment." Pick two, three or more that work well for you. See more on page 7.

**Our main speaker**, a serious precision rifle shooter named **Mr. GSL Member** delivered a presentation on how to load your own ammo to effectively shoot at 1000-1260 yards. What's more, during a question and answer time, he explained some things that everyday people can do to shoot better at longer ranges. Yes, it proved a gold mine of useful information for those who wish to shoot deer and similarly sized targets (cough - two-legged varmints) at two-thirds of a mile.



The 6.5 Creedmoor 1200-yard rifle.

Our speaker wishes to remain "anonymous." Not so much because of retribution at work, but because our government might come after his tools at a later date.

Back to precision, long-range shooting: It's not entirely an equipment race, although one needs to choose their caliber and equipment wisely to shoot effectively beyond 600 yards. A Ruger Precision rifle, sort of an entry-level rifle for ultra-long range shooting is helpful, especially when mated with a good quality scope.

Ammunition is another critical component. How critical? Variances in powder charges in typical factory centerfire ammo will create a velocity spread approaching 100fps between rounds. At a hundred yards, that causes a negligible change impact. At 1000 yards? All the sudden you're looking at up to 20" of shot spread purely caused by powder-charge variances in muzzle velocity - more than enough to turn a perfect hit into a solid miss.

He discussed strategies he's used to cut that extreme spread down to about 20fps. Super-competitors will try to shave that down even further to 12fps - or even single digits. Mr. GSL Member also shared other techniques he uses to improve the consistency of his reloads including fire-forming his brass and optimal neck tension. Consistency in every aspect of ammo production and shooting technique are what lead to consistent hits at extreme ranges.

He showed a video that demonstrated how a barrel will whip when firing and how reloaders need to identify the "accuracy" nodes in that whip when selecting their powder charge. In his rifle, Mr. GSL started at about .75 minutes of angle (which he described as "all over the target" but is really beyond the skill set of most shooters

with typical long guns). Identifying the node brought that down to .31MOA - or three-tenths of an inch at 100 yards.

Earlier this year, he attended an expensive precision shooting class in Arkansas. He learned three big takeaways. First, aim small, miss small. Secondly, a cold, clean bore results in lost precision. Lastly, a ballistics app on your phone or computer is critical at distance (but make sure you put good information into the app, including accurate ballistics information).

What did over a thousand rounds of trial and error over hundreds of hours net him? He was the top shooter in his class and the first and only student to hit the 1000-yard target on the first shot. He also hit others out to 1200 yards on each of 18 additional shots that first day. How much "holdover" did he need for that 1000 yard shot? About 48 feet. Yes, that's a lot of clicks.

How does an average Joe improve their shooting accuracy? "Consistency," he said. **Mr. GSL Member also strongly recommended the Appleseed program.** For a very affordable price, it delivers some outstanding instruction in shooting technique. And their history isn't bad either.



Dan Worthey.

**For Tech Time**, we asked members to bring some **Cap and Ball revolvers**. Attendees came through in a big way. Several brought samples including Colts, Remingtons, and more modern guns like a Ruger or two.

**Ron Beatty** gave some history of the early military arms, including how Colt won the first government contracts, but following a fire at the factory, Remington took over the contracts. In his opinion, the Remington revolvers were better - including their quick-change cylinder to help facilitate (MUCH) faster reloads.



Ron Beatty.

Cap-and-ball revolver owners raved over their mild recoil, versatility and the fun had while shooting these historical guns.

Of course, there's always a chance for a chain fire from the fire from the cylinder bleeding over into one or more other chambers on the muzzle-side of the cylinder. Ron Beatty described one of those as a deeply religious experience.

We held drawings and an anonymous member won the 50/50 and another anonymous member won the **Taurus 4" Model 66 .357 Magnum** revolver and 50 rounds of **.38 Special SJHP** ammo to go with it.

Next month, **Dale Lock** will be our main speaker. For tech time, we'll talk **affordable semi-auto pistols**. Got a SCCY, Kel-Tec or similar modern affordable pistol? Or maybe some classics like HiPoints, Cobra Arms, or other old .380 or .25 Autos and the like? Bring them. The object here is to show that *affordable doesn't mean junk in today's world*.

Speaking of affordable, the **Ruger 9E** (with 17+1 magazine) will be our monthly gun.

Bring a friend or two and come on out from a great event!

### Charleston.

**Bill Harrison**, our **Charleston Regional Co-Coordinator**, called the meeting to order at the **Unique Banquet Center**. We began with the Pledge, then a recognition of newcomers and welcoming of veterans.

**John Boch** talked about the latest from across the nation as part of his **Executive Director's report**. There are storm clouds looming, and Mr. Boch offered some recommendations to our members to stay ahead of the worst of the storm.

**Main Speaker Dave Randolph** addressed the faithful. He asked people to look around and then asked everyone if they felt there were at a AARP meeting or something.

Obviously, he urged everyone to bring some younger people into the fun world of shooting sports. He remarked out he shot in the basement of the Armory in Decatur many decades ago while in high school. Those skills came in quite handy when he was drafted into the US military and went to Vietnam.

He does his best to pay it forward to today's young people by volunteering as a shooting coach at the **Central Illinois Precision Shooting range in Bloomington**. The facility is one of less than a dozen designated US Olympic training facilities.

Randolph says he works with young people aged 7-14, teaching them to shoot air rifles and small bore (.22 rimfire).

They are open to everyone but have a number of regulars, including several with some great potential. One in particular has the potential to shoot for the US Olympic team in a few years.



*This Walther competition air rifle has a very light trigger. Basically, you just barely touch the trigger, then you "will" the gun to fire and it goes bang.*

What's more, dozens of colleges nationwide offer shooting scholarships to young rifle-men and -women.

Better still, in this age of ammo costing a small fortune, air gun ammo runs about \$8 for 500 pellets.

Mr. Randolph also showed a number of airguns used in the training, ranging from a \$600 sporter to a \$3000 competition rifle with a trigger pull measured in grams, not ounces.

For **Tech Time**, we had some **revolvers** and John Boch extolled their virtues for simplicity, ease of operation, and reliability.

"For those who are brand new handgun shooters or those who aren't going to practice, a revolver is recommended," he said. It's easy to tell if they are loaded or unloaded. Malfunctions are rare. And if there is a problem, the user simply has to stroke the trigger again.

They run reliably on everything from hot defensive ammo to very mild ammo for recreation and training. And for the truly hardcore, you can load primed cartridge cases from a bar of paraffin and shoot wax bullets indoors.

Mr. Boch also noted that a five- or six-shot capacity shouldn't be a deal killer. Cops used these guns for many decades. And cops did just fine, even against criminals armed with Tommy guns and the like.

Full-sized 4" revolvers can serve multiple roles, including home defense, carry, hunting and recreational shooting. They are accurate and powerful.

Snub-nosed guns are often derided by those who don't know better as only accurate enough to hit someone in an elevator. That's just fake news. With some practice and good fundamentals, even a decent shooter should be able to hit a milk jug at 100 yards at least one shot out of five or six.

From there, we drew for the winners. **Jim Cox** won the 50/50 and **Wayne Cox** won the **S&W .38 Bodyguard package** and 50 rounds of **.38 Special SJHP** ammo to go with it. Congrats to both men.

**Next month**, we'll have the **Kimber Micro 9 Stainless**. This is a VERY nice, \$750 pistol and it can be yours for \$5 or less!



# One word: Uncertainty.

by John Boch  
GSL Executive Director

Even as we hope for the best, we should prepare for a Biden administration run by the Deep State.



With China bragging of their deep-rooted infiltration of the Deep State and the Chinese opposition to American gun ownership rights, it seems obvious that gun control will move to the front burner both in Congress and in the (Chinese-infiltrated) mainstream media.

What might the gun control look like? Well, the anti-gunners have not made it a secret:

- Nationwide "Red Flag" laws.
- Nationwide ban on the private sales of guns (aka "Universal Background Checks")
- Ban on the importation of firearms.
- Ban on the importation of ammunition and components (primers).
- Ban on sales of new black guns and standard capacity magazines.
- Ban on online ammo sales and background checks on ammo sales.
- Ban on sale of gun parts, including 80% receivers.
- Pistol braces will be regulated, if not banned.
- Gun rationing (one gun a month)
- Gun licensing.

Here in Illinois, we have as much to worry about from national gun control measures as we do from home-grown ones in Springfield.

Stay informed, and educate your family, friends and co-workers.

**In other news of late...**  
The General Assembly is out of session. There will likely be a perfunctory abbreviated session in mid-January before the new session is sworn in. The

first vote in the House will be to select a speaker.

Michael Madigan's support is in decline. An increasing number of Democrat Representatives are saying they won't vote to appoint him Speaker of the Illinois House. Talk is cheap though.

**As for the election,** Get used to the idea of a Biden presidency. Then a Harris presidency in fairly short order.



**Democrat-run Chicago is a cesspool,** thanks in part to anti-gun policies from the last three generations or more. The lack of everyday good guys owning guns there means that gang members and violent criminal predators have few natural predators to keep them in check. And no doubt they look at their fellow Chicagoans as sheep to be fleeced.

How bad is it? This one city - Chicago - has had more homicides this year than 48 of 50 **entire** states had in all of 2019. Let that sink in. Along those lines, the violent criminals in Chicago are shooting at the cops a whole lot more too. As of this writing on December 10th, criminals have shot at cops in 72 incidents - that's four times the number in 2019.

Violent crime is up sharply everywhere in Chicago - even in "nice" areas.

What do Chicago's Democrat leaders like Mayor Lori Lightfoot do about this? She slashed next year's Chicago PD budget by \$34 million and left 618 police positions unfilled, permanently.

Meanwhile, thanks to Illinois new "affordable bail" law and an inept Cook County Prosecutor Kim Foxx, a man out on bail for a killing case and two other separate Class X felony armed habitual criminal cases is now the suspect in a double murder. What was his previous bail? \$15,000 total!

At the same time, JB Pritzker and the Democrat caucus in the General Assembly want to do away with cash bail altogether!

Making matters worse, Chicago schools are closed, leaving gangs to recruit idle kids. In fact, one quarter of Chicago school children haven't logged into remote learning a single time this school year. This is truly appalling, but our state's derelict leadership are the ones causing this disaster.

### Got guns? Got ammo? Got magazines?

Yes, there are some guns available for purchase, but ammo is scarce. If you see ammunition at affordable prices, buy it now.

If you don't already have spare magazines for your semi-auto rifles and pistols, you better buy them today. I predict magazines will start to become scarce and pricey very soon. Certainly by January 20th. Ignore this advice at your own peril - unless you like paying \$50 or more for a used Glock magazine at some point a year from now.

### Merry Christmas!

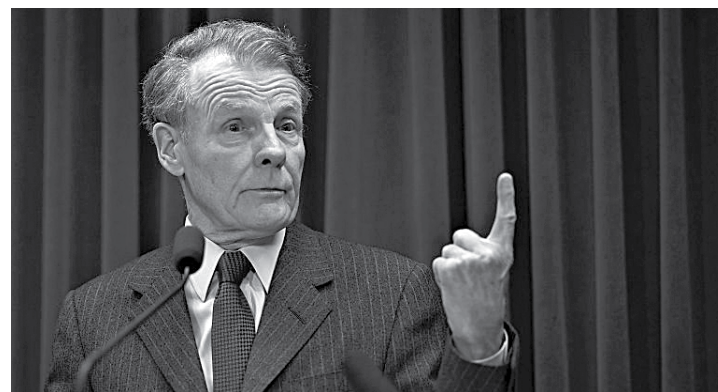
Did you see the video of the woke scold Santa who told a young kid he couldn't have a Nerf gun for Christmas? That happened in northern Illinois! At the Harlem Irving Plaza Mall in Norridge. Who could have guessed that might have happened in deep-blue Illinois?

"No, I ... nope. No guns," the fake woke scold Santa told the kid. "Not even a Nerf gun. If your dad wants to bring it to you that's fine, but I can't bring it to you. What else would you like?"

The mall fired his ass. And the next day, the real Santa showed up at the boy's home in Forest Park and presented him the biggest, baddest Nerf rifle Santa's elves from the mall could find on short notice.

Interestingly, with the family's permission, the folks at Stocking Mill Coffee are asking people to send Nerf guns to the family to share with children in need in the nearby area.

C/o Michael  
7626 Madison St.  
Forest Park, IL 60130



Speaker Michael Madigan's days in that role are numbered.

## LONG, SLOW MARCH: Feds close in on Madigan

*(The Center Square)* - Months after utility Commonwealth Edison admitted to a patronage scheme to curry favor from House Speaker Michael Madigan, some of the Chicago Democrat's closest allies are now facing criminal charges.

U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois John Lausch released details of criminal charges Wednesday against four former ComEd employees, including Michael McClain, a former state lawmaker-turned lobbyist who allegedly acted as a gatekeeper between Madigan and the company.

In the indictment, McClain consistently refers to Madigan as "our Friend" in communications with others in ComEd. The charges also note the group would hide payments from the utility by falsifying records.

### Backstabbers appear when king is weak Madigan's support continues to erode

*(The Center Square)* - Support for Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan to get another historic term as speaker continues to wane.

State Rep. Kathleen Willis, who's in House leadership, said she won't be supporting Madigan.

"After a lot of thought and discussion with my family, I have come to the decision to let it be known that I will not be voting for Michael J. Madigan as Speaker for the 102nd General Assembly," Willis, D-Addison, said in a letter published to a political blog.

Also charged are former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore, lobbyist John Hooker, and former City Club President Jay Doherty.

Prosecutors charged the utility in July, which cast a shadow over the election cycle. ComEd, along with paying a \$200 million fine, admitted to a years-long patronage system that included hiring Madigan allies, entering into contracts with favored companies, and other perks for members of Madigan's camp. The state-regulated utility paid those allies for jobs that required little or no work, according to a deferred prosecution agreement.

McClain, a Quincy Democrat, is seen as one of Madigan's oldest and closest confidants. He's indicated on multiple occasions that he would not cooperate with authorities to leverage a case against the longest-serving legislative leader in American history.

### Jeffrey Epstein didn't hang himself either. Former state Senator helping feds in corruption probe dies... suddenly

*(The Center Square)* - Former Illinois state Sen. Martin Sandoval, a Chicago Democrat who cut an agreement with federal prosecutors in exchange for his cooperation in another investigation, has reportedly died.

Dylan Smith, Sandoval's former lawyer, told WBEZ Saturday that the lawmaker passed away from complications related to COVID-19 either Friday or Saturday.



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State Police admit FOID/CCW wait times continue to mount

(The Center Square) – Illinois Firearm Owner Identification card backlogs continue to mount, bringing the average wait time for a FOID card to 121 days with more than 145,000 pending applications.



State officials blamed a number of factors for the delays, including the increase in applications.

According to FBI.gov statistics on NICS firearm checks, so far this calendar year Illinois had 6.6 million checks. Only Kentucky comes close with 2.9 million checks. Those numbers do not indicate the numbers of firearms sold, just the number of checks initiated.

Illinois State Police said Wednesday the average wait times are 121 days for FOID cards and there are nearly 145,000 pending applications as of this week. There are around 27,000 concealed carry license applications pending...

The 121 days is double the 60 days cards are to be processed by law.

[Editor: Those are likely "business" days, meaning the true waits are much longer.]



AND THEY ARE WAY BEHIND!

ISP processing staggering number of background checks for gun purchases, along with FOID cards and carry licenses

(Chicago Tribune) - Illinois residents shopped for more guns and applied for more firearm permits in 2020 than at any other time in history, according to statistics released Wednesday by state police.

With events during this unprecedented year driving the demand, there had been more than 500,000 serious inquiries to date about purchasing guns, authorities said, representing a 45% increase over 2019.

The state also has received a record 445,945 applications for firearm owner's identification cards as of November 2020, a 167%

jump from the 166,649 applications in 2017. The Illinois State Police did not release numbers for any other years but said the 2020 applications "blew past" a previous surge in 2013 after concealed carry licenses were first offered.

"It's a reflection of the great deal of unease and a reflection of the tension we have in this state and across the country," Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly said. "It's undeniable."

There are now more than 2.2 million Illinois residents with FOID cards, a number that has nearly doubled over the past decade, ac-

cording to state police data. The number of concealed carry licenses has swelled from 90,301 in 2014 to 343,299 in 2020...

Amid the record-high spike, ISP has struggled to keep up with FOID applications and now has a processing period of about 121 days. The average processing time for a concealed carry license is 145 days, according to ISP.

The agency has about 144,476 pending FOID applications. Second Amendment advocates sued over the backlog in 2019 when there were 60,000 people waiting.



GSL CASE UPDATE: Appeals court upholds Village of Deerfield's gun ban, blocks mag ban

(GSL/TTAG) - Five years after Illinois approved legislation limiting the home rule powers of local governments to ban scary-looking long guns, the Village of Deerfield enacted just such a gun ban. Using rather dubious arguments for the need for such a rifle ban (specifically citing murder sprees committed with shotguns and pistols), they did so not by creating a new law, but by amending an existing ordinance dealing with gun storage.

Deerfield then virtue signaled for the mainstream media boasting that they'd succeeded in banning America's favorite rifle, the AR-15. The village's less intellectually gifted leaders gleefully claimed they had also banned magazines over ten rounds. When sharper minds pointed out the lack of language in the amended ordinance banning magazines, Deerfield's brain trust re-amended their newly-amended original ordinance to ban those as well.

Before this amended ordinance could take effect, Guns Save Life sued to block its implementation with the backing of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action. The Illinois State Rifle Association filed suit as well with the Second Amendment Foundation's sup-

port. Across from us, the Clinton Crime family's favorite law firm Perkins Coie, represented the Village of Deerfield pro bono along with an assist from the Brady Campaign legal brains.

The trial court, after hearing the evidence, granted an injunction blocking the ban's implementation.

Perkins Coie and Brady then filed an appeal. The Village of Deerfield got exactly what they paid for. The Deerfield initial appeal was chock full of amateur hour mistakes: part of it was filed late, part too soon and all of it in the wrong court.

But now, after the dust has settled, the Illinois Second Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled on the Village's (second) bite at the appeal apple. The Appellate court ruled that the Village's "gut and replace" amendment doesn't fly in the face of black letter law. But at the same time, the Village's attempt to ban magazines was flawed.

Time will tell if this gets kicked up to the Illinois Supreme Court. And whether they will accept it if it does. Until then, keep the faith.

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*Woke scold imposter gets the boot*

## Northern IL FAKE SANTA gets canned after telling boy 'no guns' for Christmas

Real Santa comes down from the North Pole the next day to deliver an apology and the biggest, baddest Nerf rifle available

*Norridge, IL (The Hill) -*

A mall in Chicago has apologized and delivered a surprise to a young boy who was told by a mall Santa Claus that he could not have a toy gun for Christmas.

Video posted by the boy's mother on Facebook shows Michael asking a Santa at the Harlem Irving Plaza Mall for a nerf gun.

"No, I ... nope. No guns," the Santa replied. "Not even a Nerf gun. If your dad wants to bring it to you that's fine, but I can't bring it to you. What else would you like?"

The boy eventually breaks into tears.

"My poor baby. This was the first year Michael was excited to go see Santa. It was supposed to be magical but instead I had to watch my sweet little boy fight back tears because Santa told him No because of his own personal beliefs," the boy's mother wrote in her Facebook post.

"I had to think fast and explain to him that this Santa was just a helper and not the real guy. I just wanted to console my baby and get him out of there, flipping out on Santa would have only made it worse," she added.

Video of the incident spread quickly on social media, with pro-gun activists and conservatives decrying what they said was a political

display.

On Monday, Harlem Irving Plaza Mall published an apology and posted a video to its own social media feeds showing a different Santa Claus delivering a massive nerf gun to the boy's front door.

"How are you," the Santa asked Micheal. "So there was a mistake made yesterday. We're so sorry about that."

The Santa said he "heard about [the incident] up at the North Pole and rushed down" to make sure the boy got the toy gun.

"This is crazy," the boy exclaimed.

*Illinois political inept leadership on COVID has disastrous implications for gun owners and non-gun owners alike*



## Illinois lost over a third of small businesses

*(The Center Square) -* Illinois has lost more than a third of its small businesses since the beginning of the year, according to TrackTheRecovery.org.

*The party of the people...*

## COVID lockdowns have wiped out nearly half of black small businesses

*(Forbes) -* Nearly half of Black small businesses had been wiped out by the end of April as the pandemic ravaged minority communities disproportionately, according to a report from the New York Fed.

## School shutdowns a disaster in Chicago

*Chicago (ZeroHedge) -* The damage inflicted by school shut-downs on Chicago's youth, particularly minority youth, is already horrifying. Despite no meaningful risk whatsoever, the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) is now seeking an injunction against reopening. Nothing could be more just – and better for Chicago students in the long run – than canning teachers who are ducking their obligation.

Remote learning is an abysmal failure.

'F' grades are 2.6 times higher than last year in Chicago elementary schools and worse for minority and homeless students.

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It's much worse for minority and homeless students...

Yet the CTU said "the push to reopen schools is rooted in sexism, racism and misogyny."



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## Meaningful actions you can do to support the 2nd Amendment

*Editor: These ideas have bubbled up from our diverse and talented membership pool. As always, we welcome more ideas as well.*

**1. Buy a firearm prior to January 20, 2021.** Half the battle is psychological. Show the anti-Constitution crowd you aren't going anywhere. Along those lines, if you have friends that are not firearms-owners, encourage them to become gun owners today. It is amazing how much more a person will support the 2nd Amendment when they have "skin in the game." When prudent, buy American. Start spending cash, too, instead of leaving a credit card trail.



**2. If you are considering purchasing a semi-automatic rifle or magazines for your rifles or handguns, buy them before January 20, 2021.** The fastest way to change the firearm ownership system is through Presidential Executive Orders, but the more outlandish those orders are, the more likely they are to be successfully challenged, and blocked, in court.



The continuum between legal gun ownership and confiscation is wide. First governments like to ban sales, then ban possession and ownership. Then comes confiscation. Simply banning sales is easiest to implement and least likely to be

blocked by the courts, so get your copy of America's favorite rifle now, along with extra magazines for your guns that use magazines over 10 rounds.

How many mags do you need? That's an intensely personal question. We recommend at least three magazines for each semi-auto rifle and pistol. Ideally you will have three brand new spares too as magazines do go bad over time. (See page 9.)

**3. Stop telling strangers and social media "friends" about your gun-related stuff.** Stop posting, texting or emailing information about your stuff. And whatever you do, don't post a photo on Facebook of your latest acquisition. No need to make it easy for would-be tyrants or burglars to compile a list before they come visit you.

As a side point: don't post social media photos showing you and your family four states away on vacation. Don't give the local burglar community an opportunity to take your stuff while you're gone.

**4. Recruit at least one new person to join GSL.** Target (pun intended) a young person, so we do not age out and go the way of the dinosaur. (GSL has a "sign up a friend" for \$20 option... a great Christmas or birthday gift, by the way). Ask the young people in your life what it would take for them to recruit their peers to join GSL as well. Receiving a subscription to *GunNews* is close to priceless with the information it contains.



**5. Do not avoid jury duty.** You just may be the deciding vote for acquittal in a self-defense trial of a gun-owner, or when a police officer is wrongly charged with stopping a violent criminal bent on mayhem. Jury nullification is a powerful thing. And it can be real, thanks to people like you on a jury.

**6. Always vote.** No matter how crooked the system may be, or how trivial the election, always vote. If you haven't already, consider making a candidate's stance on the 2nd Amendment the primary litmus test for your vote for or against them.



**7. Cross-level ammunition with trusted friends.** Ammo is in short supply and will be for at least a couple years. Compare what you have, versus what you think you need on hand, by caliber, with trusted gun friends. Help one another fill your respective gaps. Also, if you see ammo in stores, call your good friends and ask if they would like you to pick some up for them. They'll do the same for you, too.

**8. In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king.** There will be a logical progression (which we see as a regression!) concerning ownership of firearms. Semi-autos will be restricted or banned first; single shot firearms last.

If all you have are semi-autos, your "Last Stand Hill" will come early, so consider acquiring a lever-action rifle and a revolver if you don't have them. A revolver that has two cylinders – such as .357/38 and 9mm / or .45 Colt and .45 ACP – will be worth its weight in gold when ammunition is scarce. If the lever-action rifle is the same caliber as one of your revolvers (for example, .357 Magnum), so much the better.

**9. Buy a gun safe.** It not only is a safety issue concerning children and grandchildren, but also a hedge against the casual burglar and thief. Gun safes also provide some fire protection.

If firearms become scarcer, more thefts of guns will occur. Thieves love to target easier marks; so make yourself a "harder

target than the average gun owner. Keep your doors and windows locked, home well-illuminated, and practice home carry... Home carry may be as simple as not taking off your concealed carry piece just because you walked into your front door. Alarms, dogs, and nosy neighbors can help. Also, cameras for the deterrence value.

Any safe beats no safe. A decent residential security container, mounted in a good location, will make stealing your stuff a lengthy, noisy and difficult affair - just as you would like it. You want to make it so stealing your most valuable possessions (including in this case firearms) would take more time, tools and/or effort than the casual bad guy is willing to invest. *HINT:* Having more than one safe is a big plus. Tackling one big safe is difficult. Tackling two or more?

**10. Legal protection.** First, make sure you have a self-defense insurance policy. Lawyers are expensive and unless you have a pile of cash earmarked to fight a criminal prosecution for a righteous self-defense incident, you need this coverage.

Furthermore, get legal advice before you do anything; now is the time to identify a good lawyer and get their contact info in your phone (and that of your significant other in case your phone is impounded for evidence). Love them or hate them, lawyers will almost all tell you never to talk to law authorities if you are under suspicion.

But today we are in a whole new world. What should you say or do if a police officer asks you who in your neighborhood owns a firearm? Or comes to your house asking if you do?

Ask a lawyer before you are in a situation of being asked anything. One of the biggest pitfalls is a perjury trap, where you tell police one time about an incident and then later present your recollection of the facts slightly differently and you get charged with obstruction of justice.

### Summary.

An avalanche is made up of lots of little snowflakes. America's gun culture is made up of scores of millions of gun owners. Yes, some gun owners embrace the gun culture and gun rights more aggressively and robustly than others. By working together to protect and defend our gun rights remains the only way we'll keep them.

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*Dominic Visione's From the Hip*

# I'll take 'Incompetent Politicians' for \$1000, Alex

by Dominic Visione

Thoughts while shaving. Many thoughts this month.

Everyday seems more and more like "Bizarro World," which is my admitted theft from a like-named episode from the TV sitcom "Seinfeld" that aired in 1996.

Everything is reversed, and it is damn hard to beat Chicago for (bad) examples. House Speaker Mike Madigan has allegedly been caught with his hand deeply in the Com Ed cookie jar. How deep you ask? Deep enough that members of his own party want him to step down, something many political pundits thought would never happen. Except for one group of Democratic lawmakers; the Black Caucus.

The Black Caucus typically alleges injustice in every arena. Surprisingly, they are incredibly tone deaf on this one. Think about it: the Feds found enough evidence of real corruption that Com Ed took a deal that had them pay a \$200 million dollar settlement. \$200 MILLION DOLLARS.

How much money is that? You could by a 2,000 square foot house on an acre lot in San Francisco with that kind of cash. A little sarcasm there, I know. But you might have enough cash left over to coax San Fran Nancy Pelosi to stop by and give you a hair cut and blowout if you promise to write her a check bigger than the one the Chinese dangle in front of her.

A fifth of a billion dollars is a LOT of money. Back when I worked the road for the Illinois State Police, it was not uncommon in circuit court for a plea deal to be made in order to avoid or limit jail time. The fine was commensurate with the deed. First offenders could usually skate on less than \$1000, depending what crime was alleged. Subsequent offenses were a little higher, but you get the idea. Usually the defendant would discuss this with their attorney, who would advise to take the deal or suggest alternatives.

I am sure Com Ed has an incredibly savvy, experienced and top tier legal team. How bad was that evidence for Com Ed's legal team to advise Com Ed executives that a \$200 million dollar fine was a good offer and to jump on it - because the alternative was far worse? That's got to be some smokin' evidence.

But in light of all that, the Black Caucus is *still* supporting Madigan. Even though during Madigan's tenure, the poverty and crime stricken areas of Chicago have pretty much only gotten worse. Uncle Mike been in the General Assembly since 1971, and has been Speaker since 1983 for all but two years. Next year will be his 50th year in office. Kinda like the Joe "Super-Predator" Biden model of efficient government and

empowerment for African-Americans, right? Exactly.

As Madigan's career circles the drain, one wonders about how two of his downstate sycophants feel about all of this.

Peoria-area Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth serves in the Illinois House Leadership - a Deputy in the Speaker's office.

Booth votes as Chicago/Madigan tells her to vote. Why? Because Madigan gives her money to keep her seat - money she couldn't ever hope raise on her own. As of October 23,2020, she has received \$455,371.91 from the Democratic Party of Illinois, aka Uncle Mike. She is a Madi-girl. And she supports gun control legislation that does zero favors to her fellow African-Americans who live in her district. Gun control disarms victims and there are plenty of victims in Peoria County. Yet Booth votes to keep her fellow blacks on the gun control plantation. With friends like her, who needs any enemies?

And then there's Senator Dave Koehler. Koehler fancies himself a champion of small business (try not to laugh). Mr. Small Business Champion Koehler also championed the new Illinois Gun Dealer License law which resulted in about 1200 gun-related small businesses closing.

Koehler already had his own brush with the FBI. In 2019 FBI agents raided Bluff City Materials, an asphalt company in Bartlett, Illinois. After the raid, Bluff City Materials gave a \$5000 donation to Koehler, who happens to sit on the Transportation committee. Koehler admitted to WCIA that they are a sponsor of his golf outing every year. He also got money from Com Ed (since 2012) that he claims he donated to a local non-profit agency. Swing and a miss, strike two.

Meanwhile, both "Gun Control Plantation" Booth and Mr. Small Business Koehler have been eerily silent about the Com Ed fiasco. Isn't "silence is compliance" one of the catch phrases in use by the "woke" crowd we see "peacefully" protesting?

Finally, congratulations to Chicago's derelict Mayor Lori Lightfoot on the 4020th recorded shooting in Chicago this year, tying the record set in 2016. Her city has more murders this year than 48 entire states racked up on all of 2019! That's some real "leadership."

And also to Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, for dropping charges in a third of felony cases, then asking for low or no bonds on violent repeat offenders.

I'll take "Incompetent Politicians" for \$1000, Alex. (RIP Mr. Trebek)

*More firearms than the world's armies... combined?*

# Firearms figures

(GSL/NSSF) - The National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®), the firearms industry trade association, released the latest Firearms Production Report to members. The report compiles the most up to date information based on data sourced from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF's) Annual Firearms Manufacturing and Export Reports (AFMER). Key findings for public release showed:

- In 2018, 11.4 million total firearms were produced or imported in the United States (less exported firearms).
- Approximately one-half (48%) of all rifles produced and imported (less exports) in 2018 were Modern Sporting Rifles.
- Since 1990, there have been an estimated 19.8 million Modern Sporting Rifles (MSRs) sold.
- An interim 2019 estimate showed a total of 6 million total firearms were produced in the United States. Of those, 3.6 million were pistols and revolvers, 2 million were rifles and 480,000 were shotguns. Those are interim figures that will be updated when complete reports become available from the ATF.
- In 2019, there were approximately 3.3 million firearms imported into the United States which included 2.3 million pistols and revolvers, 301,000 rifles and 678,000 shotguns.
- From 1991 to 2019, nearly 214 million firearms have been made available to the U.S. market.
- According to reports such as: ATF Firearms Commerce in the United States, ATF AFMER and Congressional Research Service data, there are an estimated 434 million firearms in civilian possession in the United States.
- There are approximately 71.2 million pistol magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds, and 79.2 million rifle magazines capable of holding 30 or more rounds in circulation.
- Firearm and ammunition manufacturing accounted for nearly 12,000 employees producing over \$3.9 billion in goods shipped in 2018. An estimated 8.7 billion rounds of all calibers and gauges were produced in 2018 for the U.S. market.
- During the 28-year period covered by this report (1991–2018) the violent crime rate has decreased by 51.3 percent and unintentional firearm-related fatalities have declined by 68.2 percent.

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## Guns for beginners

# How many ammo magazines do I need?

by John Boch

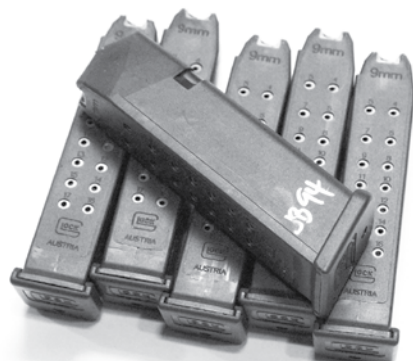
With millions of Americans buying guns for the first time in 2020, more than a few of them are wondering how many ammunition magazines they need. Some of these new gun owners (or even older gun owners) might think that if you needed more than one or two magazines, that manufacturers would include them. Not so, *Kimosabe*.

You need ammo and a good holster for your pistol and sling for your rifle as well, but manufacturers don't include those either.

So, as firearm owner, how many magazines do you need for your gun(s)?

Everyone will have an opinion on this, and I'll give mine as a twenty-two year firearms and tactics instructor and student of dozens of nationally-known firearms instructors. I won't play hide the ball, but first let's talk about magazines.

Magazines, unlike firearms, degrade with use. To give you an idea, the military considers their standard-issue aluminum AR-style magazines to have a 4000-round service life. That's about 130 loadings. After that, the military considers them expended. And you should too.



One of the most common causes for malfunctions in semi-auto firearms is a defective mag. This is why you should use a Sharpie marker and number them. This way, while practicing in the future, if you start experiencing malfunctions for whatever reason from your magazine #3, you can put that one aside.

Why do magazines fail with use? Primarily because feed lips are relatively delicate. Those feed lips can become deformed or even broken with use. Especially with hard use in training. Also, springs weaken from loading/unloading cycles - but not so much from "taking a set" from remaining fully loaded for years at a time.

If you do suffer multiple malfunctions from any mag, mark it prominently, say with orange paint, and use it as a malfunction clearing drill training aid. Or destroy it. Better yet, if you're especially mercenary about things, sell it to someone you don't like. Just make sure it doesn't stay among your working gear that you depend upon for personal defense or serious competition.

We know that the vast majority of America's gun owners don't practice as much as they would like to. In fact, many gun owners might not shoot more than a box or two of ammo each year. And probably just as many don't shoot at all. Precious few train aggressively. For the average gun owner, they don't need to buy magazines by the case (100) or even 10-packs. However, in good times, that option remains available.

## For Handguns.

Semi-auto handgun owners should have at least three magazines for each semi-auto handgun. That allows a handgun to be loaded for self-defense and provides two reloads. Three magazines also makes a nice complement for recreational shooting as well.

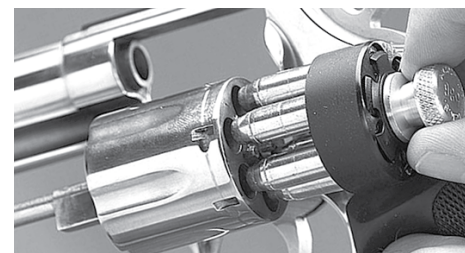
Additionally, if you shoot regularly or train even occasionally, you should buy three brand new replacement magazines. Ideally buy magazines from your firearm manufacturer. These will replace any of your initial magazines that fail over time from use or abuse.

Given the political environment from a potential Biden administration, if the standard capacity magazines normally come with over a ten-round capacity, that's just another YUGE reason to purchase those extra spare magazines now before gun control legislation limits the sale of these so-called "high-capacity" magazines.

Back in the late 1990s during the federal magazine production ban, spare standard capacity "pre-ban" Glock magazines sold for outrageous prices. Even used and abused ones sold for over \$100. Today, you can still buy new ones, regardless of the make and manufacturer, while they remain relatively plentiful and affordable. What's more, it isn't like they will go bad in the back of your closet or gun safe.

For the revolver shooters out there, you too should have "magazines" - otherwise known as "speed loaders" in the revolver world.

Like semi-auto pistol owners, revolver owners should have at least two speedloaders. The good news is that speedloaders are less prone to failure with use. Also, for deep cover, speedstrips are also available, but they are much slower on the reload.



Revolvers need speedloaders...

## For ARs and Modern Sporting Rifles.

Owners of America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, or other semi-automatic rifles should also have at least three working magazines. Frankly, six would be better.

Complement that with another three (or six+) of brand new spares.

For those who will train or compete with their modern sporting rifles, a dozen or more would be appropriate. Again, follow the US military's 4000-round life expectancy for AR mags. You can still use them for range practice or drills if you run them through 130 loading cycles. Or you can sell them to someone else as practice magazines and then replenish your own stock with new ones as store stock allows.

Should the government enact some sort of ban on the manufacture of mags over 10 rounds, milspec AR magazines or other semi-auto modern sporting rifle mags will become very pricey. Buy your spare magazines now while they remain affordable and available. Don't wait. BUY THEM NOW.



What about the bolt-action rifle owners? As above, make sure you have at least three magazines. The good news on bolt gun magazines is that they are unlikely to face legal sale or ownership restrictions anytime soon.

Conclusion: how many is too many?

Personally, I don't know that anyone can own too many magazines - even fifty or more. Plenty of women would probably say the same about shoes or maybe purses. Heaven knows most men would say the same thing about guns.

Just make sure you have at least three magazines, bare minimum, for every mag-fed gun you own. Buy those spares, too. You'll thank yourself in ten or twenty years.

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# Mayor Lori Lightfoot's CHICAGO IS NOT SAFE



Murder City USA's 2020 homicides... currently at 756... for a single city!

## More killed this year than in 48 of 50 entire states in 2019

(Liberty Park Press) - Chicago has hit a milestone, racking up more homicides so far in 2020 than all but two states did during the entire 12 months of 2019, according to the FBI Uniform Crime Report for last year.

Only California (1,679) and Texas

(1,379) reported more murders in all of 2019 than Chicago has logged over the past 11 months. With 31 days remaining, the Windy City could maintain that pace. Data for 2020 will not be available until late September 2021, when the FBI traditionally issues its Uniform Crime Report for the previous year.

### ILLINOIS 'AFFORDABLE BAIL' IN ACTION

## Double-murder suspect was out on \$15,000 bail for another killing AND two other Class X felony armed habitual criminal cases

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A suspected double-murderer who sparked an Amber Alert across Chicagoland on Friday evening is on bail for allegedly killing a woman while fleeing police and for two separate Class X felony armed habitual criminal gun crimes.

Clarence Hebron, 32, had

been held without bail on those cases for over a year until a Cook County judge agreed to release him on just \$15,000 bond in July.

Hebron has not been charged with Friday's murder of 26-year-old Jessica Beal and her brother in Riverdale, but police identified him as the

suspect in an Amber Alert after Beal's 1-year-old boy went missing following the homicides. The boy has since been located.

Incredibly, Hebron was also on bail for the two armed habitual criminal cases when he allegedly killed a woman while fleeing police in April last year.

Year to date, Chicago cops have been shot at 72 times compared to 18 times in all of 2019.

## Shots fired at police up 300% over 2019

(GSL) - Chicago Police report that CPD officers have come under fire 72 times so far in 2020, four times 2019's 18 instances of cops coming under fire. HeyJackass.com reports that in ten of those instances, officers were wounded in 2020.

Chicago's Police Chief David Brown said, "At no point in recent memory have our officers ever faced such a level of inherent danger while performing their duties. Yet they continue to bravely serve with honor each day and night."



Chicago Police reported another incident after this graph was released.

Not only did Supt. Brown not stop the killing, but murders are up 54%

## INEPT, INCOMPETENT, OR BOTH: Police patrol staffing slashed across Chicago

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Sunday evening, officers in one of Chicago's largest police districts worked their entire shift without having a single sergeant on the streets to supervise them.

And cops who worked the next shift in the same district also patrolled without any sergeants supervising.

The lack of oversight was not a scheduling snafu, according to two sources. The district simply doesn't have enough sergeants to cover all of the shifts, they said.

After hearing about that —

and confirming the situation by reviewing schedules from the station house — CWBChicago took a look at CPD's staffing numbers. We found something incredible.

Since CPD Supt. David Brown took office April 2, the department has significantly reduced staffing at every single police district across the city, including its most violent districts. In fact, the five police districts with the most homicides this year have lost 18% of their assigned cops under Brown, according to Chicago's Office of the Inspector General (OIG).



Chicago PD honcho Brown.

## Second City Cop: Mayor Lori Lightfoot is really the one running the Chicago PD, not David Brown.

(Second City Cop) - Shortly after [Mayor Lori Lightfoot] took office, she began to put her minions in spots at HQ... She flooded the place when [former police superintendant Eddie Johnson] was bounced a year ago. They now dictate policy, not CPD brass.

Nothing and I mean nothing gets signed off on without Maurice Classen's approval ([Lightfoot's] Chief of Staff). Brownie and [Lightfoot] realized early on that the [police] contract, for as many glaring gaps in protection that exist, is still solid and needed a go-around. This is EXACTLY why [Lightfoot]/Kwame/Pritzker are pushing for licensing downstate- to fire officers more easily and going around the contract.



## Paroled felon AWOL from monitoring caught with full-auto pistol at video shoot

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A paroled felon who went AWOL while on electronic monitoring for a pending gun case was arrested with an automatic-fire handgun Wednesday night after police found a group of people shooting a music video under the Ontario feeder ramp, prosecutors said.

## One day after 'affordable bail' for armed carjacking, man stabs girlfriend 14 times

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - One day after a Cook County judge ignored a recommendation to impose "maximum conditions" on Michael Riddle during a bond court hearing, Riddle was arrested again Thursday — for allegedly stabbing his girlfriend 14 times as she sat on a couch next to her young child.

Judge David Navarro allowed Riddle to get out of jail by posting just \$1,000 bond after prosecutors accused him of trying to carjack a woman this week. Navarro made the decision just minutes after the court's pre-trial services officer advised that "maximum conditions are recommended" for Riddle's release.





Helping everyday people learn important life lessons via board game

## Trials & Triumph

Chicago (ABC7) -- Trials & Triumph is a board game that teaches teens and adults how to safely interact with police created by Chicago criminal defense attorney April Preyar.

"Parents don't realize the power of a veteran cop sitting and grilling their 15- or 16-year-old child. And so, the purpose of the game is to teach teens and adults how to interact safely with police, how to avoid the criminal justice system all together and how to make it home safely," she said.

The game is similar to board games many grew up playing as children, such as 'Monopoly' and 'Life'.

"The best part is because it's interactive, it forces players who normally would have their heads in their cell phones to actually have a conversation with one another," said Preyar.



The game uses real life scenarios that were taken from the news or from cases Preyar has worked on.

"There are 54 different scenarios and they are all police contacts," she explained.

Derrick Spencer is the parents of two teenagers and plays the game with his family regularly.

"They were real situations that can occur and to be able to discuss that with them in a safe environment is great for us" he said.

According to Preyar, kids retain information better when playing, and after only 20 minutes they can walk away with lessons they'll remember for life.

Criminal defense attorney April Preyar's advice applies to gun owners, too

## Four tips for dealing with police

### 1. DO NOT RUN.

Why? The police will chase you and you could be hurt, tased or shot. Remain still - even if you have something illegal on your person.

### 2. DO NOT REACH.

Don't reach for cell phone, or anything in a pocket (including wallet without asking first). Police may think you're reaching for a weapon. Do not alter evidence or throw evidence (illegal or otherwise) away.

### 3. DO NOT RESIST.

Don't talk back. Don't pull away. Don't tense up.

### 4. DO NOT RUN YOUR MOUTH.

Don't say anything. Say nothing except, "I want a lawyer." The less you say to responding or investigating officers, the better court will be for you. Remember the magic words: "I want a lawyer."

April Preyar's firm also offers free initial representation at a police station. Yes, those arrested without counsel should call 1-800-LAW-REP-4.



April D. Preyar.



## ATF Raids Polymer80

(Recoil Web) - To those who still read the paper, this morning may have brought a bit of surprise, as the Wall Street Journal reported the headline "Ghost Gun Company Raided by Federal Agents." The language itself indicates what the message is intended to convey: with the key words being "raid" and "ghost gun." While the internet simultaneously laughs at the political theater around ghost guns, and sobers from remembering the problematic track record that certain federal agencies have with conducting raids, no time is lost contemplating what this move implies.

Thursday, December 10th, 2020, the ATF entered the property of Polymer80 in Nevada, seizing both documents and what we expect to be part of their inventory as evidence. If the raid doesn't raise hairs, the warrant affiliated with it does,

as the build kits were to be suddenly reconsidered as serial-number-requiring firearms. By this determination, Polymer80 could face ramifications for failing to pay taxes affiliated with firearms sales, and be considered an illegal weapons manufacturer.

Polymer80 manufactures and sells individual parts and kits based on the Gen 3 Glock platform. They have brought the customization of 80% receivers to the world of handguns, selling the materials and know-how surrounding modern gun smithing. Just as the build-your-own flintlock kit isn't sold as a firearm, Polymer80 does the same thing, but with a polymer lower, striker-fired handgun.

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# We disagree with the NRA

**NRA:** ‘Youth Stars’ are the ‘Future of our Freedom’

**GSL:** Role models are nice, but everyday young people are the real ‘Future of our Freedom’

(GSL) - In this issue of the National Rifle Association’s *America’s First Freedom*, the cover story touts a handful of young Americans who have become competitive champions. They have become niche role models for other young people. This, per NRA, is the “Future of our Freedom.”

This is one of those few times when we disagree with the NRA and when we’re willing to make that public.

While role models are helpful, the real “Future of our Freedom” belongs to the everyday young people in America gaining exposure to the fun and excitement of firearms and shooting - along with the people who help make that happen.



More people of all demographics have read Guns Save Life’s famous highway sign slogan touting “Shooting sports are safe and fun... there’s no need to fear a gun” than have seen those young shooters featured in the NRA story in person, on *YouTube* or in print stories.



No, the real future of our freedom is introducing everyday young people to shooting. That’s the reason behind Guns Save Life’s passion to help support youth shooting programs and preserve ranges.

Every year, our organization and its members donate time and treasure to getting  
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young people behind the trigger and helping them make lifetime memories.



Plenty of other GSL members and gun owners in general do this in their own lives. After all, taking new shooters out for the first time is almost as thrilling as your own first-time shooting experience!



Just as others introduced us to guns and shooting in our youth, we are doing the same with one new generation after another. We won’t depend on *YouTube* or the other Big Tech giants to provide a platform for us to promote freedom.

Because done right, a few minutes spent with the thrill of shooting a few shots with a real gun beats spending an entire day watching the best *YouTube* videos.



*What he loved: True American patriot Bob Simmons delivers a presentation on his Colt rimfire pistols at the Charleston GSL meeting in November. He loved the gun culture. A true patriot, he worked tirelessly to help the DeWitt County Sportsman’s Club, Guns Save Life and others to help promote and defend America’s gun culture.*

**GSL Director Ralph “Bob” Simmons dies suddenly Dec. 8th**

## Devastating loss

by John Boch

Bob Simmons, 63, Guns Save Life Director and true American patriot, died suddenly on December 8th in Decatur. An exceptional man, he worked tirelessly to promote and defend gun rights in his spare time while working as a supervisor for Ameren. Then, upon retirement, he took on the full-time job of selflessly helping others towards that same end.

He leaves behind his wife Ronna along with other family, both biological and

within the gun community in Central Illinois.

In recent years, both he and his wife Ronna did amazing things at the DeWitt County Sportsman’s Club. He spearheaded multiple improvement projects at the club while Ronna helped with secretary duties handling memberships and other work.

At Guns Save Life, he worked tirelessly as not only a director but also as our sign team leader, repairing sign sets and in-

stalling new ones. Always charismatic, he could always count on his friends and fellow gun owners to help out on those projects, seeing them through to success.

Bob Simmons will be deeply missed by all. As General Patton once noted, it is foolish and wrong to mourn the loss of great men like Bob Simmons, but instead we should thank God that such men lived. We should also thank the good Lord for putting men like Bob Simmons in our lives.

*A regular at our Peoria meeting*

## Ellen Hansen passes away

Peoria - Ellen June Hansen lived as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. If you ever needed help, Ellen would be there to comfort and care. Ellen was called home to the Lord on November 30, 2020. She was loved by all and she will be missed.

She was born September 15, 1943 in Peoria to Wesley & Nellie (Noe) Morland and raised by parents Frank & Nellie (Noe) Lyle.

Ellen graduated from Richwoods High School in 1961. She met a young man, David Jon Hansen, and he became her best friend and husband on

May 24, 1964.

Ellen retired from Pleasant Valley Grade School and became heavily involved at Hospice Compassus as a volunteer sunshine girl. She was also a dedicated member of the Central Illinois Van Club and GSL.

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## ATTENTION COLLECTORS: Two big IL gun sales featuring historical firearms Jan. 1 & 2

Central Illinois will see two big gun sales in coming days. The sales will include the private collections of two prolific gun collectors, including a GSL member.



Springfield Armory Pre 98 1896 Krag .30-40 Krag at Bauer's.



### MATTOON: Bauer Auction 1000-gun auction

On Friday, January 1st starting at 9am, Bauer Auction in Mattoon will host one of their quarterly auctions with over 1000 guns sold. This will be a (mostly) online event, with only 25 or so live bidders allowed in the building (thanks to COVID) restrictions.

Those interested can view the guns, including photos (multiple) of most of the guns online at BauerAuction.com. In fact, online bidding has already started on this sale. Signing up for a bidder number online is pretty painless and quick, and they accept credit cards for purchases of over \$500.

Yes, you can start perusing these right now from the comfort of your home and leisure.



Colt Model 1905 .45 ACP

### NORMAL: C.I. Shooting Sports Roy Albert Collection

At 9am on Saturday, January 2nd, C.I. Shooting Sports at 700 Wylie Drive in Normal will host a sale of the Roy Albert Collection. This sale will include over 400 firearms and will have "buy it now" pricing on most of the guns and silent auction bidding on some of the rarest and most unique.

Albert's collection includes scores upon scores of historic and rare military rifles and pistols, scores more Western guns and even a slew of precision target rifles.



China prefers civil unrest in America... and China owns Joe Biden

## Joe Biden: Don't talk about 'DEFUND THE POLICE' until after GA elections

(Tennessee Star) - Joe Biden reportedly doesn't want civil rights leaders to discuss defunding the police until after the Georgia U.S. Senate runoffs have concluded. This, for fear that such rhetoric will scare off Georgia voters and prevent Democrats from controlling the U.S. Senate next year.


Friday's New York Times reported that Biden said

the following:


"I also don't think we should get too far ahead of ourselves on dealing with police reform in that, because they've already labeled us as being 'defund the police'... Anything we put forward in terms of the organizational structure to change policing — which I promise you, will occur. Promise you. Just think

to yourself and give me advice whether we should do that before Jan. 5."


As reported, U.S. Sen. David Perdue (R-GA) and U.S. Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA), are on the January 5, 2021 ballot for the U.S. Senate against Democrats Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock, respectively.



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## Cost-benefit analysis for protective gear



by Oleg Volk  
([blog.olegvolk.net](http://blog.olegvolk.net)) - Wearing rifle-rated body armor seems like the most obviously beneficial daily practice. In addition to stopping bullets, it also protects from bruises and abrasions. It's such a great idea that it should be mandatory!



Oh, wait...why not? Armor, even the best and the lightest, is still heavy, still restricts air circulation, still puts extra weight on the spine and the leg joints. It's a great protective measure for certain environments but, even in wartime, many troops choose not to wear it. They win in mobility and endurance, or in the ability to carry extra ammunition for the same weight. People whose roles require wearing armor for years, especially if they had to run in it, usually

suffer from back problems.



### Masks.



The same trade-offs apply to masks, both to the effective types like the one above and to the ineffective improvised craft

projects. In theory, they restrict the transmission of viruses through restricting incoming or outgoing air flow. In practice, most of them do not work well. If you can still smell cigarette smoke or kitchen smells through the mask, it's not working against viruses.

The trade-offs are the restricted airflow (reduced endurance, asthma attacks, heart attacks, other health problems) and the contamination of the inside surface with bacteria. That bacteria gets to live in a warm, moist environment perfect for reproduction. Increased acne, rosacea, other types of skin inflammations thrive under masks. The harm done by those side effects far outweighs even the theoretical benefits and is only slightly mitigated by non-compliance.

Free people should be able to make their own choices. Forcing masks, especially on people whose physical or mental health would be immediately harmed by them, should be considered a violent felony and stopped with appropriate measures. Unfortunately, in many jurisdictions, police enforce those edicts against the general population while giving the politicians a pass.



Guns help empower people to fight attackers... Armed gays don't get bashed!

## How a Utah gun control advocate changed her mind and launched a pro-gun group

*Salt Lake City (Deseret News)* — ...In July, [Ermiya] Fanaeian, a 20-year-old business student at the University of Utah, reopened the Salt Lake Chapter of the Pink Pistols, a pro-gun, pro-LGBTQ group "dedicated to the legal, safe and responsible use of firearms for self-defense of the sexual-minority community."

Fanaeian is an unlikely candidate to spearhead a pro-Second Amendment group like the Pink Pistols, which was founded in 2000 and has since grown to include 45 active chapters across the country, according to its website.

At 17, Fanaeian co-founded the Utah chapter of March for Our Lives, a nationwide, student-led campaign born out of the 2018 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 dead.

She helped organize a massive event where roughly 8,000 protesters met at the state Capitol to demand stricter gun laws. Many held signs calling for a ban on assault weapons — like the AR-15 that Fanaeian now owns.

At first, Fanaeian felt intimidated diving into the gun world.

"The left's idea of a 'gun nut' typically is white men who are upper class and see this as a hobby that will make their egos bigger," she told the *Deseret News*. "But the reality is this is a form of empowerment for me..."

"As working-class people, we should not be disarmed," she said. "There is everlasting violence against LGBTQ people that oftentimes politicians, on whatever side of the aisle, are not addressing, and we need to be able to protect ourselves. And because of that, I came to this understanding that the March for Our Lives goals do not align with my goals."



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### Philly masked bandit picked the wrong victim

*Philadelphia (WPVI)* -- A concealed carry licensee felt no brotherly love when an armed robber at a Wingstop take-out shop pointed a gun at him and demanded his cell phone.

After handing the robber the phone, the good guy gun owners saw the robber momentarily distracted. Sensing his

opportunity, he drew and fired a single round that hit the bandit in the throat.



The 53-year-old masked suspect ran out of blood before he could be transported. The CCW holder stayed on scene until police arrived. Police don't anticipate any charges but they did keep his carry piece as evidence. No word on whether the employees comped the good guy's order of food.

*Federal hate crime charges considered*

### Wife produces gun and shoots, saving husband from machete-wielding racist

*Tarboro, N.C. (WNCN)* -- Edgecombe County deputies say hate crime charges are possible in a machete attack on Friday. The attack happened Friday around 9 a.m. at a house on Carr Farm Road in Macclesfield.

According to deputies, the suspect, identified as Carlos Antonio Washington, was waiting behind the couple's house and attacked the homeowner once the victim went inside the house.

Deputies said the homeowner fought the suspect off momentarily and deflected the machete. The homeowner's wife came out with a gun and shot at Wash-

ington -- ending the attack.

The suspect ran to his car and started to drive on U.S. 258 toward Tarboro, deputies said. While deputies were on the way to the scene, Deputy A. Lewis located the suspect's vehicle.

Deputies said federal hate crime charges are possible as the suspect is a Black Hebrew Israelite who attacked a white family at random. The Anti-Defamation League said there are many sects. Some are considered extremist and are outspoken anti-Semites and racists. They're unrelated to the Jewish faith.

*Should have been a defensive gun use!*

### Lunatic chases woman with chainsaw, screaming racial slurs

*Lincoln, NE (KOLN)* - A Lincoln man remains behind bars Monday night, charged with a hate crime. After the victim and multiple witnesses say he chased a woman outside of her apartment complex with a chainsaw while yelling multiple racial slurs.

On Saturday afternoon, 25-year-old Norma Nimox was being dropped off by her sister at her apartment.

She says that's when she first noticed a man standing in this window on the second floor.

"I see a man with a chainsaw in his hand he rips open the door," said Nimox. "I'm standing in the middle part of the stairs and he's sitting at the top of the stairs. Excuse my language because it's about to get



vulgar he says sup n\*\*\*\*\*."

Nimox says she made it about halfway up these back stairs when the man then began chasing her.

"Started up his chainsaw and he says get off my property n\*\*\*\*\*," said Nimox. "So he started chasing me down the stairs with the chainsaw all the way until we got to the end of the property then he stopped."

That man, 41-year-old Daniel Stueck left the complex after the incident. Nimox says he got back when police were there and that's when they arrested him.

In an interview with LPD Stueck claimed that black people had been stealing from him and that quote: "she was guilty because she was black."

*Those stubborn facts...*



251,545 medical error deaths in 2013... Compared to 8455 firearm murders

### PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF: Medical 'errors' account for 10% of all US deaths

*(Johns Hopkins Medicine)* - Analyzing medical death rate data over an eight-year period, Johns Hopkins patient safety experts have calculated that more than 250,000 deaths per year are due to medical error in the U.S. Their figure, published May 3 in *The BMJ*, surpasses the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) third leading

cause of death -- respiratory disease, which kills close to 150,000 people per year.

In their study, the researchers examined four separate studies that analyzed medical death rate data from 2000 to 2008, including one by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector

General and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Then, using hospital admission rates from 2013, they extrapolated that based on a total of 35,416,020 hospitalizations, 251,454 deaths stemmed from a medical error, which the researchers say now translates to 9.5 percent of all deaths each year in the U.S.



### Half of America's 10 safest cities are in Constitutional Carry states

*(Bearing Arms)* - A fundamental adage of the gun control movement is that more gun laws equals less gun crime. The only problem with that belief is that it's patently untrue. The website WalletHub recently compared more than 180 cities across the country to determine which cities are the safest for residents and visitors, and it turns out that fully half of the ten safest cities are in states that have very strong Second Amendment protections, including Constitutional or permitless carry.

The website didn't only look at violent crime rates when determining which cities are the safest, but that was a big part of the criteria along with the number of reported COVID cases, law enforcement per capita, and some 40 other factors in three specific areas of concern: Home and Community

Safety, Natural Disaster Risk, and Financial Safety. Once those risk factors were tabulated, the site ranked all 180 cities, and with one notable exception, the vast majority of the safest cities are in states that do a decent job in recognizing our right to keep and bear arms.

*Columbia, Maryland  
S. Burlington, Vermont  
Plano, Texas  
Nashua, New Hampshire  
Burlington, Maine  
Burlington, Vermont  
Salem, Oregon  
Virginia Beach, Virginia  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
Gilbert, Arizona*

Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Arizona are all Constitutional carry states, while the gun laws in Texas, Virginia, and North Carolina are all fairly robust in terms of Second Amendment protections. Columbia, Maryland is the one city in the Top Ten

Safest Cities that's located in a state with restrictive gun control laws, and those laws don't seem to be doing much to keep residents in Maryland's largest city safe. Baltimore, Maryland is way down towards the bottom of WalletHub's list of safest cities, coming in 155th out of 182 metropolitan areas.

If gun control alone were enough to reduce violent crime, then cities like San Bernardino (ranked 180th out of 182), Los Angeles, (172), Oakland (165), and Washington, D.C. (160) would be among the safest places in the country instead of coming in towards the bottom of the rankings. In fact, it's worth noting that California has the "best" gun control laws in the country according to groups like Giffords and Brady, but it's also home to some of the most dangerous cities in the United States.



## The District of Corruption has overplayed its hand

By J.B. Shurk

(*American Thinker*) - This is just an observation (because I'm not looking forward to gulag life), but I think the only thing keeping Trump voters from burning the whole corrupt system down right now is that nobody knows whom or what to attack. That should be a pretty sobering consideration for an establishment class that thinks it just stole the 2020 presidential election fair and square. If there were a ship out in the harbor loaded up with all the Democrats' fraudulent ballots from the election, there's no doubt in my mind that a hundred million Americans would dress up as members of the Washington Football Club and sink that ship to the bottom of the sea. If the politicians and journalists who call the District of Corruption home were wearing bright red coats, I suspect they'd find themselves tossed to the curb head-first by every small business-owner going belly-up right now due to political whims disguised as public health orders. If there were a field of battle to defend or clearly demarcated enemy zones on the map, I'm guessing the powder keg ignited from mail-in ballot fraud this election cycle would have already gone boom!

The truth is that Americans are mad, and they should be. They have put up with four years of fake Russian collusion hoaxes and fake impeachments and fake judges using their powers to hamstring lawful executive orders from President Trump. They have watched the CIA abuse its powers to spy on a Republican political campaign and the FBI abuse its powers to punish political allies of the president, and the only person facing any semblance of justice in the whole mess is some no-name young lawyer from deep in the bowels of the Deep State's operations against Trump who lacked the judgment to understand that his own side would use him as a scapegoat. Police officers have been totally thrown under the bus so that lawless Democrat mayors and district attorneys could send armies of Antifa thugs into the streets this election year as a show of strength. Old and young veterans have been watching elected officials tear up the Constitution they took oaths to defend, and if fighting broke out tomorrow, I think 90% of those former soldiers would be at the front lines the day after next.

We have a tinderbox right now, and about the only miracle saving the Establishment Club in D.C. from the impending inferno is that the Americans most fired up to tear the whole thing down are the same Americans who have spent their lives respecting the rule of law and American institutions. Drink that irony in! The men and women in D.C. who see themselves as part of the "permanent government" have abused their powers to take down a sitting president, Establishment Club Republicans have looked the other way as Democrats used the cover of a pandemic to justify the dumping of unaccounted mail-in ballots across battleground states to overturn an otherwise likely Trump victory, and the only thing keeping Trump voters from destroying the whole corrupt system is their own self-restraint. As soon as enough of them decide that a two-tiered justice system that protects leftist agitators while persecuting the MAGA crowd is unacceptable or that a rigged election system that magically lifts establishment candidates to victory is

illegitimate, then the whole house of cards comes crashing down.

Outside D.C., Americans have common sense, and their common sense tells them that the 2020 election for president was a sham. By hook or by crook, and without changing current election laws through the state legislatures, Democrats transformed the 2020 election into a contest of which side could manufacture more fraudulent mail-in ballots. Since only the Democrats were manufacturing ballots, they won by default, but only after working well past double overtime to overcome the historic turnout for Donald Trump's re-election. Can you imagine how surprised those cheaters must have been when they realized in the hours after the polls closed that they'd have to double up their cheating efforts just to match the real voters who showed up for the president? Trump voters were so aware that they'd have to prevail over a "margin of fraud" that they turned out in numbers that shocked everybody. And instead of noting the huge surge in voters for the president, the Democrat press simply ignored it completely. Even Joe Biden can't believe how many votes Joe Biden received in order to eke a win past the incumbent president's historic election night.

When nearly half of America's voters believe that the fix was in to steal victory from President Trump, you don't have a conspiracy theory. You have something approaching a general consensus.

So here we are in an American stalemate. Democrat governors and secretaries of state know they ignored their states' election laws in order to create so much mail-in ballot chaos that nobody knows which votes are real and which votes were cast by paid political operatives. Establishment Republicans only too eager to get back to the pre-Trump status quo of cheap Chinese manufacturing, H-1B visa green cards for foreign workers, and endless illegal immigration labor are willing to play dumb and act as if it were completely normal for an incumbent president to break voting records and win almost all bellwether counties in the country by an average of sixteen points but still somehow come up short of overall victory. And the Establishment Club that transcends party membership is looking at the American people with one eyebrow raised and wondering whether it'll be allowed to get away with it.

In poker parlance, the D.C. crowd is bluffing that Joe Biden won the 2020 election, and it's daring the American people to call it out. It's a dangerous gamble. If these people get away with it, there's really nothing holding them back from here on out. If they can institute a system where the importance of the voter disappears and the only question is whether battleground state officials are corrupt enough to certify fraudulent election totals, then those darned rubes who value their individual rights cease to matter at all. But if enough Americans call their bluff, well, then the D.C. corruptocrats lose everything.

If there were ever a political equivalent of 7-2 pocket cards, Joe Biden is it. It's time to push our chips in and see what happens.

## PASSED THE BAR

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## Keith Olbermann: 'To heal America, Biden must prosecute Trump, family, enablers'

(GSL) - In Keith Olbermann's *You-Tube* video *Olbermann vs. Trump* #31 the former sports commentator, failed political analyst and commentator gave his thoughts on healing America. In short, he wants to prosecute President Trump, his family and his supporters.

"We want the prisons so filled with Trump flunkies, apologists, enablers that we have to convert Trump buildings into new God-damned Trump prisons!"



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Wauwatosa, Wisconsin Mayor McBride (Dem) on mall gang shooting: 'If the shooter had complied with 'no guns' policy, no one would have been hurt...'

## Mayor Simpleton speaks

(America's First Freedom) - After someone shot eight people in a local mall, the mayor of Wauwatosa, Wis., Dennis McBride (D), actually said, "Guns have no place in shopping malls or other places in which crowds of people gather. Mayfair (mall) has a strict no-gun policy. If the shooter had complied with that policy, no one would have been hurt yesterday."



This comment went viral, as a lot of people mocked the mayor's naiveté. But, in his defense, this mayor was merely saying out loud what anti-Second Amendment groups and politicians often advocate for, as they often argue that "no-gun zones" somehow save lives. They argue this even though most mass-murderers seem to purposely choose to commit their atrocities in such zones.

Police described the incident as "the result of an altercation between two groups of people," but have stopped short of saying it was gang-related. At least four of the victims were simply bystanders to the fight. As this was being written, all of the victims were recovering, and police had announced a 15-year-old boy had been arrested as the alleged perpetrator.

The mall's "strict" policy says firearms and illegal weapons are prohibited, and that "guests who do not act responsibly may be asked to leave." (There's no word on whether mall officials asked the shooter to leave for not acting responsibly.)

Mayor McBride later tried to clarify his remarks by saying, "There are people who break rules and laws.

I see a deeper problem in society. Children shouldn't have guns. Mayfair has a strict no-gun policy. People should not bring guns to malls."

Clearly, no one told Mayor McBride about the concealed-carry permit holder who shot and killed a woman who opened fire on customers at a Tulsa shopping center earlier this year, or other such incidents that were stopped by armed citizens in Washington, Kentucky, Oregon, Texas, Illinois, and Tennessee. This is in addition to the various other attacks in churches, businesses, and restaurants that were thwarted by armed citizens.

In fact, according to research from the FBI, out of 50 mass-shooting incidents in 2016-2017, 10 were ended by civilians, including four where lawfully armed civilians thwarted mass shootings. "Their selfless actions likely saved many lives," the FBI report notes.

Tellingly, Joe Biden's benighted "gun-control czar" Beto O'Rourke was confronted on this issue a year ago. While promoting his confiscation schemes, CNN's Alisyn Camerota challenged Beto: "You expect mass shooters to follow the law?" After an awkward five-second pause, Beto said, "Our fellow Americans will follow the law, yes."

While considering government restrictions on carrying arms, 18th century Italian philosopher and criminologist Cesare Beccaria observed (later quoted by Thomas Jefferson), "Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

Responsible politicians owe it to their constituents to own these manifest truths rather than indulging in deadly fantasies that ultimately render victims defenseless.



Lies and Violence

## Averting our gaze from political hyperbole and violence empowers the mob.

by Hyon S. Chu (City Journal) - A mass gathering of Trump supporters took place in Washington recently. As seems almost commonplace at such events these days, counter-protestors showed up, and people were physically hurt. Whatever your politics, Democrat or Republican, MAGA or Never Trump, this is a problem we must contend with. A major factor playing into the escalation of violence seems to be the increasingly hyperbolic rhetoric of political figures. It is through such exaggerations that many find justification for averting their eyes from violent acts, if not committing them.

Videos from the D.C. rally are jarring. Counter-protesters assaulted and accosted young couples, senior citizens, and bystanders, pelting them with fireworks and eggs. Mobs formed at nearby hotels to harass Trump supporters trying to get to their rooms after the rally had concluded. Groups of people wearing masks and wielding makeshift weapons stalked lone demonstrators. Skirmishes broke out, and people were bloodied.

It's likely that many of these videos have been edited

to show a slant. Almost all media footage nowadays is. In certain cases, some of the "victims" may even have done something to incite the crowd. But one thing in the videos was clear: the anti-Trump assailants heavily outnumbered the Trump supporters, and anti-Trump bystanders showed no compunction about hurling insults, throwing up middle fingers, or participating in the violence themselves as some tried to leave the scene. In one video, no one made any visible attempt to help two people who were forced to traverse a hostile crowd to find safety with Metro Police officers, but some used the opportunity to snap photos on their phones.

The events of the past few weeks illustrate how easy it is to convince some people of the unassailable morality of their views. After nearly five years of the media insisting that Donald Trump is a "racist," "fascist," "demagogue," or "totalitarian," it should be no surprise that many people now believe that they are fighting against Hitler and his SS, and that, in this cause, tactics of violence and intimidation are to be celebrated rather than regretted.

Jamelle Bouie, formerly of Slate and now with the New York Times, has written articles under headlines like "There is no such thing as a good Trump voter," arguing that such people "don't deserve your empathy." The frequent calls for Trump to disavow white nationalism and racism seem to validate the notion that he still has something to disavow—despite his having done so many times. Public figures have compared the Trump presidency with Kristallnacht—when Nazi forces and German citizens alike openly ransacked and attacked Jewish homes and businesses. Surely these ahistorical analogies are adding fuel to the fires raging at the fringes of society.

Few Americans have taken part in the violent skirmishes and protests of the past year or will do so in the future, but nonetheless something has changed: the affordance that mainstream Americans now give such mobs. Far too many act like the bystanders caught on camera in the DC rally and protest: averting their gaze from violence against people wearing the wrong-colored hats. It's precisely that act of looking away that emboldens the violent fringe in its actions...

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# PRIVATE ARMS AND CIVIL UNREST:

## Lessons from the Black Freedom Movement

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*This is an excerpt of his 37 page paper which can be downloaded in full (at no charge) from the Social Science Research Network website. Search for the title of this story and download the .pdf.*

In the summer of 1959, Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, articulated the mature self-defense policy of the organization and the broader freedom movement. The icons of the movement and legions of unheralded heroes rejected political violence, but dedicated time, talent, and treasure to upholding the rights of Black people who had used guns to defend themselves and their families against imminent harm.

Wilkins was in a running conflict with Monroe, North Carolina, Chapter President, Robert Williams, who had responded to one of a string of racist affronts with rhetoric that many considered advocacy of political violence. Wilkins warned that Williams had violated the long-weathered principles and policies of the organization.

Martin Luther King, Jr. echoed Wilkins in a widely circulated exchange of essays with Williams, where King endorsed individual self-defense as entirely consistent with the movement but emphatically rejected the incalculable perils of political violence.

The framers of this policy had firsthand experience in the space where individuals must resist violence in kind or surrender to the fickle mercy of mobs. As movement leaders, their task might have been easier under a practice of pure nonviolence. But even with the freedom movement at stake, they did not expect individuals to surrender the prerogative of armed self-defense. Indeed, they continuously deployed scarce resources to uphold a bounded principle of armed self-defense against imminent threats.

This constrained philosophy of arms advanced the freedom movement through generations of social upheaval. Today, as we navigate the turmoil of 2020 and beyond, it offers enduring lessons about the right to arms in the midst of civil unrest.

### ‘Civil Unrest’ in the Civil Rights Era

NAACP supported many cases over the years. But none were more consequential in the framing and advancement of movement policy than the defense of Doctor Ossian Sweet and his family, who used guns against a mob that aimed to run them out of their new home in a white neighborhood.

By the time of the Sweet's armed stand in the summer of 1925, the mobbing of Blacks who attempted to integrate white neighborhoods had drawn the ire and focus of the NAACP national office. In the months preceding the mobbing of Ossian Sweet, several other Black families had defended their homes against mobs. From the national

office, Executive Secretary James Weldon Johnson already had penned angry editorials condemning mobs that had “driven Negroes from their homes and defending those who defended themselves in absence of adequate police protection.”

One such family was Aladeine and Fleta Mathies, newly arrived in Detroit from Georgia. They rented a house with another couple on the border between the black section, “Black Bottom,” and an ethnic white neighborhood. Neighborhood racists sent threatening letters and then came in person to tell the Mathies they were not welcome.

**Civil Rights legislation  
didn't stop Klan riders.**

**Men like him did.**



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When the Mathies dug in, the mob descended. For two nights, the men of the house rebuffed the mob by making a show of guarding the house with rifles. Later in the week, with the men away at work, the mob returned. When they started stoning the house, Fleta Mathies fired out of one of the broken windows. The gunfire dispersed the crowd but the police subsequently arrested her on gun charges. Fleta Mathies was exonerated after W. H. McKinney, the past president of the Detroit NAACP, showed that she feared for her life and fired in self-defense. Mathis returned home, and though causation is unclear, the mobbing stopped.

When Ossian Sweet moved his family into the house on Garland Avenue it was plain that mobs would not be swayed by class distinctions. Yes, Fleta Mathis was a new migrant from Georgia and George Fletcher was a waiter. But Sweet's colleague Dr. Albert Turner also was sent running by a mob that looted and trashed his new residence on the border of a white neighborhood. Ossian Sweet was fully aware of this when he carried two canvas sacks containing twelve

guns and four hundred rounds of ammunition into his new home.



Dr. Ossian Sweet.

The first night, news of the Sweet's arrival drew a crowd of a few hundred people. Three other men, Ossian's two brothers and a handy man, were in the house. Ossian took the men upstairs, showed them the guns, and worked out a schedule for standing watch. Around midnight, a hail of rocks hit the house, and then there was silence. The first night turned out to just be a warm up. The second night, a far larger crowd appeared. The rumor mill said that this time they had a plan for driving the Sweets out. When Ossian's brother Otis arrived in a cab, the crowd stoned him and hurled racial epithets.

The men in the house ran upstairs and retrieved guns. Mobbers pummeled the house with stones and debris. Then there were gun shots. One white man in the mob fell dead, another was wounded.

The initial prosecution swept up the entire Sweet family. NAACP hired legendary trial lawyer Clarence Darrow to defend them. Walter White was diligently on the scene as the trial progressed. His November 1925 letter to James Weldon Johnson demonstrates the ballooning significance of the Sweet case to the organization, and the intensity of White's attention to the potential that a successful outcome represented. Ultimately, the exoneration of the Sweets fueled fundraising so successful that it left a surplus sufficient to implement James Weldon Johnson's dream of a standing fund that could support important litigation on a consistent basis.

We know this today as the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

### Strong black women use guns, too

There is a temptation to consider the framing of the Freedom movement defense policy as an exclusively male phenomenon. But policy leaders like Daisy Bates, President of Arkansas Conference of NAACP Branches, demonstrate the opposite. Bates famously guided the Little Rock Nine through the minefield of integrating Little Rock High School. She was, in the words of Roy Wilkins, the target of “a real terror campaign.”

She had first hand confrontations with mobs, and fired guns in self-defense against racist terrorists. Bates was ultimately aligned with Roy Wilkins in the Robert Williams affair. But even then, the editorial stance of her newspaper, The Arkansas State Press, emphatically supported the individual prerogative of armed self-defense.

The original purpose of gun control:  
to protect the Klansmen from their victims.



**Gun Control is Racist.**

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Fannie Lou Hamer and Daisy Bates became civil rights legends. But most of the women whose experience fueled the freedom movement defense policy are consigned to footnotes in the broader narrative.

Annie Colton Reeves of Pike County, Mississippi, described how her family saved and sacrificed to buy a heavy-caliber Winchester rifle to supplement the family's four other guns. Annie's father advised, “It's better to have ammunition than to have food.” The deterrent value was evident when Annie raised a gun to repel a group of menacing young men, warning them, “Whenever you get ready to go to hell, you come back.”

In 1962, Rebecca Wilson of Dallas, Georgia, returned fire when hooded Klansmen blasted her door with a shotgun. “It was the idea of the masks,” Wilson explained. “I was scared. I didn't know what I was shooting at. I just had my hand out the door.” Wilson killed one man and wounded another. The others fled. The shooting was ultimately classified as lawful self-defense. Several of the Klansmen were charged with violating the state's anti-masking law. Wilson was placed in protective custody and moved out of state.



In Carroll County, Mississippi, activist Leola Blackmon deployed her sixteen-shot semiautomatic rifle to repel Klansmen who burned a cross in her yard. “I thought to cut 'em down,” she recalled later, “but I didn't. I just let some bullets through behind 'em. I had a rifle. It would shoot sixteen times, and I just lit out up there and started shooting.” Leola Blackmon was unschooled but fully captured the principles of the Freedom Movement Defense Policy. “Well, we said nonviolent when we was protesting the school buses; nobody not s'posed to fight. But that fight was brought on because we were looking for them to hit us.”



In Jonesboro, Louisiana, Klansmen stood in the open, admiring their work after lighting a cross in the yard of Reverend Y. D. Jackson. Soon they were ducking and running under gunfire from Reverend Jackson's wife, who emptied her rifle at them and was quickly reloading.

During the Freedom Summer Project, a student volunteer was shocked to find that her host, "Mrs. Fairly, was armed to the teeth." In a letter home, the student wrote, "I met Mrs. Fairly coming down the hall from the front porch carrying a rifle in one hand and a pistol in the other."

## Submission or Resistance

A compelling aspect of the Freedom Movement Defense Policy as a guidepost for our twenty-first century conversation is that it incorporates serious and empathetic assessment of the imbedded alternatives of resistance or submission. The alternative to resistance appears graphically in endless gory accounts of hapless victims set upon by mobs. Walter White's book, *Rope and Faggot: A Biography of Judge Lynch*, epitomizes the theme. It is a systematic study of "mob murders." The work includes detailed descriptions of mobbing that White reported after going to lynching venues and passing for white.

*Rope and Faggot* offers a representative catalogue of the worst-case consequences of submission to the mob. Many of the instances are literally too gruesome to bear repeating. It is enough to say that mobs deployed every imaginable torture. Perhaps cognizant that a vivid presentation of the gore at the start might cause readers to drop the book and flee, White's first lines capture the terror subtly and perhaps more powerfully than all of the gruesome details that follow. The setting is a town in Florida where,

*some years ago, several lynchings followed the attempt of a Negro pharmacist to vote in a national election. One morning shortly afterwards I walked along the road which led from the beautiful little town to the spot where five Negroes had been burned. Three shining-eyed, healthy, cleanly children, headed for school, approached me. As I neared them, the eldest, .... asked if I was going to the place where 'the niggers' had been killed. I told her I might stop and see the spot. Animatedly, almost as joyously as though the memory were of Christmas morning or the circus, she told me, her slightly younger companions interjecting a word here and there ... of "the fun we had burning the niggers."*

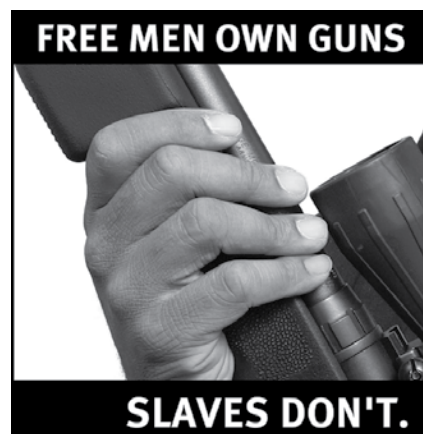


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... Mobbers competed on a scale of gore, but the power dynamic was consistent. Defenseless victims were entirely at the

mercy of the mob and the crowds reveled in the spectacle and slaughter. Compared to the alternative of helpless submission, the hazards and uncertainty of resistance have multilayered appeal.

T. Thomas Fortune, fiery editor of the *New York Age* (one of the leading Black newspapers of the era) pressed the theme of self-defense as a deterrent with equal fervor. Describing the agenda of the nascent Afro-American League, Fortune explained:

*We proposed to accomplish our purposes by the peaceful methods and agitation through the ballot and the courts. But if others use the weapons of violence to combat our peaceful arguments, it is not for us to run away from violence. Attacks, the black patriot — he was no coward. And if there comes violence, let those who oppose our just cause throw the first stone ... to be murdered by mobs is not to be endured without protest.*

Commenting on a conflict in Virginia, Fortune wrote, "If white men are determined upon shooting whenever they have a difference with a colored man, let the colored man be prepared to shoot also." 82 While his rhetoric was sometimes inflammatory, Fortune was careful to caution, "We do not counsel violence; we counsel manly retaliation ... in the absence of law ... we maintain that the individual has every right in law and equity to use every means in his power to protect himself."

Responding to criticism from the white press of his editorial stance advocating armed self-defense by Blacks, Fortune published a pointed response that elaborates the theme of resistance as a deterrent: We have no disposition to fan the coals of race discord. But when colored men are assailed they have a perfect right to stand their ground. If they run away like cowards, they will be regarded as inferior and worthy to be shot; but if they stand their ground manfully and do their own share of the shooting they will be respected and by doing so they will lessen the propensity of white roughs to incite riot.



Ida B. Wells, civil rights champion and gun ownership advocate.

Ida B. Wells famously advanced the deterrence theme in her advice that the Winchester Rifle deserves a place of honor in every Black home. Wells was specifically referencing two recent episodes where armed Blacks successfully averted lynchings.

Those episodes epitomize the gold standard of resistance, where righteous defensive violence saves the lives of mob victims. Those sorts of cases present a powerful reason to prefer resistance over submission. Measured against the option of succumbing immediately to violent attack, the case remains compelling even where the aftermath demands working through the public security bureaucracy. The Sweets, Pink Franklin, Steve Green, and countless others were manifestly better off resisting.

## 'CIVIL UNREST' CONTINUES TODAY



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### Trump supporter's home hit with explosive devices

*St. Clair Shores, MI (FoxNews)* - A Michigan man says he was possibly targeted due to his political beliefs after at least one explosive was thrown into his home on Saturday morning, according to reports.

The St. Clair Shores homeowner, who wished to stay anonymous, said he and his girlfriend were in an upstairs bedroom at the time of an explosion, which blew out drywall, shattered glass and caused cracks in the ceiling, FOX 2 of Detroit reported.

"We came out and there was a big mess here," the homeowner said. "Everything was smoking and I got on the phone and called 911 and they showed up pretty quick."



Antifa leader, social misfit, or homeless bum? All of the above, perhaps?

### Adam Rahuba, Antifa leader, threatens nationwide attacks

(GSL) - In a November 20 tweet, Adam Rahuba, a self-described Antifa leader, threatened nationwide violence if President Trump failed to concede.

"Attn: @realDonaldTrump: If you do not concede by Sunday at noon, we will begin to block roads in conservative areas. Your supporters will not be able to go to work or the grocery store to feed their families. We are armed & will retaliate to attempts at vehicular manslaughter."

Obviously Mr. Rahuba couldn't muster enough brave Antifa to shut down a lemonade stand. He has, however, been profiled in the mainstream media:

### Adam Rahuba

(*New Hampshire Union-Leader*) - Adam Rahuba, a former concert promoter, works part-time as a food-delivery driver [*Editor: in a borrowed car*] and a DJ. At 38, he spent most of the past year staying on a friend's couch in a small town north of Pittsburgh.

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Guest commentary

ISRA Executive Director Richard Pearson

## On the Ammo Shortage...



by Richard Pearson

The constant question everyone is asking is where all the ammunition is. There are all kinds of conspiracy theories out there but I don't buy any of them at this time. The production of ammunition is more complicated than one might assume.

In the fourth quarter of each year, ammunition companies estimate what is going to happen in the following year. In 2019, ammunition manufacturers estimated how much raw material would be needed in 2020. Handgun and rifle ammunition requires lead, antimony, copper, zinc, aluminum,

bismuth, bronze, rubber, steel, tin, tungsten, and several varieties of plastic. Additional waxes, types of oils, waxes, and other lubricants have to be purchased. In short, they have to buy a lot of stuff before they begin manufacturing.

The other factor is the ammunition companies run a full year's production on one caliber and then reset the machine to run another caliber. There are not 9mm, 38 special, 380 ACP, 45 ACP or other calibers in ammo loading machines just sitting around waiting to be turned on. There is no order that says, "Hey Charlie, run over to the plant and run a couple million 9 mm's." It doesn't work that way.

Think back to the Fall of 2019. The Election was a year away and things were relatively peaceful. In January, COVID-19 hit us, and later, George Floyd was killed. That is when things started to fall apart, at least as we know it. Ammunition sales went up and are now averaging 139% more than in 2019. There are 7,000,000 more gun owners in the United States than last year.

Ammunition companies are getting ready for the process to begin for 2021. They have to rebuy all the components that I mentioned earlier. Let's guess they are buying 50% more than last year. That means the cost of materials may go up if supply is short. Remember, many other industries are using the same materials. That's my take on the ammunition problem.

The ammunition shortage for rifles and pistols has brought about the rise of the self-defense shotgun. While shotguns are not the first choice for many, they are versatile and powerful in both short and medium range situations.



The good news is shotgun shells are available. Even if you can't find buckshot, heavy turkey loads work just fine. I consider anyone trying to come through my door as an uninvited turkey. When shotguns are loaded with slugs, they are good out to 150 yards. The energy generated by a shotgun shell is something to be considered. A 1.25 ounce turkey load comes out of the muzzle at 1300 feet per second and with about 2048 pounds of energy. Dirty Harry's .44 Magnum is about 971 pounds of energy; the shotgun has more than twice as much power. (In the movie, Clint Eastwood shot a .41 Magnum because he couldn't handle the .44)

Right now, there is a variety of self-defense shotguns, both American made and imported to choose from. Looking online, I found several foreign made pump shotguns for under \$200. Add another \$150 or so for American made. If you are interested in a semi-automatic shotgun, about \$450 to \$500 is good for foreign made. If you want American made, add somewhere between \$300 and a whole bunch more. The semi-automatics come in recoiled operated (inertia driven) and gas operated. I have all three. The semi-automatic gas operated is best for those who may be recoil sensitive. They are also the most forgiving if your gun isn't perfectly fit into your shoulder.

The foreign made shotguns are often made off of expired patents. The Stevens 320 uses the Winchester 1300 design, for example. A lot of the foreign made semi-automatic shotguns use old Benelli and Beretta designs. I have not tried them all but the ones I have tried work just fine. If you buy a self-defense shotgun, get one with a stock on it and use the stock. Stocks can be shortened to fit every adult in your household. There are some aftermarket products out there to make modifications such as shorter stocks, lights, lasers and red dots. I expect there will more coming as far as accessories go. If you only get one accessory it should be a light.

If you buy a shotgun with a stock you have four points of contact, they are your shoulder, your cheek, your firing hand and your forehead, plus your eye for aiming. In close situations you have to treat your shotgun like a rifle. A shotgun pattern only spreads about one inch per yard contrary to popular belief. If you get the cute pistol grip only shotguns, you only have your firing hand and your forehead to control the gun. You also lose your aiming eye. I have seen people miss at three feet.

Of course, make sure you practice. You can use cheap shotgun shells to practice and not use the good self-defense ammunition.

No Ammo, No SHOT Show? No problem!

### IL-MO Mini-SHOT Show-like event Jan. 23rd in Fenton, MO

by Rich Portwood

SHOT Show 2021 has been cancelled. Ammo is about as hard to find as the Oak Island treasure and we face an uncertain future with a new, left-wing President. Times are hard for gun owners and anyone with a business related to the Second Amendment.

Since we can't go to SHOT, a group of us in the St. Louis area have decided to have another networking even for anyone in Illinois or Missouri with a Second Amendment related business on January 23, 2021 beginning at 12 P.M. at Gladiator Guns (the address is 2558 Gladiator Drive in Fenton, MO 63023-2285).

SHOT Show is normally a time for manufacturers to debut new products, whether those products are guns, clothing, lights, magazines or some new widget we can't live without. But, it's also those driving America's gun culture to grow and network.

Everyone and their brother have been buying every gun and round of ammunition they can get their hands on. On one hand, it's nice that stores have been able to sell their stocks. However, it's also bad for them because they can't replenish their stocks.

As a weapons and tactics instructor, it has greatly impacted my business because students can't find ammunition and don't want to shoot what they have because they fear not being able to buy more... I'm not alone with that reality.

Of course, having Joe Biden as President-elect has us all a little nervous with his pledges to ban black rifles and other semi-autos, tax our guns and ammo and basically wage war on our Second Amendment rights.

As citizens, we NEED the Second Amendment businesses to provide us with guns, ammo, gear, training and all the accessories. But, the question is how do

we help our small businesses survive or maybe even grow?

Wes Doss told me more than a few times that it's always harder to push a rock uphill on your own. He's one of the smartest people I ever met and totally right.

We all have businesses and social media and we can help each other grow without an exchange of money or freebies common at SHOT.

I hope to see writers, instructors, range owners, holster makers, apparel manufacturers, accessory manufacturers, ammo companies and anyone else interested come out to share and network.

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Teen shoots three leftist would-be killers then exposes Black Rifle Coffee Company's support of gun-hating politicians the day of his release. Does this kid ever sleep?

# Kyle Rittenhouse exposes hypocrisy at Black Rifle Coffee Company (BRCC)

(GSL) - Black Rifle Coffee Company poured a big pot of hot java in its lap in recent days. It began with a photo of Kyle Rittenhouse wearing one of their t-shirts was published following the teen's release on bail after a self-defense shooting..



Kyle Rittenhouse, seen here immediately after his release on bail, stands between his attorney John Pierce and actor Ricky Schroder. Black Rifle Coffee Company disavowed the teen after critics saw the prominent branding on the shirt.

Rittenhouse was charged earlier this year after he shot three men attacking him, killing two, at the height of the Kenosha, WI rioting.

The "Black Rifle" coffee company has wrapped itself in the flag and pro-gun conservatism for years now. But they wanted nothing to do with Kyle Rittenhouse or a righteous, high-profile self-defense incident. What's more, multiple media outlets reported that BRCC ended its sponsorship at *The Blaze* over a *Blaze* post of the image.

The next day, Black Rifle Coffee appeared to walk back the reports that it had cancelled its Blaze sponsorship. But that wasn't the end of problems for the company.

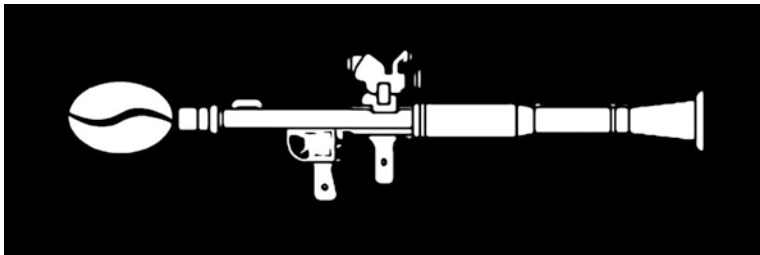
In a statement, the company claimed it doesn't support legal advocacy. However, intrepid gun owners discovered that Black Rifle practiced "legal advocacy" in the case of a Marine named Knospler, who like Rittenhouse, was arrested in an alleged self-defense incident. Knospler was later convicted.

About the same time, additional research at the Federal Election Commission website showed that BRCC CEO Evan Hafer donated to gun-hater Tulsi Gabbard's failed presidential campaign. And a few years earlier, he donated to "Obama For America."

Worse still, on Twitter, Evan Hafer "liked" other tweets referring to Rittenhouse as "little girl-friend beating Kenosha larp warrior dweeb," a "punk ass" and "a wannabe douchebag."

Later, as the company tried damage control, Mr. CEO Hafer said the "Black Rifle" of BRCC referred not to America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, but Hafer's military-issued rifles.

Clearly, Black Rifle Coffee Company needs to practice some savvy public relations work in the coming days and weeks, otherwise it may ~~take years~~ to never rehabilitate its reputation.



# Stocking Mill Coffee Co. buried in business after BRCC fiasco

(GSL) - While Black Rifle Coffee Company and its CEO fled perceived ties to Kyle Rittenhouse, Stocking Mill Coffee publicly came out in support of him. Stocking Mill Coffee's published their support on Twitter:

*We don't sponsor or have a relationship with Kyle either.*

*But if he wants a free bag of coffee or T-shirt...he can have one.*

*He is one of the few folks who actually stood up to domestic terrorism and we hope to see the courts find him innocent.*



Stocking Mill's public support for Rittenhouse has earned it praise and a boatload of business. So much, in fact, that the company has hired seven "patriots" to help them keep up with the business. "That's seven more jobs than @JoeBiden has ever created for people other than his family," Stocking Mill tweeted on December 7th.

The small company has also bought a new roaster machine as well to ramp up production.

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*Parking lots, gas stations and your front door are the three most common places for violent attack*

## Carjackings up 537% in Minneapolis

- "Police are gone. Criminals are emboldened."

*Minneapolis (Star-Tribune)* - ...Over the past two months, Minneapolis police have logged more than 125 carjackings in the city, a troubling surge that authorities had largely linked to small groups of marauding teens. But an increasing number of adults have been arrested in recent weeks for the same crime.

Within a one-hour period Saturday morning, police reported three separate carjackings in southeast Minneapolis, including one where an elderly woman was struck on the head. Such attacks are up 537% this month when compared with last November...

"The numbers are staggering," said police spokesman John Elder. "It defies all civility and any shred of common human decency."

Police say suspects tend to approach victims on the street, sidewalk or parking lot — often while they're distracted with routine tasks. A significant number

of armed stickups have targeted seniors and unaccompanied women at their vehicles on Minneapolis' South Side...

"These suspects have been known to ask for directions, then rob the victim of a purse, phone or car," read an MPD crime alert issued last month in the Third Precinct. It advised residents to be aware of their surroundings and carry only essentials...

"Crime is occurring, the shootings, the carjackings, the robberies. They are city-wide, they are impacting everyone, and not just one constituency base and not just one neighborhood," he said.

..."I am unsettled by the acceptance that carjacking and attempted murder is being normalized as a new way of life in our city," [business owner Kathy] Higgins Victor wrote. "Police are gone. Criminals are emboldened. City leaders are not working toward common goals."

## S&W M&P Shield EZ pistol recall

**M&P SHIELD® EZ® PISTOL IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE FOR PISTOLS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN MARCH 1ST, 2020 AND OCTOBER 31ST, 2020**

Smith & Wesson has identified two M&P Shield EZ Pistols on which the hammers manufactured by our supplier were cracked. In those firearms, the hammer failed to fully engage the sear, causing the round to fire, cycling the slide, and potentially resulting in multiple discharges without depressing the trigger. This issue can occur in the following two scenarios:

1. With a loaded magazine in the firearm and the grip safety depressed, releasing the slide (by pulling it back, or releasing the slide stop), may ignite the round as the slide closes, without engaging the trigger. The condition

may occur, regardless of the manual thumb safety position if equipped. This may also result in multiple discharges.

2. With a loaded magazine in the firearm, the grip safety depressed, manual safety in the fire position, slide closed, and a round in the chamber, pulling the trigger will cause the round to fire normally, however as the slide cycles, the next round may be ignited as it is chambered by the hammer failing to fully engage the sear, causing multiple discharges.

In all cases, the firearm will NOT fire unless the grip safety is depressed. While this condition has been found only in two hammers, and our investigation suggests that these two incidents are very isolated, any unintended discharge of a firearm has the potential to cause injury. Therefore, we have established this Safety Recall as a precautionary measure to ensure that all M&P Shield EZ Pistols in service meet our design specifications.

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Call 888-871-7114 or go online to [mpshieldezrecall.com](http://mpshieldezrecall.com)



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## Calendar



### GUN SHOWS...

*For any and all gun shows scheduled, contact the promoters to verify the show will take place. Many have been cancelled. You can access contact info at [gunshowtrader.com](http://gunshowtrader.com).*

#### January

**Jan 2-3: Kankakee Gun Show**, Kankakee County Fairgrounds Kankakee, IL Mike (630) 254-0221.

**Jan 15-16-17** (possibly, conflicting info online. Phone is disconnected.): **Indy 1500 Gun Show**, South Pavilion, Indiana State Fairgrounds. Confirm *before* travelling.

**Jan 23-24: Will County Gun Show**, Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL. Mike (630) 254-0221.

**Jan 30-31: Quad Cities Gun Show.** QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island, IL Mark Craft. (309) 371-3593.

**February**  
None listed.

#### March

**Mar 6-7: Kankakee Gun Show**, Kankakee County Fairgrounds Kankakee, IL Mike (630) 254-0221

**Mar 13-14: Aledo Gun & Knife Show.** Mercer County Fairgrounds, Aledo, IL. Mark Craft 309 371-3593.

**Mar 20-21: Peoria Gun & Knife Show**, Peoria, IL (Exposition Gardens). Mark Craft 309 371-3593.

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**Do you or your club have regular events you wish to publicize?** Submit them to [johnnaese1@comcast.net](mailto:johnnaese1@comcast.net).





Smith & Wesson Chief Exec: Eight million new gun owners in 2020

## Eight million

(Fox Business) - Background checks, a metric for gun sales, are hitting an all-time high in 2020, and nearly half of the purchases being made this year are by first-time firearm owners, firearm manufacturer Smith & Wesson said Thursday.

To date, nearly 8 million Americans have already decided to "exercise their Second Amendment rights for the first time," chief executive Mark Smith told analysts in an earnings call.

## A COVID exemption in the Constitution? Mass PD stops gun permitting due to COVID

Nantucket, MA (WHDH) - The Nantucket Police Department says it will not be processing gun permit applications requiring fingerprinting until further notice due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

In a tweet on Wednesday that was later taken down, officials wrote, "Our permit office will not be doing firearms permit applications, fingerprints, or photos until further notice due to COVID-19."

The tweet immediately generated debate about the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, which protects the right to keep and bear arms.

## Gun grabbers giddy

(GunsAmerica) - Assuming the "results" of the election hold and Joe Biden is sworn in as president on Jan. 20, 2021, Everytown for Gun Safety believes that we are headed for a new dawn on the gun-control front.

In a press release dated Nov. 7, 2020, the organization called Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris, the "Strongest Gun Safety Administration in American History."

Everytown expects that the two will get to work in short

order pushing a variety of anti-gun bills, including criminalizing private sales and transfers, enacting confiscatory red flag laws, prohibiting the sale of unfinished gun parts (80% lowers), banning black rifles and magazines with a capacity greater than 10 rounds, and repealing legislation that prevents gun makers from being sued for the criminal misuse of their products.

"Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are the strongest gun safety ticket in American

## Rittenhouse to face all six charges in Wisconsin

(FoxNews) - A judge on Thursday ruled that Kyle Rittenhouse will stand trial on all six counts related to the shooting deaths of two men and wounding of a third during a protest in Kenosha, Wis., in August.

The decision came after Rittenhouse, a 17-year-old from Antioch, Ill., appeared in a Kenosha County preliminary court hearing held via Zoom. The teen was freed from jail last month after posting a \$2 million bond, with most of the money raised through a legal defense fund set up by conservatives portraying him as a patriot protecting other people's property.

[Editor: No, videos show that Rittenhouse protected his own life from unlawful murderous intent. But thank you FoxNews.]



Criminal tactics evolve, too

## Gangs target delivery vehicles for packaged treasures

(ZeroHedge) - As the coronavirus pandemic drives online holiday shopping - USPS, FedEx, UPS, and Amazon delivery workers distribute more mail and packages than ever. The increased number of deliveries has left delivery vans densely packed with a treasure trove of consumer goods and other valuable items, which have become sitting ducks for armed criminal gangs.

Armed criminal gangs in Baltimore City have recognized the online shopping boom. They're giving up on robbing brick and mortar stores and have now opted to hijack or rob delivery service vehicles.

history, and so their victory is the strongest proof yet that gun safety is a winning issue," said John Feinblatt, president of Everytown for Gun Safety.



Seattle's Mayor: "Seattle is fine. Don't be so afraid of democracy!"

## With homicides set to double, Seattle slashes police budget by 18%

Seattle (NY Post) - Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan plans to sign a new city budget that will reduce the police budget by 18% despite homicides reaching record highs not seen in a decade.



A Seattle Police Officer found a lost 3-year-old child who wandered off into some woods near his home hours before. The boy was found barefoot, soaking wet and very cold by the officer who carried him to safety.

Council members overwhelmingly voted last week to cut funds for police training and overtime and to eliminate dozens of vacant positions within the Seattle Police Department after months of contentious talks. The reductions fall short of the 50% that local activists demanded amid nationwide protests against police brutality and racial injustice...

"I believe we are laying the groundwork to make systemic and lasting changes to policing," Durkan said in a statement last week. "We have rightly put forward a plan that seeks to ensure SPD has enough officers to meet 911 response and investigative needs throughout the city, while acknowledging and addressing the disproportionate impacts policing has had on communities of color, particularly Black communities."

The new budget comes as the city marked its 55th murder of the year Monday...

Like other big cities, Seattle is seeing a sharp rise in violent crime. The city recorded 28 homicide victims last year and 32 in 2018, according to police figures. Going back to 2008, the last year of data available, murders never topped 30 prior to 2018.



Mayor Jenny Durkan @MayorJenny

Seattle is fine. Don't be so afraid of democracy.

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · Jun 12  
Seattle Mayor says, about the anarchists takeover of her city, "it is a Summer of Love". These Liberal Dems don't have a clue. The terrorists burn and pillage our cities, and they think it is just wonderful, even the death. Must end this Seattle takeover now!

5:49 PM · Jun 12, 2020 · TweetDeck

22.1K Retweets · 86K Likes

Fake news teasing Don Jr. for NRA EVP...

## Donald Trump Jr. will not replace Wayne LaPierre at NRA...

(Conservative Journal-Review) - Late Wednesday morning [Dec. 2], *Business Insider* broke a story that Donald Trump Jr. was going to go up against Wayne LaPierre for the executive vice presidency of the National Rifle Association.

Needless to say, the story picked up considerable juice throughout the day.

By Wednesday night,

however, Trump Jr. himself debunked the story, calling it all fake news.

Business Insider is not exactly a small political blog and clearly has the staff to vet such a story, but it appears as though the outlet did not even bother to reach out to Trump Jr. for clarification, instead deciding to run with unnamed sources at first simply to grab the clicks.



## Soros-funded St. Louis prosecutor Kim Gardner booted from McCloskey case

St. Louis (KSDK) - Circuit Judge Thomas Clark II on Thursday dismissed Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner and her entire staff, saying campaign fundraising emails Gardner sent to constituents that alluded to Mark and Patricia McCloskey's case "raise the appearance of impropriety and jeopardize the defendant's right to a fair trial," The Associated Press reported.

The ruling means Gardner can no longer oversee McCloskey's prosecution. Instead, a special prosecutor will have to be selected to take over. The decision does not apply to McCloskey's wife, Patricia, who is scheduled to appear before a different judge on Jan. 15.





How long before this idea comes to the Illinois General Assembly?

## Texas Rep files bill to strip Texans of self-defense rights

- “If only one side is armed, fewer people will get killed”
- “Thieves carry guns for self-protection”
- Bill allows criminals injured in the course of crime the right to sue

(ZPatriot.com) - Texas has a law that allows a home one to protect themselves and their property. This has long been a target for the left. See Below.

In Texas, State Representative Terry Meza (D-Irving) has introduced HB196. Her bill would repeal the state's “castle doctrine.” This doctrine allows a homeowner to use deadly force against an armed intruder who breaks into his home.

Now listen to what she has to say...“I’m not saying that stealing is okay,” Meza explained. “All I’m saying is that it doesn’t warrant a death penalty. Thieves only carry weapons for self-protection and to provide the householder an incentive to cooperate. They just want to get their loot and get away. When the resident tries to resist is when people get hurt. If only one side is armed fewer people will be killed.”

Meza was quick to reassure that her bill “would not totally prevent homeowners from defending themselves. Under the new law the homeowner’s obligation is to flee the home at the first sign of intrusion. If fleeing is not possible he must cooperate with the intruder. But if violence breaks out it is the homeowner’s responsibility to make sure no one gets hurt. The best way to achieve this is to use the minimum non-lethal force possible because intruders will be able to sue for any injuries they receive at the hands of the homeowner.”

“In most instances the thief needs the money more than the homeowner does,” Meza reasoned. “The homeowner’s insurance we reimburse his losses. On balance, the transfer of property is likely to lead to a more equitable distribution of wealth. If my bill can help make this transfer a peaceful one so much the better.”

Closing out with a moment of levity.

## Precocious little Larry

(Ace of Spades HQ) - A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, “Everyone who thinks they’re stupid, stand up!” After a few seconds, Little Larry stood up.

The teacher said, “Do you think you’re stupid, Larry?”

“No, ma’am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!”

The math teacher saw that Larry wasn’t paying attention in class.

She called on him and said, “Larry! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?”

Larry quickly replied, “NBC, FOX, ESPN and The Cartoon Network!”



Larry’s kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals.

One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person.

“Yes,” said the policeman. “The detectives want very badly to capture him.”

Larry asked, “Why didn’t you keep him when you took his picture?”

Little Larry attended a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse’s legs and rump, and chest.

After a few minutes, Larry asked, “Dad, why are you doing that?”

His father replied, “Because when I’m buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy.”

Larry, looking worried, said, “Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mom...”

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