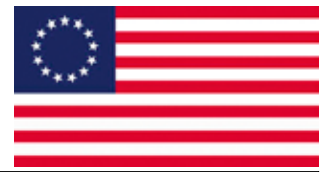


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COOK COUNTY: A STUNNING LACK OF PROSECUTIONS

Cook County, IL (GSL) - Cook County has a bigger problem than the repeated release of habitual criminals under the Illinois' "affordable bail" program. No, State's Attorney Kim Foxx simply doesn't charge many criminals at all.

In her first three years, Kim Foxx dismissed charges in over 25,000 felonies - almost thirty percent of cases. These included cases up to and including murder.

Since then, police don't even bother filing charges in some less serious felonies like shoplifting, leaving brick and mortar retailers to increase prices to paying customers or simply close shop as they've done on the Magnificent Mile.

The prosecutor who George Soros has spent millions of dollars backing with campaign funds continues to undercharge or not even bother charging brazen violent criminals. In other cases, prosecutors and sympathetic judges simply release repeat offenders to continue victimizing the community while political leaders pretend the problem doesn't exist.

For example, an on-duty Chicago Police homicide detective was attacked and injured by muggers. One of the attackers was arrested, yet days later, Kim Foxx's office hasn't even charged the arrestee with the mugging. Another Chicago police officer was carjacked and armed juvenile offenders took not only her car, but her purse with her gun and badge in it. Has Kim Foxx charged the suspect in that case? Hardly.

In fact, Kim Foxx hasn't charged a single juvenile with carjacking in two years. Instead, she charges them with the Class A misdemeanor of Criminal Trespass to a Vehicle and releases arrestees to their parent(s).

If cops can't count on Foxx to prosecute their attackers, does anyone think she will prosecute those who victimize everyday people like us?

Until and unless residents stand up to oppose Kim Foxx and her radical, soft-on-crime policies, then locals will continue to get used and abused by violent criminals. And concealed carry will continue to grow in popularity as people vote with their wallets to protect their families.

PONTIAC GSL MEETING RETURNS IN MARCH!

New Location! See page 4.

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March 2021

Watch the GunsSaveLife.com website for updates

- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **Mar. 1** (4pm & 7pm), Apr. 5
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **Returns March 2.** April 6.
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18791 N 1300 East Rd., Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **March 3,** April 7
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **March 4, April 8** *Special date*
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **March 9,** April 13
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **March 11,** April 8
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **Chicagoland (South):** *Returning someday!*

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 6 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.



9mm Gatling Gun and Badlands Bill Oglesby
 Internationally known exhibition shooter Bill Oglesby brought his Tippmann Armory 9mm Gatling gun to the Sangamon County and Decatur GSL meetings, delivering a great presentation to all.



This is what \$5000 worth of thermal imaging scope looks like. It's not a lot bigger than a conventional scope only it allows for accurate engagement in both day and night.



Joanne Chandler won the new Keltec 14-ounces fully loaded P17 Keltec pistol at the Decatur GSL meeting!

Coming this summer...
GSL Annual Meeting Event
Saturday, June 12th
 DeWitt County Sportsman's Club
 Six miles east of Clinton
 on Route 10.

Featuring seminars, shooting, food,
 fun, friends.
 Win firearms and ammunition.



Melissa Harden, right, spoke about situational awareness for women at our Charleston GSL meeting.



Karen Miller, one of the founders of Back the Blue Central Illinois, speaks to the Champaign County GSL meeting in Rantoul.



GSL's inaugural Annual Meeting: Sat., June 12th
 GSL's Dave Randolph brings his charisma and can-do attitude to help organize and promote a first annual GSL Annual meeting. It will be held at the DeWitt County Sportsman's Club on Saturday, June 12th.

Got ammo? Wanna win some?

It's not too late to get tickets to win 1000+ rounds of impossible to find .223 and 9mm Luger!

Win this cornucopia of 500 rounds .223 55gr FMJ, 500 rounds 9mm FMJ and a box of 12 gauge goose/duck loads at the March 9th Charleston meeting! At today's prices, you might need armed security to take it home. Can't make the Charleston meeting because of distance/commitments? Mail your request for tickets to GSL, PO Box 51, Savoy, IL 61874. Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. Or 25 for \$100. FOID required to win. Send SASE for stubs.



JB Morton won the SCCY 9mm pistol and a box of 9mm ammo in Charleston. He's pictured with Regional Co-Director Justin Bawcum and 50/50 winner Jerry Garrett.



Rick Ticken, left and gun winner Mary Vogel at the Peoria GSL meeting. Mary won a Ruger 9mm pistol!



Bill Harrison has been around a long time and at the Champaign County meeting, his ticket finally came to the top to win a Canik TP9SA 9mm pistol. He's pictured with David Hermes, winner of the 50/50 and Dan Worthey, GSL's Champaign County RD.



Meeting Summaries

Sangamon County

At the 4pm meeting, **Regional Director Dale Lock** opened the meeting with the Pledge. Then he offered a prayer for the late **Bob Simmons** and for **John Boch's** mother hospitalized in Taylorville. The group honored veterans present and welcomed newcomers.

Nobody had received their January issues of *GunNews* (mailed in December), so Dale offered remaining copies.

Mr. Lock took a brief moment to explain why the Game Stop incident could impact our retirement accounts. Logically, if retirement accounts falter because of perceived malfeasance in the markets, this could lead to a whole lot more civil unrest. Dale also read the **Executive Director notes** to the group.

Carol Keiting from **Boondocks Gun Club**, 10775 Buckhart Road, Rochester talked about her newly refurbished gun range and what they offer the public. They offer training, shooting leagues and concealed carry courses along with a shooting simulator. As a licensed dealer, they cheerfully do transfers among the many services offered.

"Badlands Bill" **Oglesby** brought his new coyote gun to both meetings - a **Tippman Gatling Gun**. See story on page 9.



Image by Kelvin Coburn.

Bill Oglesby at SCHEELS.

Bill offered some advice for us "younger" shooters. He noted how the only person that can change your life is the person you see in the mirror. The old pistolero also condemned "politically correct" speech as restricting our god given right to freedom of speech and that until our voting system is made secure our votes mean nothing

Marty Towsley weighed in on the **"Criminal Justice Reform"** bill that we wrote about on the front page of last month's *GunNews*. The 760 page bill contains a lot that has yet to be analyzed. It does not eliminate "Qualified Immunity" but it surely does make it easier to file dubious complaints against police - even anonymously.

Towsley, a retired cop, opined that the body camera requirement in the bill will prove a net benefit to cops as unlike people, the camera doesn't lie. Springfield PD saw a big decrease in complaints after they started using cameras. Go figure, right?

The bill includes many unfunded mandates. What's more, Marty notes that new police recruiting has dropped dramatically both in number and quality of applicants.

Tim Wier shoed us his side charge AR-15 in 7.62x39, and answered questions for the audience.

At the 7 pm meeting **Kelvin Coburn** opened the meeting with the statement "We are in a heck of a Mess." and gave his take on the Bail Reform bill and his belief that police will have a much harder time protecting people and society in general.

The rest of the meeting was very similar to the 4p program.

Ryan Lael won the gun for the evening. Congrats to him.

Decatur

Decatur has returned! Yes, we had a crowd at **Coz's Pizza in Mt. Zion** with scores of the faithful returning after a multi-month hiatus thanks to the political science-based restaurant closure orders from our fearful governor.

Decatur's Regional Director Dave Randolph ran through the customary Pledge, recognition of our veterans and first responders and welcoming of new attendees.

The night had three outstanding main speakers, but first **State Representative Dan Caulkins** gave a legislative report. He criticized Dems for bringing a massive police reform bill to the floor hours before the end of session and voting on the 762 page measure after an hour. "Your government at work," he said.

Dan also briefed everyone on just how buried the ISP remains in processing the state's firearm licensing and background checking schemes. The good news is that they seem to be digging out. Slowly.

The "other" Dan - **Dan Cooley of The Bullet Trap** gave an industry report. In short, ammo is unobtainium at this point. Guns are in short supply as well.

Meanwhile, street gangs are desperate enough for guns that they're sending armed juveniles to break into gun shops like his to steal guns. Then, after the cops arrest them, the criminal justice system releases them to commit more crimes and get re-arrested. Thank you State of Illinois.

Cooley also noted that his contacts at the Illinois State Police told him that the ISP ran out of blank card stock to print FOIDs and carry licenses. Your government at work.

Asked if he was selling any overnight "hunting" excursions at his shop, he laughed and said no.

GSL's Executive Director John Boch shared the latest in news and information for gun owners. He also answered a number of questions from the faithful.

Our first main speaker Bill Oglesby gave a great presentation - one of his best. See the summary on page 9.

Ralph Zanchez and his partner in crime **Terry Jones** gave a great presentation on modern amateur radio. It's come a long way from the days of Morse Code. By having the knowledge, skills and radio equipment, you can communicate even if utilities (including phones) go down. Or if the Internet goes down or if you're deplatformed by Big Tech. Amateur radio serves as a great backup to communications infrastructure.

Zanchez and Jones are big advocates of amateur radio, even offering classes for people to become licensed as well as the written tests to acquire their licenses.

During question and answer, they praised the cheap Chinese radios as delivering great value for their very affordable price.

Mr. Zanchez pointed to a long history of amateur radio users providing emergency communications following disasters. In fact, during the **Amateur Radio Relay League's "Field Days,"** they practice setting up radio stations in the field using emergency power to test their ability to work under adverse conditions without modern amenities.



Terry Jones stands next to a host of modern amateur radio gear, including stand-alone radio stations and amateur radio via the Internet.

Tim Summer brought multiple **thermal imaging scopes**, along with video taken from his back porch showing the effectiveness of these wonder-tools. Yes, for about \$5000, **you too can own the night with a thermal scope on your rifle**. What's more, they are equally effective during the daytime as well, relying on heat instead of light.

Tim's a big fan of the Pulsar thermal imaging scopes. "You have to have this," he raved. "And once you do, you'll be outside after dark until the battery dies." The internal rechargeable battery lasts about four hours.



A still photo from a video from Summer showing the high quality images from his thermal scope that doesn't rely on IR illumination to see in the dark.

"Nobody's gonna sneak up on my house," Summer said, as he showed videos of wildlife from as small as a mouse to a deer behind his house.

We drew prize winners and **Jerry Sebok** won the 50/50 and **Joanne Chandler** won the **Keltec P17 pistol**. Congrats to her!

Peoria

Guns Save Life returned to **Barrack's Banquet Center** in February to a great crowd of almost forty considering the blizzard-like conditions outside. The beef brisket and fried chicken meal was excellent ahead of the program. **Rick Tieken** kicked off the meeting with the Pledge, a welcoming of newcomers (welcome!) and recognition of our veterans.

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Can't make it to a meeting?

Tickets are available!

You can't make it to a meeting, but you want a chance to win a gun for as little as \$4? Here's your chance!

Mail in a check to Guns Save Life, PO Box 51, Savoy, IL 61874. Indicate how many tickets you want for the gun you want (and city of drawing). Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20.

You can spread them across meeting locations, across the calendar (buy so many tickets each month for however many months into the future) or a combination.

Make sure you send in your check

at least a week before the meeting date (two would be even better) to ensure that we've received your order and check. Once received, Joanne Chandler from the Decatur regional steering committee will electronically notify the Regional Directors of the mail-in tickets sold for their meetings so they can get them into the drawing. If you're late, we'll return your check.

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Opportunities galore to win!

Charleston March: 500rds .223 & 500rds 9mm FMJ ammo
Charleston April: Masterpiece Arms MPA Defender 9mm
Sangamon March: S&W M&P .45 with 4 magazines
Decatur March: Taurus PT709 9mm with 3 magazines
Champaign March: Bond Arms

Roughneck 9mm
Peoria March: TriStar Cobra III 12 ga.
Decatur April (2-year anniversary): Thompson/Center in .243 with 3x9 scope.
For any meetings cancelled because of COVID restrictions, we will simply push back the drawing guns by a month...

Executive Director's Report

Gun owners surrender? NUTS!

by John Boch
GSL Executive Director
During the **Battle of the Bulge** (in World War II for the historically challenged), the Germans had the American forces effectively surrounded in the Ardennes region in Europe. The Jerries asked for the Americans to surrender or face annihilation. The Americans sent back a single-word response to the demand: NUTS!

For many of us gun owners today in Illinois, it feel as if we're under siege from every direction: the media, public education institutions, most Democrats, the Biden/Harris administration, the governor and state political leaders along with the entertainment industry.

These gun-grabbers would certainly like for us to roll over and surrender our rights. To which, the vast majority of us say, NUTS!



Sigh. Speaking of adversity at every turn, the **US Post Office** still hasn't found our January issues of *Gun-News*. After Congressman Darin LaHood's office got involved, I will say we saw MUCH improved service with our February issues. They were delivered the very next day as far away as Charleston - record time.

Meanwhile we still want our money back from the failed December mailing. We believe a social justice warrior employee took our pallet of *GunNews* and dropped it into a dumpster.



In **Springfield**, the General Assembly is basically out of session until March. They're skeered of the China flu - or that's their story and they're sticking to it. They cancelled all but one of February's session days and frankly, I expect much the same for March and possibly April as well. The new Speaker of the House has allowed a measure to term-limit the House Speaker to 5 terms - or ten

years. But that can be undone with a simple majority vote down the road, so don't get too excited.

Over at the Illinois State Police, they remain buried in FOID applications, carry license apps and gun purchase background checks. The good news, per our contacts at ISP, is that the ISP Firearm Services Bureau is slowly digging out.

But again, don't get too excited: they ran out of ID card stock for a number of days because some inept staff member failed to order in new card stock in a timely manner.



The Governor hasn't signed the police reform bill but it's a sure bet he will. Don't waste your time calling him. He's not listening to the likes of you.

Speaking of our Dear Leader JB Pritzker: the **Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources** will soon sue the Governor for sweeping monies out of the IDNR budget into the general fund. Some of those monies were federal grants restricted by law to be spent for a certain purpose.

Turning to Washington, DC... they've been so busy with their failed impeachment of a man no longer in office that they've ignored the real world. There's talk of a lot of gun control bills, but similar bills get introduced each and every session. Short of changing the way the Senate handles bills, we may escape a federal gun grab.

Also, watch out for Second Amendment groups who tell you that you need to give them big bucks to lobby against these bills in Washington. It all comes down to whether or not the Democrats honor the 60-vote filibuster in the US Senate or not.

Even with weasels like Mittens Romney and the clown from Pennsylvania, Dems might be able to round up 55 votes or so, but at this time I see 60 votes as a

bridge too far.



Joey Biden, Mr. **Hair Sniffer in Chief**, has signed 50 - five zero - Executive Orders in his first 23 days in office. Obviously, that's a prolific use of these orders for a guy who six months ago likened use of E.O.s as something a dictator does.

Of course, much to the chagrin of Big Gun Control, not a single one of Joey's Orders has anything to do with gun control. Yes, despite the empty campaign pledges of our "Make China Great Again" new president.

ISRA's Rich Pearson tells me **IGOLD 2021** is still on, but he's not real optimistic COVID restrictions will be lifted by then. As I noted earlier, I have my own doubts the General Assembly will even have many session days in April. He's not betting against me on that.



Chicago, famous for its murders (hence the nickname Murder City USA) may soon be equally famous for the rampant carjackings. Did you know the Cook County State's Attorney had not charged a single juvenile with carjacking in two years. Instead, Cook County's prosecutor charges them with Criminal Trespass to a Vehicle and then offers them free soda and snacks before giving them a hug and sending them home to their moms.

Even while it seems like dreary days for gun owners, remember that smart Americans know the truth: the only thing that stops bad people with evil in their hearts is a good guy with a gun. That's why gun sales are setting records every month. Americans are voting with their wallets when it



GSL Pontiac Returns March 2nd

Moving to the Pontiac Sportsman's Club
18791 N 1300 East Rd, Pontiac, IL 61764

Guns Save Life has held its Pontiac regional meeting at the Pontiac VFW Post 886 for many years now. In fact, it was our second satellite location.

Post 886 has been closed in recent weeks, another victim of the Chinese flu virus, at least in part. The story we're getting is that the Post was insolvent in part because of a downturn in business thanks to COVID lockdowns. Thank you Governor Pritzker.

We have made arrangements to meet at the Pontiac Sportsman's Club beginning March 2nd. The club is located on 4-H Road at the overpass over I-55. The official address, for Googlemaps, is 18791 N 1300 East Road, Pontiac.

We will not have food at the March meeting, although we're open to providing food at future meetings via catering.

Exhibits and conversation will begin around 6pm on March 2nd. We'll start the meeting program at 7pm.



Bring a friend or three, along with a neighbor. The events are free and open to the public. Plus you might win a gun! We'll have a Bersa BP9 pistol plus 50 rounds of 9mm ammo slated as the gun we'll give away that night. *(Well, after a three-day wait, that is..)*

Very tentatively...

IGOLD tentatively set for Wednesday, April 21

The Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day 2021 is set for Wednesday, April 21st.

However, it remains likely that the Illinois General Assembly complex will remain restricted to members and staff only. Furthermore, that week of session may be cancelled altogether. Watch the ISRA and GSL websites for more information as the date approaches.



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ILLINOIS NEWS



Backlog of Illinois gun owner applications persists as U.S. court case continues

(The Center Square) – The Illinois State Rifle Association says Illinois State Police are operating outside the boundaries of the law and violating people’s rights with continued delays in processing gun owner applications.

For more than a year, backlogs of processing applications for Illinois

Firearm Owner Identification cards and Concealed Carry Licenses persists.

The most recent data through December from Illinois State Police has the average wait time for new FOID cards at 122.5 days and about the same for CCL applicants that provide fingerprints. It’s supposed to be 30 days for FOID and 90

days for CCL.

ISP said as of Jan. 19, there were 175,751 new FOID applications and 25,518 CCL backlogged.

Illinois State Police say emergency rules allow for FOID cards and CCLs to be valid while the backlog is processed.

Over 130,000 FOID applications behind

IL State Police Firearm Services Bureau slowly catching up with applications

(GSL) - Numbers provided by the Illinois State Police show mixed, but mostly disappointing news for Land of Lincoln gun owners trying to comply with the state’s gun licensing schemes. For example, last year, the Illinois State Police received 93,895 concealed carry license applications - which includes new applications as well as renewals. They approved 63,658 of those applications over the course of the year.



The good news is that thanks to increased staff and enhanced motivation, the ISP Firearm Services Bureau peeps actually processed more applications than were received in December. By about 1700. December 2020 was the first and only month last year where that happened.

The bad news is that the FSB remains tens of thousands of CCW applicants behind in their duties. And catching up to the tune of 1700 per month means Land of Lincoln gun owners seeking carry licenses will continue to see processing times wildly longer than what Illinois law allows.

When it comes to processing Firearm Owner ID applications, the news is slightly better. Since November, the ISP FSB has processed more applications than it has received, including about 12,000 more in December than received.

The really bad news is that back in June, the ISP received 62,815 FOID applications and processed barely 10,000 of those. For the year, they still haven’t caught up with a **backlog of about 130,000 applications.**

No worries, Illinois is rolling in cash

\$30K taxpayer money flushed as plywood comes down following fake threats

Springfield, IL (The Center Square) – Officials are relaxing security at the Illinois State Capitol.

The plywood over the windows, which cost taxpayers \$30,000, was starting to come down Thursday. That’s after nearly a week of a heightened security presence based on a threat that never materialized...

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Friday ordered 250 soldiers from the Illinois National Guard to support security at the capitol and other state government buildings in Springfield. The move was in response to a threat the FBI said involved possible armed protests

at the state capitals of every state leading up to the inauguration of President Joe Biden Wednesday.



Such protests never materialized in Illinois.

GRUMPY CAT SAYS GOOD

IL House cancels all but one day of Feb. session

(The Center Square) – The Illinois House has canceled all but one scheduled session day for February.

When lawmakers do return to Springfield for one day Feb. 10, it could be at the capitol building and could be to adopt House Rules for the new General Assembly.

Could it be because their case was a farce?

Civil rights lawsuit against Kyle Rittenhouse dropped

Kenosha (Kenosha News) - The plaintiffs in a civil suit filed against Kyle Rittenhouse, Facebook and the Kenosha Guard dropped their suit this week.

cused of killing two men and severely injuring a third during the August protests that occurred in the aftermath of the shooting of Jacob Blake by a Kenosha police officer. He has pleaded not guilty, arguing that he fired in self-defense.

Rittenhouse, 18, of Antioch, Ill., is ac-

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BEGINNERS: Rounding out your new gun collection



by Nick Klementzos (GSL) - America had *eight point four million* first-time gun owners in 2020. Seeing that, it surely seems like America has a *massive* swell of people joining the ranks of those wanting to protect themselves and their loved ones. It's a big responsibility, but Americans aren't timid, nor do they cower well.

Indeed, protecting one's self and family truly remains an awesome responsibility. If this describes you, great! However, you should know that in addition to acquiring the tools and equipment necessary for this mission, it remains equally important to get educated in the safe and effective handling of your firearm(s).

Unlike college courses, you don't have to spend a fortune or a lot of time to get up to speed. The National Rifle Association and Project Appleseed both have great training programs that won't break the bank. A day or two will help you learn the fundamentals of safely using your new firearm.

What are some firearms you should look to acquire?

A quality .22 long rifle. semi-auto rifle that takes detachable box magazine. Highly recommend the Ruger 10/22. Yes, other choices exist in the marketplace. Or you can seek out a quality bolt-action .22. Get extra magazines for either (a minimum of four total). Why? You can learn the fundamentals of shooting using this rifle then carry that over to a center-fire rifle.

A quality .22lr semi auto pistol. Given the scarcity of center-fire handgun ammo, a rimfire pistol will prove a valuable acquisition to help you learn and refine your handgun skills. Stick with known companies like Ruger, Taurus, Smith & Wesson. Re-

member: 4 magazines for semi-autos.

A quality pump shotgun, ideally in 20 gauge. Preferably in a youth stock model too. Can't find these? Then a 12-gauge will work. I prefer Mossberg 500s, but Remington 870s are great also (and Remington will start making them again March 1). Stick with the 20 gauge if you can. Nothing wrong with 12 gauge, but the 20 is just as effective and lighter for smaller / younger people. Why a shotgun? It's the most powerful, shoulder-fired firearm you can buy. It's devastatingly effective at short ranges and novices can deploy them effectively with just a little coaching.



A quality center-fire self-defense pistol. There are so many to choose from, but stick with good ones. Taurus, Canik, Smith & Wesson, Walther, Glock, Sig, Springfield, Beretta, Ruger to name a few. I like 9mm Lugers but .38 Special, .40 S&W, .45 ACP and even .380 ACP can get the job done. I know John Boch recommends a minimum of three magazines, but I'm strongly urging you to get a minimum of four mags while you can.

And lastly: a good service-caliber rifle/carbine. They don't call the AR-15 "America's favorite rifle" for nothing, folks. There are a ton of manufacturers and very few of

them suck. Don't like the AR? They get a Mini-14 or a commie AK-47-style rifle. Stay away from Century Arms imports, in my opinion. Don't like semi-autos or want to hedge against semi-auto gun bans? Then get a good lever-action or bolt rifle.

Don't get lost in buying the latest and greatest wizbang guns and gear. Avoid the exotic guns that you can't find holsters that fit. Buy quality - the best you can afford. Taurus makes some great, affordably-priced handguns for the budget consumer. Finding affordable guns (or any guns) right now can be taxing at the moment but stick with the plan.

If you have to hold off until you can afford to get something better than a Hi-Point pistol, then do so. Buy once, cry once.

Practice. Practice. Practice!

Dry fire. You should dry fire at least 10 times for every live round you let loose downrange. Especially with the scarcity of ammo at the present time.

When you go to the range limit yourself to 50 or 100 rounds. Don't be a bone-head spraying and praying.

Load your magazines with only 4-5 rounds at a time. Why? You want to get accustomed to reloading your gun(s) when they run dry. Take your time make each and every shot count. You can look all tactical and cool but if you miss your target the people around you *will laugh at you* - not with you. And you will waste training time, money and ammo. Only hits count. Misses? Not so much.

It's definitely difficult right now to find ammo, but buy ammo priced at sane prices whenever you can. Ammo scarcity will not get better in the foreseeable future.

Get educated in the use of your battery of firearms.

Spring and summer will be here before you know it. I hope you will be able to come and shoot with GSL Defense Training and learn not only how to defend your loved ones but more importantly how to legally and ethically use force in the last resort.



50-round skill sustainment drill

by John Boch (GSL) - If you didn't already realize it, if you don't continue to shoot over time, you will slowly lose your shooting skills. With ammunition so expensive and hard to come by, making every shot count now has a whole new meaning.

How do you maintain your skill sets without burning through a lot of ammunition? Simple: take your time and make every shot a count.

Dry fire practice at home is a great way to keep your skills sharp. If you add a Mantis X training system, that's even better. It's highly recommended. Yes, it runs over \$200 or about the price of 250 rounds of 9mm ammo. I haven't formally reviewed my personally-owned unit, in part because I haven't used it as much as I'd like - yet. At the same time I've used it enough that I strongly recommend it for new and experienced shooters alike.

Even at that, though, no matter how much dry fire and Mantis X practice you complete, everyone needs real, live-fire handgun practice.

Here's a suggested fifty-round course of fire to maintain the skill sets you've acquired through past training and practice. You should use something small, like a 3x5 index card or a 3" circle at three to five yards.

Remember, aim small miss small. If you keep all fifty rounds on the target, move back to ten yards and repeat (as gun food allows).

5 Rounds: Slow fire marksmanship

Concentrate on your crush grip, sight alignment and a smooth trigger squeeze/press. Your goal: a ragged, one-hole group. Want to add another aspect to this one? Load a single round in your magazine (or revolver) and practice reloads between shots. Slow is smooth and smooth is fast.

5 Rounds: Presentations from position two and three

Do this while dry-firing with an empty gun five times each from position two and again from position three, initially at about half-speed speed, watching for wasted movement. Eliminate any wasted motion which eats up precious time.

Repeat with a loaded gun: one shot each time, alternating between starting at position two (held at your hip) and position three (high compressed ready). Shot

speed is dictated by your ability to put all shots into your target - it's a balance of speed and accuracy. Again, load a single round into the magazine (or cylinder) to force yourself to execute (flawless) reloads.

5 Rounds: The Draw

Do this dry-fire at home, practicing a smooth draw after clearing your cover garment. Remember: Slow is smooth and smooth is fast. And don't put any body parts in front of that muzzle.

At the range, draw and fire one round, hitting a 3" to 5" target as quickly as you are able to make good hits safely. If you're on a public range that won't allow draws, practice more presentations from positions two and three.

10 Rounds: One handed

Shoot five rounds, slow-fire, strong hand only using good form. Repeat with your support hand only. Concentrate on fundamentals and keep all shots in your circle or on index card.

5 Rounds: Rhythm drill

A rhythm drill is where you learn to shoot faster while keeping your rounds on target. Make a perfect shot, take another after two seconds, then another a second later. Then a half-second later, fire again, then a quarter second later, fire the final shot.

10 Rounds: Reloads

Chambered round with an empty magazine in the gun. Draw and fire one shot, reload and fire a second shot as quickly as you can keep your shot on target. For revolvers, load and fire one shot and practice reloading.

5 Rounds: Malfunctions / Ball and Dummy

Load a "funny" mag with five live rounds and one or two spent rounds (first round into the magazine should be live). Start with an unloaded chamber and loaded "funny" mag. Revolver shooters, use the Ball and Dummy Drill loading 2-3 live rounds at random and spent shells in the remaining chambers. Then practice your trigger control to fire all live rounds through same hole.

Final 5 Rounds

Circle back (pun intended) to the beginning and finish with what you started with, concentrating on marksmanship and focus. Shoot a perfect, precise five-shot string.



In regione caecorum rex est luscus

In the Land of the Blind, the one-eyed man is King

by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member



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With night vision IR, you will be able to see better than almost any adversary out there.

Do not go gentle into that good night

Part 1 of 2

Show me the man or woman who says that they are not afraid of walking alone in the dark of night and I will show you a fool, a liar, or someone with night vision equipment. Because in the dark, there's a lot of opportunity to run into things that go bump in the night.

Flashlights are great; everyone should have one in the car, when out walking, and in several areas of your house – with spare batteries and periodic function checks. If you have a flashlight and a bad guy does not, you have an edge, with one exception: as soon as you pop it on, everybody knows where you are.



Maybe it's time to get an extra CAPABILITY rather than buy your ninth pistol, so let's shed light on seeing at night. Were it possible that I could tell you exactly what brand of night vision equipment to buy, it would be easy, but I can't! This is because each of us "sees" differently, and then our brains "translate" that vision in their own way, so what works for me may or may not work the same for you. In an ideal world, before buying you could field test night vision equipment, but in reality you probably can't. You may find a video online showing the view through



a device, but in the absence of handling one for a night, you need to know some fundamentals.

Today we're visiting night vision scopes, binoculars, or monocular (basically half a bino) that rely on some ambient light, such as moonlight and starlight. Many come with internal infrared (IR) illuminators, or an external IR which looks like flashlights but transmits light that cannot be seen by the naked eye, but can be seen by the night vision device. Within range, you'll see phenomenal details.

Night vision devices with IR have been around a while. The Germans fielded one, aptly called "Vampire" in 1945, but its problem was weight. The rifle weighed 11 lb.; the scope and IR source 5 lb.; and the battery and backpack 30 lb. Today, this capability generally weighs 2-4 lb.

Looking through night vision (IR), you generally see images in shades of gray or green. An animal's eyes will glow. You can see hair, fur, movement, but it is not a pure optical view like a daylight scope; you are looking at something like a tiny TV screen that shows the image. Generally, you see things up to a few hundred yards away, depending on the power of the IR light.



Night vision IR can "see" cars, boats, buildings, and trucks. You see animals on the edges of cornfields, but generally not inside the cornfield. Night vision IR devices have zoom magnification, but sometimes at higher magnification the image blurs a bit; you'll figure out the right power and what you are seeing by using it.

What do you want this device to do? Hunting feral hogs at night? Looking for vermin around a grain silo? Detecting would-be criminals bent on breaking and entering? Detecting heat leaks (thermal can; night vision can't) in insulation? Finding your pet

dog if he runs outside? Looking for rats and mice does not require long range. But concerning criminals in a rural area, the further out you see them, the longer you have to make a decision what to do.



Many devices have GPS, are Wi-Fi capable, can record what you see and transmit that in near real time to your associates – or even the police. Many have range finders and one-shot zeroing. Some can withstand recoil up to a .375 H&H or .416 Barrett, but verify before you buy. And you can use them on a weapon or off. Go to atncorp.com. Their videos are typical of possibilities, especially the one on ATN RADAR.

Will you be stationary in your activity or moving? A night vision scope, with an external IR, on a rifle can get bulky; if you are stationary, that is less of an issue.

Since we are often looking at \$500-\$1,000 for a night vision device (sometimes more); and \$1,500-\$4,500 for a thermal device (sometimes more), we need an acquisition strategy.

Consider buying night vision (IR) first. As you'll read next month, advances in thermal technology occur frequently; delay buying thermal may allow you to buy a better capability later. Plain night vision does not seem to be making these rapid advances: IR is IR, and will remain less expensive.

Most importantly In regione caecorum rex est luscus. With night vision IR, you will be able to see better than almost any adversary out there.

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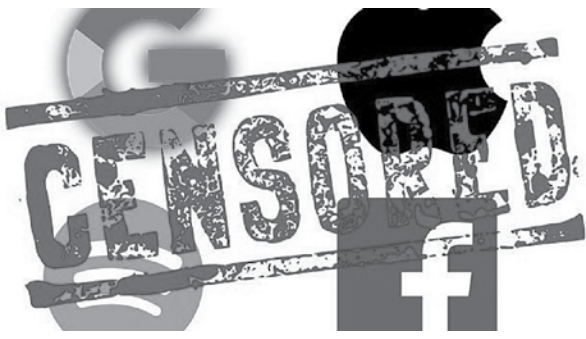
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Big Tech doesn't respect your First Amendment rights... do you really think they'll respect your 2A rights?

Five ways to loosen Big Tech's grip on your life

by Simon Black (Sovereign Man) - I imagine there are countless people right now who feel a wide range of emotions when it comes to Big Tech companies. Anger. Disgust. Confusion. Fear.

We've watched with exasperation as Google, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc. have systematically squashed intellectual dissent; their actions have been so commonplace that there's even a name for it: "De-platforming".

We all know there's a ton of garbage on the Internet, including from mainstream sources.

But de-platforming has proven to be wholeheartedly biased, totally arbitrary, and often comically ridiculous.

This isn't just about the election or the Capitol. For example, if you dare utter a word on social media that goes against the infinite and infallible wisdom of the Chinese-controlled World Health Organization, then you might find yourself banned.

YouTube even suspended a renowned epidemiologist— a bona fide pandemic expert— because he opposed lockdowns and was hence 'dangerous'.

Facebook censored more than 22 million posts in Q2 of 2020 for 'hate speech'. Naturally, it's entirely up to Facebook to define hate speech and judge whether or not you're using it.

1. Absolutely use a VPN

Your device, whether your mobile phone, laptop, or even smart TV, has an IP address, and it's something that the tech companies use to track you.

Whenever you go to Google's homepage to search for something, for example, Google already knows it's you.

And many websites around the Internet will track you by IP address, often sharing this information with Google, Facebook, etc.

Using a VPN helps create anonymity online because you're no longer accessing those websites from your own IP address.

Right now, for example, even though I'm sitting at home in Puerto Rico, I'm using a VPN service and accessing the Internet through a server in Panama. So any website I visit thinks that I'm in Panama.

There are several VPN providers which, as a policy, do NOT keep logs
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of their customers' activities, including VyprVPN and NordVPN.

2) Change your search engine

There's more to the world than Google search, and plenty of other search engines exist which won't spy on you. Among them— DuckDuckGo, which is based in the United States, and Swiss-Cows, which is based in Switzerland.

3) Change your web browser

If you use Google Chrome, chances are pretty good that your browser is constantly feeding data back to the mother ship. Everywhere you go on the Internet, Chrome is telling Google about it.



If you do those three things: VPN, change your search engine, and change your browser, you will take a giant leap forward in distancing yourself from Big Tech.

4) Consider more privacy-oriented chat applications

In a couple of weeks, WhatsApp (which is owned by Facebook) will force all users to accept its new privacy policy. Among other things, this means that ALL of your contacts will be shared with Zuckerberg.

There are better options— like Signal. Signal is ultra-secure, built for privacy, and its source code is open source. There are versions for iOS, Android, PC, Mac, and Linux.



5) Ditch Gmail

You might think that Gmail is free, but you're paying for it with your personal data.

Google's algorithms automatically scan every incoming email and mine data about you, all of which ends up in your advertising profile.



Reconsider what you post on social media

(GSL) - In today's environment, gun owners should take great care not to post anything firearm-related or content that could be misconstrued as a threat. Because all it takes is one gun-hating social justice warrior to report your post as a threat and you could have police at your door.

Need an example? One man posted, "I feel like going target shooting today" with an image of a target. Someone he had a dispute with the previous day called police reporting the post as a threat on his life. Next thing you know, the law visited our member's home investigating a potential criminal case.

The first thing users can do to help minimize dissemination outside of selected family and friends is to cull "friends" lists of anyone except trusted friends and family. Lock down social media accounts in settings by keeping your content viewable only to friends. Other settings will restrict the general public from viewing your personal information, your friends list or your posts. Additionally, users should remove personal information and make all settings as "private" or restrictive as possible.

What's more, communicate to your kids and grandchildren. Discourage them from

posting pictures of them holding or using firearms, as these might have unintended negative consequences.

Not only that, but make sure they understand that anything posted on the Internet can never truly be deleted - whether that's pictures, expressions of personal opinions, or even "likes."

Facebook, for instance, doesn't make it easy to delete your profile and your posts, but it is something worth considering. Then, if you migrate to a free-speech friendly platform such as MeWe, you can start over limiting your shared personal information.



Reminder:

Guns Save Life has left Twitter, Facebook

(GSL) - Just a gentle reminder that Guns Save Life has abandoned both Twitter and Facebook. We saw the censorship, both overt de-platforming and traffic throttling. As such, we decided to take a stand and cease using both platforms entirely.

We left Twitter a couple of

years ago but the big day for the declining social media giant Facebook came January 20th. Our Guns Save Life Facebook page likely remains, but we no longer plan to post anything there. One of the last articles outlined our plans to leave effective January 20th, and smart people can read that and

figure out why nothing further is posted.

Our satellite locations may continue to use Facebook for menu listings, etc., but those days are likely numbered as well. Meanwhile, you can join us at **MeWe.com**.



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Attorney: Avoid situations that will test your tactics and gun-handling abilities

(reprinted from the *Armed Citizen's Legal Defense Network* September 2020 newsletter)

by Emanuel Kapelsohn, Esq.

This month's Attorney Question of the Month column starts by asking us to assume the reader has done "everything possible" to avoid becoming engulfed by the rioting, I'll let other attorneys answer from there going forward, and will deal with the "Left of Bang" issues. From my experience as security director in charge of the 11-man protective team for a wealthy principal, if someone attacks the principal, putting aside whatever we then do in direct response to the attack, we must understand (later on, of course) that the fact that the attack is taking place means we have failed in our primary and most

important job, which is to plan, manage, and conduct the operation in such a way that no attack occurs.

Too many bodyguards, security officers, and even some private individuals with CCW's "think through their guns" meaning their thought process might be something like, "This is a dangerous route to take, but it will be okay because I have my gun."

A 3,000 pound car is just a larger deadly weapon than one's gun. A big crowd, let alone a rioting mob, can quickly make it impossible to drive out of it to safety, even with flashers, horn, and willingness to hit one or two people who get in the way. And if you've hit someone while trying to drive to safety and you don't succeed in getting away, you can be sure the mob will literally

try to TEAR YOU APART, and that you may not have enough rounds in your gun to keep you safe. I've seen this happen.



So, I think this inquiry most productively needs to start "Left of Bang," with questions like, "Do I really need to go out shopping tonight? Can my errand wait until tomorrow morning, when it's daylight, after I check out the TV news and call the local police station to

ask if things are safe for a trip through that neighborhood? Is there an alternative route I can take that is safer, even if it takes me 5 miles out of my way and means I have to leave home 20 minutes earlier? Can I call and reschedule that dentist appointment? Can I call in sick, or simply tell my supervisor I don't feel safe driving to work today, given what has been going on in the area?" We really need to spend more time thinking about those things, and less time thinking about how many rounds the extended magazine for our new 9mm Phenortner 2000 holds.

If you haven't read *The Gift of Fear* by Gavin de Becker, you need to do that. Its main message is, when the hairs stand up on the back of your neck or you get that feeling that something is amiss, you're probably

right! Don't delay, but follow your instincts to safety immediately, without delaying to try to analyze or identify the thing that is making you afraid. Because by the time you identify it, it may be too late to keep yourself safe.

Once you get surrounded by rioters, or even by "protesters" or "demonstrators," it may be too late to extricate yourself, regardless of how many horsepower your vehicle has and how many people you are willing to drive over. The time to take action is when you see the demonstration four blocks ahead of you, or see the traffic piling up as it approaches the demonstration. IMMEDIATELY make a U-turn (or do whatever else you need to do) and GET THE HELL OUT OF THAT AREA IMMEDIATELY.

Let the person who was not

able to make such a good, quick decision worry about how best to utilize his flashers, gas pedal, and gun, about whether he will survive, about how many years thereafter he will spend in prison, and about whether or not he and his family will have any money left when he gets done paying for attorneys and experts for trials and appeals.

Be sure now that however much mental energy you spend learning good "caught in the riot" vehicle tactics, you spend at least TEN TIMES as much time and energy planning how to avoid ever having to find out whether or not those tactics will work for you, in the unknown situation you are contemplating. This is the best advice I can possibly give.



Illinois' first black-owned gun range offers inclusive community for shooting enthusiasts

Bridgeview, IL (WLS) -- Stanmorr Sports is truly one-of-a-kind in Illinois.

Not only is the southwest suburban establishment the first - and right now, only - African-American-owned gun range in the state, it's believed to be just one of three in the entire country.

"When my brothers and sisters come through, they are comfortable and that's important to me," owner Joe Stanford said. "They don't feel like we're doing them a favor by letting them in. We want to show the love."

Already the owner of a successful security company with his stepfather, Stanford bought the Bridgeview gun range when it was in dire financial straits and about to close last year. He's hoping to change the perceptions of black gun ownership.

In the last few months since then, the range equipped with nine shooting lanes has welcomed a surge of women of color into its inclusive community.

"We have a lot of young women, black

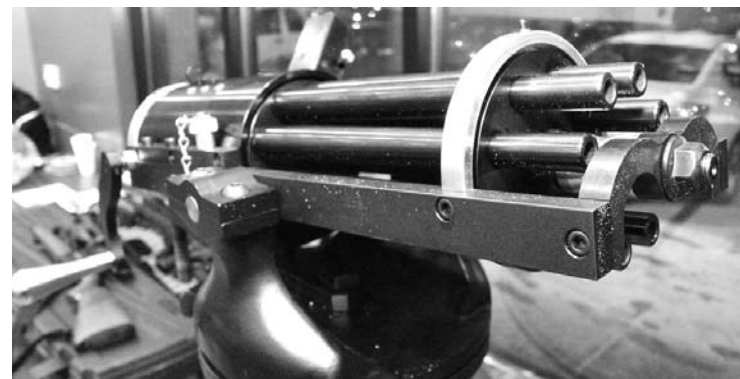
women in particular, who want to come in and learn how to use a firearm safely, also to be able to protect themselves and their family," firearms instructor LaShan Pettis said.

"Now everybody's getting carjacked, so they want to make sure they family is cool, they cool," gun owner Gabrielle Burns said.

Heavy on gun safety education while offering concealed carry classes, fire arms instructor Vanessa Longoria said the range is inclusive - especially for those looking to embrace gun ownership.

"They are able to see someone similar: it's the color of our skin, it's the gender, female," Longoria said. "It's like, if she can do it, I can do it."

As the gun range celebrates its one year anniversary, Stanford is still giving back. He plans on helping 500 people of color legally obtain their FOID card - not to mention offering free concealed carry classes just to make sure that people trained properly as to how to use a gun.



Bill Oglesby and the Gatling gun

by Dale Lock (GSL) - Bill Oglesby brought a Tippmann Armory 9mm Gatling gun to the Sangamon County meetings and the Decatur GSL meeting. It proved a huge hit with audiences, too.

While the Tippmann gun is based upon the original Gatling design, it is manufactured with modern steels and precision. The gun has a voracious appetite for 9mm Luger ammo served up from Glock double-stack magazines.

Badlands Bill talked history, relating how Dr. Richard Gatling worked as a doctor by profession but in his spare time he was a brilliant designer and inventor. He's probably most famous for the "machine gun" that bears his name.

Tippmann Armory manufactures these near Fort Wayne Indiana. Mr. Tippman passed away recently, but they still manufacture these guns. They are currently about 90 days behind fulfilling orders. Retail price is about \$5,000 for the basic gun. It comes with a rubber wheeled carriage, but Bill bought the 24-48 inch aluminum tripod which adds \$850.

About ten years ago, Bill and Sharon were invited to Wisconsin to shoot the last surviving Gatling gun fired by Teddy Roosevelt at San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War. This was the thrill of a lifetime, and a veteran of that

war wrote about how that the Gatling gun kept the Spaniards' heads down during the battle.

Bill warned the audience not to shoot a Gatling Gun because you will be addicted to shooting one right away.

Since the gun Bill has is of the best quality, he has shot it quite a bit. It's accurate and it's not difficult to fire it accurately at 800 rounds per minute. Bill warns against attaching a drill or other motor to the gun to speed things up as that would be illegal.

Bill related how the Tippmann does a fine job on coyotes at night out to 500 yards using a red light.

Bill mentioned that after WWII, someone came up with the idea to put a motor on a Gatling gun and put it on an airplane. This resulted in the famed "Mini-Gun" cannon used on A-10 Warthogs and Apache helicopters in calibers from 7.62 miniguns to 30mm cannons.

You can legally make the Tippman gun into a mini-gun if your file the proper papers work and pay the tax - and don't live in Illinois.

Bill suggested that purchasing this gun now would be a great investment for the future.



A STUNNING LACK OF PROSECUTIONS

Cops to 17-year-old: You're not in Cook County anymore, sweetheart

The last time a juvenile was charged as an adult with carjacking in Cook County? February 2019.

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - An alleged juvenile carjacker made a crucial mistake Saturday when he told arresting officers that he'd be out of jail in a day and would then track them down and shoot them: He wasn't in Cook County anymore.

Now, prosecutors in suburban DuPage County are asking a judge to

transfer the teen's case to adult court.

Saturday night, the teen and two accomplices threatened to kill a 20-year-old woman as they robbed and carjacked her at gunpoint in the parking lot of a Popeye's restaurant in suburban Addison, DuPage authorities said.

Addison police and the

Illinois State Police helicopter tracked the stolen car to Chicago's South Side...

As the suburban cops drove the [17-year-old] teen out of Chicago, he said "he would be out of custody in a day and come find [them] and shoot them," according to a DuPage County statement.

Still no charges filed in robbery of on-duty CPD homicide detective

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Four days have passed since an on-duty Chicago homicide detective was mugged while investigating a recent murder in the South Shore neighborhood. And prosecutors haven't charged the man who cops took into custody after the attack.

The 26-year CPD veteran was looking for surveillance cameras and possible witnesses on the 7700 block of South Yates when two men attacked him from behind around 7:10 p.m. Monday, police said. One attacker had a gun, and the other had a knife, according to a CPD statement.



Both offenders began going through the detective's pockets until his partner intervened. Cops arrested a man nearby.

No kidding...

Chicago's plan to stem juvenile carjackings? Snacks and a movie.

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - What's a good way to ensure that Chicago's legions of juvenile carjackers and auto thieves are steered in the right direction?

Did you say, "give them snacks and show them a movie?" Because that's what's been happening in the city's "Criminal Trespass To Vehicle Workshops."

Officially, CPD calls each session a "station adjustment," with the "adjustment" supposedly coming in the youngster's attitude toward stolen cars. Workshops run three to four hours.

Chicago police boasted about the program on Facebook in November — as

the city was racking up 209 vehicular hijackings for the month.



The post features a photo of three participants watching a video — with snacks and beverage service, of course. And, boy, do the youngsters look attentive!



Maybe they believe if they pretend it doesn't exist, it nobody will notice!

Chicago's crime problem goes unacknowledged by city leaders.

Chicago (Contrarian) - A new year in Chicago brings, well, more of the same in terms of media hyperbole and political stagnation presently regarding the city's top revenue-producing district and surrounding neighborhoods, which have fallen on hard times as of late. A global virus outbreak, protests, riots, and looting dealt a nearly-fatal blow to the once-flourishing Magnificent Mile in 2020, leaving authorities scrambling for solutions to existential problems they seem ill-prepared to fix.

Health and public safety fears among tourists and Chicagoans have pushed the Magnificent Mile's largest department and clothing stores — Macy's, Express and the Gap — to vacate large swaths of retail space along the avenue, including in the renowned Water Tower Place mall. The news caused a local media uproar with repeated calls for "reinventing" the strip should rising trends in looting, shoplifting and online consumer purchases continue to devastate brick-and-mortar businesses.



Suggestions for what a "reinvention" might look like include live theater centers, art galleries and retrofitting large indoor areas for recreational activities not readily-accessible in a traditional urban setting, like golf and skiing. These ideas are all well-and-good, likely necessary to preserve the district's cachet through the mid-21st century, but practical measures must be implemented first to guarantee shopper safety and store-owner protection — a tall task in Chicago's hyper-partisan political climate overwhelmed by virtue-signaling and social justice warriors.

Two recent examples show how local government's lack of willingness to cooperate and solve urgent grassroots and elitist issues alike is endangering the safety and prosperity of its citizens:

First, a Chicago City Council committee temporarily rejected a proposal in December to tackle fledgling street crime along the approximately one-mile stretch of prime commercial real estate, which includes such high-end retailers as Saks Fifth Avenue, Louis Vuitton and Marshall Pierce & Co...

Second, council members held an admittedly inept public hearing on January 22 via Zoom with local law enforcement to discuss another epidemic hitting Chicago, carjacking, which increased by a mind-boggling 135 percent in 2020. In another show of poor stewardship, the Cook County prosecutor's office failed to respond to an invitation from aldermen to address concerns at the meeting regarding a lack of felony charges being brought against car thieves.



Gas stations hiring armed security to deter carjackings

Chicago (Breitbart) - Chicago Alderman Stephanie Coleman reacted to a surge in city carjackings by hiring a private firm to provide security for an hour each day in which residents can safely pump gas.

The Chicago Tribune reports that Coleman is calling the project, "Operation Safe Pump." It is being launched at "Citgo on 63rd Street and the Dan Ryan Expressway, and the Shell at 55th and Halsted."

The Chicago Sun-Times quoted Coleman declaring Chicago is in a "state of emer-

gency."

She said, "Any time one of us, an Englewood resident, is carjacked and held at gunpoint on Christmas morning, we know that it is time for us to come together and find some solutions as it relates to public safety."

Another Alderman, Roderick Sawyer, is implementing "Operation Pump Safe" for two and a half hours on Sunday "at the Citgo gas station near 72nd Street and South Chicago Avenue."



Chicago's carjacking surge shows no sign of slowing, so residents buying guns

Hyde Park (Block Club Chicago) — Carjackings have been on the rise in Chicago for more than a year. After a 135 percent jump in 2020, the trend is continuing with 61 carjackings reported in the first 10 days of 2021.

As city officials and police scramble to address the issue with meetings, City Council hearings and community alerts, some Chicagoans are taking matters into their own hands against the advice of law enforcement: They're applying for concealed carry permits...

Carjackings shot up 135 percent in 2020, with

1,415 reported that year compared to 603 in 2019, according to the Chicago Police Department. So far in 2021, carjackings are on a pace to break last year's record with 61 happening over the first 10 days of the year, up from 22 during the same period in 2020.

Retired probation officer Javondlynn Dunagan owns JMD Defense, a self-defense company in Beverly that offers gun safety and conceal carry classes. She said her business has boomed as South Side residents increasingly feel ignored by the police and reporters.

Dunagan said carjackings — combined with the riot at the Capitol and unrest this summer — have resulted in large numbers of residents signing up for concealed carry classes. Along with getting a Firearm Owner's Identification Card from the Illinois State Police to own a gun, gun owners who wish to get concealed carry privileges must complete a 16-hour class.

"It's a feeling that [the police] can't handle it and on the South Side, they are feeling neglected," Dunagan said.

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Cops arrest one-man crime spree along with two juvenile accomplices

Homicide, carjacking, three armed robberies... on a Tuesday!

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Prosecutors say a West Side man and two accomplices went on a violent crime spree Tuesday, killing a man seemingly at random on the street, carjacking a woman, and robbing three Dunkin' locations before police caught up with them.

Investigators strongly suspect the crew is connected to a weeks-long pattern

of similar crimes across the city and suburbs, including an armed carjacking outside Willis Tower in January.

Taevon Abston, 18, is charged with first-degree murder, aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm, two counts of armed robbery with a firearm, attempted armed robbery with a firearm, and aggravated unlawful use of a loaded weapon.

BOLD or foolish?

Second Amendment group shoots signs banning firearms at public parks in Virginia

Alexandria, VA (Daily Caller) — Members of a Second Amendment activist group stole signs prohibiting firearms posted at public parks and shot through them before returning them to Bren Mar Park early Monday morning.

Members of the Virginia Gray Ranks shot the signs as a form of protest against the restriction of firearm possession, including for those with concealed carry permits, at public parks, Spokesperson Mat Rose told the Daily Caller News Foundation. The signs were posted after the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted 9-1 to prohibit firearms from municipal government facilities including parks, community centers and county buildings on Sept. 15, 2020, the Fort Hunt Herald reported.

"They want to put up signs we'll take them down, they want to go farther than that we will too," Rose told the DCFN. The signs were targeted to "put a little bit of a hit on the city's wallet, but not one that actually hurts people," Rose added.



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Gun control is racist Gun control group has a racist take on black and brown gun owners

(Townhall) - The Violence Policy Center (VPC) on Monday [Jan 25] released a 39-page report about the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the National Rifle Association (NRA) and the gun industry as a whole. The gun control group takes issue with the NSSF and NRA "targeting" blacks and Latinos as first-time gun owners.

"In its marketing efforts to communities of color, the

gun industry frequently focuses on the self-defense use of firearms, despite the fact that guns are rarely used to stop crimes or kill criminals and are far more likely to be used in homicides, suicides, or fatal unintentional shootings," the report stated. "Recognizing that Blacks and Latinos are already disproportionately impacted by lethal gun violence, these efforts can only increase death and injury in these communities."

VPC's Executive Director and the report's author, Josh Sugarmann, compared the gun industry to the tobacco industry, saying groups like the NSSF and NRA are working to arm blacks and Latinos for all the wrong reasons. In particular, Sugarmann argued, is because they want to drive gun sales.

"Along with the hope of increased gun sales, a corollary goal of this effort is to turn more Blacks and Latinos, who historically support gun violence prevention measures, into pro-gun advocates for future political battles," Sugarmann said.

The most bogus claim is that the firearms industry is "exploiting crises (real and perceived)" and creating civil unrest to market guns to potential buyers. Basically, the VPC is upset that the gun industry is taking into account various types of gun owners (men, women, black, white, Hispanic), when they market. What happened to diversity? Or is that only something to celebrate when the minority backs your cause?

"Mr. Sugarmann's theories

that the firearm industry and others are seeking out Blacks and Latinos to replace present firearm owners is demonstrably racist. It is shocking to me that he believes Black and Latino men and women cannot decide for themselves how and when to exercise their God-given rights. The Second Amendment is a right of all law-abiding Americans at birth, endowed by their Creator and protected by the Second Amendment. It's not a white right, a Black right or a Latino right," NSSF's Director of Public Affairs, Mark Oliva, told Townhall. "It's not a right of red states or blue states. It's God-given right of every American and it is appalling that Mr. Sugarmann believes an entire industry should ignore the personal safety concerns of Black and Latino Americans because he doesn't believe they should be exercise their rights."

"The Second Amendment belongs to everyone, regardless of race, creed, or gender. The NRA is here for all gun owners and we want all Americans to know they are welcome in our ranks. This 'study' - if one call call it that - is inane," the NRA's

spokeswoman, Amy Hunter, told Townhall.

One of the worst aspects of the entire report is their attack on Maj Toure, the founder of Black Guns Matter, a pro-gun organization dedicated to teaching those in the inner-city how to properly handle a loaded firearm. They also work on conflict resolution as a way of getting people to think about their actions instead of resorting to violence.

The report painted Toure as someone who is being taken advantage of instead of someone who wants to be part of the Second Amendment community.

"Yet despite the joint efforts of the NSSF and gun manufacturers targeting non-white communities, and the ongoing research that in theory guides such efforts, NSSF's own research reveals that one of the primary hurdles to overcome in engaging Blacks and Latinos in gun ownership is that although NSSF and gunmakers have, for their own purposes, identified communities of color as a great 'untapped market' to exploit, the objects of their attention frequently

don't feel welcome in the firearms community as a whole, and gun stores in particular - despite NSSF's stock photos to the contrary," the report stated.

It is obvious that Sugarmann and whoever else wrote this report has never been to SHOT Show or talked to those who are involved in the firearms community. The gun community is one of the most welcoming communities around. Everyone works together to make sure new gun owners get the resources and training they need. And safety is always the number one priority. Not only has Black Guns Matter received support from people all across the industry, but so have the Pink Pistols, a group for LGBTQ folks who want to protect themselves.

That doesn't fit their narrative though. And that's why they did their best to manipulate data, saying blacks and Latinos are more likely to suffer from homicide by a firearm. The problem, however, is the data they cite doesn't conclude that. Whites are higher on the list than Latinos.



Object of desire: CDX-50 Tremor

(14fortyfive.com) - For serious law-abiding shooters, there really is nothing that compares to the power of a .50 caliber and while Barrett has set the bar for its line of true high-powered rifles, Canadian-based Cadex Defence has another option for those who want the power but not the size of a Barrett.

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The Tremor features a specially designed muzzle brake that works in concert with the barrel and chassis, that reduces the recoil and keeps the rifle on target allow for follow on shots, which can be critical in combat. It also features a finger-grooved rubber ergonomic grip, tool free fully adjustable folding

stock, and standard bipod/sling stud. The weapon has a Bartlein R5 fluted match grade barrel with a stainless steel three-lug bolt with a 60-degree trigger, while the oversized trigger guard and magazine release were designed to ease use while wearing gloves - something our Canadian-friends thought would come in handy.

The CDX-50 Tremor also features a full-length top rail with inclination built-in, allowing it to be adapted to meet the needs of civilian and military shooters alike. It is even available in more than a dozen colors to match just about any tastes from the generic black to the paramilitary friendly O.D. green to robin's egg blue.



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The Undeniable Second Amendment

Detroit, MI (America's First Freedom) - If you'd happened to visit Recoil Firearms in Detroit on a particular Saturday in August, you would have been treated to the sight of a crowd hundreds-deep waiting to go inside.

It was no ordinary day for the shooting range; in fact, it was shut down to outside patrons entirely. This was a private affair, exclusively for women who want to learn how to shoot.

The safety briefing line stretched down the sidewalk—all the people were dutifully masked and patient, as volunteers checked their temperatures. The line for the range itself wrapped in the opposite direction, around a corner and to the end of the building.



This crowd was made up of hundreds of women, young and old, tall and short, black and white and everything in between. There were Trump masks and Obama masks, Black Lives Matter shirts and Make America Great Again shirts—all adorning people patiently waiting to be introduced to firearms.

The annual event is the brainchild of Rick Ector, a computer engineer who became a firearms instructor after his job was outsourced overseas. Rick recalls reading a story nine years ago of a woman being abducted, sexually assaulted and murdered. Her body was dumped in a garbage can.

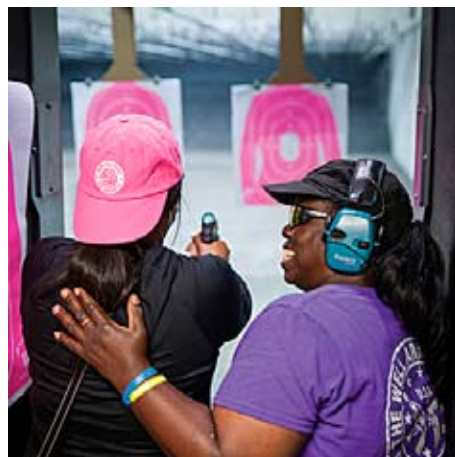
It's a horrific story that repeats itself with alarming frequency in Detroit. Dubbed the most-dangerous city in Michigan, and routinely ranking as one of the most-dangerous in the nation, the city annually records hundreds of carjackings, thousands of robberies and assaults and, in 2019, nearly a thousand recorded incidents of rape. The city surpassed the prior year's homicides just halfway through 2020, even though they hired 300 additional officers.

Rick began carrying after his own brush with crime. In 2006, he was robbed at gunpoint in his own garage, prompting him to take advantage of Michigan's freshly implemented shall-issue laws by getting his concealed pistol license. Bitten by the training bug, he began taking as many NRA firearms classes as he could find, and then instructor-level classes; he obtained his NRA instructor certificate—among many others.



Upon reading of another murdered woman, Rick hit on the idea of organizing an event specifically for women to learn to shoot. The first event drew 50 participants, the next year saw a hundred and it has grown ever since. Last year, over 800 women showed up. [In 2020], Rick resolved to set an "outrageous" goal of 1,500 women over two days.

A jaw-dropping 1,938 showed up.



Rick credits the turnout to social-media promotion, word-of-mouth and the current social climate. He says the universal, nonpolitical nature of the event helps draw in and convert others to the cause.

"I keep the event intentionally nonpartisan," Rick told America's 1st Freedom. "People don't always see the connection between politics and guns. Some people do; some people have had epiphanies lately where they were vehemently anti-gun and then saw what was going on in society and thought, 'Hey, I need a gun.' They're finding out they have to go through this burdensome process to buy a gun and to get their concealed carry. I think lights go on."

First, the ladies encounter Tanisha Moner, who runs the introduction and safety briefing. Addressing a room of roughly 80 participants at a time, Tanisha relates to the women how she was abducted, robbed and sexually assaulted at the age of 17. Her

assailants eventually went to prison, but Tanisha was left with crippling anxiety about guns—she says, that was only cured by facing her fear and going to the shooting range, and eventually getting her concealed-carry permit and NRA instructor certification.

It's a story her audience can connect with; she says women often approach her afterwards and sometimes tell her about their own prior trauma.

"I fell in love with the event the very first day," Tanisha said. "I can't imagine not being a part of it. It's amazing to see these ladies, who were in the same position I was in not very long ago."




Tanisha next explains the four rules of gun safety, a little about gun anatomy, what to expect on the range and how to be safe. It's a presentation she'll repeat a dozen times throughout the day. Once the briefing is over, the women are released to line up for the range, and the next group comes in.

Roughly two dozen instructors are on the range full-time, patiently introducing new shooters to guns one by one. Several of them flew in from across the country to help. Other volunteers sweep brass, pair students with instructors and serve as extra pairs of eyes for safety. Tourniquets and medical gear, increasingly a fixture at gun ranges, can be seen everywhere, but in the event's nine years, there's never been an injury.

Much of the nearly 25,000 rounds of ammunition was donated by a local company, Fenix Ammunition, and by Michigan Gun Owners—no small feat in the midst of ammo shortages. Other groups donated safety glasses and ear protection, gun locks, food for volunteers and the flamboyantly pink targets.


Rick is a gregarious presence, sporting a salt-and-pepper beard, an NRA hat and a "Legally Armed in Detroit" shirt. He runs back and forth between instructing on the range and performing his duties as host. He welcomes new visitors with a broad grin and congratulates participants as they leave. He diligently ensures they get their free gun lock and pink hat.

After leaving the range, some women head straight to the gun counter to purchase their first gun. Some pose for photos with their targets, or compare their results, or shop for t-shirts, such as one sporting a gun silhouette with the caption "Aroma Therapy." According to the shop, many more will stop by in the coming weeks to shop or sign up for classes.




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So, which round is the 5.56 and which is the .223 Remington? Or are they both one or the other?

What's the difference? Are they interchangeable?

5.56 NATO vs. .223 Remington

by Richard Douglas

Maybe you just got a new rifle or want to sight in your latest scope. If you're grabbing ammo for your .223 or 5.56 firearm, assuming you can find any on the shelf anywhere, you might want to take a closer look, especially if you prefer greater accuracy and safety.

Hardly discernible to an untrained eye, most folks can't tell the difference between a 5.56 NATO round and a .223 Remington round by just looking at the loaded cartridge. Looking closely at the headstamp on the cartridge may be the only way to tell them apart.

Both types of rounds may fit in your gun. Does that mean it is safe to use either? It is certainly not recommended!

Using the incorrect ammo for your gun can result in inaccuracy, malfunctions, and excessive wear. In rare but extreme cases, using the incorrect ammunition can cause irreparable damage to the gun or injury to the shooter.

Let's take a look at some of the specification differences between 5.56 and .223:

Rated Pressure: while actual pressures can vary with each gun and each individual round, the 5.56 NATO is generally rated at 58,000 psi while the .223 Remington comes in at 55,000 psi

Throat Length: the chamber of a 5.56 NATO gun has a much longer throat of 0.059 inches, while the .223 Remington has less than half that measuring in at 0.025"

Throat Diameter: while the 5.56 NATO has a longer throat, the diameter is actually slightly smaller (0.224 inches) compared to the .223 Remington (0.226 inches)

Throat Angle: the chamber inside of a 5.56 NATO gun also has a shallower throat angle coming in around 1.2 degrees where the .223 Remington is closer to 3.1 degrees

Case Capacity: 5.56 NATO rounds have slightly thicker brass shells which decreases the volume available for propellant

(gunpowder) to 28.5 grains of water versus the .223 Remington which can hold just a bit more at 28.8 grains of water

The key is the varied pressure. This is the peak pressure force created when each round is fired and it is different enough to throw things off. The very slight casing and chamber dimensional differences such as throat length, throat thickness, and the thickness of the brass casing are all just enough to increase the pressure created by the 5.56 NATO.

Generally speaking, a 5.56 NATO round has a higher peak pressure than the .223 Remington. This is compensated for by the differences in the gun chambers designed for a 5.56 NATO versus a .223 Remington. The distance between the mouth of the cartridge and where the rifling contacts the bullet (freebore plus the leade distance) is longer in a 5.56 NATO chamber. This additional volume and space is designed to take the higher pressures.



How did you do in the top photo at identifying which was which? For the record, the XM193 5.56mm round was on top and the Wolf Gold .223 Remington round was on the bottom.

Ok, so what does all that actually mean? Obviously you can fire .223 ammo in your .223 and 5.56 NATO ammo in your 5.56 chambered firearm.

So, can I fire .223 Rem ammunition with my 5.56 NATO? Technically yes, but the bullet velocity and accuracy will be reduced.

Can I fire 5.56mm ammunition with my .223 Remington? **Not recommended!** Those higher pressures can cause damage.

Keep in mind that due to the tolerances when manufacturing, two different guns of the same exact model could have barrel diameters that are ever so slightly different. This affects the pressure created inside the chamber. So your particular gun may not build up to pressures quite this high, or alternatively it could be even higher.

So make sure you buy the correct ammunition for your firearm. If you have both types, make sure you store the appropriate ammunition next to the corresponding gun in your gun safe.

So to recap: Is the pressure difference between the 5.56 NATO and .223 Remington rounds going to damage your gun if you fire even one incorrect round? Probably not, but is that something you want to risk? So make sure you grab the right one, but if it is a life or death situation, go ahead and grab whichever is closer.

About the author: Richard Douglas is a long-time shooter, outdoor enthusiast and technologist. He is the founder and editor of Scopes Field, and a columnist at The National Interest, Cheaper Than Dirt, Daily Caller and other publications. See him at scopesfield.com.



Captain Obvious reporting...

Ammo shortage creating lines at gun shops

(American Rifleman) - The record setting pace of ammunition sales and resultant shortage is not slowing. In fact, Florida's Fox35 News reported this week that people are camping out as early as 2 a.m. in front of an area sporting goods store to buy cartridges once it opened—despite a three-box limit.

"I just come here on Monday. Tuesday, I go to Buena Vista. Wednesday, I go to East Colonial. Thursday, Buena Vista. Friday, East Colonial. Sunday, I go to Millenia," David Godkin told the reporter as he explained his methodology of staying supplied for his frequent range sessions. It's enough to keep the avid enthusiast active at the firing line, but he's also concerned the new administration may

limit future purchases.

The situation's similar out west. On Jan. 9, Orem's KSL TV covered, "An amazing sight outside a Utah gun store as hundreds lined up to buy ammo." There were 200 people waiting in a line before the store opened. News had spread that the company was getting a shipment of 5.56 NATO and .223 Rem. that day and the result was an early morning crowd willing to honor a 200-round limit. "We have seen a rush on guns and ammo before—but never in January," store employee Chris Hansen told the reporter.

Brick-and-mortar stores don't hold an exclusive on the crowds. WTOC's coverage at a Savannah, GA, gun show this month said

there was a long line to get in, and ammunition ranked high on nearly every attendee's shopping list. Even online supply is limited and retailers are encouraging enthusiasts to place their names on alert or waiting lists.

Demand is outpacing production and the ability to increase manufacturing capacity isn't an overnight option, as American Rifleman's Mark Keefe explained in December. "Expanding an ammunition plant isn't something that can be done easily," he wrote. "Not only are such facilities expensive to build and maintain, there are a lot of regulations surrounding the manufacture of ammunition, with zoning and environmental regulations being just a part of it."



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Teen burglar meets bullet

Shreveport, LA (KSLA) — A Shreveport teenager has been arrested in connection with a foiled burglary during which a resident shot an intruder, police confirm.

It was about midnight Thursday when a family heard someone breaking into their home in the 3800 block of Fairfield Avenue. That's at Dudley Drive and a few blocks from Mall St. Vincent in Shreveport's Fairfield neighborhood.

The homeowner told police that someone was trying to force his way in through a rear window.

The resident, who was inside at the time, armed himself with a gun and fired at the intruder, grazing him in his right hip. The homeowner then held the intruder at gunpoint until police arrived.

Officers found the wounded man, later identified as [17-year-old] Morgan Matthews, outside in the back of the residence.



Attempted home invasion goes poorly thanks to armed resident and bad guy's negligent discharge into himself!

Dimwit duo spring leaks

South Bend, IN (ABC57) - At around 2:00 Wednesday morning, two people tried to break into a house on the 900 block of South Gladstone Street, according to police. One was found in the 900 block of Edison Street with a gunshot wound. Police said they think that suspect suffered that injury while trying to break into the house.

The other suspect was found at Memorial hospital being treated for an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to police. Neighbors near the house in question said they were scared of what will happen next and that it all hit a little too close to home.

"It was so very close," said Nayeli Carela who has lived on the 900 block of South Gladstone Street for about five years. "It could have been us. It's not safe. The neighborhood is not safe."



YouTube hoax robbers meet real CCW

'Prank' armed robbery has fatal consequences

Old Hickory, TN (WKRN) — One person was killed in a shooting in Old Hickory near the Hermitage line Friday night, according to a release from Metro police.

It happened around 9:20 p.m. in the 4300 block of Old Hickory Boulevard at a building with several businesses.

Police say 20-year-old Timothy Wilks was shot and killed in the parking lot of Urban Air on Old Hickory Boulevard.

Detectives were told that Wilks and a friend were participating in a "prank" robbery as part of a YouTube video and approached a group of people, including the shooter, with butcher knives.

A 23-year-old man told police he shot Wilks and wasn't aware the robbery was a "prank." He says it was self-defense.

More leaks... This mom TAKES action!

Blood trail speeds capture of would-be home invader

Sugar Land, Texas (KHOU) — An attempted home invasion was stopped by an armed mother who opened fire on the intruder early Friday, Sugar Land police said.

The woman had her 8-year-old child with her in the home — neither was physically hurt.

The suspect, identified as Santana Anthony Hudson, 21, survived and was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital. He was arrested and charged with burglary of a habitation and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

The man fled the scene, going less than a block away through neighbors' backyards, but responding officers managed to track him down because of the trail of blood he left behind, KHOU 11's Michelle Choi reported.



A better family protector than any pacifist adult male

Brave, heroic 12-year-old shoots home intruder who shot his grandmother

Goldsboro, NC (New York Post) - A 12-year-old boy fatally shot a man to protect his grandmother when two intruders broke into her North Carolina home, authorities said.

The incident occurred shortly after 12:30 a.m. Saturday when two masked men entered 73-year-old Linda Ellis' home in Goldsboro, news station WRAL reported.

The pair demanded money and shot Ellis in the leg, prompting the 12-year-old to open fire, police said.

"[The intruder] just shot his grandma ... He would have shot him too, he would've shot me too, he would've killed us all," the boy's great-uncle, Randolph Bunn, told news station WTVD.

The gunfire caused the intruders to flee, but one suspect, Khalil Herring, 19, was found at a nearby intersection suffering from a gunshot wound, police said.

He was brought to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead, officials said.

Meanwhile, Ellis was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries, authorities said.

"Why would somebody come into her house and do this? It's got to stop," Ellis' great-niece, Chiquita Coley, told WRAL.

No information was released about the second suspect, but authorities said the investigation is ongoing.

Charges are not expected to be filed against the 12-year-old boy, police said.



Those stubborn facts...

Is anyone talking about tragedies involving glass table tops?

FOR CHILDREN: Fatal accidents involving glass table tops nearly double fatal firearm accidents

(GSL) - According to a recent study by the American Journal of Surgery, an average of about 168 children aged 0-17 die in fatal accidents involving glass table tops per year, including 55 under the age of five.

During the same five years 2009 to 2015 in the glass table study, an average of 86 children died in firearms accidents each year.

Either are statistically tiny compared to the number of Americans who die due to medical accidents - about 250,000 each year.

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'They sure do like to cling to guns and religion.'

READ THE ROOM, JEEP!

by David Codrea

I watched the Super Bowl yesterday. I don't follow pro-sports. Heck, I didn't know who was playing until Saturday, but my son plays high school football so it was fun to watch it with him. (the boy is nearly Gronk sized) I rooted for the team with all the old dudes, and as an added bonus I found out afterwards that Brady is a Trumpkin, so him winning caused a great deal of wailing and gnashing of teeth among certain circles of super obnoxious dorks on Twitter. So double victory.

But the highlight of the whole evening for me was the commercial by Jeep. Because holy shit, there is a perfect example of an utter failure in marketing.

I can imagine how they came up with this ad campaign:

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The CEO of Jeep stands at the head of a conference table filled with the CorpoUni-Party's best and brightest. "Alright, our new campaign is going to be about *Reuniting America*, so we're going to aim it at those horrible, knuckle dragging red state deplorables."

"But sir, aren't they all domestic terrorist insurrectionists who need to be driven from society because they believe in evil conspiracy theories like unfair elections?"

Everyone at the table laughed, because red staters are so stupid. Everyone knows the election was merely *fortified*.

"Oh no. That was so last week. They're only garbage people who must be resisted by any means necessary

when they're in charge. Now that we're in charge it's time to come together and all that other bullshit. *Reunited America* it is. So we need to figure out how to appeal to..." the Corporate Overlord made quote marks with his fingers. "the working man."

"Gross," said one of the many Corporate Underlings.

"I know right? But we've maxed out our sales to butch lesbians and suburbanites who think they need four-wheel-drive because they occasionally go over speed bumps. Have any of you ever been to the country?"

The underlings share a nervous glance. Finally one of them tentatively raises a hand. "I went to Danbury Connecticut once for summer camp."

Everyone from Manhattan knows that Danbury Connecticut is filled with scary murder rednecks like the movie *Deliverance*, so that would do.



"We need to appeal to the middle of America. What's in the middle of America?"

"Corn?"

"Racists?"

The CEO thought it over. "Let's mix it up and go with corn. What's that corn state? You know the one that our jets fly over between LA and New York?"

"Kansas?"

"Whatever. Set it in one

of those bullshit states we don't care about. I know! We'll even title it *The Middle*. What do people out there in *The Middle* do?"

"Their sisters!" shouted one of the MBAs. They all laughed and high-fived.

"They voluntarily snow plow their liberal neighbor's driveways... Just like ISIS."

"All good points, but they sure do like to cling to guns and religion."

"We can't use guns. Guns are only okay when they're in Hollywood action movies or being used to guard Congress. So we'll go with the religion angle. I want to see lots and lots of crosses. Shots of crosses on the wall. Churches. Church steeples. Make the telephone poles cross shaped. Do they make cross shaped corn? And find some dilapidated church built back in the 40s, because everybody knows religious people are too stupid and poor to build anything new."

"You know, sir, during our celebrity voice over talking about the dichotomy between the two sides of the country, to contrast the red staters playing in the dirt, we should put a bunch of big gleaming pretty glass buildings in the background, so that we can subtly remind them that we're above them."



"Good call. And for the fly over people get all the cow skulls, broken wind-mills, and silos you can find. We can't ever let them forget their place. Alright, on that

voice over, what celebrity is hot right now with those racist dipshits?"

"Cardi B? She's a Hash Tag Strong Woman."

"No. Everyone knows Red Staters hate women. I saw it on the *Hand Maid's Tale*. We need nominally male gender identifying, someone who represents those backwards inbred hicks. Can we get Bruce Springsteen?"

"But sir, isn't he a flaming liberal from New Jersey who campaigned for Joe Biden and who routinely sneers at our target audience of uneducated rubes? Since they're feeling mocked, disenfranchised, and thousands of them just lost their high paying energy jobs, how can we foist a coastal elitist millionaire musician on them?"

The MBAs all share a confused and worried glance about how to overcome this seemingly insurmountable issue.

"Hmm... But what if we stick him in a cowboy hat?"



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"Hi. I'm Bruce Springsteen, millionaire musician, but today I'm driving around bumf*** nowhere in some busted ass old jeep to a melancholy soundtrack looking like an extra on *Longmire* so that you know I'm

JUST LIKE YOU. Poor.

Look. A cross. Because Jesus or something. I don't know. I got paid like two hundred grand for one day of work. Here's some high-minded sounding poet laureate style voice over about how we're all in this together that I probably recorded in the studio in my mansion.

Now I'm gonna be extra sanctimonious about how hard it is to meet in THE MIDDLE.

Red versus Blue... Sure, team blue was all #RESIST for the last four years and endless goofy investigations, but if you think security videos of 50 mystery boxes being delivered by a Detroit election van at 3:00 AM is worthy of an audit you are basically a terrorist who needs to be cancelled and driven from society.



Citizen versus Servant. Like it's okay for riots to burn the places where citizens live and work for months on end, but if the servants are inconvenienced for a day that's basically a coup that requires more troops than we landed on Utah Beach.

We need that connection. We need the middle. Because somebody has to pay the taxes to bail out our hedge fund buddies.

There's a Divide. Of course that divide is your problem and totally not our fault. Look, a horse.

Our light has always found its way through the darkness. Said darkness obviously being four years of somebody we didn't like briefly keeping us from doing every crazy ass thing we wanted to. Have some more executive orders.

But there's hope... on the road... because we installed an old white segregationist who got millions funneled to him through his crack-head son from communist China... but if you talked about that in October you got kicked off the internet for Fake News. But now the news is real.

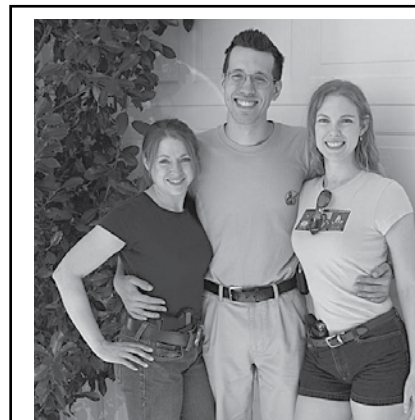


So Hunter got a book deal from the same publishing house that cancelled a senator's book about the dangers of Big Tech censorship.

Damn... How many crosses do you people need?

To the ReUnited States of America. We even made the star red too because we are completely incapable of any introspection whatsoever.

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Don't interfere with your enemy when they're making a mistake supporting gun control

After election, some Dems urge fellow Dems to ditch gun control

(NRA-ILA) - The 2020 election may not have turned out the way gun owners had hoped. The good news is, it didn't quite turn out the way the anti-gun radicals had hoped, either. Moreover, the Democrats' lackluster results have some of the party faithful questioning their devotion to gun control altogether.



The week before the election, The Cook Political Report declared that House Democrats were "poised to expand [their] majority by 10 to 15 seats." Their prediction for the Senate was

similar, calling Democrats "the clear favorites to take back the Senate..."

The Democrats managed to underperform all expectations...

In the aftermath of the Democrats' disappointing election results, the party devolved to finger-pointing and recrimination. Intemperate messaging, rather than foolhardy policy positions, became the primary scapegoat.

In perhaps the most high-profile incident of Democrat post-election frustration, Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.) criticized House leadership during a November 5 conference call. After barely surviving a stiff challenge from NRA-endorsed Virginia State

Delegate Nick Freitas (R), Spanberger was livid with her caucus. The freshman representative stated, "I think that we need to be pretty clear about the fact that Tuesday, from a congressional standpoint, it was a failure." Spanberger went on to criticize Democrats' "defund the police" and "socialist" messaging. In concluding, the congresswoman noted, "If we are classifying [the election] as a success from a congressional standpoint, we are going to get f***** torn apart in 2022."

The day following the election, former Democratic U.S. Senator from Missouri, Claire McCaskill, went on MSNBC to offer her take on her party's missteps. McCaskill cited guns as an issue where Democrats had

alienated voters, adding, "as we circled those issues we left voters behind and Republicans dove in with a vengeance... we also need to stop acting like we're smarter than everyone else, because we're not."

However, no one was more pointed or astute in their criticism of the Democratic Party's embrace of gun control than Vox co-founder Matthew Yglesias. In a piece titled, "National Democrats' misguided re-embrace of gun control" posted to his website Slow Boring, the former Center for American Progress (CAP) wonk laid out the case that national Democrats should abandon their fanatical support for gun control. As Yglesias put it, "The juice here just isn't worth the squeeze."



'If you're a man, you own a gun. It's that simple.'

Dear Gun-Grabbers: What's best for 'society' is not my problem

by John Nolte

(Breitbart) - If you're a man. I don't mean a guy. I don't mean a male. I mean, if you're a man, your top priority, obligation, and, yes, privilege, are the safety and well-being of your family. That's it. That's the only responsibility that matters. And anyone who puts anything — including what's best for society — ahead of that responsibility, who neglects his family or who sacrifices his family's safety and well-being on the altar of some greater good, is not a man.

I own nine firearms...

If you were to ask me why I own nine firearms, my answer would likely depend on whether or not I liked the look of your face. If I don't like the look of your face, I'll tell you, it's none of your goddamned business why I own nine firearms. What I put in my house is no concern of yours. You don't see me asking you why you own nine blow-up dolls...

If you're a man, you own a gun. It's that simple. You've also taken a safety course with it, you're comfortable with it, and know how to use it.

You don't have to own nine guns. No one has to own nine guns. If I had kids, I would not have nine loaded guns spread throughout the house. If I didn't receive threats, I wouldn't have nine loaded guns spread throughout the house.

But if you're a man, you own at least one gun and know how to use it...

You want world peace? You want national unity? The recipe is very simple...

Leave the other fella be.

Worry about yourself.

If we focus on our own instead of the other guy, society will be healthier and safer and more vibrant than ever.

The political elites vs. "little people" in America

by John Boch

If something doesn't benefit the political establishment elites, then it must be destroyed or silenced.

We've seen this in politicians of both parties claiming that Trump voters must be "deprogrammed." Or worse. For five years now, those who advocated putting America first suffered immeasurable defamation. The establishment elites and their foot soldiers claimed that "Make America Great Again" thinking is racist, sexist, and bigoted, but it's now considered political insurrection. Its followers are domestic terrorists - per a DHS security bulletin.

On the Internet, the establishment elites deplatform conservatives from Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and other social media sites. Internet website hosting

companies continue to do the same with websites like Parler. Registrar companies like GoDaddy deplatformed AR15.com, the web's largest firearm platform.

Then, a week into President Asterisk's administration, we saw the GameStop saga play out in Wall Street. The little people used the same tactics that the establishment has used for decades to make very rich people even richer. These "amateurs" made a fortune squeezing the establishment elites running hedge funds to the tune of billions.

And just like conservative speech on the Internet was silenced by the establishment elites, the establishment elites pressured trading companies to block the little people from pur-

chasing GameStop in the Stock Market. After all, the little people had executed a completely lawful transfer of billions in from the ruling class to the little people. That could not stand

These same establishment elites aren't very keen with you having the tools with which to protect your family from violent criminals.

So don't be surprised when they make moves in the coming weeks at both the state and federal level to restrict your right to own America's best-selling firearms.

Because gun laws they pass never impact the establishment elites. They have the money to buy work-arounds like private armed security. Or simply the ability to spend big bucks on licensing

schemes.

While Wall Street lies outside our mission, the right to self-defense is part of our mission statement. "We defend your right to defend yourself."

Obviously, we pay attention to politics as well. Never trust any politician, or political candidate, who doesn't trust you and people like you to own and carry a gun.

We have to work together to fight against the elites and their plans for a "Great Reset" of our democratic republic. If you're not a member of Guns Save Life, please join.

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Meeting summaries.

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John Boch shared his **Executive Director's Notes** with news and analysis. He also tossed out a couple of packages of **Stocking Mill** coffee to aficionados and asked for a report next month on how it tasted.

Our scheduled main speaker Stephen Stewart from CI Shooting Sports was unable to attend because of weather considerations. So John Boch filled in for him.

So what happens after you pull the trigger on a violent criminal offender?

Mr. Boch covered **post-shooting interventions**, primarily talking about how to handle defensive gun uses in public, but then in a question and answer period, talked about how that might change for an at-home or at-work situation where others aren't present.

John reviewed interaction with witnesses and responding officers, as well as with investigating officers.

In a nutshell, **if you cannot remember what to say, ask for an attorney** to answer any questions beyond your name, address and date of birth.

If you do have the presence of mind to remember what to say, point out the bad guy and tell cops you'll cooperate with his or her prosecution if they live. Then identify witnesses and evidence - especially evidence that might be overlooked by investigators. Then ask for an attorney. And if you're not feeling well - and you probably won't feel well - ask for a trip to get checked out at the emergency room.

The audience asked many good questions. Do you render aid? "Hell no, not unless you can do so with complete safety," Boch offered. Do you hang up on 911 to call your attorney? Sure, if you can do so safely before responding officers arrive.

We also discussed legal defense "insurance" plans, which Boch recommends **US Law Shield, Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network and US Concealed Carry Association**. Boch says his go-to law firm for criminal defense is the **Johnson Law Group**, but others may have their own preferred attorney.

We drew for the **50/50: Keith Schierer** won the pot. Meanwhile, **Mary Vogel** won the **Ruger 9mm pistol**. Congrats to them both!

NEXT MONTH: Stephen Stewart from **CI Shooting Sports in Bloomington** will give an industry update that you won't want to miss.

ALSO: Our April meeting in Peoria has been moved to April 8th because of a scheduling conflict with our host venue. Yeah, someone wants to get married on April Fool's day. Mark your calendar!

Champaign Co. (Rantoul)

The **Knights of Columbus in Rantoul** hosted us and has resumed serving food! Come hungry and bring a friend for next month for a discussion on housefires, guns, ammo and reloading gear (to including powder).

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Dan Worthey called the meeting to order with the Pledge. We welcomed a number of newcomers, recognized our veterans and **Lois Morton** offered a prayer.

From there, **John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's update** and answered questions. A lot is happening both in Illinois and nationally, fortunately gun control - for now - is not one of them.

Karen Miller, the daughter of a police officer, served as our main speaker. She explained how morale among law enforcement families had collapsed this past summer. She and a friend decided to try to help and they started a private organization on Facebook called "**Back the Blue Central Illinois**." Within eight hours they had a thousand participants. It has grown dramatically and its mission is to help support the police - a very controversial act in some corners of today's society.



A couple of weeks after starting the group and watching it grow, they organized a "Back the Blue" rally in Bloomington. Over 600 people attended along with a few dozen haters outside. Now the group has mobilized into more than just rallying support for law enforcement. Now they are tackling political lobbying as well.

She criticized the police reform bill passed in the lame duck session back in January. Pritzker hasn't signed it yet, but they're working to let folks know how detrimental it will be for police and their families.

It increases the both physical risk to police officers as well as financial liability. It will likely result in many veteran officers retiring early. Younger officers will likely move to work in other states. And families that remain in law enforcement may take other steps including divorce, at least on paper, to protect their assets.

A great deal of uncertainty remains around many of the bill's provisions, but it will certainly not make our streets safer for anyone except criminals.



For **Tech Time #1**, John Boch emphasized the importance of having the **ability to communicate** in the event that cell phones and/or the internet goes down. For local two-way communications, inexpensive Chinese Baofeng radios are exceptionally affordable and provide a great value for the money. For about \$10 you can buy a little radio (Baofeng UV-888s) vastly superior to anything you can pick up at your local Walmart. They can be programmed to any

channel - including plenty where it's not legal to transmit that won't have a hundred other people trying to communicate on the same frequency. With better antennas, the range expands dramatically. And programming is a breeze with a programming cable and free software available online.

A shortwave radio receiver can help by tuning in news and information either from across the country or from across the world.



Clockwise from top left, **Colt 1903**, **Savage 1907** and the **Davis Warner Infallible** "shoot yourself in the face" pistol.

For **Tech Time #2**, **Ron Beatty** brought some early semi-auto pistols, all in .32 ACP caliber. The first, a **Colt Model 1903**, was quite popular with police, military, civilians and - last but not least - criminals in the early 20th Century. Al Capone, Bonnie and Clyde and John Dillinger all packed .32s. As did Japan's Prime Minister Hideki Tojo who failed to kill himself with a .32 and met a rope instead, courtesy of the Allied forces.

The **Savage Model 1907** became popular in part thanks to the marketing slogan, "Ten quick shots." Yes, it was one of the first "high capacity" handguns. And the diminutive .32 ACP will penetrate a leather jacket

and kill a person dead.



Mr. Beatty also showed a **Davis Warner Infallible** .32 best known for the bolt that would fire out of the back of the slide if it was improperly secured. This could cause serious injury for the shooter's face.



The grip panel of the **Savage 1907**. Not very politically correct, eh?



Lastly, Ron discussed the "**Deer Gun**" - a modern "Liberator" pistol that was a complete failure during the VietNam War. It looked like a glue gun sans a cord but it

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Maryland cops justified a no-knock raid because they believed him 'anti-government,' 'anti-police,' owning body armor, and a member of the Three Percenters." Turns out the rifle was legal and the man was innocent of wrong-doing, but he's still dead.

No-knock warrants need to end

(USA Today) - One of the most positive developments from last year's political strife was a stronger focus on police abuses and no-knock raids. Some states and cities have imposed new restrictions, others are working toward greater transparency when it comes to police shootings. Unfortunately, Maryland, a state that has wrestled with some of the most egregious SWAT and no-knock cases in the country, remains mired in controversy.

The state has a long record of SWAT debacles. After police wrongfully raided a mayor's house and killed his dogs in 2008, Maryland required police to report every SWAT raid. Between 2010 and 2014, police in Maryland conducted more than 8,000 raids, killing nine people and injuring almost a hundred civilians.

Despite controversies, statistics were no longer collected after 2014. Strong police unions have blocked numerous efforts at legislative reform. As a result, Marylanders continue to be vexed by the same kind of deadly no-knock debacles that killed Breonna Taylor last March in Louisville, Kentucky.



Duncan Lemp is one of Maryland's latest victims.

On New Year's Eve, Montgomery County's state attorney office issued an official report absolving police for the killing of the 21-year-old gun owner after he was awakened during a no-knock raid on March 12. The report proffered a nothing-to-see-here-move-along verdict.

Lemp lived with his parents in a sedate neighborhood in Potomac, Maryland. According to the county report, a no-knock raid was justified "due to Lemp being 'anti-government,' 'anti-police,' currently in possession of body armor, and an ac-

tive member of the Three Percenters," a far-right paramilitary group that discussed government resistance.

Belonging to a group is not illegal. And while the group spoke out against actions by white supremacists during the 2017 deadly riots in Charlottesville, Virginia, they were also known to show up at protests to push back against efforts by Black Lives Matter. Many of those efforts focused on saving the lives of people caught in confrontations with police — similar to the situation Lemp found himself in.

Lemp's views on gun ownership and the fear of tyranny seem to have driven his activism. One of his last tweets declared, "The Constitution is dead." A little over two months later, police killed him.

According to his mother and his lawyer, Lemp had no history of violence (though he had a juvenile record). The police were tipped off by a "confidential source" that Lemp possessed firearms and "had made 'anti-police' statements in the past." They had been surveilling Lemp and his family residence well before they launched the SWAT raid.

Lemp family lawyer Rene Sandler told me that police "would have seen him taking his girlfriend to a doctor's appointment or going to a store. They could have detained him during a traffic stop while (other police) secured the home."

The report provides chilling details on how police attacked the Lemp home from two sides at about 4:30 a.m. Members of the raid team did a "break and rake" on Lemp's first-floor bedroom window. Standing outside the house, one officer "used a fireman's pike tool to break the bedroom window closest to the bed where Lemp and (pregnant girlfriend Kasey) Robinson were sleeping.

The tool also has a hook that is used to grab a hold of and pull away the blinds so that officers would have an unobstructed view inside the bedroom. Once the window was broken and the shades pulled out of the way, one officer ducked below the window line as he was unarmed. A second officer (the shooting officer) who was armed with a rifle, then stepped up to the window and looked inside to locate Lemp as soon as possible and prevent him from having

time to access any weapons that could be used against the SWAT officers." Another team of SWAT cops used a battering ram to smash in the front door of the Lemp home. Lemp was killed by five shots from a policeman shooting through his bedroom window.

At the same time the bedroom window was being smashed in, the report notes that "other members of the SWAT team were tasked with deploying 'flashbangs' outside the residence to disorient the senses of the occupants of the house as to what was happening."

The Supreme Court of North Carolina last year labeled flashbangs a "weapon of mass death and destruction," and criminal defense lawyer Clay Conrad commented that flashbangs are "just an assault. These things are designed to blind and deafen. ... You're intentionally injuring people."

Unfortunately, Montgomery County police did not videotape the raid or the shooting. Police body cams have been one of the most significant reforms in curbing police misconduct. But, as family lawyer Sandler disclosed, Montgomery County allowed SWAT to "opt out of the truth and transparency by not being required to wear body camera or videotaping a no knock raid."

The official report contains plenty of text messages between Lemp and his mother. Lemp wrote to his mother that he might be targeted by police "because I exercise my constitutional rights."

The no-knock raid was justified in part because police believed that Lemp possessed an illegal assault weapon. How did they know this?

Lemp posted photos of himself on Instagram with various firearms, and police concluded that one of the guns was an IWI Tavor X95 rifle, an assault weapon that the report notes is prohibited in Maryland. However, as the official report later mentions, "It should be noted that upon further review and investigation ... it was determined that it was not an assault rifle." The report asserts that Lemp's rifle "was a legal 'copycat' made to look exactly like the illegal version of the IWI Tavor X95."

This should be a red flag against predawn attacks on private homes based, in part, on false interpretations of Instagram photos, but the report draws no such conclusion.

Police also asserted that Lemp was pro-

hibited from purchasing firearms due to a juvenile conviction that meant he couldn't purchase them until he was 30. The family denies this allegation, according to family lawyer Sandler, and the report failed to provide any details. Maryland has some of the nation's most onerous requirements for buying guns, and Lemp purchased at least one of his firearms from a licensed dealer in Rockville, Maryland.

A grand jury examined the shooting last year, but all of the testimony and evidence presented remains confidential — except for snippets that the county attorney's office received permission from a judge to disclose in the report that exonerated the police.

Lemp's mother, Mercedes Lemp, commented: "I will always wonder whether the police intended to kill Duncan from the start — there was never a search, never any regard for our family — the way they conducted themselves seems as if they intended to kill him even before the raid began." Having surveilled Lemp and knowing his political views, his reaction at 4:42 a.m. was as predictable as the sun rising in the east.

A New York Times investigation of SWAT raid killings noted, "After being awakened by the shattering of doors and the detonation of stun grenades, bleary suspects reach for nearby weapons — at times realizing it is the police, at others mistaking them for intruders — and the shooting begins."

The report stated that Lemp's texts to his mother "gave insight into Lemp's mindset when police executed the no-knock warrant." Unfortunately, we have no insights into the mindsets of police chiefs and SWAT commanders who chose to unleash so much violence. Lemp's mother lamented: "The police were the threat, they have never provided any evidence that Duncan was a threat."

Montgomery County officials might be hoping that releasing the report on New Year's Eve will buttress their continual refusal to disclose key evidence. At this point, the only certainty about the case is that Lemp's fate confirms the old saying: Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they aren't out to get you.

And that, in too many cities, SWAT continue to have a green light to exercise dangerous levels of power.

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fired a 9mm cartridge. It failed for many reasons, not the least of which was the Vietnam war wasn't an urban conflict, the intended users of the gun were illiterate and the gun was fairly complex to operate.

Bill Harrison won the **Canik TP9SA** pistol - congratulations to him!

Charleston.

GSL's Charleston Regional Co-Director Bill Harrison called the meeting to order at the **Unique Hotel and Banquet Center in Charleston**. We had a full house, too.

Following the Pledge, we recognized our veterans and first responders, and a welcomed newcomers. May you all become regulars. Bill also presented a free ticket for the gun drawing to the earliest serving veteran present.

John Boch tendered his **Executive Director's Report**, sharing both good news and not-so-great news. While things might be challenging across Illinois, Chicago has devolved even further into chaos and violence.

For our **February "Ladies Night"** we welcomed **Melissa Harden**. She works as a photographer by day and shares her passion for helping women avoid becoming a victim in her spare time.

Ms. Harden discussed the importance of maintaining situational awareness with an

emphasis on the ladies' perspective. She did a good job covering the fundamentals including maintaining a command presence and an awareness of one's surroundings. "Get your face out of your phone," she told everyone, explaining that if you're checking your social media, you aren't paying attention to who and what is around you.

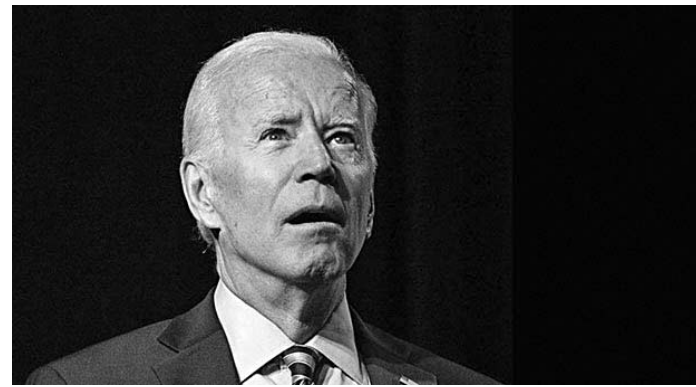


Main speaker Melissa Harden.

Harden spent a lot of time talking about task fixation (those darn cell phones) and the dangers lurking in parking lots for good reason: because distracted people make great victims for professional bad guys and parking lots offer lots of places to hide or lurk while waiting and watching for potential victims.

Jerry Garrett won the **50/50** for the night and **JB Morton** won the **SCCY pistol** and a box of 9mm ammo. Congrats to both.

We also had a host of door prizes both for just the ladies and for everyone.



Biden made promises of executive actions on gun control on day one. Instead, just like a career political hack, he delivers nothing but hot air...

Biden punts gun control to Congress despite pledges to act unilaterally during the campaign

(GSL) - President Joe Biden pledged to take unilateral action on gun control on his first day in office. After three weeks in office, he has signed fifty executive orders and not a one had anything to do with gun control.

Then again, he promised to get \$2000 checks into every American's hands with great urgency. Nearly three weeks after the inauguration, and an impeachment trial has been Job #1 for Congress, not helping working class Americans.

Now, on Valentine's Day, President Squinty McUnity's handlers announced with great fanfare his plan to enact gun control while Joe gummed his tapioca pudding before going down for a nap.

His great plan? He told Congress to act.

Here's the final paragraph of Team Biden's press release.

This Administration will not wait for the next mass shooting to heed that call. We will take action to end our epidemic of gun violence and make our schools and communities safer. Today, I am calling on Congress to enact commonsense gun law reforms, including requiring background checks on all gun sales, banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and eliminating immunity for gun manufacturers who knowingly put weapons of war on our streets. We owe it to all those we've lost and to all those left behind to grieve to make a change. The time to act is now.

Blah blah blah.

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Political Violence and the Second Amendment

by David Burkhead
(TheWriterinblack.com) - Anyone reading this blog knows that I am a strong proponent of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, among other things for the defense of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. In particular, when it comes to liberty, as, in the final extreme, as a defense against government tyranny. I have also written, with great vigor, in opposition of using violence in protests and how calling violence "protest" does not make it legal, even if the cause of that protest is just (and especially when it's not).

Some might think that makes me a hypocrite. Well, that's for others to judge, but hear me out here on my reasons to hold both views.

The first thing to consider is the purpose of protest. In general, the purpose of protest is to bring to light injustice (as those protesting see it) in order to sway public policy by creating a climate of opinion such that those in power will be encouraged to change their ways. This usually involves making people aware of the injustice, convincing them that it is and injustice, and making it important enough to them that it will affect their voting decisions (in places with representative government anyway) thus encouraging those in power to address and rectify the injustice. In Milton Friedman's words, it creates a situation where it's politically profitable for the wrong people to do the right things:

For that purpose, violence, leaving aside moral issues, is rarely helpful. If anything, it tends to harden opposition. Usually, these issues are those where the majority would agree if they were only aware of the scope, or even existence, of the problem.

One might ask, then, if peaceful protest is so much more effective than violent, what, then, is the point of supporting RKBA as a hedge against government tyranny. To answer that, one has to look to more serious cases, cases where the entire system is corrupt, where there is no way to peacefully protest and get the message heard. Censorship (whether by government or by monopolistic or near-monopolistic information distribution channels). Being deliberately misconstrued and lied about in the media. Or a government that simply is not responsive to popular will or does not respect the rights of individuals. Those are the kinds of things that can render peaceful protest moot.

But, here's the point. When you cross the line from "peaceful protest" to "using violence" you are no longer engaging in protest, per se. Individually, you are engaging in violent crime. If it goes on enough, you are waging war against the government and nation. You may consider the government illegitimate. It may, in fact, be

illegitimate, but even so what you're doing is waging war. Put another way, once you become violent, you are no longer protesting, but rebelling.

And you can expect to be treated as doing so.

In protest, a peaceful protest, you can generally expect to go home at the end and, barring actual injustice (which will only underscore your cause) you can expect not to be arrested and imprisoned for your peaceful protest. If you are, well, that just proves your point and everyone seeing it can recognize that. You can go on basically living your life as normal until the next protest in which you participate.

If your protest was actually peaceful.

If it was not peaceful however you are now an actual criminal. You might be a traitor (as the government and its supporters, however legitimate or illegitimate they may be). You cannot then expect to just go back to your life. This will follow you until you either win, are captured, tried, and punished, or if you're lucky until you're forgotten.

Or, maybe you'll be lucky. Maybe you'll actually be useful to those in power for their particular political purposes and they'll let you go unmolested because it suits them. But beware. That only lasts so long as you are politically useful to them. And it tends to have the opposite reaction of the goal of protest given above: it tends to harden opinions against you. Oh, people might voice agreement with you but it's fear, or at least prudence, talking. They are saying what they hope will prevent them from being attacked. But their minds aren't changed, not in your favor anyway, and once the threat goes away they go right back to opposition to your views.

Violence, then, is really only justified when there is no other recourse, when speech is shut down, when public opinion no longer matters, when elections are decided, as alluded to by Stalin, not by those who vote, but by those who count the votes. And when you cross that line, it's not an issue of "protest and go home" but it's war. Don't kid yourself that it's anything else. The war might be justified, but it remains a war and you are an enemy combatant to the powers that be. They might just treat you as a criminal if they don't want to acknowledge the war. Or they may go ahead and acknowledge the war and brand you a traitor. In either case, you are pledging "your life, your fortune, and your sacred honor" to that cause.

If you aren't ready to do that, then keep your protest peaceful, and stay far away from those who do not.

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(UPI) - Fill up that mug: Having one or more cups of caffeinated coffee a day may reduce your risk of heart failure, new research suggests.

The country is united...

...that we're on the brink of civil war (Washington Examiner) - The country is finally united — but not in the way that President Biden hoped for.

In a new Zogby Poll, both sides agree that the United States is teetering on the brink of civil war.

Pollster Jonathan Zogby of Zogby Analytics said that overall, 46% believe civil war is likely versus 43% who don't.



Missouri lawmakers move to effectively nullify unconstitutional federal laws

(Western Journal) - Lawmakers in Missouri have taken a bold step to preserve gun rights by drafting legislation that would ban police agencies from using unconstitutional federal laws to confiscate guns from citizens...

Furthermore, the Second Amendment Preservation Act states that the Missouri court system and the state's police agencies would have a duty to protect gun rights for law-abiding citizens...

Another portion of the bill even goes as far as to strip qualified immunity from officials who could potentially find themselves down the road using federal firearm laws as a justification for gun confiscation.

Missouri's Rep. Cori Bush seems more concerned with the incarcerated than productive citizens

(FoxNews) - Rep. Cori Bush, D-Mo., is facing criticism for her reaction to a riot Saturday at a downtown St. Louis jail.

Inmates rioted over a variety of concerns, setting fires, smashing windows and throwing debris to the street below. It took corrections officers almost eight hours to end the "extremely violent" disturbance.

But the Missouri congresswoman tweeted a statement of support for the rioters, saying she would work to address their griev-

ances, which include safety fears due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I want to talk to my constituents in the window," Bush tweeted, referring to the inmates. "Their lives and their rights must be protected. My team and I are working to ensure that the urgent needs of people who are incarcerated are not ignored."



CZ buys Colt Firearms

Prague (Reuters) - CZG-Ceska Zbrojovka Group said on Thursday it would acquire group Colt Holding Company for \$220 million and CZG shares as the Czech gunmaker expands in the larger U.S. market.

CZG, whose firearms include CZ (Ceska Zbrojovka), Dan Wesson and Brno Rifles, is active already in the United States and building a factory in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.

March

Mar 6-7: Crown Point Gun Show, Lake County Fairgrounds Crown Point, IN (765) 855-3836.

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.

Mar 21: McHenry County Gun Show, McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL. Donald Cichoski (815) 385-1982.

April

Apr 17-18: Will County Gun Show, Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL. Mike (630) 254-0221.

Apr 18: McHenry County Gun Show, McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL. Donald Cichoski (815) 385-1982.

Apr 24: Collector Arms Dealers Association Gun Show, DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL. Tim Zurko (715) 526-9769.

April 25: National Civil War Show & Sale, DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL. Tim Zurko (715) 526-9769.

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Moving 800 jobs, tax dollars out of city

Aero Precision tells Tacoma, WA to pound sand

Tacoma, WA (*AmmoLand.com*) - Aero Precision, one of the nation's leading firearm parts and accessories manufacturers, warned Tacoma, Wash., city officials their proposed punitive gun and ammunition tax would have consequences. Officials passed the proposed increases and instituted the taxes and fees.

Aero Precision answered back. The company and its 800 employees announced plans to expand and grow their manufacturing base in nearby Lakewood, Wash. Instead of investing in more jobs, more infrastructure, and more taxes paid to the City of Tacoma, Aero is literally sending their business elsewhere.



GO FIGURE...

Police investigate, find no criminal wrongdoing in Ashli Babbitt's homicide

Washington DC (*Daily Wire*) - Investigators looking into the shooting death of Ashli Babbitt, of one of the protesters who stormed the United States Capitol on January 6th, say they do not believe they will find enough evidence to charge a Capitol Police officer with murder, though they have yet to make an official recommendation to prosecutors.



Facebook dumps the VCDL

(*KMJNow*) - The Virginia Citizens Defense League, a leading gun rights group in the state, has had its Facebook page removed without explanation, The Washington Free Beacon reported on Wednesday.

Facebook spokeswoman Kristen Morea confirmed the move but refused to give a reason other than to state that the decision "was correctly actioned and we will not be republishing."

Talk is cheap against a violent criminal

Baltimore anti-gun activist shot dead in the head

Baltimore (*The Blaze*) - Dante Barksdale, an anti-gun violence activist who worked as the director of Baltimore's Safe Streets program, is dead after being shot in the head.



Remington Arms is back!

(*Shooting Illustrated*) - Roundhill Group's Federal Firearm License (FFL) has been approved, according to a report from Utica, NY, CBS TV affiliate WKTU. Approval clears the way for the company to resume manufacturing guns under its RemArms label from the famed Ilion, NY, factory it purchased during last fall's Remington Outdoor bankruptcy proceedings. The firm now owns the rights to produce all Remington firearms and holds the patents, with the exception of Marlin's assets, which went to high bidder Ruger.

Roundhill partner Richmond Italia told the TV station that production is scheduled to resume March 1, with 200 staff members reporting back to work.

Raising the bar for shysterism

NRA sued for promoting "white supremacist conspiracy theories"

Philadelphia (*TribLive*) - A man whose parents were killed in the 2018 Tree of Life synagogue massacre has sued the National Rifle Association, claiming the gun lobby radicalized accused shooter Robert Bowers with "white supremacist conspiracy theories."

Marc Simon, the son of Bernice and Sylvan Simon, filed the lawsuit Thursday. It names as defendants the NRA, the gun maker Colt's Manufacturing, indicted shooter [scumbag's name redacted] and the unnamed company that sold [scumbag's name redacted] the AR-15 used in the attack.

Remember, 50% are dumber than average

Socialism enjoys only 32% approval rate

(*Western Journal*) - Think the 2020 election got us one step closer to socialism in the United States? Think again, according to a new post-election survey.

In a Wednesday news release, the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University revealed only 32 percent of American adults said they preferred socialism to capitalism in the aftermath of the presidential election last fall. In a survey taken in early 2018, that number was 41 percent.



Gun grabbing Democrats hate your guns...

New Mexico bill would criminalize teaching your kids how to shoot

(*Guns America*) - A new piece of legislation in New Mexico could criminalize parents and other adults for allowing children under the age of 12 to use their firearms at a gun range.

Billed as a "safe storage" policy, the legislation (SB 224) creates an "authorized user" category, which it defines as "an individual who has been specifically granted permission to have

access to the firearm." Minors may only be authorized users if they are at least 12 years old and have successfully passed a "firearm safety training course."



Beretta buys Holland & Holland

(*International Sportsmen*) - Beretta Holding has signed an agreement for the acquisition of 100% of Holland and Holland Ltd. The deal takes effect from February 1, 2021... Holland & Holland is one of the foremost brands in British gun-making, serving elite international clients with the world's finest handmade shotguns and rifles.

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Owes IRS \$3.4M in taxes and penalties

The NRA has tax problems too

(The Trace) - The National Rifle Association owes the Internal Revenue Service an estimated \$3.4 million in taxes and penalties, according to documents filed in the gun group's bankruptcy case.

That figure represents the biggest claim by any creditor yet to come forward in the bankruptcy, which is before a Texas court. And it suggests that the IRS is applying additional scrutiny to the NRA, which the agency regulates by virtue of the group's nonprofit status.

The IRS seeks over \$1.1 million in excise tax on payments the NRA made

between 2014 and 2018, according to the agency's February 9 filing. Excise taxes can be levied on nonprofits as a penalty for prohibited transactions, said Philip Hackney, a former IRS attorney and associate law professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. However, Hackney said the filing lacked the detail necessary to determine just what kind of excise tax the IRS had applied.

The organization's leadership is focused on external threats, but the real crisis is of its own making.

Hackney noted that the IRS is seeking the same amount

in excise tax — \$226,267 — each year for 2014 to 2018, which suggests that the levy relates to a single, repeat item.

"It clearly indicates that the IRS has been looking at the NRA," he said of the filing. "It appears that the IRS has assessed some amount, and the NRA is disputing that amount."

The NRA has yet to pay more than \$1.7 million in payroll taxes so far this year, the filing also indicates, but Hackney said it's likely that the group had properly withheld those payments.



Lighten up, Francis... Closing out on a bit of humor.

Tips to maintain a healthy level of insanity in 2021

1. At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on, point a hair dryer at passing cars and watch them slow down!



2. On all your check stubs, write, "For Sexual Favors"

3. Skip down the street rather than walk, and see how many looks you get.

4. With a serious face, order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat.

5. Sing along at The Opera.



6. When the money comes out of the ATM, scream 'I Won! I Won!'

7. When leaving the Zoo, start running towards the car park, yelling, 'Run For Your Lives! They're Loose!'

8. Tell your children over dinner, 'Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go....'

9. Pick up a box of condoms at the pharmacy, go to the counter and ask where the fitting room is.

10. Go to a large Department store's fitting room, drop your drawers to your ankles and yell out, "There's no toilet paper in here!"

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