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What happens when fewer ambulances can respond with life-saving critical care? We're about to find out thanks to the termination of tens of thousands of badly-needed, highly-skilled professionals. Image courtesy Chicago Fire Department.

## IL Supreme Court set to release decision in the Guns Save Life lawsuit challenging the Cook County gun and ammo tax

See page 5.

# GOT GUN?

## What happens to your health and safety after vaccine mandate job terminations?

(GSL) - President Joe Biden has mandated that Americans take the COVID vaccines and he's forcing them on people where he can. Along those lines, companies and government units have already started to terminate employees who refuse to take the experimental vaccines of questionable effectiveness.

What happens when even ten or twenty percent of these groups resign or accept termination over taking the jab? Do you think your safety, health and well-being will increase or decrease after this happens?

We all know what happens with fewer police. Just look towards Chicago, where "defund the police" has resulted in nearly one thousand empty sworn police positions. At the same time, murders this year are on track for 25-year highs.

What will happen to your health and quality of life when hospitals and clinics defer or cancel medical exams and procedures for lack of staff? We know that in the lockdown of 2020, many thousands died after perfectly correctable conditions like cancers went undetected

or untreated because hospitals wouldn't accept anything except emergency cases or COVID patients.

How will fewer staffed ambulances impact the response time for life-saving critical care in the field? The same goes for firefighters responding to fire and medical calls.

A death is a tragedy. Thousands of deaths are a statistic. If you're not making preparations for these next three years of the incompetent Biden/Harris regime, you might become the next statistic.

Got gun? Prudent people are embracing gun ownership like never before. But you should also embrace items like a solid first aid kit, a blood pressure cuff and a pulse oximeter along with the knowledge to use them. The same goes for larger fire extinguishers and a 30-day supply of critical medications.

After all, it surely looks like we will be our own first responders more so than ever in a time of increasing first responder scarcity and delayed responses.

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In Memoriam:  
Marshall Collins  
1956-2021

## November 2021

- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **November 1**, December 6  
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **November 2**, December 7  
Pontiac Sportsman's Club, 18791 N 1300 East Rd., Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **November 3**, December 1  
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **November 4**, December 2  
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **November 9**, Dec. 14  
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **November 11**, December 9  
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **Chicagoland (South):** Last Sunday: **Oct. 31**, Nov. 28, **No Dec. mtg.**  
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights  
*Exhibits and conversation here at 4pm. Meeting at 5:30pm.*

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 6 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.  
Come on out and join us. Good food, good fun and good friends.  
*Dinner is optional. "Let's go Brandon!"*

Meetings are free and open to all.





**Winning in Rantoul.**  
John Bensyl, left, won the new Taurus G3 at the Rantoul meeting. He's pictured with Dan Worthey, our Champaign County Regional Director, and Terry Doyle, the 50/50 winner.



**Giants in outdoor resources**  
Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources board members at the Peoria GSL meeting. From left, Bob Holland, Scotty Bryant, Steve Davis and Allison Reynolds.



**Charleston...**  
From left, Lori Turner, winner of the 50/50, Jack Turner of the Charleston Region Steering Committee and Bob Michaels who won a S&W AR-15/22 pistol.



**Lookie here, old man!**  
In a battle of the "shoot me first" vests, John Boch serves as Joe Tharp's sparring partner at the Rantoul GL meeting. Joe's demonstrating a simple technique to push in and down at the base of the throat to make an aggressor let go or stop choking you. Gouging out the eyeballs works pretty well, too, ladies.



**Chicagoland...**  
Alfreda Keith Keller with Chicagoland gun winner Tom Wengel with a new Taurus G2c defensive pistol.



Young Allie, center, helps us in Rantoul by drawing the winning tickets. She's with Joann Chandler and Dan Worthey.



**The couple that wins together...**  
Al Crocker won the "gun" at the Sangamon County GSL meeting - 500 rounds of 9mm practice ammo. Minutes before, his wife Hettie won the 50/50 prize.



Dale Lock with an ATN Night Vision equipped AR.



**Happiness...**  
Jason Schell won a 12-gauge social shotgun in Peoria - perfect for two-legged varmints.



**Pontiac.**  
Farrell Porter won a new Ruger 10/22 in Pontiac! Courtesy of Freedom Sports Shop in El Paso.



Gary Larson talks Webleys in Decatur.

*This month's over the top lunacy from Chicagoland...*



*Decades of strict gun control and then this happens...*

## 'MUTUAL COMBAT'

**Massive 'Wild West' shootout in Chicago's Austin neighborhood, one killed.**

**Cook County State's Attorney refuses to charge participants, citing 'mutual combat.'**

Chicago (Guns Save Life) - Despite a mountain of gun control laws and restrictions on law-abiding gun owners, Chicago saw yet another Wild West shoot-out at 10:30a.m. on Friday morning, October 1st. One group of gang members piled out of a pair of stolen Dodge Chargers and opened up on an Austin home, apparently occupied in part by fellow gang members.

The attackers fired Glocks modified with giggle-switches (from wish.com) to allow them to fire full-auto.

Other gang members inside the residence sprayed shots back, all in full view of police cameras. The gun battle lasted so long that police had time to roll up and witness the shootout as it continued unabated and undeterred by police lights and sirens.

Two of the attackers were shot, one fatally, along with two others inside

the house. Devlin Addison, 32, of Berwyn died on the scene.

The remaining attackers hopped back into those stolen Chargers. One pushed out a wounded comrade at Mt. Sinai Hospital with police following him. He then crashed it and it burned. The other vehicle eluded police (with their no-chase policy). It was later found burning.

Police arrested three from inside the home and two wounded actors in the hospital.

Chicago Police sought felony murder and attempted murder against all. However, the Cook County State's Attorney refused to press ANY charges, saying it was "mutual combat." On Sunday morning, those in jail were released without charges. No word on if their firearms were returned.

*Image courtesy Chicago Sun-Times.*



GSL members donated 20k+ rounds so they can train with live fire

## Thank you from UIUC NROTC

"Thank you to the GSL community for your enormous support and granting us the opportunity of high quality training. -- The World's Greatest NROTC Battalion Rifle/Pistol Team"



## Meeting Summaries

### Chicagoland.

GSL's Chicagoland chapter met at the **Park Forest American Legion Hall** a couple of blocks into Chicago Heights. Our **Chicagoland Regional Director Alfreda Keith Keller** called the meeting to order.

**Some housekeeping items:** We will meet on Sunday, October 31st (Halloween) and the Sunday after Thanksgiving on November 28th. Chicagoland's **meeting in December is officially cancelled**.

**John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's update**, starting off with a sincere thank you to the **former ISRA Vice President Mike Weisman** for his helpful advice on acquiring a potent, compact sound system. It sounds great. Thank you Mike!

**Howard Kaye** from the **Crete Gun Club** spoke, introducing the new and growing south-side club to the audience. It's affordably priced at \$5/month or



Howard Kaye.

\$60 for the year, and safety is their top priority. At the same time, shooting from the holster, moving or rapid firing is okay there so long as those holding the guns are safe and all the rounds stay on property.

For our main presentation, Alfreda asked the **firearm instructors** in the audience to **share some of their most positive experiences** with the audience.

**Alfreda Keith Keller** started with her own experiences, sharing how she got started with friends and her fellow motorcycle club folks. "I sleep well knowing I've done a good job," she said of her love of teaching good people how to protect and defend themselves from violent attack. One thing that saddens her is the people who never go out and practice after taking her class.

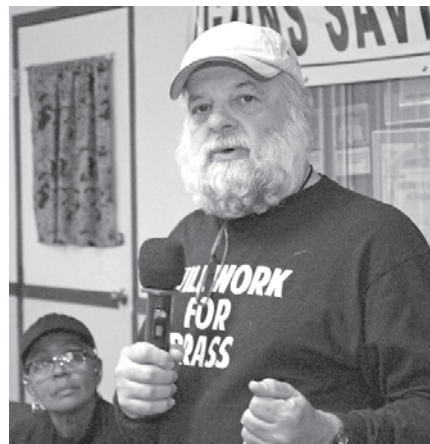
From there, she walked over to **Peter Arkins**. Peter talked of how much he enjoys meeting a wide range of interesting people and dispelling a lot of myths they have about gun owners and guns.

Another instructor, **Nick Klementzos** who teaches not only with **GSL Defense Training** but also locally in Chicagoland explained how he enjoys teaching, but he especially likes helping to bring shooting to younger folks. "We need to bring the young people into shooting," he observed. "If you know a kid that has interest, give them an avenue and nurture that."

**Michael Slevnik** of **Firearms Training Chicago** relates how women make up the majority of his enrollees. "They often want to hug you for changing their lives," he said. Indeed, 18 of his former students have later contacted him and credited his training with saving them from criminal attack or death at the hands of violent predators. That makes him feel especially good.

**John Boch**, who like Nick Klementzos, has been teaching for well over twenty years with **GSL Defense Training**, praised the high quality people he's met over the years in his classes. In fact, he sadly related, he's been teaching so long that a number of great people he met and became friends with have passed away, including one

former student who became a good friend and inspiration enough that John named one of his sons after him - O.B. Streeper of Chenoa. And like Mr. Slevnik, Boch said he too has had well over a dozen former students credit their training with helping them to successfully outcomes in conflicts with violent predators. "None have been injured or killed and none have been prosecuted," Boch noted with pride.



Uncle Nick Klementzos with Chicagoland's Regional Director Alfreda Keith Keller in the background.

For "**Tech Time**," **Nick Klementzos** spoke of the **Oak Park Sportsman's Club Steel Match** that he puts on for folks on the first Monday April through October. "It's an opportunity to use your gear," he said.

Participants can shoot from the holster or low-ready, something not available at most indoor ranges or even many outdoor ranges. "I want good people to get more comfortable and confident" handling their guns, he said. The clock and the audience help provide a dash of adrenaline and pressure to do well.

During the winter months, they run PPC matches indoors. Again for \$5, either offer everyday people a chance to run their gun and gear in ways they usually can't outside of a formal class.

We held our drawings. **Rosie Delgado** snagged the 50/50 drawing and selflessly donated her winnings back to Guns Save Life. Thank you Rosie! Meanwhile, **Tom Wengel** won himself a **Taurus G2c** pistol, courtesy of **Rink's Guns in Lockport**.

For our Oct. 31st meeting, we have a **Savage 64 .22** that is **suppressor ready**. And for November, we have a **Rock Island Armory Meriva 12 ga.** pump action defensive shotgun, 18.5" Barrel, 5 rounds.

### Sangamon County.

**GSL's Dale Lock** called the Sangamon County meeting to order at **SCHEELS in Springfield**. Of note: SCHEELS has a lot of ammo in multiple calibers! Without limits and at reasonable prices.

**GSL's Executive Director John Boch** delivered his notes. On a serious note, he cautioned the audience to expect all manner of problems ranging from public health and safety to shortages of products with Biden's vaccine mandates and related terminations. "What happens when there are fewer ambulance crews and cops? And fewer doctors and nurses?"

**Main Speaker: Terry Mecklenburg**, a **Daughters of the American Revolution** Service for Veterans Chairman introduced the audience to the DAR and its mission promoting patriotism, preserving history

along with making a difference in their communities.



Terry Mecklenburg of the DAR.

Along those lines, Mrs. Mecklenburg discussed volunteer opportunities from both national organizations like Wreaths Across America and the Honor Flight program to local organizations like the Quincy Veterans Home "Fishing for Freedom" Tournament and the Spring Street Veterans Renaissance organization in Springfield that helps homeless vets, including those battling substance abuse issues, become productive citizens with a place to live.

We had a multiple short Tech Time presentations. **Dale Lock** showed a **Hammerli AR-style .22** with a modern **ATN night vision scope**. Dale talked about the scope and showed some sample videos. As for the gun, it came with a terrible 8-pound trigger. Dale tuned it brought it down to 6.5 pounds which is still suboptimal for any rifle.

**Tim Weir** showed an early **Colt New Service Model 1909 revolver in .45 Long Colt**. Manufactured in 1911, it was issued to the US Army, likely in the Cavalry. It would make a worthy museum piece in terms of its condition and scarcity.

**Anthony Bellin** showed off a homemade .223 pistol that looked great.

**Retired Springfield PD Lieutenant Jerry Palmer** talked about violence and how

almost all civilian defensive shootings take place at 15 feet or less - most a lot less in fact. "With point shooting, you should be able to make that shot without any sights." If you have good fundamentals, that is. Jerry also touted the SIRT training pistols as pricey, but great training tools for learning skill sets including point shooting and proper trigger control.



Jerry Palmer.

And the **Crocker family** shared big smiles as **Hettie Crocker won the 50/50** and couple of minutes later, her husband **Al Crocker won the "gun" prize** - or this month, **500 rounds of 9mm ammo**. Congrats to both (and on their recent 56th wedding anniversary!)

### Pontiac.

The folks at the **Pontiac Sportsmen's Club** warmly welcomed GSL for our October meeting. **GSL's John Boch** called the meeting to order with our usual opening routine.

John then shared his **Executive Director's Report**, sharing the latest news both good and not-so-good along with some analysis.

With a last-minute speaker cancellation because of illness, Mr. Boch filled in with a discussion on coming changes in our lives due to Joe Biden's vaccine mandate job terminations. Everything from first responders, to medical staff to private companies will suffer as a result of these government-mandated firings. Members shared some personal experiences, discussing shortages of raw materials, transportation problems as

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Can't make it to a meeting? Still want to win a gun?  
**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!

Indicate how many tickets you want for the gun you want (and city of drawing). Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. Or 25 (plus a bonus) for \$100.

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.

**Attn: Drawings  
Guns Save Life  
PO Box 8  
Clinton, IL 61727**

### GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

**Pontiac November: Citadel Warthog 12 gauge SEMI-AUTO shotgun**  
**Pontiac December: TBA**

**Charleston November: Glock 19**

**Peoria November: Ruger Wrangler**

**Decatur November: Ruger LCP Max**  
**Decatur December: RIA Meriva 12ga pump**

**Sangamon November: Taurus G3 9mm**

**Rantoul November: Taurus G3c 9mm**

**Rantoul December: Ruger Wrangler**



# CHICAGO CLOWN SHOW MADNESS

by John Boch

GSL Executive Director

### The Illinois General Assembly update

The General Assembly returns for the fall veto session as this issue goes to press. The gun control folks are pimping a bill to ban the possession or manufacture of home-made firearms (aka "ghost guns").

State Sen. Jacqueline Collins filed the bill - as if banning work (to mill out a receiver) will somehow reduce violent crime and save lives. After all, it takes hours of delicate, painstaking work to make a homebrew gun.

In fact, the same Senator Collins (D-Chicago) proudly sponsored the "police reform bill" in last session, otherwise known as the "No Cash Bail" law. She hasn't said a peep about the fact that one third of known murder assailants in Chicago were out on "affordable bail" for previous serious felony arrests. But somehow homemade guns are our biggest threat to public safety and eliminating cash bail for repeat felony arrests is not a problem in her mind.

Is it any wonder why the bodies keep piling up in Murder City USA? Only for the clueless, or firm believers in keeping people on the gun control plantation.



GSL's John Boch.

### Federal Update.

Dems in Washington are completely consumed with trying to increase the national debt ceiling and to pass trillions in new spending. There's precious little oxygen in the room for anything else.

Meanwhile Senator Dick Durbin introduced a bill to bring the Illinois Gun Dealer Licensing Act regulations to gun dealers nationwide. It's just one of those red meat bills for Durbin's base with a 0% chance of passing.

### Judicial.

We're awaiting the Illinois Supreme Court to release a pair of decisions in two of GSL's court actions. First on our case challenging the Cook County Gun and Ammo Tax, and also Deerfield's appeal of our part win, part loss lawsuit challenging their gun and magazine ordinance.

Your memberships and donations help make these court actions possible. If you're not a member, I'd encourage you not only to join, but sign up a like-minded friend for just \$20 more to help us grow stronger.

This past month, the Cook County Forest Preserve gun ban was struck down in federal court. While that might not impact you personally, it opens the door to us filing other suits to whittle down the number of prohibited locations in our state.

### The Illinois State Police

Turning to the State Police, they've implemented new security measures which should allow the little people to complete their applications for FOIDs, carry licenses and renewals without calling the Firearms Service Bureau.

Now, applicants will have to enter the "DD" number on the bottom of their Driver's License or State ID. This is to confirm the applicant has physical possession of their ID.

About that the COVID extension... The latest emergency rule release has reduced that window from 18 months after the COVID emergency ends down to six months. FOID and CCW holders needing renewals can wait to initiate their renewal until six months after the end of the emergency and still remain valid. So don't panic if you're struggling. Frankly, I don't see our pissant potentate governor relinquishing his power any sooner than he absolutely has to.

### Chicago.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's protective detail is a total clown show. Can you imagine a Secret Service agent, on duty, robbed of his or her sidearm? I can't either. But not only did a cop with the Cook County Forest Preserve surrender his pistol without firing a shot, but the department then almost succeeded at covering it up. They also tried to sweep another story of a man shot trying to carjack a Cook County Forest Preserve Police SUV that was part of Preckwinkle's protective detail.

In civilized jurisdictions, police chiefs tell their cops that if they quit chasing a suspect, they had better be out of gas. And if they surrender their sidearms, it better be after they have exhausted their ammunition. But not in Lightfoot's Murder City USA. The clowns really are leading the clown show right off the cliff and into the lake.

### Vaccine Mandates.

Huh? What's that got to do with guns?

Well, a third to a half of Chicago police officers aren't vaccinated and the mayor's threatening to terminate them. What happens when Chicago has a third fewer cops on the streets?

Yeah, Ray Charles could draw that picture. Got gun? You better. Because the bad guys will have even less to fear from the police and Cook County prosecutor Kim Foxx.

But that's not all. If the vaccine mandates continue, they will also impact response times for firefighters and ambulances in your town too. If doctors, nurses and medical techs are also terminated for failing to take the clot shot, that will impact the availability of non-emergency healthcare for you and me both.

Private sector employers may also start firing staff, further exacerbating supply shortages - including things like food and medicine.

Get prepared. Stay prepared and stay safe while you still can.



*Is everything is an 'insurrection' now to pissant potentate politicians?*

## Lightfoot slams Chicago police FOP union for trying to 'induce an insurrection'

About half of the city's 13,000 cops could be terminated if they don't disclose their vaccine status.

(UK Daily Mail) - Chicago's top cop is warning police officers that their benefits could hang in the balance if they refuse to comply with the city's COVID vaccination policy, while the mayor has accused the union head of trying to 'induce an insurrection.'

Police Superintendent David Brown is warning that officers who don't comply with the city's vaccination policy could be fired and lose their retirement benefits. About half of the city's 13,000 cops could be terminated under the rule if they don't disclose their status.

Meanwhile, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Monday that the city has already stopped the pay of a 'very small number' of officers who refused to cooperate with the mandate. She said they'll now go through a disciplinary process.

Earlier in the day, she lashed out against the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) union and its president John Catanzara.

'What we've seen from the FOP and particularly the leadership is a lot of misinformation, a lot of half truth - and frankly flat-out lies - in order to induce an insurrection,' Lightfoot told reporters.

'If you ignore a directive of your supervisor - or even worse, a direct order that's lawfully given - you're going to destroy your career. That is going to follow you forever.'



Chicago FOP President John Catanzara.

## ISN'T IT NEAT HOW THEY'RE ALL CHANTING MY NAME AT ALL THE FOOTBALL GAMES?



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**Guns Save Life v. Ali at the Illinois Supreme Court**

Your membership dues & support help pay for this and other court cases...

**Illinois Supreme Court set to release decision in Guns Save Life v. Ali on Thursday, Oct. 21st.**

(Illinois Supreme Court) - The Supreme Court anticipates that opinions will be filed in the cases listed below at 9:00 AM on 10/21/2021. Very limited information about the opinions can be obtained by telephone after 9:00 AM that day. Opinions are posted on the Court's website the day of filing: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov>. Copies of opinions are also provided

in the Clerk's Office in Springfield or on the 20th Floor, 160 N. LaSalle St., in Chicago shortly after 9:00 AM.

126014 - *Guns Save Life, Inc., et al., Appellants, v. Zahra Ali, Director of the Department of Revenue of Cook County, et al.*, Appellees. Appeal, Appellate Court, First District.

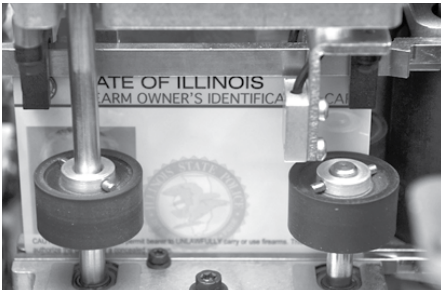
**Illinois State Police's Firearms Services Bureau website now accepting applications and renewals without the need to call-in**

(GSL) - In a bit of much needed good news for Illinois gun owners, the ISP has finally fixed the security breach on their Firearms Services Bureau (FSB) website. Now, they are once again allowing the little people in Illinois to complete their applications for FOIDs and carry licenses without the need to call into the FSB.

ISP tightened up security on their FSB website after hackers downloaded a whole bunch of gun owners personal data in late July. In doing so, they blocked applicants from fully accessing their server.

Now, they are confirming identities by requiring applicants to enter part or all of the "DD" number located near the bottom line of their Driver's License or State

ID. This is to ensure the person seeking access has physical possession of the relevant document - and not a hacker who may have purchased or stolen a person's driver's license number and other personal information.



She also sponsored the 'No Cash Bail' law... even with one third of known murder assailants in Chicago are out on 'affordable bail' for previous felony arrests

**Senator Jacqueline Collins (D-Chicago) sponsors 'ghost gun' ban in General Assembly**

(The Center Square) – State Sen. Jacqueline Collins joined Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart on Thursday to announce a new bill aimed at getting ghost guns from the streets.

A ghost gun is a homemade firearm without a serial number, which makes it difficult to trace. People can buy kits to make such guns without a background check. Some include no metal parts, thus they don't trigger metal detectors. They can be ordered online using no more than a shipping address and payment information. Some can even be made with 3-D printers.



Senator Collins (D-Chicago)

Collins' bill would make owning, selling, or producing a ghost firearm illegal in the state of Illinois. Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart said there is no lawful reason for a person to have this gun.



**Senators target state's violent crime explosion with 'get tough' legislation; Dem calls it 'dog whistle' racism**

(Journal-Courier) - Republican state senators on Wednesday unveiled a package of legislation that pushes back against rising crime in the state while also funding tools they say will empower police.

The legislation was revealed by state senators Chapin Rose of Mahomet, John Curran of Downers Grove, Jil Tracy of Quincy, Steve McClure of Springfield and Brian Stewart of Freeport.

It also would establish

mandatory sentencing of 10 years for first-time convictions on some firearms crimes, increasing the penalty for a second offense to life in prison. Certain violent juvenile crimes, such as aggravated vehicular hijacking and armed robbery, automatically would transfer to adult court.

[Editor: Our analysis notes how Republicans are in a super-minority in both the IL House and Senate. What's more, the Democrat leaders in

Illinois seem a whole lot more interested in alternatives to jail and incarceration for all criminals rather than "get tough" legislative proposals. This bill isn't going anywhere.

And sure enough, here's one Chicago Democrat's response to the proposal: "This is not a solution," Senator Robert Peters (D-Chicago) responded. "This is dog whistle politics from people who just like to round up poor people. They don't know what they're talking about."]



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Be among the third 100 individuals to step up and help us defend your right to defend yourself with a life membership to Guns Save Life.

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



## NRA finished 2020 in the black thanks to massive spending cuts after revenue falls, legal costs skyrocket

(The Reload) - The NRA's finances stayed above water in 2020. But only because it continued to make significant spending cuts.

The gun-rights group ran a surplus of just over \$40.5 million last year, according to a copy of its financial statements obtained by The Reload. That makes 2020 the second year in a row where the NRA spent less than it brought in, reversing a years-long trend of operating in the red. But the better books came at the cost of deep cuts to most of its key programs.

The group's 2020 spending was down more than \$54 million, or about 15.3 percent, from 2019. It's down over \$124 million, or about 29.3 percent, compared to the group's financial statements from the last election cycle in 2018. The cuts affected core areas of the group's activities, with tens of millions less being spent on legislative programs, training, and member services compared to the previous election cycle. Revenue fell by eight figures too, down \$19.4 million from 2019 and \$78.2 million from 2018.

While revenue and spending fell, the group's legal expenses rose. The NRA's 2020 legal spending increased

by \$245,892 from the previous year to more than \$46 million. The NRA noted the total includes audit and tax expenses but declined to break out the numbers more specifically. It also said those fees were spent on a variety of legal costs, including activism...

Overall, the group has spent more than \$125.4 million on legal, audit, and tax expenses since 2018, when they first faced legal trouble in New York. Nearly \$98 million of that has gone towards administrative legal costs, over four-and-a-half times the amount spent on legislative legal costs.



# NRA

A first-person account...

## 2021 NRA Members' & Board Meetings

(NRA in Danger blog | <https://nraindanger.wordpress.com>) - I counted about 120 members attending, just barely a quorum (100). It was probably the smallest members' meeting in the last century. There was easily space for 300-400, so we have to wonder why the sign-up webpage was turning people away with the claim all seats had been taken. Did the webpage operator just set it to turn everyone else away, or did chosen directors have their friends reserve seats, knowing they would not attend?

Frank Tait moved a resolution calling for resignations of LaPierre, Frazer, Meadows, Cotton, and Willises Lee., which was opposed by director Joel Friedman, who sold out to LaPierre two years ago. The members present (directors and friends, mostly) voted overwhelmingly to duck the issue and not vote on it. The meeting quickly adjourned.

The directors' meeting was brief. Only 49 were present. Predictably, it re-

ected LaPierre and Frazier. Director Phil Journey nominated Rocky Marshall for EVP, but LaPierre was elected 44-2. Board officers now are Charles Cotton, president, Willis Lee, 1st VP, David Coy, 2nd VP. It is remarkable that two of the three (Cotton and Coy) are members of the board's Audit Committee, which spent the last two years covering up and not auditing anything...

Along the way, I heard that membership has fallen badly, from 5.5 million to 4.2 million, and this in an era of exploding new gun ownership. That is a disastrous decline, because historically about 1/3 of members were life members. Their money is not stored in a separate account, but it treated as current revenue and spent in the year received, and then the lifers are entitled to benefits (magazines) for the remainder of their life. Annual members would amount to about 2/3 of 5.5, or 3.6 million. A loss of 1.3 million of those means a loss of over a third of the folks who paid dues in 2019.

## We told you so...

Back in July of this year, *GunNews* ran a story about the coming natural gas shortages this fall in America. In that same issue, on the same page, we covered the lousy durum wheat harvest in Canada.

Why should you care about durum? If you like pasta, you should know that durum wheat is the main ingredient.

In addition to food prices headed northward, hydrocarbon fuel prices are also spiking dramatically. Watch for more and more stories elsewhere in the media comparing fuel prices this winter with those back in the late 1970s. Yeah, "Welcome back, Carter" for those old enough to remember the so-called Misery Index.

We've all seen various products, from food items to appliances to new automobiles running scarce under our pissant potentate President Joe Biden's so-called "Build Back Better" fiasco. Welcome to socialism, folks.

In late 2019 we urged people to buy guns and ammo while we enjoyed a golden age of cheap prices and plentiful supply of both. Some certainly heeded our advice. Others? Not so much.

As we also wrote just a couple of months ago, you're holding a cutting edge periodical. The information it contains can help you avoid victimization by both criminals and the criminal justice system. It may also

tip you off to coming trends and remind you to make certain purchases while items remain plentiful and affordable.

We also recommend better firearms as well as some training opportunities to make you harder to victimize or kill.

Read *GunNews* carefully and share it with your like-minded friends and family. After all, the life you save might be your own - or that of someone you care about. Or alternatively, the life *they* save might be *yours*!

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**In the Land of the Blind, the one-eyed man is King**  
by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member

## Lessons from Bonnie & Clyde

Lately I have been reading a lot about the days of Bonnie and Clyde, and what we can learn from back then.

The country was a mess. This "Public Enemy Era" spanned from 1931 through 1935, during the depths of the Great Depression that crushed the economy, and the Dust Bowl – a period of severe dust storms that greatly damaged the agricultural output of the American and Canadian prairies – that caused mass hunger. 10,000 banks went out of business, taking \$3 billion of depositor's life savings with them, leaving account holders penniless. With 80% unemployment in some areas, those unfortunates would remain destitute, unless they took matters into their own hands, and some turned to crime.

Today, rampant government spending is out of control, leading to increasing inflation that steals buying power. We have some wealthy people, but as I travel around the U.S. – my latest trek a 1,081-mile drive from Decatur, Illinois to Worcester, Massachusetts, I've seen a lot of help-wanted signs; undocumented illegal aliens working for far less than minimum wage; obscenely-high gas prices; rental cars that have over 40,000 miles on them and are in constant need of maintenance yet sometimes costing \$100 a day; and infrastructure problems (read bad roads, run-down bridges) that will remain poor, because these big spending programs always end up targeting pet projects of the rich and voting constituencies of the lazy.

For the first two years – 1931-1933 – it was a stupid era. Prohibition in the United States, beginning in 1920 and ending in 1933, was a nationwide constitutional ban on the production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages. While some people regarded the attack on alcohol as a noble cause, an overwhelming number did not, and Prohibition single-handedly caused tens of millions of Americans to view the law as lacking any moral obligation to follow it; they became felons overnight and they felt no remorse at doing so. This disregard for law and order became a cancer in society; one day citizens refused to follow Prohibition; the next they began to support organized crime to provide the illegal goods they wanted.



Today's version of Prohibition aims at stripping Americans of their right to bear

arms, another stupid idea. Were it to get close to happening, tens of millions of us – maybe more – will become felons overnight, because we will not comply, and organized crime will start a shipping tsunami of firearms into the country, just like it did booze.

For the first years of Bonnie and Clyde, most regular folks hated the police and were on the side of the renegades, even though they were a far cry from modern day Robin Hoods portrayed in movies. It was only after several murders of police, including one trooper on his first day of the job and another scheduled to be married in three weeks before he was cut down by Clyde in cold blood – the bride-to-be wore her wedding dress to her fiancée's funeral – that attitudes toward the police changed.

Today, police are equally disrespected – mostly in big cities from Portland to Atlanta. I'd like to think that Champaign Police Officer Chris Oberheim didn't die in vain, and it seems like many folks in central Illinois know that too, but this country is in a whole lot of trouble right now with its negative view of the thin blue line. What doesn't help is when senior FBI personnel start helping one political party against another, though.

There's another takeaway from Bonnie and Clyde. In our era of concealed carry and the ubiquitous Glock-this and Glock-that, maybe we put too much emphasis on pistolcraft – not that we shouldn't be proficient with these weapons. But Clyde Barrow didn't terrorize people with a pistol; he did it with Browning Automatic Rifles, BARs, whose .30-06 rounds would go through one side of a car and out the other, killing anyone in between. And when the law finally did catch-up with Bonnie and Clyde one morning on a Louisiana dusty dirt road, what put *finis* to the two marauders were a couple of Remington Model 8s, a BAR, a Colt Monitor, and some Remington Model 11 semi-automatic 12-gauge "riot guns".



Texas Ranger Frank Hamer (played by Kevin Costner in the excellent movie *The Highway Men*), who led the posse that nailed Bonnie and Clyde, was a big believer in the old phrase, "A handgun is for fighting your way to a long gun you shouldn't have left behind." While he was an excellent shot with a .45 Colt and a .44 Special, mostly it was a long gun that got Frank's bacon out of the fire.

We might want to consider that today.



## IDNR offers free deer meat testing for chronic wasting disease

(*The Center Square*) – Illinois is offering hunters free testing for deer to find deer that have been infected with chronic wasting disease (CWD).

Taxidermist Robyn Rocke, owner of Rocke Wildlife Studio in Eureka, Ill., said many hunters do not know anything about CWD.

"Probably, most hunters have no idea about it. They are hunting and they are eating the meat. They are not worried about it. And they are probably fine," Rocke said.

The problem is that a deer can carry the CWD infection for several years without showing any outward signs of the disease. Until an infected deer is close to death, it is impossible to distinguish a healthy deer from an infected deer, Rocke said. Rocke sends deer meat samples to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for CWD testing when his customers bring a deer in to be mounted.

CWD has been detected in deer from 17 Illinois counties: Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, DeKalb, Ogle, LaSalle, Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Kane, Grundy, Kendall, DuPage, Lake, Will, Livingston, Kankakee and Carroll. Most infected deer are in northern Illinois.

"It's working its way down from the north part of the state. IDNR is keeping an eye on it. That's just about the only thing that they can do," Rocke said.

Rocke collects samples from about 70 deer a year for testing. So far, none of the tests have come back positive, he said. He advises people to take advan-

tage of the free IDNR tests, because eating meat from deer with CWD is not advisable, he said.

You cannot count on meat companies that process deer to test for CWD, Rocke warns.

"They would probably not take the time to do that," he said. "They don't want to scare people unduly."

So far, there has not been a documented case where CWD has infected a human who has eaten deer meat, Rocke said.

"But it is similar to mad cow disease, which could do that," he cautioned. "If the DNR tests your deer and finds CWD, they will call you. And they recommend that you do not eat that meat. So they are trying to be careful about it."

Rocke reminds people that it is against the law in Illinois to feed deer, because drawing different deer together spreads CWD.

"It is critical that people do not put out salt licks or a salt block where deer would be drawn to one spot," Rocke said. "People just do not realize that they are really doing a bad thing when they do that."

Dense concentration of deer in a single place, such as around a salt block or a mound of corn kernels, makes the disease more transmittable amongst the deer population, the DWR website warns.

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*Socialism failed the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony just as it's failed in Venezuela today*

# Give Thanks

Give thanks for the freedoms and lifestyle we enjoy in America today

*by Justin Thyme, a GSL member*

Thanksgiving Day has formally been celebrated in our country since shortly after the American Revolutionary War.

Webster's defines "thanksgiving" as (1) "the act of giving thanks; grateful acknowledgement of benefits or favors, especially to God", (2) "an expression of thanks, especially to God", (3) "a public celebration in acknowledgement of divine favor or kindness", (4) "a day set apart for giving thanks to God."

When the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony first landed in 1620, they faced a cold, arduous winter. At the same time, they came across the seas under an agreement that they would all be treated the same. Initially as part of that contract, all of the members received an equal share of the total amount of food and shelter produced.

Over that winter, almost half died of malnutrition, exposure or illnesses. Why? There was no motivation to work harder or find new, more efficient ways of doing things because no matter how much effort and creativity each member displayed, they still got the same share as everyone else.

The following spring, their leader William Bradford knew their communal system would result in everyone's death if they continued. So he scrapped the socialistic agreement and assigned a plot of land to each person to work and manage. The carrot, of course, was that each would keep the fruits of their labor to do with as they wished. In other words, William Bradford embraced capitalism, where hard work and innovation paid off.

And those who didn't work didn't eat.

Immediately, the dynamic changed. Later the Pilgrims at Plymouth enjoyed a great abundance of food. They even traded with the Native American Indians for supplies. And in the fall of that year, Bradford announced a day of "Thanksgiving."



After times of national crisis, other leaders proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving for the citizens to offer prayers and thanks-

giving to the Lord for His mercies. And following the Revolutionary War, George Washington formalized the last Thursday in November as America's annual "Thanksgiving" Day.



Today, we still recognize that day. We all experience challenges and struggles both in our personal lives and across our communities and nation. Yet, at the same time our gratitude should still abound!

Look around and observe the abundance with which we've been blessed. For example, consider our bounty of freedom, liberty, plentiful food, transportation options, to say nothing of our housing, education, communication and health care just to name a few. Consider this: if those who went before us, including our veterans, had not prevailed at great personal sacrifice up to and including death – where would we be today? Perhaps it's time to get back to the basics with which our country began.

But what does all this mean? It means we owe Him the worship, thanksgiving and respect He deserves. Let us not forget!

Psalm 100:4-5 ESV "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good: his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

Thanksgiving is more than a holiday once a year. We should cultivate "Thanksgiving" as an attitude of the heart and expressed to the One who has given us all things not only on that last Thursday in November, but everyday. At the same time, take time this Thanksgiving and every Thanksgiving to gather with others and give thanks!

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Illinois passed the 'Energy' Bill: California-style blackouts are coming

## You need a backup source of electricity

by John Boch

Modern utilities in America, outside of California at least, provide mostly reliable electricity to consumers. However, things can happen. And when they do, you need a backup plan.

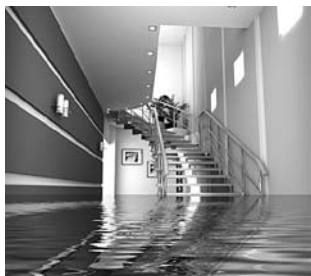
Cables fail, trees fall and transformers do go bad. Ice storms and tornadoes also happen, along with politicians. Yes, politicians.

On peak usage days, with the phase-out of coal-fired power plants in "green" states, utilities can run out of generating capacity. Believe it or not, Illinois came very close to California-style blackouts this past summer because peak demand nearly exceeded generating capacity.

Nevertheless, Illinois legislators ignored that shot across the bow and passed a California-style energy bill anyway. Mandated coal plant shutdowns are coming to IL. Each one brings us that much closer to blackouts.

For you and me, repercussions of an outage can become very expensive in short order.

Without sump pumps you have water in the basement and ruined furnishings, and dead appliances.



Oh, the joys of pulling up soggy carpet and padding, ripping out drywall to prevent mold and all the rest of flooded basement cleanup.

Then there's the increasingly pricey food in refrigerators

and freezers that will begin to go bad in less than a day. Got well pump? You'll need water.

In terms of personal health and well-being, no electricity equals no CPAP, which means poor quality sleep with sharply increased risk of heart attacks and other ill effects.

People also seem to prefer creature comforts like heating, cooling and light, too. Giving kids or grandkids something to watch on TV or their computer may keep you sane and keep them alive.

### Your dad's noisy genset won't play well with modern electronics.

Forty years ago, those noisy consumer-grade generators would power the essentials. That was before computer chips made their way into everything we use.

Today, sensitive electronics in everything from furnaces to refrigerators (and everything else with a little computer inside) require clean, "pure sine wave" electricity or you may fry those chips.

Newer gas-powered inverter generators provide this clean electricity, as do newer pure sine wave inverters that change the 12V DC power from batteries into 110v AC your home's devices require.

Yes, these newfangled gas inverter generators are more expensive, but they are dramatically lighter. They sip gas, which may come in handy when fuel is scarce. And they are very quiet, which at night will keep them from broadcasting the "come steal me" beacon to ethically-challenged scumbags blocks away.

Yes, you can still use those noisy, gas-guzzling cheapie generators (with "modified" sine-wave electricity) to light your incandescent lights.

However your motors and transformers will run *much* hotter and less-efficiently and you risk burning out expensive control boards. And if you haven't noticed lately, spare parts for appliances are very hard to come by.

### Options.

For about the cost of a nice AR-15, one can have peace of mind in case the power fails.

The gas-powered generator remains the easiest, most effective source of portable/backup power. Honda makes some of the best inverter units, but Harbor Freight's have earned a loyal following with their affordability and reliability.

For most folks, a 2000W inverter unit will power most common 110V loads in a home or an apartment. They'll keep your refrigerator and freezer cold, along with providing some creature comforts.

Yes, you may have to rotate devices as it won't power everything at once, but it's an affordable backup solution for short-term outages. Expect to pay about \$350-900 depending on the manufacturer.

Now 2000 watts won't run your central air or electric hot water heater. You'll need to spend serious coin and a whole-house backup genset to make that happen.

For regular folks who want to up their game a bit, get a 3500-4000W inverter generator. Those will run more devices with less rotation. Have a well pump, a window air conditioner, a microwave and a teen girl who "needs" to blow dry her hair for hours? This might be your speed. The downside: you'll pay between \$700-1900 for these. Of course, more loads mean more fuel consumption. Plan accordingly.

And for the hard-core, Honda has a 7000 watt inverter generator that will set you back the price of a used car - about \$5000 - and it weighs about 270 pounds. Certainly not for the faint of heart. But with a home transfer switch, it will run your central air conditioning and the largest of deep well pumps without breaking a sweat, so long as you keep it in fuel.

### Accessories

What should you buy in addition to a generator? Spare oil of the proper weight (you should change the oil every 50-100 hours) and a couple of spare spark plugs. Also, buy twice as many 12-gauge extension cords as you'll think you'll need, along with some splitters (taps).

Add in a minimum of 10 or maybe even 20-30 gallons of gasoline with PRI-G or Star Tron stabilizer added. Expect each gallon of gasoline to provide about 5,000 watt-hours of juice, give or take. Ideally, buy your gas from October to March to get the "winter blend" which has more of the good stuff in it to ease starting in cold weather. Stabilize it and then keep the tightly sealed containers. Rotate them out once a year through your car. PRO TIP: Use *nothing but stabilized fuel* in your generator.

### The silent option.

If, because of your location, you need silent power (like overnight) you'll need to look into batteries and inverters.

Your dad's deep-cycle marine battery will work to power CPAP machine(s). Buy a 12V RV/car power supply for your CPAP so you don't need the inverter. A second deep-cycle on your 12V DC backup sump pump will keep your basement dry for a couple of days in a power outage too. Those will save you running a generator overnight.

If you need low-draw AC power overnight, you can use those sine-wave inverters with deep cycle batteries.

### Batteries.

Technology keeps advancing, and that applies to batteries as well. One common newer battery is the Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO4). It lasts about 10+ years (about 4000 charging cycles), weighs half as much as a lead acid battery, has no acid sloshing around inside and it will happily run high-current loads of up to 100 amps to an inverter.



These also can be discharged 90% or more without damage and will accept a charge rate of up to 100 amps. Furthermore they have a low self-discharge rate. The downside: It's about three times the price of a lead-acid deep cycle battery - or about \$400 for the 100Ah-sized battery.

Given the LiFePO4 battery life and durability, it seems like a good choice for those who can swing the price tag.



### Solar.

How do you go about charging those discharged batteries? Well, you'll need a genset to power a (beefy) battery charger in addition to other household items during the day.

Solar panels can provide an alternative source of electricity that will run inverters or charge those batteries directly. They are silent (but not invisible), but they only work when in the sun.

Illinois enjoys an average of only about 3.5 hours of peak sunlight each day, so don't expect miracles with the panels. However, a system with a couple of hundred-watt panels (about \$240) will give you up to about 9 amps

of charge current for several hours on a sunny day (more in the summer, fewer in winter) which is a good rate for deep cycle marine batteries and it'll work for higher-performance LiFePO4 cells as well.

If you have a lot of batteries, you'll need a *lot* more solar panels if you use solar as your primary way to charge.

Beware that lead-acid batteries give off explosive hydrogen gas when charged quickly, so keep them well ventilated and make darn sure your connections never spark. An exploding battery will ruin your day.

### Buy now, before China attacks.

Want another reason to buy now? China may move to take Taiwan next year. The best two weather windows for a Chinese move are October and May through July.

When (not if) this happens, all these things like generators, LiFePO4 batteries, inverters, solar panels and everything at Harbor Freight (and a whole lot of stuff at Walmart, Amazon and other retailers), will quickly disappear from store shelves, perhaps never to return.

We can discuss the pros and cons of that over a cigar and bourbon sometime, but replacement items will be slow to trickle back onto the market. Alternative manufacturing will spool up to take up the slack, but it will take time and you'll pay a lot higher prices in the end. Buy now, before next Spring and before power shortages begin to result in rolling blackouts.

### Prudent people...

Prudent people will have a backup source for electricity when lights go dark. For the price of your homeowner's insurance deductible (or a nice AR-15), you can set yourself up with peace of mind and avoid the pain of cleaning up a flooded basement and rotting food in a warm freezer.

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## Preckwinkle's protective detail must be a clown show

### **Preckwinkle bodyguard robbed of gun while on duty outside Preckwinkle home; story covered up**

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - The Sun-Times' 75-word news item, published in the sleepy overnight hours of July 27, was easy to miss. An off-duty Cook County Forest Preserves police officer had been attacked that morning in Hyde Park by a man who got out of an SUV and then fled the scene, the paper reported, citing an unspecified police agency.

But CWBChicago has learned that the Forest Preserves police officer was actually an on-duty member of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's personal security team. And the seemingly minor dust-up described by police was really an armed robbery in which the assailant got away with the cop's gun.



*Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.*

### **Preckwinkle bodyguard opened fire on men who tried to steal his POLICE SUV outside Preckwinkle home, but authorities never told the public about it: sources**

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - A Cook County Forest Preserves police officer fired shots at men who tried to take his squad car outside a Hyde Park home owned by County Board President Toni Preckwinkle last Monday evening, according to sources who spoke with CWBChicago on the condition of anonymity.

But authorities never told the public about the confrontation even though Chicago police investigators suspected the officer shot a 19-year-old man.



### **Citadel CEO roasts Chicago political leadership**

*(GSL/TTAG)* - Ken Griffin, the city's wealthiest resident and CEO of multinational hedge fund Citadel LLC, called out Chicago's inept Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the County's incompetent prosecutor Kim Foxx for their permissive leadership on violence in the Windy City.

"It's becoming ever more difficult to have this as our global headquarters, a city which has so much violence," Griffin said. "I mean Chicago is like Afghanistan, on a good day, and that's a problem."

*Just another day in Chicago*

### **Feds say man killed 1, wounded 2 outside Oak St. boutique — while on bail for felony gun case & on parole**

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - Federal prosecutors on Wednesday charged five men with murdering a Chicago rapper and injuring two others during a bold daylight shooting outside an Oak Street boutique in August 2020. At least one of the accused men was on bail for state felony gun charges at the time of the shooting.

Kenneth Roberson, 27, is now the 44th person charged with killing, shooting, or trying to kill someone in Chicago last year while on felony bond. In addition, Roberson was charged earlier this year with shooting two women and killing a man in south suburban Dolton — also while on bail for the pending gun case.



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### **Carjacking reported outside the front door of Pritzker's Chicago mega-mansion residence**

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - Police are investigating an overnight armed carjacking near the Gold Coast. It's the fourth hijacking or attempt in the neighborhood this month. One of the earlier armed hijackings unfolded on the same block where Gov. JB Pritzker lives.



### **New York City terrorized with 324 carjackings to date — Chicago reached that in Feb.**

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - The Big Apple is beside itself. Carjackings are "skyrocketing" in America's largest city where an epic 324 hijackings have been reported so far this year, the New York Post reported Saturday.

Rookies.

Chicago recorded its 324th carjacking in February. And we did it with 6.1 million fewer people...

### **Chicago carjackings up 650% over 2019 in early October**

*(CWB Chicago)* - Chicago recorded 60 carjackings during the first nine days of October, up 650% compared to the same days in 2019 and up 58% compared to the period last year. By the way, that 650% is not a typo.

### **Chicago's violent crime soars**

The following are a small sampling of headlines from *CWB Chicago*:

*Man shot driver in Oak Park while on electronic monitoring for \*two\* gun cases in Chicago, prosecutors say*

*#47: Twice-convicted gun offender shot man while on bail for another gun case and escape, prosecutors say*

*Man severely injured tourist at South Loop CTA station — one day after judge let him out of jail for knocking a woman unconscious in the Loop*

*After getting 30-day juvenile sentence for carjacking, man is now charged with robbing a woman near Midway — but he says someone else was wearing his clothes*

*Drive-by gunman misses target, shoots Uber driver and 2 teenagers instead, police say*

*More than 50 shots fired outside Lakeview High School as rolling gunbattle ends, leaving 16-year-old dead (video)*

*#45 — Man beat, shot at his pregnant girlfriend while free on felony case, prosecutors say*

*Social media is to blame for River North's violent crime "perception," local police commander says*

*#43 — Man shot victim 11 times while awaiting new trial in gun case, prosecutors say*





Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx.

Wild West shootouts just 'mutual combat' to Soros-funding prosecutor Kim Foxx

## KILL BACK BETTER?

by Ann Coulter

(Town Hall) - This isn't a Chicago story. It's a Democratic Party story.

Kim Foxx, the state's attorney for Cook County and darling of MSNBC, has managed to increase murders in Chicago to astounding levels even at a time when we're all getting used to astounding crime figures. Nationwide in 2020, murder and non-negligent manslaughter were up 29.4%, according to the FBI. That's more than double the previous record of 1968, when murders increased by 12.7%.

Under the careful management of Foxx, murders in Chicago were up 55%. To put this in perspective, last year, there were nearly as many murders in Chicago (population: 2.7 million) as in New York City and Los Angeles combined (total population: more than 12 million).

Perhaps you've heard about the Wild West shootout in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago two weeks ago? One group of gang members shot up the house of rival gang members at around 10 in the morning. They blasted the house with more than 70 rounds, using handguns that had been modified into automatic weapons. Their rivals fired back from inside the home, in a gun battle that lasted so long, it was still going on when the police arrived.

All of this took place in full view of police street cameras, as well as the first officers on the scene.

Of the four initial shooters, one was shot dead at the scene and left behind. The other three took off in two (stolen) Dodge Chargers. One gang member drove to a medical center, dumped his wounded comrade, then led police on a car chase ending in a fiery crash. The other Charger turned up nearby, in flames.

Police arrested the two gang members from the hospital, as well as the three gunmen inside the home.

Foxx refused to bring charges against any of them on the grounds that it was "mutual combat." At this point, the Chicago PD's only option may be to resubmit charges on environmental grounds -- polluting the air with lead.

Who knew that when Foxx talked about not prosecuting the small stuff, she was

talking about murder and mass shootings? In today's Chicago, the St. Valentine's Day Massacre is legal.

Foxx's bullheaded refusal to prosecute in this case was a shock to everyone in the country, except anyone living in Chicago. This is nothing new for the Democrats' favorite DA. The police ought to put together a calendar of Foxx's Released Murderer of the Month.

In July it was the murderer of Chrys Carvajal, a 19-year-old National Guardsman who was gunned down when he stepped out of a house party over Fourth of July weekend. Three eyewitnesses and video evidence led the police to a notoriously violent 38-year-old gang member.

Foxx refused to bring charges, claiming there wasn't enough evidence.

August's Murderer of the Month shot at a guy, missed him, but managed to hit two little girls sitting in the backseat of their family's car after returning from church. Six-year-old Aubrey Broughton took a bullet through her lung, was rushed to the hospital and survived. But another bullet lodged directly in the heart of Aubrey's sister, 7-year-old Serenity, killing her.



Serenity Broughton and her little sister Aubrey in happier times.

Again, the police investigated, found the suspect's vehicle, evidence inside the car, and cellphone records pointing to a 24-year-old parolee.

Foxx refused to bring charges. (On the other hand, she did remind Serenity's parents that she too, is a "mother," so that was nice.)

Serenity's mother complained that the police and prosecutors are "just bickering." That was her assessment of the situation

-- not that Chicago has a prosecutor who won't prosecute murder. This may explain why -- in addition to George Soros's \$2 million donation -- Foxx was reelected last year.

September's Murderer of the Month was the killer of 18-year-old Manuel Porties Jr., who showed up for a fist fight and instead was repeatedly stabbed in the neck after being knocked to the ground. Naturally, the killing was captured on cellphone cameras of bystanders.

Foxx refused to bring charges against Porties' killer, on the grounds that it was -- again -- "mutual combat."

Due to the popularity of drive-by shootings and a "snitches get stitches" ethos, there's already only about a 20% chance of being arrested if you commit murder in Chicago. Those are pretty good odds for taking another human life.

But even if the police catch you and present the prosecutor with video evidence, eyewitnesses, cellphone signals or a dead 7-year-old girl, Foxx is there to ensure that you will NOT go to prison. At this rate, Foxx might eventually kill off every living human being in Chicago.

But as I said, this is not a story about Chicago. Kim Foxx is a dangerous nut, but she's not a random dangerous nut. She is the Democratic Party's beau ideal of criminal justice.

Liberal moneybags George Soros has spent millions of dollars installing criminal-friendly prosecutors around the country. (Back before it was "anti-Semitic" to men-

tion Soros' pro-murder campaign, The New York Times ran an article boasting of the old prune's role in electing inert prosecutors, like Foxx.)

A few hundred thousand dollars dumped into a minor DA's race is more than enough to decide an election. Soros has spent millions. Foxx was Soros' first success in electing DAs who would refuse to put another black man in prison.

They're cool with dead black teenagers and dead 7-year-olds. The only black lives the Democrats care about are the lives of black criminals.

MSNBC, mouthpiece of the Democratic Party, was ecstatic the night Foxx won the election that would make her Cook County's top prosecutor, with Lawrence O'Donnell giddily interviewing the pro-criminal Foxx. She was triumphantly interviewed again that weekend by Al Sharpton.

When has any prosecutor's election drawn such celebration? When has it even drawn notice?

There is not a Republican in the nation who is not required to publicly state his position on Donald Trump. How about asking Democrats to take a position on Soros' campaign to install *nolle prosequi* prosecutors? Apart from Sens. Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema, will any Democrat in the country criticize Foxx?

No, of course not. As dead bodies pile up in Chicago under Kim Foxx, remember: This is the criminal justice "reform" Democrats want for the entire country.



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Map is slightly out of date as Tennessee, Iowa and Texas have joined the “openly or concealed” Constitutional carry states as of September 1st.

Thinking of leaving Illinois?

(GSL) - Working age taxpayers vote with their feet everyday, leaving Illinois for better places to live. An unfriendly climate for gun owners, high taxes, lousy political leadership, high energy prices (aka taxes), and heavy-handed government frequently top the list of gripes emigrants cite for leaving the Land of Lincoln.

We’ve seen it among our leadership at Guns Save Life, as nearly 20% of our recent board members have joined the “Freedom Train” out of the Prairie State (see another one’s story on page 19).

So where do you go? Frankly, any direction will bring fewer gun laws and far less crime than Chicagoland. Taxes will vary, of course, as will governors and their relative proclivities to rule like a tyrant or merely lead their state.

FOID cards are not needed in any of our neighboring or nearby states (in fact, only Massachusetts and New Jersey have similar cards). Concealed carry licenses are optional in all but Wisconsin (where open carry without a license is legal) and Indiana, where a five-year carry license is free and requires no training.

Regardless of where you move to (or where you send your kids to college), there are plenty of states that aren’t effectively bankrupt with high taxes and onerous gun control restrictions on the law-abiding to choose from.

We hate to see you go, but understand why people are leaving. Many if not most Illinois residents have considered moving. Unless things change, the trend will continue to grow.

| Income Tax Rates |                |                  |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| State            | Top Income Tax | Gas tax (\$/gal) |
| IL               | 4.95%          | .5956            |
| WI               | 7.65%          | .329             |
| IA               | 8.98%          | .30              |
| MO               | 6%             | .1742            |
| TN               | ZERO           | .2740            |
| KY               | 6%             | .26              |
| IN               | 3.3%           | .4979            |

| Violent crime rate |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| State              | Violent crime rate |
| IL                 | 406.9              |
| WI                 | 293.2              |
| IA                 | 266.6              |
| MO                 | 495.9              |
| TN                 | 595.2              |
| KY                 | 217.1              |
| IN                 | 370.8              |

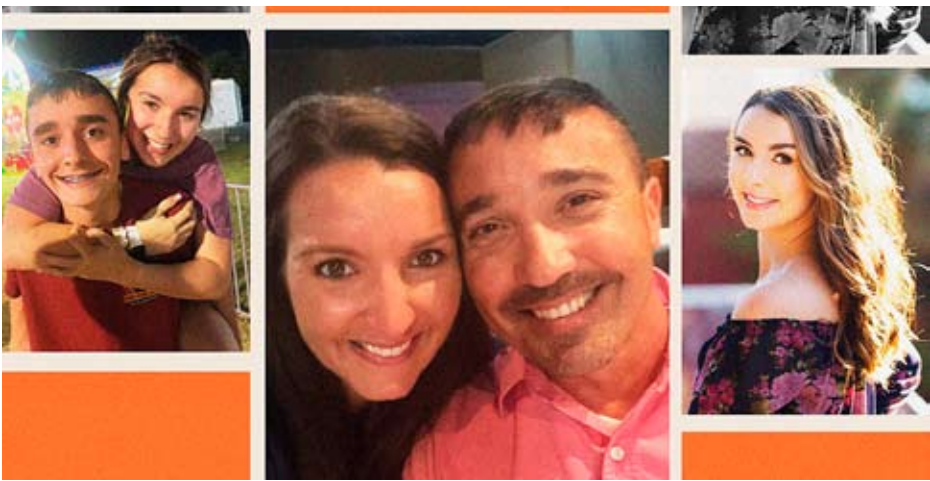
| CLASS 3 Firearms |      |      |      |      |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| State            | Cans | SBS  | SBR  | Auto |
| IL               | NO   | NO   | SOME | NO   |
| WI               | YES  | YES  | YES  | YES  |
| IA               | NO   | NO   | NO   | NO   |
| MO               | YES  | Some | Some | Some |
| TN               | YES  | YES  | YES  | YES  |
| KY               | YES  | YES  | YES  | YES  |
| IN               | YES  | NO   | YES  | YES  |

| Unemployment |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| State        | % Unemployment |
| IL           | 7.0%           |
| WI           | 3.9%           |
| IA           | 4.1%           |
| MO           | 4.0%           |
| TN           | 4.6%           |
| KY           | 4.3%           |
| IN           | 4.1%           |

Cans (Suppressors), SBS (Short-barrelled shotguns), SBR (Short-barrelled rifles), Auto (Full Auto).

| State gov. political makeup |            |           |      |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|------|
| State                       | House      | Senate    | Gov. |
| IL                          | D (73-45)  | D (41-18) | D    |
| WI                          | R (60-38)  | R (22-12) | D    |
| IA                          | R (59-41)  | R (32-18) | R    |
| MO                          | R (114-48) | R (24-10) | R    |
| TN                          | R (73-26)  | R (27-6)  | R    |
| KY                          | R (75-25)  | R (30-8)  | D    |
| IN                          | R (71-29)  | R (39-11) | R    |

| Cost of living index |       |         |         |         |
|----------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| State                | Index | Grocery | Housing | Wage    |
| IL                   | 94.5  | 97.2    | 85.2    | \$11    |
| WI                   | 97.3  | 100.9   | 88.6    | \$7.25  |
| IA                   | 90.1  | 98.3    | 76.5    | \$7.25  |
| MO                   | 87.1  | 95.4    | 78.3    | \$10.30 |
| TN                   | 88.7  | 93      | 79.4    | \$7.25  |
| KY                   | 90.9  | 93.3    | 80.1    | \$7.25  |
| IN                   | 90    | 92.4    | 76.4    | \$7.25  |



Coach your kids and grandkids on what NOT to say to school staff

Mom sues cops who arrested her for leaving her 14-YO daughter home alone; judge rejects cops’ qualified immunity claims

(Reason Magazine) - A federal judge has ruled that two cops who work at a public school in Midland, Texas, can be sued for seizing a 14-year-old from her family’s apartment because she was there alone. Despite her pleas, the officers did not let the girl call her parents for hours, nor would they let her pick up the phone when her father called. They also searched the family’s home without a warrant.

School Resource Officers Kevin Brunner and Alexandra Weaver do not enjoy blanket qualified immunity, ruled U.S. District Judge David Counts, in a case that began with a mom making painstaking plans for her children’s supervision when she had to be out of the country for five days and her husband was deployed overseas. In 2018, Megan McMurry was a special education

teacher at a Midland junior high school, married to Adam McMurry, a soldier in the Mississippi Army National Guard. The family had lived in six countries over the course of 10 years, and her kids were used to independence. “When my daughter was 12 she’d walk down the streets of Shanghai to get donuts,” says McMurry.

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# Making memories for young, first-time shooters at Father-Son Camp

by John Boch

Not everyone has ready access to firearms and a place to shoot. Especially young folks who live in Chicago and the suburbs. However, each year at State Representative Chris Miller's **Father - Son Camp** in East Central Illinois, everyone there had a chance to shoot rifles and shotguns under the watching eyes of safety officers.

The annual Father-Son Camp began with three dads spending the weekend with their sons almost thirty years ago. Then more dads came along with their boys, sharing bonding time, love of the outdoors and Christian ministry.

Today, hundreds of young people participate in Miller's camp each year, along with dads. And volunteers like those of us at the rifle line helped to make it fun for participants.

Of the kids of varying ages that came through my lane, close to half had never touched a real gun before. They *loved* the experience and their faces beamed with pride when they saw their targets.



About ten of us coached the kids young and old. Without a doubt, we helped shape some very positive memories that will remain with them for many years.

Not only that, but while astroturf-supported "activists" like David Hogg claim that young people can't stand guns, I got just the opposite vibe from real Americans at the camp. These kids loved the outdoors and fun with guns and at the archery station not far away.

These kids would have stayed and shot all day long if given the opportunity.



We all met some great people. Daniel, pictured above with me, was the second shooter of the day for me. He had never fired a gun before but he had already eclipsed 7' tall as a teen (I'm 6' tall for comparison). No, he didn't shoot the "youth" sized rifle, but the AR-15/22 with the stock fully extended.

We all had a great time sharing the fun and excitement of shooting with young people and watching their big smiles.

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*'I can protect my child'*



Actress Sherri Shepherd boldly proclaims: 'I bought a gun. I can protect my child.'

## Black actress bravely comes out on *The View*

(TTAG) - Since the pandemic began, we have continually seen month-over-month increases in the number of first-time gun owners, particularly among women. Violence stemming from the George Floyd riots along with defunded police departments and prisoner release policies fueled the increase.

On Monday, actress Sherri Shepherd explained her reasoning for becoming a first-time gun owner. And her primary rationale had to do with the riots.

"During the quarantine, I felt really helpless, Joy, and we're talking about depression, I felt [my son] Jeffrey would look at me like he was so scared,"

she explained. "I get these little alerts in my neighborhood app about there's gonna be a march through the neighborhood, and I thought 'how am I supposed to protect my son if something happens?'"

Shepherd said she gathered a group of actresses together and went to one of two black-owned gun stores in California.

"We went and I felt very empowered. When I bought the gun I took lessons, I took the test, I go to the range with my girlfriends like every other week – and it just makes me feel like at least if something happens, I can protect my child," the actress explained.



## I finally bought my first gun

by Jeff Charles (RedState) - A little over a week ago, I wrote about my decision to finally start exercising my Second Amendment right to bear arms. In the piece, I discussed some of the reasons why I chose to take this step and outlined parts of the journey that led me to this place.

I am now proud to say I am a gun owner.

In a live stream on my show, "A Fresh Perspective with Jeff Charles," I discussed

the process I went through to choose the firearm I would purchase as my first gun. It was a fun journey filled with copious levels of research and consulting with friends. In the end, I narrowed it down to the Sig Sauer P320, Smith & Wesson M&P 2.0 Compact, and the Canik SC Elite (or TP9).

On Tuesday, I went to my local range and shot all three. It was my very first time shooting a handgun, so the experience was thrilling. When I pulled the trigger for

the first time and heard the "boom" and felt the recoil bucking against my hand, I was both terrified and exhilarated. As I continued, I began getting more used to it.

To put it simply, I'm hooked.

I went with the M&P 2.0 compact... But it is worth noting that I loved all three of them. In a month or two, I might just pick up the Canik as well – the M&P just barely edged it out...

*'Ignorant, misguided &/or selfish...' their deaths 'helping cleanse our gene pool'*

## North American Arms owner apologizes for contempt-ridden rant against the unvaxxed

by John Boch

(GSL/TTAG) - North American Arms produces those miniature .22 revolvers that are so small they will fit on a belt buckle. Or in a hat. Or in mother nature's holster. The company's owner Sandy Chisholm writes posts regularly on the company's blog.



In a post that has recently come to light, Mr. Crisholm wrote some ugly things about his fellow Americans who have chosen not to get a COVID vaccination. In his September post (since deleted), he began . . .

**WARNING – RANT AHEAD!**

*Just when you thought the end of this life-threatening COVID pandemic was in sight, it's become painfully clear that it is not. In fact, we're heading in the wrong direction. What makes this realization even more painful is that, notwithstanding our missteps regarding wearing masks, social distancing, economic shutdowns and the like, the end could have been in sight. If only more of us had embraced the simple protocol of getting vaccinated, we'd be well on our way to leaving this scourge in our wake. Instead, we're back, smack in the middle of it and "life as we knew it" is still a distant dream...*

He kept digging . . .

*Over the past few months, my thoughts about those who don't believe in the value of vaccinations has transitioned from disinterest to sympathy to incredulity to contempt. I believe that those who don't take advantage of the opportunities to become vaccinated are ignorant, misguided &/or selfish, or any combination of the three...*

Before he put the shovel down, he shared this nugget . . .

*I'll admit I enjoy no small measure of schadenfreude reading stories of those stubborn people who find themselves stricken and on death's door, suffering from their earlier foolish decision not to get vaccinated. I look at it almost as a Darwinian effect, helping cleanse our gene pool. Excuse my lack of sympathy. Too bad. Completely avoidable. Didn't have to happen.*

It seems the responses he's received have caused him to reconsider his angry rant. To his credit, he has posted an apology . . .

*...I am very disappointed in myself for the unnecessarily inflammatory words I used in an attempt to make it and the disrespect it showed. How I expressed myself was rude and embarrassing... I am very sorry to those I insulted. It was unforgivable and I am profoundly sorry. I was rude and I apologize.*

Kudos to Mr. Chisholm for recognizing the intemperate and inflammatory nature of the hurtful things he wrote about his fellow Americans in the original post. Sadly, COVID has exacerbated many of the divisions in our society. Attacking those with differing views and taking pleasure in their misfortune does nothing to improve that situation.



**Only took Miami six months to get rid of this loser. Next stop, Chicago? Full-time gun control advocate, part-time police chief Art Acevedo fired in Miami**

(GSL/TTAG) - Barely six months into his latest job as Miami Police Chief, the rabidly anti-gun media hog Art Acevedo finds himself looking for another new gig. His pending termination serves as the latest of a number of scandals that have followed him throughout his career.



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### Big bad wolf meets armed woman, gets shot dead

**Sumter, SC (GSL)** – A 43-year-old woman managed to access her gun and shot and killed an intruder after enduring a savage beating in Sumter, SC on October 2nd.

No charges are anticipated after Eugene Rhinehart III, 31, expired from his wounds. The woman was taken to the local hospital for treatment of her injuries.



*Where shall we send flowers?*

### Female shoots police impersonator home intruder

**Anderson, IN (GSL/TTAG)** - A home invader who was attempting to impersonate a police officer has met his maker in Anderson, Indiana. A neighbor's video surveillance system caught Jeffery Flowers, 40, playing the Big Bad Wolf as he forced open the back door to a home while shouting "POLICE."

Twenty-four seconds later, you can hear two shots ring out which terminated both the home invasion and the offender.

### CCW shoots armed robbers at Churches Chicken

**Port Arthur, TX (GSL/TTAG)** - Maybe the two armed robbers at a Port Arthur, Texas Church's Chicken thought the chain's tasty Wild Berry Cobbler was to die for, as they old expression goes. Instead of buying one, they tried something more unconventional (not to mention illegal); armed robbery. In the end one of them ended up buying it alright.

It all started Friday evening just after 8pm. The duo walked into the store and announced a robbery, just the way they learned it on TV. When the tense armed robbery scene grew too ominous, a good guy customer in the store produced his own gun. Rather than surrendering and escaping, the bad guys tried their hands at close quarters combat. They fared... poorly.

## JOHN LOTT: Carry licenses jump 10.5% in 2020, 8.3% of adults now have carry licenses

■ Last year, the number of permit holders **grew by a record 2 million...**

■ **8.3% of American adults have permits.** Outside of the restrictive states of California and New York, **about 10.0% of adults have a permit.**

■ **In fifteen states, more than 10% of adults have permits.** Since 2019, Arkansas and Oklahoma have fallen below 10%, but they are now all Constitutional Carry states, meaning that people no longer need a permit to carry...

■ **Alabama has the highest concealed carry rate — 32.1%.** Indiana is second with 21.6%, and Iowa is third with 16.5%.

■ **Six states now have over 1 million permit holders:** Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Florida is the first state to have over 2.5 million permits.

■ **Twenty-one states have adopted constitutional carry for their entire state, meaning that a permit is no lon-**

**ger required.** Because of these constitutional carry states, the nationwide growth in permits does not paint a full picture of the overall increase in concealed carry...

■ **In 2021, women made up 28.3% of permit holders in the 14 states that provide data by gender,** an increase from the 26.4% last year. Seven states had data from 2012 to 2020/2021, and **permit numbers grew 108.7% faster for women than for men.**

■ Three states that have detailed race and gender data for at least a decade show remarkably larger increases in permits for minorities compared to whites. In Texas, **black females saw a 6.3 times greater percentage increase in permits than white males** from 2002 to 2020. Oklahoma data from 2002 to 2020 indicated that the increase of licenses approved for Asians and American Indians was more than twice the rate for whites. North Carolina had black permits increase twice as fast as whites from 1996 till 2016.

■ From 2015 to 2020/2021, in the four states that provide data by race over that time period, the number of **Asian people with permits increased 93.2% faster than the number of whites with permits.** Blacks appear to be the group that has experienced the largest increase in permitted concealed carry, **growing 135.7% faster than whites.**

■ Concealed handgun permit holders are extremely law-abiding. **In Florida and Texas, permit holders are convicted of firearms related violations at one-twelfth of the rate at which police officers are convicted.**

■ If the Supreme Court strikes down the "proper cause" requirement in the eight May Issue states, we estimate that there could be at least 2.3 million more concealed handgun permits. The eight states with that rule have issued permits to only 1.24% of their adult population compared to 10.77% for the other states.

*Let's go Brandon!*

## Biden at 38% approval

*(UK Daily Mail)*

**Biden's approval rating craters to 38% - the LOWEST of his presidency: 60% of independents disapprove, 67% of all Americans oppose his border policies, and 50% think he has bungled the COVID response**

- Just 38% approve of Biden's job as president, and 53% disapprove, according to Quinnipiac poll
- Biden's lowest marks were on immigration, where 25% approve
- His highest marks were on his handling of coronavirus, where 48% approve
- On the economy and taxes, Biden scored 39% and 37% approval respectively

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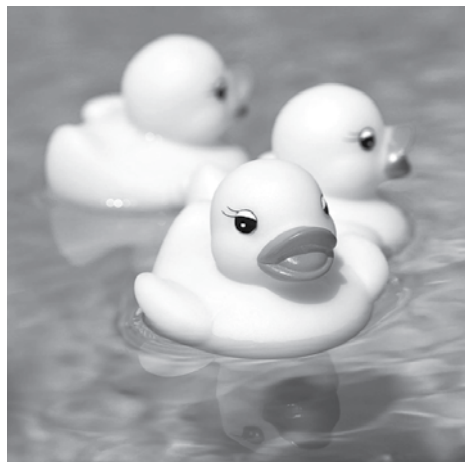
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## Get your ducks in a row. Right now.

America is running out of everything. So said the headline on a story making the rounds on both mainstream news and conservative websites alike.



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What's more, America's "just in time" delivery system is crumbling before our eyes.

A shortage of workers also has hit businesses, including manufacturing, service and transportation industries. Not only that, but increasingly factories are reporting problems securing raw materials necessary to make product.

And now, with pending terminations over the Biden vaccine mandates, expect things to grow much worse in the coming weeks.

Get your ducks in a row, right now. Get a physical while you can while there's medical staff available. Putting off an elective surgery? Do it now.

Make sure you have a bare minimum of 30-days worth of life-sustaining medications and 90 would be much better. Yes, pharmacies are struggling to get some medications.

Have a blood pressure cuff or machine and a pulse oximeter to help you do some

at-home health assessments. Sign up to take a "Stop the Bleed" class at your local hospital - again, while you still can before staffing terminations result in cancellations.

Thinking of getting a holographic gun sight? If it's made in China, you better order it soon if you can. Considering buying a new computer, smart phone or television set? Thinking about buying some long-term storage food or a rain barrel? Or potassium iodide tablets? Do it now.

Freshen up your first aid kits and pick up a potent fire extinguisher or three. The home you save might be your own.

Prep your home for power outages to come. Illinois has adopted California-style "green" energy mandates. Shutting down our coal plants for wind farms just sets us up for California-style blackouts in our future (and driving more productive residents to move out of the Land of Lincoln).

Behind the scenes, energy producers report natural gas is no longer cost effective to generate electricity with the sharp price hikes. So they're turning back to coal-fired generation. The only problem? There may not be enough coal miners to keep up with a spike in demand.

And without adequate electricity, not only does your house go dark (unless you have a backup source of power), but factories can't produce products or even raw materials. For instance, one ag professor explained to me that fertilizer factories need electricity to make nitrogen fertilizer for our farm crops. Without fertilizer, America's harvest might decline 50%. Across the pond, some European fertilizer plants have already closed due to a lack of natural gas from Russia. That means higher food prices.

Of course, carry your gun everywhere you can legally or ethically do so to deal with the criminal element. Fewer cops mean more opportunities for bad guys.

The Biden regime's incompetence will facilitate tough times and inflation like this nation hasn't seen for a generation or two.

Will you take action to prepare ahead of time? Or will you just be one of the sheep?

## The men who just want to be left alone

by Miguel Gonzalez

(GunFreeZone.net) - The most terrifying force of death comes from the hands of "Men who wanted to be left Alone." They try, so very hard, to mind their own business and provide for themselves and those they love.

They resist every impulse to fight back, knowing the forced and permanent change of life that will come from it. They know that the moment they fight back, their lives as they have lived them, are over.

The moment the "Men who wanted to be left Alone" are forced to fight back, it is a

form of suicide. They are literally killing off who they used to be. Which is why, when forced to take up violence, these "Men who wanted to be left Alone" will fight with unholy vengeance against those who murdered their former lives.

They fight with raw hate and a drive that cannot be fathomed by those who are merely play-acting at politics and terror. TRUE TERROR will arrive at these peoples' doors, and they will cry, scream, and beg for mercy... but it will fall upon the deaf ears of the "Men who wanted to be left Alone."



Even the anti-gun publication The Trace agrees...

## Defund the police is an increasingly difficult argument to make

(The Trace) - ...The country experienced a record homicide spike in 2020, with cities like New York and Los Angeles reporting historic year-over-year surges — still well below the record murder rates of the '80s and '90s, but enough to stoke fears nationwide. Political support for defunding law enforcement has withered in many places, the gains earned during the summer 2020 protests flagging as people worry cities cannot fight surging crime without police.

New York City voters picked Eric Adams, a former police officer and defund critic, in the Democratic mayoral primary in June, while the new president of the Los Angeles civilian oversight panel is an outspoken critic of the defund movement. Supporters in both cities are frustrated by the lack of sustained political support from government institutions, as across the country, defunders are still voicing their demands through demonstrations.

In Baltimore, defund proponents are embracing a longer play. Over a decade of activism focused on the city's notorious police force, they've learned that effecting lasting change isn't as simple as a single summer of outrage. Instead, they are pushing for gradual movement on the city budget and the slow toil of working through bureaucracy. These advocates hope to convince both their neighbors and their political representatives that the bold choice is the one that will keep them all safer.

But with the death toll of the city's gun violence rising, residents in neighborhoods on the front lines of violence are caught between a police department with a record of abuse and the fear that even a marginal cut to funding will lead to chaos and even more violence. Defund leaves people with so many unknowns, making it a tough sell. That's why [Ray] Kelly, the local face of police reform activism, fussed with those speakers, trying to put people at ease with music before broaching the fraught subject...



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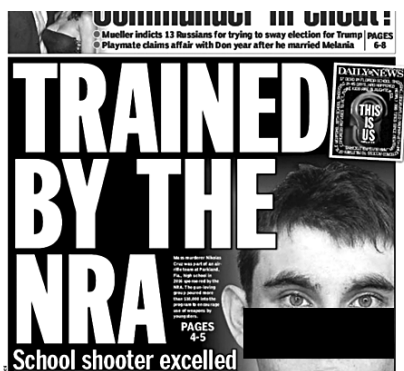
# Media just can't stop lying about guns and gun ownership in America

by Rob Morse

(SlowFacts) - The mainstream media lies to us. They feed us propaganda. They don't want us to know that gun ownership is widespread and that armed defense is common. I was at a conference for minor-media this weekend. There, an associate talked about being turned away from most of his local news stations because "we don't run pro-gun stories. No self-defense." Let me show you where the propaganda starts at the top.

Dr. John Lott looked at the five largest newspapers in the US. They ran one self-defense story for every 270 stories of criminal activity with a gun.

The good news, and there is some good news, is that we know better. We have data that comes from outside the media bubble. We caught major US newspapers lying to us. This time, we can actually measure the amount of media distortion.



Brazenly fake news.

We use a firearm for defense far more often than the thugs use guns during a crime. We legally defend ourselves about four times more often than a criminal uses a gun to threaten or injure us (467,000 criminal incidents vs 1.4-2.3 million defensive gun uses).

We can quantify the media exaggeration. Honest reporting would tell us when we were attacked and also tell us when we defended ourselves. That isn't what we get from the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, or the *Wall Street Journal*. Each time it occurs, these major US newspapers were over a thousand times more likely to run a story of victimization than defense...

Distortions of that magnitude can't be an accident. That censorship is the result of deliberate editorial policy.

This is serious. This biased reporting distorts public perception of violence and defense. The media wants us to believe that armed defense is uncommon. It twists public policy, and it isn't an accident. Media propaganda isn't a fault, but a deliberate feature that was bought and paid for.

Anti-gun billionaires paid millions of dollars to twist the news. They ran "educational" conferences for the media on how to report self-defense as "gun violence". They also pay propagandists to recommend movie and TV scripts that distort the truth about civilian self-defense.



Perfect hair, perfect clothes, perfect makeup. Just like the real world, right? For those who don't watch network TV, this is a Chicago PD still image.

You can prove it to yourself. We defend ourselves more often than the police, and ordinary citizens make fewer mistakes with a gun than the police. So, when was the last time you saw an honest portrayal of armed defense on the TV cop dramas where an ordinary person used a firearm responsibly? I couldn't find a single one.

Media apologists have said that self-defense isn't news. I disagree. The biased media buries armed defense stories even in incidents where armed citizens stopped mass murder. Again, the media was too busy lying about us and our neighbors to report the truth...

[L]et me close by sharing some good news. We're walking away from the lying media. CNN lost half its viewers in the last year.

Find real news and listen past the lies.



Levi's sells "woke" gun control from their headquarters in lawless San Francisco

## Levi Strauss blames gang violence... on lawful gun owners

(NSSF) - There once was a day when a pair of jeans just felt good to put on. There was no pretense. No drama. Just a good fit for hard work or a casual day. It's almost quaint when the trouser label just meant comfort and not a political antigun agenda.

Levi Strauss & Co. reminded the world that they're not just a clothing company. They're the fashion of woke gun control. The company that was once proudly American now pitches itself as a global corporation that clings to a "sustainability strategy" that focuses on climate, consumption, and community. That's according to the corporation's first annual sustainability report to shareholders of how the company incorporates environmental, social and governance initiatives. That includes being in the pockets of gun control groups.

Deep in Levi Strauss's Sustainability Report is the corporation's confirmation that it's not just making clothing to cover shoulders. They're also repeating gun control's half-truths to cover for them.

On Page 181 of the report, the corporation blames the eruption of criminal violence on lawful gun ownership, noting that it disproportionately targets communities of color...



Giffords, Everytown, Bloomberg and Levi Strauss aren't interested in the hard work of holding criminals accountable for their horrific crimes. Instead, they cover up the real problems with thin fabric and misdirect attention to those who have nothing to do with it. Levi Strauss's sustainability efforts aren't solving the problems of runaway crime. It's a cheap knock off they're selling to woke customers.

COMMON THEME: GEORGE SOROS

## Soros-funded prosecutor in St. Louis every bit as incompetent as the Soros-funded prosecutor in Chicago

By the Editorial Board

*St. Louis (Post-Dispatch)* - St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kimberly Gardner either needs to step up her game dramatically or get out of the way. It pains us to state it so bluntly, but the profound mismanagement on her watch can no longer be ignored. Voters put their faith in Gardner last year despite a lackluster first term, believing she could turn things around and deliver on long-promised reforms. As an exhaustive report by the *Post-Dispatch*'s Janelle O'Dea and Joel Currier makes clear, Gardner has come up far too short on pretty much every objective performance measure.

Her most experienced prosecutors have abandoned the office, with some citing her mismanagement and lack of prosecutorial vigor as their reasons for leaving. The result is that Gardner now must rely on a bevy of junior attorneys who lack the minimal experience necessary to ensure criminals are brought to justice. When Gardner became circuit attorney in 2017, there were more than 60 prosecutors with a cumulative 500 years of experience. Today, her staff of fewer than 40 attorneys has a combined 150 years of experience in the office.

Few would argue with Gardner's stated intentions of reforming the office to steer the focus away from prosecutions for non-violent or petty offenses and toward putting truly dangerous criminals behind bars. There has, in fact, been a dramatic decrease in non-violent and petty-offense prosecutions. But the same is true of the dangerous felony cases as well. Police are frustrated. Judges are outraged at the incompetence. Victims' families are angry, feeling re-victimized by watching killers and assailants get off with hand-slap, plea-bargain sentences or walk free altogether.

Before 2017, prosecutors annually dropped only around 15% of criminal cases. Under Gardner, the rate has skyrocketed above 35%. In 2019, before the pandemic skewed statistics, fewer than 2,000 cases were cleared, with suspects pleading guilty in 1,100 cases and Gardner dropping 600. (Cases may be dropped for a variety of reasons beyond prosecutorial laxity.) The year before she took over, 3,000 cases were cleared, with 2,300 guilty pleas and only 400 cases dropped. Yet, bizarrely, Gardner claims a 90% felony conviction rate — a fictitious figure at best.



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well as trained medical staff getting canned for failing to comply with the vaccine mandate.



*They treat us well at the Pontiac Sportsmen's Club. That's Terry Riccolo on the grill.*

John urged folks to stock up on essentials, including medications and the like. "You can't help your friends, neighbors and family if you can't help yourself," he noted.

We held our drawings and **Ferrell Porter** won the **Ruger 10/22 from Freedom Sport Shop in El Paso**.

Next month, we have a highly rated **Citadel Warthog semi-auto 12-gauge shotgun** as our monthly drawing gun. It's basically a knock-off Benelli, complete with Benelli-compatible choke tubes.

### Decatur.

**GSL's Decatur Regional Director Dave Randolph** called the meeting to order and asked for volunteers to help at the meetings as part of his steering committee.

**Dan Cooley** brought his **Industry Report**. He's the proprietor of **The Bullet Trap in Macon, IL**.

Among his tidbits: The COVID extension has been lowered to six months after the end of the COVID state of emergency with the latest ISP "emergency rules" declaration. FOID and CCW holders with licenses that expire during this emergency will have six months after it ends to initiate their renewal. In the meantime, your FOIDs and CCWs remain valid.



*Dan Cooley.*

Our old buddy Senator Dick Durbin has introduced a federal version of the Illinois Gun Dealer Licensing Act. Fortunately, it has about as many (functional) legs as a dead centipede in terms of likelihood of passage. However, it's something to watch.

Meanwhile, in Illinois, Dan's concerned about a bill to create gun dealer and manufacturer liability for the criminal misuse of firearms.

Closer to all of us, the **Illinois State Police's Firearms Services Bureau** has settled on a solution to verifying the identity of those signing into their website. (*The day after the meeting, the ISP publicly released their solution: the microscopic "DD" number on Driver's Licenses and State ID cards.*) This should eliminate the need to

speak with someone at ISP's FSB in order to finish the application process for a FOID or a renewal. Praise the Lord.

**John Boch** brought everyone up to date on the latest as part of us **Executive Director's Report**. Chicago's chaos elicited plenty of groans from the audience, especially over the clown show in **Murder City USA**.

We welcomed **Scott Rueter**, the **Macon County State's Attorney** as our main speaker for the evening. Unlike previous visits, he spoke about his office and the problems facing Macon County.

In a presentation that was part history lesson and part current events, he explained that prosecuting gang leaders twenty years ago settled down the violence for a while. However the violence has returned in a new generation of reckless young gang members. Basically, it's locals from the "East Side" versus those on the "South Side." While not nearly as organized as Chicago gangs, they are utterly brazen and reckless in their violence.

Not only has Decatur had running gun battles like Chicago, but they've caught bad guys with upwards of a half-dozen fully-auto Glock handguns, thanks to a little add-on "happy switch" accessory.

"Snitches get stitches" seems the prevalent attitude in the low-income areas with the greatest amount of crime, creating difficulties for not only identifying suspects but also gaining convictions. So the cycle continues.

Rueter also talked about the history of bail bonds in Illinois and how the legislature decided to get in on the money action by eliminating bail bondsmen. Now, Illinois takes 10% of bonds (that bondsmen would have kept) even in cases where the person posting the bond is acquitted.

He also took questions and as part of that, explained how the new "no cash bail" law will cripple one of the courts' biggest funding sources as they won't have any cash bonds to collect their 10% of the 10% posted bond.



For our **Tech Time** of the evening, member **Gary Larson** discussed **Webley revolvers**. He discussed the history of the British wheelguns dating back to the mid-1800s, and some of the upgrades and modifications over the years. Among the specimens shown included a "Kyber Pass" gun manufactured in Afghanistan that he likened to the "Hi Point" of Webleys. No offense to Hi-Point.

We held out drawings and one lucky gent won a princely sum in the 50/50 and **Tim Weir** won the **Taurus TX22** pistol from a ticket he bought at the Springfield meeting two days earlier. Congrats to them both.

Next month, we have a highly sought-after **Ruger LCP MAX .380 pistol**.

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## MY STORY:

# I joined the Freedom Caravan out of IL

by Ford Brown  
GSL Vice-President

If you watch much news lately you hear a lot about caravans moving from third-world South American nations to enter the U.S.A. You may have even caught reports of Afghan people throwing babies over fences in an attempt to help their infant children escape to freedom in America.



However there is another caravan that you'll never read about in the corrupt mainstream media: the caravan of people leaving Illinois in the rear-view mirror.

Make no mistake, whether it's obvious to the press or the average Joe, there are a whole lot of folks leaving the gulag of the People's Republic of Illinois for the freedom of neighboring states. I recently joined that caravan. Not only that, but I have plenty of company. The real estate agent told me that over half of her sales involved former Illinois residents - and we're 100 miles southwest of St. Louis!

My story of fleeing the ruling Chicago elites started many years ago. While travelling to Tulsa's "World's Largest Gun Show," I always thought Missouri was "really beautiful country." Even better, while my (now former) home state keeps turning the screws on gun owners, Missouri passed Constitutional Carry.

In the Land of Lincoln, I had a home I loved and 35 years of memories along with friends and family. Obviously I will miss my friends and most of my family, but I simply decided that I'd had enough of the crazy clown show from Springfield. I decided to "go for it" and made the move. It turned out to be a little

more costly than I expected, but in the end it was worth it and then some.

A few cautionary notes for those following me. First, find a reputable real estate agent who will work with you to get top dollar for your home. Don't let them tell you to discount your home for less than it's worth to ensure a quick sale - especially in today's hot market. That cost me a bundle.

Secondly, don't believe the U-Haul trucks that claim \$19.95/day in bold writing. I found out that if you tell them you're moving out of Illinois, the price goes up about forty times that advertised "local" rate even if you commit to returning their truck. Rumor is they're practically giving the rentals away for one-way trips to Illinois. I wonder why.

Lastly, don't hire anyone to do your moving without a written contract. With no contract, you can all but count on the "quoted" price to be a fraction of what they will demand for the work. Word to the wise: either have your friends help you or get that iron-clad written contract.

Thousands of dollars in moving expenses later, I am now proudly a resident of the Show Me state. FOID card? Hah. Carry license? Don't need it. Living under the thumb of JB Pritzker and the corrupt Illinois General Assembly? No more. Face diapers? Hah! I AM FREE OF ILLINOIS.

I like it here. The people are friendly and living conditions are both peaceful and affordable. When I come home in the evening after dark there may be one or more deer grazing in my yard. When I get up in the morning sometimes I see a flock of wild turkeys wandering outside the home. One day I even caught sight of a small bear.

In the end, I am quite happy here and I think I will be left alone by the state government. I keep telling myself that it seems like a good place to live and eventually die with a smile on my face with beautiful sights and sounds all around me. I couldn't say any of that for Illinois.



## FBI: Murders up 30% from 2019, violent crime up 5%

(CNN) - The FBI released its annual Uniform Crime Report for 2020 on Monday, showing that the number of homicides increased nearly 30% from 2019, the largest single-year increase the agency has recorded since it began tracking these crimes in the 1960s.

The report, which is on par with preliminary numbers that were reported over the summer, also shows a 5% increase in violent crime between 2019 and 2020.

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### Peoria.

**Peoria's Regional Director Kay Davis** called the meeting to order. After our usual Pledge, welcoming of newcomers and recognizing our veterans, Kay mentioned that she wished to retire very soon from her Regional Director position. She's seeking someone to take the reins for the local region. Contact her or Dale Lock.

She also asked for those willing to share their email addresses so she can send out an email with the menu and for folks to RSVP where possible so Barrack's has a better handle on how much food to prepare. If you're not online, she asked if folks would be kind enough to call Barrack's at (309) 692-3990.

**John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Report**.

**Steve Davis** then introduced our main speaker, **IFOR President Scott Bryant**. But first, he discussed IFOR's role in protecting and defending our state's outdoor resources and lauded Bryant and IFOR for the work they do and for their strong pro-2A position on guns.



Scott Bryant (and Allison Reynolds).

Mr. Bryant returned the kind words for the work GSL does. He also mentioned how Chicago was bad in the late 1970s when he grew up there, and now it's just terrible.

Turning to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, he roasted their leadership. It wasn't particularly good under Gov. Rauner, but under Pritzker it's gotten worse. A lot worse. And he's made it his mission to hold their feet to the fire which has not made him their favorite critic.

Not only does state government steal federal and state monies earmarked for IDNR (including tens of millions of OSLAD monies meant to develop and maintain public outdoor recreation locations), but Pritzker's appointees are working diligently to remake IDNR into the Sierra Club.

And while the dwindling site staff are working heroically to keep sites open and functioning with fewer and fewer resources, the "brave" leadership still work from home most days even though they aren't public-facing in their offices. COVID, you know.

For **Tech Time**, **Jason Shimmin** touched on a number of topics while he discussed trigger discipline and its importance in making good hits, even under stress.

For our drawings, **John Kurfiss** won the 50/50 and **Jason Schell** scooped up a new defensive 12 ga. shotgun. Congrats to them!

### Rantoul.

**GSL's Champaign County Regional Director Dan Worthey** called the meeting to order at the **Knights of Columbus** in Rantoul. In addition to our usual routines, **Dick Bryant** offered a blessing for the evening.

**John Boch** delivered his **Executive Director's Report** and took questions.

Our main speaker **David Pike**, a dedicated preparedness practitioner, spoke of the importance of having some form of backup power. After all, without electricity, your food (and in some cases medications) will spoil in your refrigerators and freezers and your basement will flood without a sump pump. And then there are things like well pumps and medical devices like oxygen concentrators and CPAP machines to consider, along with life's other conveniences.

Dr. Pike discussed the pros and cons of some options ranging from wind to solar to gas generators. A couple of lead-acid deep cycle batteries and a pure sine-wave inverter will run a couple of 110v household items sparingly for maybe a day until those batteries will need charging.

He also strongly recommends the new pure sine-wave inverters and the gas-powered inverter generators (also producing pure sine-wave electricity just like the utilities provide) so as not to fry your delicate computer circuit boards found in most modern electric products in the home.

Gasoline-powered generators are great for intermediate outages and/or recharging batteries, but if you run out of gas before you run out of emergency, you're back to candles for light and you probably won't be driving anywhere either.

For longer outages, he recommended solar panels. They'll charge your deep cycle batteries to keep your sump and refrigerators running, along with your CPAP and even a microwave or a vacuum. You'll need a few batteries to get you through cloudy days and plenty of panels to charge them as Illinois only averages about three to four peak hours of sun each day. Or alternatively, you can use the genset to bridge the gap and charge the batteries during a series of cloudy days.



Dr. David Pike was in professor mode in Rantoul recommending folks secure a backup power supply for emergencies.

Basically, for the price of a nice AR-15, he says you can buy the peace of mind of a small backup power system for your house that doesn't require fuels to operate.

He answered an extensive series of questions from the audience.

For **Tech Time**, our own retired cop and former Martial Artist **Joe Tharp** shared some simple techniques men, women and even children can use to thwart a physical attack. These included cupping the hand and striking the ears of an attacker to stun them. Alternatively, gouging eyeballs and sticking your finger in and downward at the base of

the neck also will achieve proven results to interrupt an attack. Any of the above will cause someone to let go of you no matter how much bigger they are.

**John Boch** served as Joe's training dummy this evening, but Joe let him off light.

**Terry Doyle** won the 50/50 drawing and **John Bensyl** won the **Taurus G3** (via gift card) from **Rural King**. Congrats to them both!

### Charleston.

At the **Unique Banquet Center in Charleston**, **GSL's Charleston Regional Co-Director Justin Bawcum** called the meeting to order and led the meeting of the faithful in our usual routine of the Pledge, welcoming newcomers and recognizing veterans.

**John Boch** shared an update of news and analysis of the latest in state and national happenings and politics as part of his **Executive Director's Report**.

**Kent Martin**, a Republican seeking the nomination for the race for **Coles County Sheriff**, came for the meeting and spoke about his campaign. He's the former **Eastern Illinois University Police chief**.



Kent Martin.

As one might expect, he's very pro-gun. Asked his biggest perceived challenge in the sheriff's office, he indicated recruitment and retention of good officers. Obviously, there's a lot of anti-police sentiment out there among some folks coupled with the new so-called police reform bill.

He answered a number of questions, ranging from drugs to typical crime in the local area (property crimes like theft and physical crimes against distracted people).

**Jack Martin and Justin Bawcum** spoke about preparing for emergencies. While Justin talked specifics of food and water, Jack discussed some strategies to make the best of a bad situation.

As an example, in a long-term power outage at home, you can bring the whole family into a room, close the doors and a couple of oil lamps will keep the room comfortably warm.



Jack Martin discusses some common things that can make life better in adverse conditions.

Martin urged folks to make plans and preparations for emergencies in terms of identifying a means of communications if

phones and the internet are down ("don't count on cell phones" he said), having friends you can call upon for help, and possessing the fundamentals in terms of food, water and medications for you and your immediate family. "If you don't have food, you would be surprised what you'll eat when you're *really* hungry."

Drawing on his experience working in foreign nations, he said grain alcohol is like gold and speaking of gold, small gold coins are good anywhere in the world.

He showed some of his emergency gear and told folks "you don't have to drop a lot of money to be ready" for emergencies.

For **Tech Time**, our own **Ray Carr** discussed generating electricity when utilities go dark. He mentioned battery-powered "inverter generators" but noted how you'll need to have a means to charge that battery after you discharge it. These are also heavy and expensive too.

Gas-powered generators provide the biggest, best bang for the buck. He strongly recommended buying the generators (and inverters) that provide "pure sine wave" electricity like that which the utilities provide as it will keep your sensitive computer chips happy and functioning.

He showed a graph showing the difference between pure sine wave alternating current and the "modified" sine wave AC provided by old-fashioned generators. Their "modified sine wave" electricity will sometimes fry sensitive chips and motors (and transformers) will run *very* hot, especially over time. If you didn't already know, heat is the bane of electronics and electric motors.

*[He acknowledged confusing the type electricity produced by older, non-inverter gas generators versus the new inverter generators that produce pure sine-wave power and called the editor with the correct info before press time.]*

Ray chuckled over electric vehicles (good luck charging those when the power's out - they take a lot of energy in a charge), and described massive parking lots of dead 10+ year old "electric" cars in Europe where the batteries have failed and it costs more to replace the battery than the rest of the car is worth. (At the same time, the environmentalists stand in the way of disposing of the spent batteries.)

Also, in times of emergencies, Ray cautioned against driving that fancy new car. It will make you a target for thieves and carjackers. You also don't want a bunch of antennas, or other indications that you have a vehicle full of goodies that would make it worth bad guys' time and attention to rob you. He suggested a mechanically sound older car, truck or van that's plain and unremarkable.

Next month's meeting will take place on **Veteran's Day** and Justin says that they have something special planned for that night.

We held our drawings and **Lori Turner** won the 50/50, and **Bob Michaels** escaped with the **S&W AR-15/22 pistol**. Congrats to both.

Next month, we will have a **Glock 19** as our monthly drawing gun. How sweet is that? Courtesy of **Dave Clark at X-RING CUSTOM in Toledo, IL**.





What did the socialists use for light before candles? Electricity.

### Little people in California headed towards more darkness

(MSN) - California took another step toward its goal of ridding the state of all gas-powered engines thanks to a new bill signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Saturday.

The new law will ban the sale of all off-road, gas-powered engines, including generators, lawn equipment, pressure washers, chainsaws, weed trimmers, and even golf carts. Under the new law, these machines must be zero-emissions, meaning they will have to be either battery-powered or plug-in, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

GunNews reported on looming shortages (and steep price hikes) back in July...

### Home heating sticker shock: The cost of natural gas is up 180%

(CNN Business) - Prices for natural gas, the most common way to heat homes and a leading fuel source for generating electricity, have surged more than 180% over the past 12 months to \$5.90 per million British thermal units. Natural gas hasn't been this expensive since February 2014.



The risk is that an early winter or extremely cold fall temperatures will force households to crank

up the heat. That would further shrink the nation's below-average stockpiles of natural gas and could lift prices even higher.

"If we get an early frost, it could get ugly. It could get ugly fast," said Robert Yawger, director of energy futures at Mizuho Securities.

They can actually last well beyond their printed "expiration" date.

### How long does canned food last? Here's what you need to know

(Good Housekeeping) - When it comes to stocking up on pantry essentials, everyone knows that there's nothing as convenient as canned foods — these staples are not only affordable and easy to cook with, they're also basically a must-have if you're filling up your pantry with non-perishable items that have a long shelf life (especially in the case of an emergency). But if the back of your pantry is filled with old cans of soup, green beans, and anything else that you bought quite a while ago, you might be wondering: Exactly how long does canned food last, and is it safe to eat canned food beyond its printed expiration date?

Here's the good news: Canned goods actually last indefinitely if they're kept in good condition, according to the USDA. But that doesn't necessarily mean that they'll still taste optimal ten years from now! There are actually several factors that limit the shelf life of canned goods, but in general, **foods that are more acidic will expire sooner, while low-acid canned foods will actually last for longer.**

#### Does canned food go bad?

Canned foods that are kept in good condition are actually safe to eat indefinitely, according to the USDA. However, there are several factors that may affect their shelf life, such as can corrosion and rusting, high temperatures, and other container problems. Over the years, many canned foods will experience taste and texture changes, and may eventually lose their nutritional value — which is why it's recommended to consume different types of canned products by a certain time for the best quality. (Accordingly, the "use-by" or "best-by" dates that are often printed on cans are for quality, not safety.)

So is it safe to eat canned food past its "expiration" date? **While canned goods past their "best-by" date may not taste optimal, there's actually no real health risk in consuming canned goods as long as they remain in good condition.** Just make sure that you never buy bulging, rusted, leaking, or dented cans, and that you always store canned goods in a cool, dry place — in fact, the USDA says to never store them in any place exposed to high or low temperatures, or in places such as under the sink, above or beside the stove, or in a damp garage or basement.

And of course, after opening canned foods, make sure to store leftovers and unused

portions in the refrigerator; for best preservation of quality and flavor, you should store it in a glass or a plastic storage container.



#### How long?

##### Canned Ham

Shelf-stable canned ham (such as Spam) lasts 2 to 5 years on the shelf. After opening, it will generally be good for 3 to 4 days in the refrigerator.

##### Low Acid Canned Goods

Low acid canned goods include items such as canned meat and poultry, stews, pasta products, and soups (except for tomato soup), as well as vegetables such as potatoes, corn, carrots, spinach, beans, beets, peas, and pumpkin. According to the USDA, these canned goods will last for 2 to 5 years on the shelf after they've been canned, and will last 3 to 4 days if you store it in the refrigerator after opening.

##### High Acid Canned Goods

High acidic canned goods include juices, tomatoes, and fruit products (such as grapefruit, pineapple, apples, peaches, pears, plums, and all berries), as well as pickles, sauerkraut, and all foods treated with vinegar-based sauces or dressings. These foods are good for 12 to 18 months on the shelf, but after opening, will last 5 to 7 days in the refrigerator.

##### Home Canned Foods

If you're canning your own foods at home, you should know that these foods will last up to a year on the shelf. Before using, though, remember to boil 10 minutes for high-acid foods and 20 minutes for low-acid foods as a precaution (even if you detect no signs of spoilage). After opening, your home canned foods will last around 3 to 4 days in the refrigerator.

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## Calendar



### GUN SHOWS...

#### October

**Oct 30-31: Peoria Gun & Knife Show**, Peoria, IL (Exposition Gardens). Mark Craft 309 371-3593.

**Oct 30-31: Sauk Trail Gun Show**, Princeton, IL. Sauk Trail Collectors. Cathy Smith 309 689-1934.

#### November

**Nov 6-7: Bloomington Gun & Knife Show**. Interstate Center. Bloomington, IL. ECA Jeff Edwards (618) 367-3118.

**Nov 6-7: Kankakee Gun Show**, Kankakee County Fairgrounds Kankakee, IL. Mike (630) 363-3131.

**Nov 13-14: Crown Point Gun Show**, Lake County Fair-

grounds Crown Point, IN (765) 855-3836.

**Nov 13-14: Springfield Gun & Knife Show**. Illinois State Fairgrounds. ECA Jeff Edwards (618) 367-3118.

**Nov 14: Kane County Sportsman's Show**, Kane County Fairgrounds, St Charles, IL. Mick Stout (815) 217-2266

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

#### December

**Dec 4-5: Quad Cities Gun Show**. QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island. Mark Craft (309) 371-3593.

**Dec 4-5: Chillicothe Sportsman's Club**, Chillicothe, IL. Steve Risinger (309) 208-1010.

**Dec 4-5: Will County Gun Show**. Will County Fairgrounds. Peotone, IL. Mike 630 254-0221.

**NEW! Dec 11-12: New Berlin CIGCA Gun Show**. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin. Patrick Keen. 217 971-1519.

**Dec 11-12: Belleville Gun & Knife Show**, St. Clair County Event Center, Belleville, IL. Cloe Group (629) 262-1103.

**Dec 18-19: Crown Point Gun Show**, Lake County Fairgrounds Crown Point, IN (765) 855-3836.

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**Dec 19: McHenry County Gun Show** McHenry County Fairgrounds Woodstock, IL Donald Cichoski (815) 385-1982

#### January

**Jan 29-30: Quad Cities Gun Show**. QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island. Mark Craft (309) 371-3593.

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Soros drops millions into local races, including \$2M for Cook Co. Prosecutor Kim Foxx

## Soros funds opposition to police in Austin, TX

(Washington Free Beacon) - Left-wing billionaire George Soros is throwing at least a million dollars behind an effort to stop the hiring of hundreds of new police officers in Austin, Texas, according to campaign finance documents reviewed by the Washington Free Beacon.

The Hungarian-born political activist gave \$500,000 through the Soros-backed Open Society Policy Center to a political action committee in opposition to a ballot initiative that forces the city to employ two police officers per 1,000 residents.

Soros's donation, made on Oct. 12, is his second of the month and comes as Austin experiences a decades-high spike in violent crime. The city has seen at least 67 homicides this year, the highest since at least 1981. Aggravated assaults are also up at least 10 percent, following a 26 percent spike in 2020...

In 2020, Soros donated over \$600,000 to a Texas-based left-wing group that backed the election of José Garza, who now serves as district attorney for Travis County, where Austin sits.

Since 2015, Soros has spent more than \$17 million on various local races, including donations to left-wing prosecutors and state legislators. Virtually every candidate backed by Soros and the Open Society Foundations has supported a dramatic reduction in or elimination of cash bail and other policies critics say lead to higher crime.

[Editor: Does "elimination of cash bail" sound familiar here in Illinois?]

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**Christian County**  
Locked and Loaded, Pana, IL  
twaw.christiancountyll@yahoo.com

2nd Thursday (6:30-8:30p)  
**Bloomington-Normal**  
CI Shooting Sports, Normal, IL

1st Wednesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Champaign County**  
High Caliber Training Center, Urbana, IL

2nd Monday (6:30p-8:30p)  
**Chicago Western Suburbs**  
Range at 355, Bolingbrook, IL

One Monday each month,  
email twawcookohare@gmail.com for date  
**Cook County O'Hare**  
Maxon's Shooters Supply & Indoor Range, Des Plaines, IL

3rd Monday (6:30-8:30p)  
**Kane County**  
GAT Guns, East Dundee, IL

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Lake County**  
5 Star Firearms in Zion, IL

Last Saturday of month  
**Kankakee County**  
ISRA Range in Bonfield, IL  
twawkankakee@gmail.com

First Thursday (6-8pm)  
**Macon County**  
The Bullet Trap, Macon, IL  
email twaw.maconco1@yahoo.com

Last Sunday (3:00-5:00p)  
**Metro East St. Louis**  
Town and Country Gun Club, Maryville, IL

First Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Metro Peoria / River City**  
TacShack, Peoria, IL

3rd Monday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Sangamon - Menard**  
MTM Arms, Athens, IL

3rd Thursday (6-8pm)  
**Effingham County**  
Accuracy Firearms

3rd Thursday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Pocahontas**  
Rampart Range, Pocahontas, IL

2nd Sunday (2:00-4:00p)  
**Little Egypt**  
Tombstone Gun Range & Training Center, Marion, IL

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**McHenry County**  
On Target Range, Crystal Lake, IL

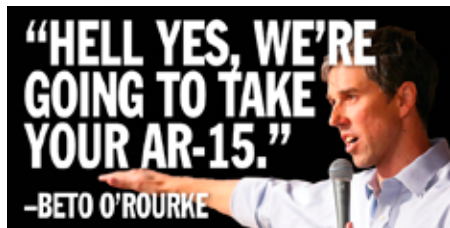
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**McHenry County NORTH**  
Second Amendment Sports in McHenry, IL  
mchenrynorthchapter@yahoo.com

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Winnebago County**  
KAP Guns, Lovespark, IL

First Tuesday 6-8p  
**Fox Valley**  
Fox Valley Shooting Range, Elgin, IL  
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**Quad Cities**  
Milan Rifle Club in Milan





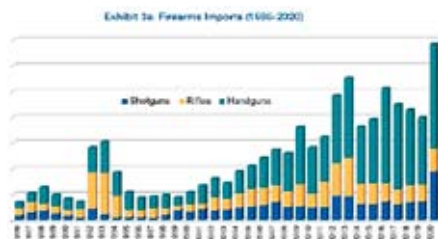
*Delusions of grandeur from a loser*

## Beto thinks he's gonna be governor of Texas

(Forbes) - Former Rep. Beto O'Rourke is planning to run for Texas governor in 2022, Axios reported Sunday, though a new poll shows the one-time presidential and Senate candidate still faces an uphill battle against Republican Gov. Greg Abbott—but actor Matthew McConaughey could have a better shot.

## GOEX black powder company closing

(Hodgdon Powder Company) - Effective immediately, Hodgdon Powder Company, Inc. has made the decision to cease manufacturing operations at the company's Camp Minden, Louisiana site while evaluating strategic options for the black powder business.



*Look for Biden to 'fix' this... for our 'safety'*

## Record number of guns imported in 2020

(The Reload) - More firearms were imported into the United States in 2020 than any other year on record.

That's according to the ATF's 2021 annual report on firearms commerce in the United States, which was released Monday. The report showed a massive surge in gun importation. The numbers climbed to over 6.8 million firearms in 2020, marking the highest level on record.

# 2%

## CNN Poll: 2% think America is doing 'very well' under Biden

(CNN) - Two percent of Americans participating in a CNN poll think the United States is doing "very well" under President Joe Biden, results revealed Friday.



*Civilized people recognize self-defense for all*

## KENTUCKY AG: Cities can't prevent employees from carrying guns at work

Frankfort, KY (AP) — Kentucky's local governments cannot prevent their employees from carrying weapons "at all times and places" while on duty, according to a state attorney general's opinion released Monday.



*Why does Biden keep arming bad guys?*

## Biden selling guns to Mexican forces tied to murder

(The Intercept) - The Biden [regime] is pressing forward with the sale of millions of dollars in weapons to specialized elements of the Mexican military despite growing concern from lawmakers over the recipients' abhorrent human rights records.

If completed, Sig Sauer, a New Hampshire-based company, would sell more than \$5 million worth of assault rifles and suppressors to Mexico's navy and marines. Long considered by U.S. officials to be Washington's most trustworthy ally in the war on drugs, the Mexican navy, particularly its elite marine special operations teams, has been linked to a string of kidnappings and extrajudicial killings in recent years.



*Mass murder still happens when guns are banned...*

## Muslim terror attack: archery rampage kills 5 in Norway

Kongsberg, Norway (AP) — A Danish man suspected of a bow-and-arrow attack in a small Norwegian town that killed five people is a Muslim convert who was previously flagged as having been radicalized, police said Thursday. Norway's national security agency said the suspect's actions "currently appear to be an act of terrorism."



*Mayor Lovely Warren pleaded guilty and resigned to avoid a felony*

## JUST LOVELY: Guess who pleaded guilty to illegal gun possession?

(GSL/TTAG) - Rochester, New York Mayor Lovely Warren (pictured above, center), a proud member of Moms Demand Action and Mayors Against Illegal Guns, took a plea deal in recent days. Her crimes? She possessed illegal guns and violated campaign finance laws. As part of the deal, she will resign and avoid prison.

Unlike the little people who go to jail

*Photo credit to Moms Demand Action, as requested.*

over illegal weapons charges and campaign finance law violations, Mayor Warren simply has to resign her elected office — a job she was about to leave anyway — to stay out of the slammer. It's good to be a member of the ruling class.

Democrats once considered Warren a rising star in New York state politics with national office potential. Not any longer.



## David Hogg rebuked yet again: Youth gun sports leagues see record-setting growth & participation

(ZeroHedge) - Gun Control activist David Hogg can't seem to catch a break. His viewpoint that younger people are more anti-gun appears to be continuously rebuked by new reports from this post-COVID world.

Most recently, the NRA reported that the USA Clay Target League (USACTL) had its biggest year yet

for student-athletes. Almost 40,000 will be participating in programs in the fall. Both male and female students compete on the same team, meaning that not just young males are represented here...

*"Despite constant challenges both last year and this year, we are pleased to have our largest fall*

*registration numbers ever," said John Nelson, president of the USACTL. "The record-setting participation this fall..."*

This is a big sign... that David Hogg's assertions that this large crowd of young anti-gun voters chomping at the bit to saw AR15s in half is a fantasy at best.

## State Line Rifle Association

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### Everyone's cheering Brandon!

(GSL) - An NBC sportscaster tried to gas-light TV viewers when interviewing Brandon Brown who had just won a NASCAR race at the Talladega Superspeedway. The crowd behind them were clearly chanting F\*\*\* JOE BIDEN! The sportscaster then said to Brandon, "You can hear the chants from the crowd, 'Let's go Brandon!'" And a rallying cry for the resistance was born.



### Free speech is over-rated Chicago Police FOP President muzzled by judge in vaccine mandate dispute with mayor

Chicago (Fox32) - About 30 minutes after a judge granted a temporary restraining order that prohibits the Fraternal Order of Police president to speak about the vaccine mandate, John Catanzara took to social media to deliver a message.

### Seen on Twitter...



### Accused Arlington, TX school shooter parties after being released on \$75,000 bond

(GSL/TTAG) - Not even two days after allegedly pulling a gun and shooting three people at an Arlington, Texas high school, Timothy Simpkins posted bond Thursday. He then partied it up at his home. As for his victims? Two remained in the hospital, one in critical condition.

How is it that in Texas, of all places, an accused would-be mass murderer gets to stroll out of jail with a feces-eating grin on his face a day later and then party like rock star back at home?

For some perspective, Kyle Rittenhouse, after defending himself from attackers, remained in jail for weeks until he was able to post a \$2 million bond thanks to contributions from some sympathetic benefactors.

### A moment of levity...

#### Who needs ADT Home Security?

### Safe at last in the age of 'defund the police'

(Ace of Spades HQ) - I took down my Rebel flag (which you can't buy on Ebay anymore) and peeled the NRA sticker off my rear window.



I disconnected my home alarm system and quit the candy-ass Neighborhood Watch.

Online, I bought two Pakistani flags and put one at each corner of the front yard.

Then I purchased the black flag of ISIS (which you CAN buy on Ebay) and ran it up the flagpole.

Now the local police, sheriff, FBI, CIA, NSA, Homeland Security, Secret Service and other agencies are all watching my house 24/7.

I've NEVER felt safer and I'm saving \$69.95 a month that ADT charged me.

Plus, I bought burkas for me to wear when I shop or travel. Everyone moves out of the way and security can't pat me down.

If they say I'm a male wearing a burka, I just say I'm feeling like a woman today.

Hot damn! Safe at last.

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