



# HERO

Angie McQueen took down a school shooter in 2017. It's not been 'happily ever after' for her... She talked about it at the Charleston GSL meeting.

## She single-handedly stopped a school massacre, but it hasn't been 'happily ever after' for Angie McQueen

(GSL) - For the September GSL meeting in Charleston, we welcomed local hero Angela McQueen as our main speaker. Back in 2017, she thwarted a massacre at the Mattoon High School by wresting a .40 S&W pistol from a deranged student.

She initially shunned the spotlight, but word of her heroic response to a bad situ-

ation quickly spread through town and she still receives heart-felt thanks and well-wishes from parents of students past and present.

One might think doing something heroic might lead to "happily ever after." In reality, as McQueen told the audience, it has been anything but.

Today, she speaks mostly about aftermath as part of her coping with the trauma of that day.

In a presentation that proved emotional at times, she briefly described what happened before moving on to how it's negatively impacted her life.

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# A WIN!

## Forest Preserve carry ban struck down

by John Boch

A federal court judge has struck down the Illinois prohibition on lawful concealed carry within the 70,000 acres of the Cook County Forest Preserve. In *Soloman v. Cook County Board of Commissioners*, US District Court Judge Robert Dow ruled the blanket prohibition on lawful carry "unconstitutionally overbroad" but he gave the Illinois General Assembly until March 15, 2022 to remedy the issue if they so choose.

In the decision, Judge Dow notes the Forest Preserve District of Cook County encompasses about half the land mass of the City of Chicago. Uses include everything from remote hiking locations to the busy Chicago Botanic Garden. As such, they do not all merit a blanket "sensitive location" label which would serve to allow government to ban concealed carry guns carried by licensed good guys and gals.

"This is a solid win for our efforts to roll back our state's long list of prohibited locations," said Guns Save Life Executive Director John Boch. "These 'no guns' locations merely advertise a largely unarmed victim pool for criminal attack."



As gun owners have been unable to break the logjam in the General Assembly to make common-sense changes to the Illinois Concealed Carry License Act, expect this and more court actions to roll back racist, classist and sexist gun control laws.

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## October 2021

- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **October 4**, November 1  
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **October 5**, November 2  
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18791 N 1300 East Rd., Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **October 6**, November 3  
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **October 7**, November 4  
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **October 12**, November 9  
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **October 14**, November 11  
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **Chicagoland (South):** Last Sunday: **Sept 26, Oct. 31**, Nov. 28  
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.*

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



GSL presented additional ammo to the UIUC Naval ROTC program at our Rantoul meeting. Pictured is Gunnery Sergeant Berryhill.



**Chicago's back and Rosie won a gun!**  
GSL's Chicagoland Regional Director Alfreda Keith Keller with Rosie Delgado who won a Ruger Wrangler.

## A sincere 'thank you' from the Marine Corps and Navy ROTC program

Gunnery Sergeant Michael Berryhill presents a formal token of appreciation from the UIUC Marine Corps and Navy ROTC program for GSL members' kindness in donating upwards of 20,000 rounds of ammo to allow them to continue live-fire practice for their midshipmen.



David Pike, left, won the RIA snub-nose revolver. He's pictured with Dan Worthey.



Bob Woodcock, left, won the Walther .22 pistol. He's pictured with Kay Davis, our Peoria regional director.



Terry Sullivan won the ATI defensive shotgun at the Pontiac GSL meeting.

## HERO...

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At lunch time in the cafeteria on that day, McQueen got word that someone *might* have a gun only moments before things went sideways. Indeed, a loser brought a pistol to school intent on killing a people who he felt wronged him.



Angela McQueen.

Recalling that day, she said she looked around the cafeteria and didn't see any supervisory staff or the school resource officer. Clearly, she knew she had to take action, but she didn't know exactly what or how.

McQueen said she didn't want to leave a potential bad situation to get a supervisor, so she instead opted to approach the potential gun-toting teen. As she closed the distance and started to call for help on her phone, she recalled how she could tell by the body language and facial expressions of the students at the table that something was *terribly* wrong. She moved *faster*.

Sure enough, the kid produced the gun just as she reached him from behind. She saw the pistol and lunged for it. Angie said she managed to pull his gun arm away from the direction of the girl first targeted. The shot broke an instant after she made contact.

Standing over 6' tall, she lifted the seated gunman's arm towards the ceiling. They struggled for what seemed like forever for control of the gun. As they fought, the

young man fired seven more times, with the gun discharging close to her face. Fortunately, the rounds went high, mostly into the ceiling.

Finally, the shots stopped. She recognized the gun was at slide lock and then "took him down" until the school resource officer could arrive to the cafeteria and handcuff the teen.

The first round fired missed the intended victim thanks to McQueen's actions, but it inadvertently struck another young man. That round went through his phone and his hand, and ultimately through his shoulder as well. He survived, although he still has some minor problems with feeling in that hand after a whole lot of reconstructive surgeries, along with some mobility issues.

The would-be mass murderer? Illinois let him out of custody *less than a year later*. Unbelievably, when the state wanted to return him to the community, locals objected. He has since been placed elsewhere.



Plenty of folks came up following the meeting to personally thank Angela McQueen for her actions that fateful day in 2017.

To this day McQueen struggles in the aftermath. She's troubled by the would-be killer's lack of remorse. What's more, McQueen says she feels a lot of anger as well. "I didn't sign up for this," she said at least three times.

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## Over the top lunacy from Chicagoland...



*He's gonna need a better legal team... Store better hire an attorney too...*

## Chicago store hires four-time convicted felon and registered sex offender as armed security

Claims self-defense for murdering man not wearing a [COVID] mask

**Chicago (CWB Chicago)** - A liquor store security guard was acting in self defense when he shot a customer three times because the customer was "putting other's lives at risk by not wearing a [COVID] mask," the guard's private defense attorney said during a bond court hearing Wednesday.

The argument did not sway cook County Judge

Mary Marubio.

"The victim fled the store, fell outside, followed by the defendant [who], according to the surveillance video, shot a second time. The defendant then paces back and forth and shot a third time," Marubio said before ordering 42-year-old Chester Holmes held without bail.

Holmes, who is barred from possessing a weapon because he is a four-time convicted felon and registered child sex offender, was working as an armed security guard at the store on the 6000 block of South Racine when a 28-year-old man walked in without a COVID mask around 9:53 am. Monday, according to Assistant State's Attorney Darryl Auguste.

## Meeting Summaries

### Chicagoland

We're back! Guns Save Life has returned to Chicagoland after a year and a half-plus hiatus because of COVID lockdowns.

**Chicagoland Regional Director Alfreda Keith Keller** called the meeting to order at the **Park Forest American Legion Post** located about a block into Chicago Heights. We welcomed our newcomers and veterans.



Chris Mannino and Alfreda Keith Keller.

**Park Forest Police Chief Christopher Mannino** served as our main speaker. He shared a great presentation on the legal use of force in self-defense from the perspective of the police.

Right off, he also touched upon the danger of having your gun out in public - not only danger from responding police officers but also fellow concealed carry holders. In particular, he mentioned the case from Colorado where the good Samaritan CCW holder shot a cop killer, only to be killed seconds later by the next responding officer who saw Mr. CCW holding a rifle.

Mannino advised putting the gun away ASAP and telling the responding officers, "I am not the threat." And comply with their orders!

He also noted how deadly force is only legally authorized when innocent life faces an imminent threat of death or great bodily injury. "You can't use deadly force to protect property!" he said. That includes intruders in the home who did not enter violently or tumultuously and who pose no danger of death or great bodily injury to the occupants.

**John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's update** and took questions from the audience.



NRA-ILA Frontline Activist Leader Fritz Fitzgerald speaks.

**NRA-ILA volunteer Frontline Activist Leader Fritz Fitzgerald** also visited and

spoke. He's one of four FLAs in Illinois, doing their best to reach people at the grassroots level. Guns Save Life's monthly grassroots meetings seems like a perfect match for his mission!

He assured folks that the NRA-ILA is semi-independent of the NRA's problems they're having with the NY Attorney General. ILA's mission is politics and that mission continues. He also teased the audience with his run-in with a bad cop a few years ago. He was arrested for transporting a Glock in his trunk even though he was licensed to carry it on his person. Fortunately the judge at his arraignment threw out the felony charges, however the judge didn't order the gun returned and Chicago destroyed it.

**GSL's President Dale Lock** lauded Alfreda for her leadership, noting that she remains our longest-serving regional director. He thanked her for leading the extensive search for a new location.

We drew for the **50/50** and **Rosie Delgado won the Ruger Wrangler** revolver we intended to give away early in 2020 before the COVID lockdowns hit. Congrats to her and thanks to **Rink's Guns in Lockport** for providing the gun!

In September, the **Park Forest American Legion** folks will serve **Italian Beef sandwiches**, so come hungry and support the Legion and their mission as well.

### Decatur

**GSL's Decatur Regional Director Dave Randolph** called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge, we welcomed newcomers and recognized our veterans in an almost full house of the faithful.

**John Boch** delivered his **Executive Director's Notes**, bringing everyone up to date on a host of issues both in Illinois and nationally.

**Dan Cooley** from **The Bullet Trap in Macon** shared an **Industry Report**.

He agreed with Mr. Boch that problematic CCW instructors remain active and that the state police are scrutinizing more and more instructors all the time. He was recently audited and he added that he would just about bet one of his recent students was an undercover agent from the ISP auditing his class first-hand.

Meanwhile, guns have once more become fairly available. Ammo, on the other hand, remains spotty at best. Prices are beginning to moderate to some degree. Sometimes it takes deal-making with distributors to get gun food though.

The good news with the FOIDs: The ISP's new, streamlined process is largely computer driven and very fast, leading to quick turnarounds for new applicants and renewals. The older renewals are taking more time as they require human intervention.

As for the **Firearms Services Bureau website**, it's still down from taking new applications and their IT professionals are working frantically to remedy the problem while keeping their data secure.

Our main speaker of the night, **Clinton Police's Mike Bennett**, spoke about workplace and school violence. He offered some tips on staying safe at work (and for our kids to remain safe at school.) One easy way to plan involving playing "what if" games to plan responses to emergencies.



Clinton Police Officer Mike Bennett.

"You'll never rise to the occasion, but instead default to your training," Bennett said of critical incidents. "So don't expect to become a ninja under stress."

He discussed "Run, Hide, Fight" and strategies to survive a workplace violence attack. "Run if you can do so safely," he said. And time is of the essence. "Don't stick around to retrieve your phone." Of course hide and fight are alternatives if escaping isn't an option.

In public, prudent and wise people will maintain a command presence: carrying themselves with confidence and an awareness of their surroundings. Criminals love submissive body language and avoid those who carry themselves with confidence. At the same time, he stressed the importance of trusting one's intuition. "Ignore that little voice at your own peril," he cautioned. After all, it always has your best interests in mind.

Along those lines, Bennett also discussed how much body language communicates a person's true intent and desires while words may simply be lies or misdirection. You should always watch a suspicious person's hands because that's where the threat will come from.

(For more strategies, read *The Gift of Fear* and *Left of Bang*.)

Our **Tech Time** presentation came from **Jim Ross**, who has been collecting guns (and some knives) since 1961. He brought a very nice, comprehensive collection of **Winchester Model 37 shotguns** and showed the obvious differences in the classic, single-shot shotguns commonly sold in hardware stores and elsewhere from 1936 to 1963.



Jim Ross and some of his single-shot Winchester Model 37s.

Yes, they "kick like a mule" but he said these affordable scatterguns have taken a lot of game over the years for over a million owners.

Our main speaker **Mike Bennett** won the **50/50** and **Glen Webster** won the "gun" which this month was 500 rounds of 9mm practice ammo.

Next month, the **Illinois State Rifle Association's Executive Director Richard Pearson** will attend as our main speaker. He'll explain ISRA's position on the new HB-586 and other topics. Bring your questions and comments.

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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 October: Ruger 10/22**  
**Pontiac November: Citadel Warthog 12 gauge SEMI-AUTO shotgun**

**Charleston October: S&W M&P-22P support-braced pistol**  
**Charleston November: TBD**

**Peoria October: EAA Akkar 12 gauge shotgun**  
**Peoria November: Ruger Wrangler**

**Decatur October: Taurus TX-22**  
**Decatur November: Ruger LCP Max**  
**Decatur December: RIA Meriva 12ga pump**

**Sangamon October: 500 rounds of 9mm Winchester FMJ practice ammo (carryover from Sept.)**  
**Sangamon November: Taurus G3 9mm**

**Rantoul October: Taurus G3 9mm**  
**Rantoul November: Taurus G3c 9mm**

## Executive Director's Report

### Unlike the Biden administration, the Russians aren't stupid

by John Boch  
GSL Executive Director

You've probably read by now that our pissant potentate President Joe Biden banned the importation of Russian-made ammo, firearms and the like. Allegedly Slow Joe took this action to penalize the Russians, but in reality, we all know Biden acted to strip America's good guy gun owners of the 800M rounds of Russkie ammo imported each year.

With the move, we can tell that nobody in our pissant potentate president's circle of advisors ever belonged to Mensa. In fact, they probably don't know Mensa from menstruation.

Because if any of Biden's handlers belonged to the largest and oldest high IQ society in the world, they would know the Russians are simply going to ship those cartridges to someplace like Serbia (or not), slip them into freshly printed cardboard boxes that say "packaged in Serbia" and then send it to America.

800 million rounds of ammo works out to about 800 semi trailers chock full of precious ammo.

President Obama was right when he cautioned us to "don't underestimate Joe's ability to f\*\*\* things up."



John Boch.

#### Effing things up...

Illinois still has a few concealed carry instructors who work harder to cut corners than provide good training in our state's reviled but state-mandated concealed carry classes.

Investigators are looking into courses where students shoot the qualification with airsoft guns, on-line "Zoom" classes and instructors who count hours of watching other people shoot their qualification one after another as "gun handling."

Folks, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is just that.

All told, there are going to be THOUSANDS of CCW license holders receiving 'revocation pending' letters in the coming weeks as these instructors are revoked. These people are likely going to be angry at these ethically-challenged instructors. Yes, the Illinois State Police may be slow in their investigations, but they're pretty thorough.

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#### Doing it right...

Speaking of the Illinois State Police... I've hammered them pretty hard over their recent screw-ups. I even gave them some national publicity at *The Truth About Guns* over the data breach of their gun licensing website server.

However, they have rolled out a new processing procedure for FOID cards and carry licenses and it actually works well.

We don't like the concept of FOID cards (hence our lawsuit challenging its constitutionality), but the new system works well. New FOID applications (both first-time and renewals) should easily be completed within a couple of weeks now if all the information matches up. CCW applications should also come much more expeditiously.

The bad news: If you're one of those folks who applied a year ago for your FOID, you are likely within the purgatory of the old system. Your renewal will have to be hand-processed under the old system. The good news is those will be done by Christmas. If all goes well.

The other bad news involves the ISPFBSB.com website: It's still got a lot of problems, many of which can block applicants from completing their application.

#### GSL Leadership Openings.

We know a lot of people are voting with their feet when it comes to Illinois' defective political leadership, backwards laws, high taxes and fees and perhaps most importantly our gun laws. It's so bad that we've had three members of our Board of Directors move out of Illinois since the start of their terms.

Are you a member? If so, we have three director positions available along with the treasurer post. The treasurer position is largely a figurehead now, acting as a check and balance to our bookkeeper, thanks to the work of previous treasurers Wanda Schoch and Marty Towsley.

We meet each month for a Board meeting in Bloomington. If bad weather or a long drive worries you, you can use our call-in system. Interested? Contact Dale Lock or John Boch ASAP.

#### Chicago

What is it with the political leadership in Chicago? Why are they stuck on stupid? As if Mayor Lori Lightfoot isn't already a mental lightweight, she touted a new program to file lawsuits against violent street gang members. Why? To "take their assets."

LOL! That's like San Francisco suing homeless people for crapping on the sidewalks. Because gang members, like homeless people, are awash in assets.

Who elects these village idiots?



*Selective priorities in Chicago? Impossible!*

### Pritzker & Lightfoot:

### 'We need to protect our children'

**COVID blamed in the deaths of ten persons under 18 this year... Meanwhile violent crime has claimed 36 dead and 203 maimed**

by John Boch

(GSL) - Not too long ago, Illinois pissant potentate Governor JB Pritzker lost his cool with a journalist asking if he planned to shut down in-person dining once again. Pritzker returned to the podium and dialed up the condescension. "You come in here with a political agenda and you spread misinformation and I just think you should stop. We now need to protect our children."

Another pissant potentate politician, Lori Lightfoot, said something similar when talking about finally returning to in-person learning in Chicago's failing public schools.

But frankly, kids in Chicago are nearly four times more likely to die from criminal violence in the lawless wasteland of Chicago than from any

virus.

Only ten young persons under 18 died from COVID this year (not counting comorbidity factors) compared to 36 (mostly black) young people killed by criminal violence. Not only that, but over two hundred more (again, mostly black) under-18s were maimed by criminals' gunfire.

This year isn't a one-off. In 2020, 115 under 18s were murdered and almost 650 maimed by criminal violence.

Unlike COVID, a vast majority of victims of Chicago violence are African-Americans.

Some cynical folks might even ask if African-American lives don't count as much as white lives to some folks.

Given how Mayor Lightfoot, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx and good old Governor JB Pritzker have worked hard for counter-productive solutions to violent crime (like "affordable bail"), one can't help but think these politicians really *don't* care about black lives except at election time.

Which is particularly sad, because the vast majority of black families everywhere just want a safe place to raise their families while they work on their careers.

Unfortunately, it surely seems as though our state's leadership is interested in black families only at election time and even then only for their votes.

*Sun-Times photo.*

*As if we needed yet another reason...*

### Lawmaker says FOID data breach yet another reason to get rid of FOID card law

Springfield, IL (*The Center Square*) - While Illinois State Police say they're on top of a breach involving the information of gun owners around the state, some at the statehouse say it's time to end the Firearm Owner's Identification card program...

State Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, R-Jacksonville, said the card should be done away with.

"Nobody wants to be on this database as a gun owner and if somebody gets ahold of it, certainly that can lead to crime and criminals finding access to more guns, it's just not the right to do thing," Davidsmeyer said. "They may have ahold of it now, but they didn't

have ahold of it before and this could happen again."



Davidsmeyer said the hack leads to the ultimate distrust of government and he's concerned about requiring the database for people wanting to exercise protected Second Amendment rights.

# GOOD NEWS!

## ISP's new FOID/CCW application processing system working well!

(GSL) - Good news for Illinois gun owners. In recent weeks, the Illinois State Police Firearms Services Bureau has rolled out a new system to process new FOID and CCW applicants, along with renewals. The new system has successfully completed its beta testing and is now live.



What this means for end users is that the ISP can process a new FOID application or a renewal in two weeks or less. Obviously that's a far cry from the hundreds of thousands of people who have waited six to sixteen months for FOID renewals - and even longer in some cases.

The bad news here is that those whose applications rolled in under the old system require (more) human intervention. The staff at the Firearms Services Bureau are working diligently to work through that backlog and have sent out tens of thousands of these renewals submitted under the old system in addition to handling the new applications in a timely manner.

So yes, if someone tells you they recently applied for a FOID or a renewal and they tell you they got it back in eleven days, it is likely not a fairy tale. Furthermore, under the new system, CCW applications (both new and renewal) received recently should easily be processed under the timeline set by law (90 or 120 days, depending on whether fingerprints accompanied the application). Not that Illinois law provides any penalties for failing to do so.

## FOID RENEWAL FROM HELL: 524 Days

Use this Renewal Card's Identification Card. Upon receipt, verify that the card is correct. Contact the Illinois State Police if necessary. This card does not permit the bearer to UNLAWFULLY carry a concealed weapon.



CAUTION: This card does not permit the bearer to UNLAWFULLY carry or use firearms. This does not authorize the carrying of a concealed weapon. If you lose or to report a lost or stolen card, please visit the Illinois State Police website and click on Firearms Services.

by John Boch

(GSL) - When I submitted my FOID renewal in early March 2020, I never dreamed it would take 524 days - almost 1.5 YEARS - to receive a new card in the mail. Especially when the law mandated that ISP process renewals in sixty calendar days. At least until "emergency rule making" extended that almost indefinitely.

For many months I've shared this purgatory with tens of thousands of other Illinois gun owners. Plenty remain in that boat to this day. The good news is that ISP continues to clear the backlog of renewal applications under their old processing system.

Yes, I know people. I didn't solicit special consideration because I wanted to see what it's like for folks without contacts in state government. Lord knows for regular folks, just getting one of the Firearms Services Bureau's helpful staff on the phone is a big win.

For those still waiting: be patient. You're still valid to own and possess firearms. No need to call them because it probably won't speed things up for you. Yes, your renewed card will arrive someday soon. Likely before Christmas. Probably.

## SHOT: The evidence for 'violence interrupters' doesn't support the hype

(Vox) - As progressives search for alternatives to traditional policing in the wake of the protests over George Floyd's murder, one solution has gained prominence: violence interrupters.

violent crime broadly, without the need for armed officers capable of their own violence.

describing the approach as an "evidence-based model."

One hope with interrupters is they might have a short-term effect on crime and violence — unlike other proposed alternatives to police, which tend to address root causes to disorder that can take years or generations to mend. For policymakers looking to address crime and violence now, that's promising.

But studies on interrupters have been largely disappointing. Reviews of the evidence have found that the approach often produces no significant effect on shootings and murders, and some programs were even associated with more violence.



For this approach, Groups like Cure Violence and Advance Peace recruit members of local communities, particularly people who have a history with gangs or violence, to act as mediators who can deescalate interpersonal conflicts before they turn violent.

Interrupters were the subject of a splashy documentary in 2011. Since last year, they've gained more prominence as a solution, touted by progressives and cited by news outlets, including Vox, as a path forward in a world with fewer or no police officers. More recently, the concept has even gained federal support — with President Joe Biden's administration aiming to direct new funds and other resources to interrupters,

In the short term, the goal is to stop shootings and murders. In the long term, it's to foster stronger norms of peace within communities — an idea that, if it succeeds, could lead to a drop in

## CHASER: Police arrest trio of 'violence interrupters' on new felony gun cases — while they were out on 'affordable' bail for previous felony gun arrests

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - There are a lot of things that will send your eyebrows rising during Chicago's daily felony bond court hearings. But among the more perplexing are the people accused of illegally carrying firearms while, according to their defense attorneys, they are active members of anti-violence groups.

The past few days have been extra perplexing. At least three men who are supposedly working to end gun violence in Chicago were charged with illegally carrying guns this week while they were already on bond for other felony gun cases. One of the men's pending cases includes allegations that he shot at two people.

### EARLIER:

- CeaseFire worker gets 27 months in prison for federal gun conviction
- Illinois CeaseFire director charged with domestic battery
- CeaseFire 'violence interrupter' among dozens charged after gang probe



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## SLOW JOE: The Pissant Potentate President



*"People no longer need them for personal protection..."*

### **SHOT: Taliban start collecting weapons from civilians in Kabul**

*Kabul (Reuters)* - Taliban fighters in the Afghan capital, Kabul, started collecting weapons from civilians on Monday because people no longer need them for personal protection, a Taliban official said.

"We understand people kept weapons for personal safety. They can now feel safe. We are not here to harm innocent civilians," the official told Reuters.

*A week later...*

### **CHASER: Reports of house-to-house executions in Kabul**

*Kabul (FoxNews)* - Horrifying audio of distant gunshots appears to confirm reports of "house-to-house executions" as the Taliban asserts control of Kabul and Afghanistan after the U.S. military's departure on Monday evening.

An Afghan man who worked with Americans on the ground provided Fox News with the chilling audio featuring distant gunshots.

### **CHASER PT. 2: Genocide in the Panjshir Valley – Taliban round-up all males ages 12 and over**

*(AND Magazine)* - Taliban forces in the Panjshir Valley are rounding up all males 12 and over and taking them away. The individuals being taken are not being questioned. There is no indication that any of these individuals will ever return. No camps have been built to hold them. Residents of the valley assume that they will all be killed as part of a "genocidal cleansing."



In the past, the Taliban typically carried out extermination operations of this type in the following manner. They herded the individuals to be killed into empty cargo containers, shot them, and then closed up the containers. The containers were then buried. This was done to avoid creating large-scale mass graves because the Taliban was conscious that these could be detected remotely via satellite and might lead to international sanctions and pressure.

### **A gift to the world's terrorists... while he seeks to disarm law-abiding Americans Biden regime leaves \$83B in weapons behind**

*(AmmoLand)*- No one has done more to strengthen the ability of the Taliban in their mission to perpetrate evil on the World than Joe Biden. While desperately trying to destroy the 2nd Amendment, Democrats are simultaneously handing over \$83 billion worth of training and equipment to the enemy in a botched retreat from Afghanistan.

less American Citizens behind, the enormous list of weapons and true military hardware that was gift-wrapped and handed to the Taliban is of great concern.



Aside from the fact that the Biden Administration pulled our military out while leaving unarmed and defense-



*Piss-ant potentate pol checks his watch...*

### **'I hope you burn in hell! That was my brother!' Sister of Marine killed screamed at Biden during Dover casket ceremony where he 'wouldn't even look' relatives in the eye**

- Families of the fallen U.S. service members were left disappointed by President Joe Biden's actions at the 'dignified' transfer on Sunday
- One sister of a fallen Marine yelled at the president: 'I hope you burn in hell! That was my brother!'
- 'You can't f\*\*k up as bad as he did and say you're sorry,' she added. 'This did not need to happen, and every life is on his hands'
- Mark Schmitz, father of fallen Marine Lance Corporal Jared Schmitz, said his meeting with the president on Sunday 'didn't go well'
- Darin Hoover, father of fallen Marine Staff Sergeant Taylor Hoover, said their family decided 'absolutely not' to meet the president
- Both fathers said Biden was seen repeatedly checking his watch after each casket was transferred onto U.S. soil from the plane

*-- UK Daily Mail.*



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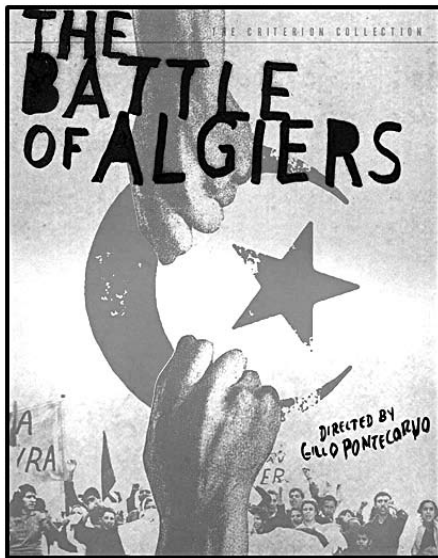
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**In the Land of the Blind, the one-eyed man is King**  
by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member

The movie that influences revolutionaries and street gangs.

## The Battle of Algiers

What if I were to tell you that a black and white movie, with a budget of only \$800,000 made in 1966, was so profound that it significantly influenced revolutionaries throughout the world like “Che” Guevara, Fidel Castro, the Black Panthers (as a training manual for violent uprising,) the Provisional Irish Republic Army, and the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front, to such an extent that the 120-minute film was banned in France for five years, that the Israeli government banned the film until 1975 for fear that the emerging Palestine Liberation Organization would use it as an inspiration for attacks on Israelis – but on the other hand, the movie was even screened at the Pentagon by the Directorate for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict in 2003/2004 with respect to the insurgency in Iraq?



Director Gillo Pontecorvo's *The Battle of Algiers* is a guidebook for building a secret organization (in this case the Algerian independence movement, National Liberation Front, Front de Libération Nationale, FLN) as the most lethal means of striking civilian targets, which often leads to a successful revolution. Pontecorvo greatly details the methods of indoctrination in these groups – techniques that if most Chicago street gangs do not acknowledge where they learned them, the gang-bangers should be sued for plagiarism.

The classic film is based on actual events during the 1954-1962 Algerian struggle for independence from France. The action follows a small group of FLN rebels, and their charismatic leader, Ali La Pointe, who use all means at their disposal to force the French to leave their country. A petty criminal serving a two-year prison sentence in Algeria in 1954, Ali was recruited in the infamous Barberousse Prison (US prisons are also hotbeds for terrorist recruitment) by FLN militants, and became one of the FLN's most trusted lieutenants in Algiers, the capital of Algeria – until French security forces killed him there on October 8, 1957 in the Casbah.

The FLN, created in March 1954, merged

numerous, separate opposing factions of the nationalist movement so as to better wage war against French colonial presence in Algeria. A modern comparison would be if some over-arching anarchist group in the U.S. formed and was able to subsequently unify: Antifa, Communist Party USA, Earth Liberation Front, La Raza, Youth Liberation Front, and so forth. Add in American cells of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Hamas, Hezbollah – all anti-American with a bloody history. And what if they also united with basic criminal street gangs, or super gangs like Los Zetas, Aryan Brotherhood, and Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), and elements of Central and South American drug cartels?

You might say, “That couldn't happen here,” but the FLN started small, initially with just twenty-two members, and an “exterior delegation” in Cairo, Egypt to solicit foreign support, including funding (there were George Soros types back then too.) They divided Algeria into five zones and placed a colonel in charge of each. Their primary mission was to provide “ideological awareness” backed by violence, so for each Algerian killed by the security forces, a French citizen would be killed by the FLN. The FLN organized as a cell-based pyramid structure, so a member only knew a maximum number of three other insurgents. Thus, if an insurgent were captured and interrogated, he could only give up three fellow terrorists. You'll also see in the movie that the FLN followed the motto of “snitches get stitches.”

Through the use of terror, the FLN was able to persuade regular, non-violent Algerians, that not only were they NOT French, but that France had to change its core values. Sound familiar? Today's anti-American anarchists stress hyphenated-American animosity, instead of American unity. They spit on American core values – the Constitution and Bill of Rights – and trample American history at every turn – attempting to stifle freedom of speech that defends American values. Disagree with the “woke” mob, and Facebook, Twitter or other social-disease media platforms ban you, or your teacher or employer tries to shame you.

The novel, *The Centurions*, written in 1960 by Jean Larteguy, presents much of the same subject. The story, centering on French Legionnaires, begins with the fall of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam, and subsequently leads to Algeria. It's central theme is: how is war waged in a new global order, when the “age of heroics is over.” I first read this book at West Point for a Revolutionary Warfare elective, and if you like to curl up with a good read, here's one.

You can get both the movie, which is in French with English subtitles, and the book online. Organize a Watch Party! You really should see this movie because America's enemies, foreign and domestic, almost certainly have.



*Punching back twice as hard*

## VCDL sues Coalition to Stop Gun Violence for defamation

Seeks \$450,000 in compensatory and punitive damages

(VCDL.org) - Back on June 9, a VA-ALERT item talked about how the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence (CSGV) libeled VCDL and its members by saying VCDL is a “Domestic Terror Organization” in a press release. That press release was published in the media, spreading that defamation.

From the CSGV press release:

*“Virginia cannot afford to elect Glenn Youngkin and his outdated and harmful stance on gun violence. His willingness to say anything for a vote is deeply troubling, as we've already seen him cozying up to those with deep ties to those at the forefront of the insurrectionist movement, like Senator Amanda Chase and the domestic terror organization, the Virginia Citizens Defense League.”*

Here is the FBI's definition of a “domestic terror organization:”

*“Violent, criminal acts committed by individuals and/or groups to further ideological goals stemming from domestic influences, such as those of a political, religious, social, racial, or environmental nature.”* (<https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/terrorism>)

VCDL has never even been accused of being involved with or committing any kind of violence, much less a violent criminal act.

VCDL is suing CSGV for libel and Mr. Joel Kanter, the Chairman of the Board of CSGV, has been served the papers. We await CSGV's initial response, which is due by September 18. Once we have the response, we will update you again.

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# wikiHow

WIKIHOW: 'NOT ALL GUN OWNERS WILL COMMIT MASS SHOOTINGS'

## WikiHow advocates for reckless, radical anti-gun activism

(GSL) - WikiHow, an internet website devoted to do-it-yourself fixes, has jumped into the deep end of the gun control activism pond. Not only do they advocate banning America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, and tens of millions of other similar guns, but they also call for gun haters to 'SWAT' gun owners. Of course, they don't come out and say they hope that gun owners are killed after gun-hating activists phone in exaggerated or even made up accusations, but the end result remains the same.

In a post entitled, "How to prevent mass shootings," WikiHow starts off by urging readers to file Red Flag orders against gun owners. Among the states listed where people could do that was ILLINOIS. Nevermind that there are a host of prerequisites that must come into play

to file a legitimate Red Flag petition in the Land of Lincoln, WikiHow goes "all-in" urging the use of these orders by anyone and everyone.

Even more dangerous, WikiHow urges people to "Report Threatening Behavior." From their website: "It's better to be safe than sorry. Even if you aren't 100% sure that the threats are legit, it's better to get the police involved too early than too late."

Among their other suggestions, which reads like it was bought and paid for by Michael Bloomberg and his Everytown and Moms Demand "Action" paid astroturf orgs: supporting a ban on private gun transfers, a ban on semi-auto firearms and magazines, going to gun stores to convince staff and customers of the dangers of gun ownership.

"Not all gun owners will commit mass shootings, and it's good to keep that in mind," WikiHow writes. That's good to know. Not all WikiHow staff members will commit child rape or become prostitutes, either.



Further down on WikiHow's list is to fund anti-gun junk science research and to join a gun grabber group like Everytown for Gun Control. Oh yes, and attend demonstrations and parrot anti-gun talking points to people who don't know any better.

The bottom line is that WikiHow has chosen their side. Will you support them, or ignore them?



Friends don't let friends drive for rideshare companies, especially unarmed

## NEEDS MORE GUN: Uber & Lyft drivers carjacked at alarming rates

(The Markup) - As Lyft driver Cynthia Norman [Ed: pictured above] steered a white Chevy through Cleveland's streets on a cold night in January, the app pinged her to pick up a passenger named "NBA." She pulled up to the curb in front of a two-story brick apartment complex where two men who looked to be in their 20s were waiting for her. One was wearing a gold hoodie, the other was in a black hoodie; both had on face masks.



Norman said she was out late driving because her husband was sick in the hospital and she figured they could use the extra money. After greeting the men, Norman said the one in the black hoodie insisted on sitting in the front seat, despite it being against Lyft's pandemic rules. That was the first red flag of the night, she said. Next, the Lyft app showed their destination as a short, four-minute ride away—the second red flag. Norman said the third red flag was

when the ride ended at a shuttered sports arena.

"Is this where you wanna go? It's dark," Norman asked the men, according to a police report.

"Bitch, this is a carjacking, get out," the man in the passenger seat replied. Then he punched her in the face.

Norman is just one of at least 124 ride-hail and delivery drivers who've been carjacked in the U.S. over the last year and a half, according to an analysis by The Markup. Through interviews with drivers and family members, police reports, and local news articles, The Markup found Uber and Lyft drivers from Boston to Nashville to Sioux Falls, S.D., who've been victims of carjackings or attempted carjackings. Their cars ended up crashed, in chop-shops, or used in other crimes. Police departments nationwide have reported an overall surge in carjackings during the pandemic, and these incidents appear to be happening to ride-hail drivers at an especially high rate...

And The Markup's report focuses exclusively on drivers for rideshare companies, but other drivers for outfits like GrubHub and DoorDash are also being targeted and killed by criminals looking for an easy and unarmed victim.

Piss-ant Potentate politician thinks her family's lives more important than yours...

## Seattle Mayor uses cops from 'homeless response team' for her own personal security

Seattle, WA (Post Millennial) - During cuts to the Seattle Police Department's budget last year in response to the "defund the police" movement, Seattle City Council voted to cut the Seattle Police Department's Navigation Team that had the responsibility of clearing the city's violent homeless encampments and referring campers to social services.

However, it has been revealed that Seattle police officers who were on the Navigation Team have been reassigned to provide personal protection for Seattle

Mayor Jenny Durkan, despite a significant increase in violent crime throughout the encampments and a decrease in deployable officers citywide due to early retirements and resignations in the wake of the defund the police movement.

Multiple sources within SPD confirmed that officers from the former Navigation Team and North Precinct patrol provide 24/7 security outside of Mayor Jenny Durkan's multi-million dollar home in an upscale Seattle neighborhood.

How many first responders will your city lose with vaccine mandates?  
What will quality of life look like after losing police, fire and medical personnel?

## San Diego could lose almost half of their police force with vaccine mandate...

45% are a hard 'NO' and willing to be fired before taking the job  
San Diego (Union Tribune) — About 90 percent of San Diego police officers who responded to a recent survey said they oppose COVID-19 vaccine mandates, and 65 percent of them said they would consider quitting the force if the city were to impose a requirement.

About 45 percent said they would rather be fired than comply with a mandate, according to the survey, which was conducted in the past week by the San Diego Police Officers Association.

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Biden nomination of rabidly anti-gun (and likely racist bigot) David Chipman gets withdrawn

# CHIPMAN CANNED

(The Reload) - David Chipman will not be the director of the ATF.

Multiple sources have told Politico, The Washington Post, and CNN the White House plans to withdraw his nomination after failing to garner 50 votes in the Senate. Chipman was unable to secure support from even the Democratic caucus after a contentious confirmation hearing and a series of Reload stories on allegations of racism on his part coming from former ATF agents. The Reload stories led to calls from Republicans for new hearings and a whistleblower report being filed with the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

A black former ATF agent told The Reload in August that Chipman had falsely accused him of cheating on a promotion assessment because he believed the agent had done too well on a section of the examination.

"I couldn't believe it when it happened," the agent said. "But when I read about his other comments, in my mind, I was like 'that motherf\*\*\*\*\*.' That's what happened. He said, 'Hey, a lot of African Americans qualified to be promoted on this certification list; they must have been cheating.' And then he had to go

and find one. I happened to be that one."



David Chipman can go back to working for Big Gun Control, Inc.

The agent said Chipman's complaint against him initiated a years-long inspector general investigation against him in 2007 that sidetracked his career before exonerating him. The Department of Justice confirmed Chipman had initiated an investigation against an agent over accusations of cheating in 2007. However, they would not release the report or confirm any further details about it. The department did defend Chipman against allegations of racial bias, though.

# Texas cracks down on woke banks discriminating against firearm industry

SO SAD: Texas puts banks in tight spot with new law backing gun makers

(Bloomberg Law) - Texas is taking a hardline approach to enforcing a new law requiring banks underwriting the state's hot municipal bond market to certify by Wednesday that they don't exclude the firearms industry.

Some of the country's largest banks, including Bank of America, Citibank, and JPMorgan Chase underwrite municipal and state debt in Texas, but also have tailored restrictions that appear to bar financing to certain parts of the gun industry, such as companies that make or sell bump stocks or sell to customers under 21.

Republican Attorney Gen-

eral Ken Paxton's office isn't having it.



Leslie Brock, the state's assistant attorney general and chief of the Public Finance Division, notified bond underwriters that compliance with the new Texas law isn't open to "qualifications," according to an Aug. 23 letter obtained by Bloomberg Law.

The new law, signed by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott in June, requires banks and other businesses seeking municipal or state contracts worth \$100,000 or more to certify that they don't exclude firearm or ammunition industries and retailers. Companies that do business with the state, including bond underwriters, face a Sept. 1 deadline to certify compliance with the law.

Banks that reject clients "based on the types of weapons sold or customers served" wouldn't be in compliance, according to Brock's letter. Such restrictions amount to "a refusal to do business against an entire class of firearm entities," she wrote.

# SAD TROMBONE: Cop loses qualified immunity over cuffing and stuffing CCW holder 'because he had not been able to verify the validity of the permit'

(Forbes) - In a welcome win for police accountability and gun rights, a federal court rejected a Connecticut police officer's demand for qualified immunity after he arrested a driver with a valid gun permit for his legally-owned firearm. Blocking the driver's lawsuit and siding with the officer, Judge Janet Bond Atherton wrote in her opinion, "would eviscerate Fourth Amendment protections for lawfully armed individuals."

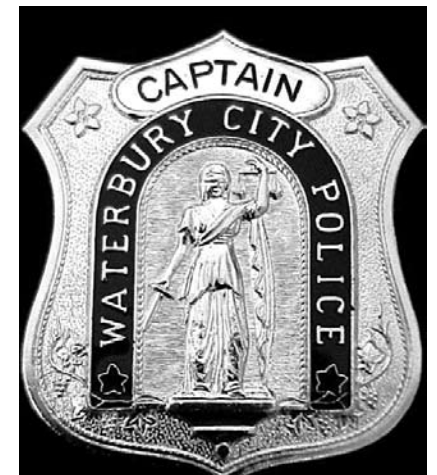
One November night in 2018, Basel Soukaneh was driving through Waterbury, Connecticut when his iPhone GPS froze. To better troubleshoot, he stopped his car but kept the engine running. Unfortunately, as Judge Atherton recounted, Soukaneh had stopped in a "dark and high-crime area... well-known for prostitution, drug transactions, and other criminal activity."

As Soukaneh was fiddling with his phone, Waterbury Police Officer Andrzejewski approached the car, knocked on the window, and demanded to see Soukaneh's license. Soukaneh complied. He also handed the officer his gun permit and informed Andrzejewski that he did have a pistol in the driver's side door.

From there, it escalated quickly. Andrzejewski grabbed and shoved Soukaneh out of his own car, slammed him on the ground, and threw him in handcuffs in the back of a squad car, Soukaneh recalled. The officer put his hands in Soukaneh's pockets and said he found drugs; they were nitroglycerin pills for Soukaneh's heart. Andrzejewski also removed—and promptly seized—\$320 in cash and a flash drive containing photos and videos of Soukaneh's deceased father he found on Soukaneh's person.

While Soukaneh was in the squad car, Andrzejewski scoured Soukaneh's entire vehicle, including the trunk. Soukaneh

ultimately responded by filing a federal civil rights lawsuit against Andrzejewski for violating his Fourth Amendment rights.



At oral argument, Andrzejewski claimed that his "conduct was still justified because he had probable cause to believe [Soukaneh] was possessing a firearm without a permit as he had not yet been able to verify the validity of the permit." In other words, because Soukaneh "disclosed he had a weapon in the vehicle," that gave him probable cause to search and seize Soukaneh. In Connecticut, carrying a pistol in a car without a permit is a Class D felony.

Andrzejewski further argued that he had the authority to search Soukaneh's car because there was an "objectively reasonable basis to suspect that [Soukaneh] was dangerous because of the known presence of his gun."

Finally, as a fail-safe, the officer claimed that he was entitled to qualified immunity, which shields government employees from any legal liability for violating someone's constitutional rights, so long as those rights were not "clearly established."

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**CLOWN SHOW: Lightfoot says city will sue gang members to ‘take their assets’**

Chicago (Sun-Times) - Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Friday the city of Chicago will start suing gang members to “take their assets...”

Lightfoot said she’ll propose an ordinance Monday to allow the city’s lawyers to file such lawsuits.

Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans: “We haven’t had any horrible incidents occur” under the court’s ‘affordable bail’ initiative

**Out on ‘affordable bail’ for ATTEMPTED MURDER, suspect racks up an aggravated DUI and then he shoots four, killing one in still another incident**

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - We tried to put a positive spin on things after Antwan Carter was charged with aggravated DUI and reckless driving in June — while on bond for attempted murder.

“At least he’s not accused of having a gun,” we said.

Well, that changed on Saturday when prosecutors accused Carter of shooting four people, killing one, as they rode on the Eisenhower Expressway

in April. And, yes, he was also on bond for attempted murder at the time.

Carter is the 42nd person accused of killing, trying to kill, or shooting someone in Chicago this year while on felony bond.

One on parole (felony gun case), one on affordable bail (felony gun case) and one two-time felon

**3 felons, 3 guns, but Kim Foxx only seeks to file misdemeanor charges**

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A felon, a parolee, and a guy with a pending felony gun case drive to a Ross Dress For Less...

It sounds like a joke. Except the only joke here are the charges prosecutors pursued against them.

A little before 8 p.m. Wednesday, cops who stopped a car for a traffic violation in the parking lot of Ross Dress For Less, 918 West Montrose, saw a “leafy substance,” legal jargon for suspected marijuana, in the car’s ashtray, according to prosecutors. The officers asked the car’s three occupants to step out.

Police searched the car for narcotics and wound up finding three loaded handguns inside the center console, prosecutors said. One of the guns was allegedly equipped with an extended ammunition magazine. The three men were arrested.



Prosecutors said the men are Marcus Taylor, 30, who was on bail for another pending felony gun case; Jerry Glover, 22, who has two prior felony narcotics convictions; and Isaiah Robinson, 23, who is on parole for a felony gun conviction.

But prosecutors only charged the men with one count of misdemeanor unlawful use of a weapon each.

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE? Man faces felony gun charge 36 hours after having \*four\* felony gun cases dropped in ‘restorative justice’ court**

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Friday was a big day for 21-year-old Armando Rodriguez. Prosecutors wiped his slate clean by dropping four felony gun charges he was facing in Avondale “restorative justice” court.

Less than 36 hours later, police allegedly found an intoxicated Rodriguez

sitting in a car with a gun on his lap at a Near North Side gas station. Prosecutors on Sunday charged him with a fresh felony gun charge.

When Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans announced the Avondale Restorative Justice Community Court last summer, he said the court would

resolve conflicts through “restorative conferences and peace circles” instead of typical criminal court procedures.

“We have recognized for a long time that young people need a second chance,” Evans said during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Of course, Cook County prosecutor Kim Foxx doesn’t charge him with murder...

**Prosecutors: Man on ‘affordable’ bail for \*two\* felony gun cases started shoot-out that left his friend dead**

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Prosecutors say a man on bond for a felony gun case fired the first shot in a gunfight that left his friend dead after 50 rounds were exchanged on the South Side last month. But they aren’t charging him with anything other than illegally possessing another gun.

Just before 2 a.m. on August 17, Demonte Mitchell, Clement Simmons and two

other men were walking on the 700 block of East 132nd Street when Simmons turned to face someone in a parking lot, according to Assistant State’s Attorney John Gnilka and public records.

Mitchell walked behind Simmons, pulled out a gun, and started shooting at the man in the parking lot, Gnilka said. The man shot back. Simmons, 18, fell to the ground and died at

the scene from a gunshot wound to his neck.

Video shows Mitchell, 20, shooting the gun and literally running out of his shoes as he fled the scene, Gnilka said. Two security guards from a nearby housing complex saw him running and chased him. He was not wearing shoes when the guards detained him for police, Gnilka said.



## Black women driving gun sales

# MICHIGAN: AP reluctantly covers Rick Ector providing FREE firearm training to 1000+ minority women

[TTAG Editor: You know it has to gall the Associated Press to publicize the fact that ever-increasing numbers of women and other "non-traditional" demographics are buying and learning to use firearms. It's terribly inconvenient because it counters so many of their preferred narratives. It also forces them to acknowledge that defunding police departments, revolving door justice systems, zero bail laws, and prosecutors who won't prosecute have resulted in skyrocketing urban crime and convinced millions of people to buy, train and carry firearms for the first time.]

(AP) - Valerie Rupert raised her right arm, slightly shaking and unsure as she aimed at the paper target representing a burglar, a robber or even a rapist. The 67-year-old Detroit grandmother squeezed the trigger, the echo of her shot blending into the chorus of other blasts by other women off the small gun range walls.

"I was a little nervous, but after I shot a couple of

times, I enjoyed it," said Rupert, among 1,000 or so mostly black women taking part in free weekend gun safety and shooting lessons at two Detroit-area ranges...

Black women like Rupert increasingly are considering gun ownership for personal protection, according to industry experts and gun rights advocates.

For many black women, it's about taking care of themselves, said Lavette Adams, a licensed firearm instructor who participated in the free Detroit-area training sponsored by gun advocacy group Legally Armed In Detroit.

"Crime against women is nothing new. Women protecting themselves, that's new," said Adams, who is black.

That's the premise behind the training that launched 10 years ago with 50 women attending. Last year, more than 1,900 participated, according to Rick Ector, Legally Armed in Detroit's founder, who says he started it "to bring

awareness and training to women who are the favorite preferred targets of bad guys, rapists and killers."

Ameena Jumail, who joined dozens of other women outside Recoil Firearms in Taylor for the training, said she is working to overcome her fear of guns. Jumail, a 30-year-old kindergarten teacher from Detroit, said crime is one reason she came, but she admits that the desire to learn how to use a firearm includes concern over the rise in white nationalism and their open display of firearms in public places.

"During the 2016 election I was worried, also during the 2020 election," Jumail said.

Hopkins' Webster said whatever the reason, it is an open question whether the women who are buying the firearms now are safer.

"Having a loaded firearm with you is going to change your response in a number of situations," he said. "It's going to alter your behavior and perspective."



Corion Mosley, left and his attorney Patrick Sullivan.

## Madison County, IL jury finds 23-year-old not guilty in 2019 homicide of Granite City teen

# Yes, felons have self-defense rights

Edwardsville, IL (Belleville News-Democrat) - A Madison County jury has found a 23-year-old laborer not guilty of first-degree murder in the 2019 shooting death of a teenager in Madison.

Corion Mosley had spent more than two years in the Madison County jail before his trial this week in Edwardsville. He walked out Thursday evening and went home to his family.

"Mr. Mosley is eternally grateful to the jurors, who kept an open mind throughout the proceedings, listened to his story and ultimately exonerated him of all of

these charges," said his attorney, Patrick Sullivan, who had argued that his client acted in self-defense.

Mosley was tried on two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of aggravated battery with a firearm. Two counts of attempted murder had been dismissed. Still pending is one count of possession of a weapon by a felon.

Sullivan's firm, Pratt & Tobin in East Alton, recently was appointed as Madison County "special defenders," which help with the workload of the public defender's office.



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Two (bloodless) thumbs up

## Gear Review:

### Crimson Trace Lasersaddle LS-250G...

by John Boch

I thoroughly enjoy my Mossberg Shockwave, but shooting it "from the hip" is fraught with danger when it comes to using it for personal defense. Initially, I tried a front-mounted laser sighting system but it didn't work well.

The second laser set up has proved much better. The Crimson Trace Lasersaddle LS-250G gets two thumbs up along with a big grin for me. It'll do the same for you, too.



#### Backstory

My lovely bride bought me a Shockwave for our fourth wedding anniversary. I didn't know gunmetal was the traditional 4th anniversary gift, but we all have to make concessions, right?

I tricked out the Shockwave but when I shot it with anything more potent than Aguila minishells, I quickly discovered the laser sight's switch I'd previously installed always won the recoil impulse battle against the quickly bloodied skin of my thumb. Repeatedly. You would think my family tree didn't branch given how slowly I figured out there was no way around the problem.

This relegated Mr. Shockwave to the back of the safe.

Recently, I ran into a pair of Guns Save Life members (including Terry Zeiters) with the Crimson Trace Lasersaddles installed. They raved so I took the plunge and I

picked the LS-250G unit (about \$210 street price) with the green laser.

I've been around long enough to know that red lasers are fine indoors in ideal conditions, but green lasers excel even outdoors under sunny skies. Like most, I don't want to have to search for a laser dot in an "Oh crap, I'm gonna die" moment.

Mounting the Lasersaddle proved intuitive. Even better, the mounting screw for the TacStar Side-Saddle shell carrier worked perfectly with the CT Lasersaddle to secure both with one screw. (Yeah, I know. That's a lot of saddles for one gun.)

I sighted it in at 10 yards. I chose that distance because that will reliably cover common interpersonal conflict resolution distances against any of Murder City USA Mayor Lori Lightfoot's out-on-'affordable' bail miscreants.



Success! The extra holes are the wadding.

One aspect of the activation switches to note, at least for right-handed users... one of the touch switches lies just beneath where your trigger finger should naturally rest on the gun when not shooting. In other

words, if you have a bad habit of keeping your booger flicker on the bang switch, you can't activate the light. For some people this might provide a real bonus towards safety.

Five slugs into live-fire, I'd successfully sighted the laser and picked up a bit of a temporary flinch that I had to concentrate to suppress. However, no more bloody thumb and pushed-out-of-alignment laser sight.



In other good news, the shell carrier and the Lasersaddle played well together. Nothing shook loose or caused any malfunctions over about 50 rounds of shooting from the hip. While 5+1 capacity of 12-gauge love will reform the most dedicated predator, 5+1 plus six more on the side makes *me* feel better.

The bottom line: my Mossberg Shockwave has returned to the defensive tool line-up, albeit with Remington Reduced Recoil slugs and buckshot. Not only that, but it will bring plenty of hours of happiness blasting tin cans and water bottles at the range.

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Blazes new trails in a mini-compact yet combat-effective handgun

## Gun Review: Ruger LCP MAX

by John Boch

Gun makers keep setting the bar higher and higher for new product development. After all, everyone wants a small and light carry gun, with a good trigger, good sights and decent capacity. And if it shoots well and comfortably on top of that, that's just a bonus, right?

Sound familiar? I wrote most of the above about the Sig P365 back in 2018 in a review read by nearly a million people at *The Truth About Guns*.

I've got good news for you, ladies and gents. The good folks over at Ruger have done one even better than the P365 in the LCP Max. If you're willing to step down to a .380 Auto from the P365's 9mm, Ruger will give you a gun that weighs 40% less, is 20% thinner and with a half-inch less overall length. And it will cost you about 33% less on the credit card, too.



The bright green, tritium front sight bead looks huge, especially with the white ring around it.

It feels good and shoots even better. I've carried mine for over two months now. It's so light, even when loaded, that you completely forget you're wearing it. Yet if you do think about it, knowing you've to 10+1 rounds of ballistic love for bad guys should leave you feeling fuzzier than any 6+1 single-stack .380 that has just been rendered semi-obsolete.

Yes, the trigger isn't quite as good as the P365, but it is still as good or better than a stock Glock. The front sight blade has a handy tritium glow-in-the-dark insert which makes this a true fighting gun as most criminal attacks happen in less than optimal lighting conditions.

Ruger uses the hybrid double/single-stack magazines pioneered by Sig in their P365 in the new LCP Max. They work flawlessly and give you the 10+1 (or 12+1 for an extra quarter inch in height.)

Interestingly Ruger includes a "free" bonus holster with the gun. I'll just come right out and say it: you paid for a great, cutting edge piece of hardware, not a cheap, disappointing black holster with a Ruger tag on it. Sorry Ruger: the holster is trash. It

collapses after less than two-months' use and leaves the gun rotated in a very wrong direction in your pocket way too often for my tastes.

Aside from the holster, this gun sets a new standard for deep cover micro pistols. Or for those who want to carry a lot but don't want to carry a lot of gun, this gives them a capable tool with which to repel a bad actor with bad actions without weighing them down.

Caliber: .380 Auto  
Capacity: 10+1 rounds flush fit, 12+1 extended  
Barrel Length: 2.80 inches  
Overall Length: 5.17 inches  
Width: 0.81 inches  
Height: 4.12 inches  
Weight: 10.6 ounces  
Sights: tritium with white outline front sight, black rear sight  
Includes: two 10-round magazines and a soft pocket holster.  
MSRP: \$449. Street: high \$300s.

### Reliability: \*\*\*\* 1/2

Flawless reliability out of the box. It happily ate everything (close to 150 rounds) with only a single hiccup about fifty rounds into it. It *almost* failed to return to battery while using cheap ball ammo, hesitating for a fraction of a second but it did not require my intervention. The Hornady XTPs and Critical Defense fed flawlessly. At the same time I did not lube it after purchase. After a clean and lube, I don't expect another issue.



Ten shots, at twelve feet, with a spent .380 case for scale. I called the top hole as a flier as the shot broke.

### Accuracy: \*\*\*\*

Yeah, for a tiny, tiny pocket pistol it shot very well. For example: If you have someone holding your mother-in-law hostage at 15 feet (and you like her), you can hit that bad guy in the lower brain housing group

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Blacks denied 'permits' at three times the rate of whites

## RACIST: NC Democrat Governor vetoes repeal of racist gun law

"Gun permit laws reduce gun homicides and suicides and reduce the availability of guns for criminal activity. At a time of rising gun violence, we cannot afford to repeal a system that works to save lives. The legislature should focus on combating gun violence instead of making it easier for guns to end up in the wrong hands."

- NC Governor Roy Cooper



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# US Army SSGT issues threatens American citizens on TikTok

*“If you do not get into your house when I tell you to, YOU become the enemy.”*

(GSL) - One of Joe Biden’s “woke” US Army soldiers recently hopped onto the Tik Tok social media platform, while wearing her Army uniform, to opine on her thoughts of her fellow Americans resisting government edicts and orders as part of any insurrection.

Staff Sergeant Cindy Rena Bronson from El Paso, TX explained that if she’s deployed within America, her weapon will be pointed at you. Furthermore, in her own words, “If you do not get into your house when I tell you to, YOU become the enemy.”

In fact, here is the transcript from her short video:

**Understand that if active duty military actually get deployed within the United States, that weapon is not just pointed at other people... other countries. It’s pointed at YOU. If you do not get into your house when I tell you to, YOU become the enemy. Martial law.**

Those are pretty tough talking words for an 88M MOS, or military-speak for an Army Motor Transport Op-

erator. We’ll state the obvious: if a bunch of semi-literate third-world goat-herding peasants in Afghanistan can overwhelm and humiliate the US Government under Joe Biden, what does SSGT Bronson think will happen to her and any fellow oath-breaking wokesters when they start pointing their weapons at people who are a whole lot more skilled at shooting and fighting than they?



SSGT Bronson.

Hopefully we never find out.

## More on the NRA’s struggles

(Guns & Ammo) - On August 25, 2021, the National Rifle Association (NRA) announced the cancellation of the 2021 Annual Meeting and Exhibits, which were to be held at the George R. Brown Conference Center in Houston, Texas. The reason? The surge of COVID-19 cases.

The decision was announced in a statement on the NRA website and, in part, reads “We make this difficult decision after analyzing relevant data regarding COVID-19 in Harris County, Texas. We also consulted with medical professionals, local officials, major sponsors and exhibitors, and many NRA members before arriving at this decision.”

The last-minute cancellation is another blow to the embattled association, which is already facing mounting litigation costs related to the New York and District of Columbia Attorney Generals’ lawsuits. In a leaked January 2020 recording, NRA’s CEO Wayne LaPierre told the Board of Directors that the litigation costs associated with those suits had exceeded \$100 million to that point. (That was more than 18 months ago at the time

of this writing.) As a result, NRA cut a reported \$80 million in spending to stay in business, which included significant layoffs. LaPierre commented, “We took it down to the studs.”

The NRA Annual Meetings typically include important fundraising events, and now the event has been canceled for two consecutive years. The 2021 cancellation represents a triple-whammy of sorts for NRA. Not only due to its legal spending, but the NRA’s ability to fundraise has been compromised by a growing internal dissent concerning

LaPierre’s leadership. Fundraising from member dues declined a reported 34 percent between 2018 and 2019. The cancellation of these meetings will compound those decreases in funds.

Since April 2019, 23 notable former board members resigned from the organization including Pete Brownell, a former NRA President; Julie Golob, a champion sports shooter; Richard Childress, NASCAR team owner; and Duane Liptak, EVP for Magpul Industries, just to name a few. On July 30, 2021, Ted Nugent added his name to the resignation list, as well as Owen “Buz” Mills.



Whacky school staff sent POLICE to kid’s home over TOY gun!

## A year after sending cops to a kid’s home over a toy gun, a Colorado Springs school district apologizes

(CPR News) - A year after two officers went to a black seventh-grader’s home in Colorado Springs over a toy gun, the school district apologized to the family.

Widefield School District 3 handed the apology letter last month to the parents of 13-year-old Isaiah Elliott. CPR News obtained a copy.

It says, in part, “The District deeply regrets the impact this incident had on the Elliots, and apologizes to Isaiah for any embarrassment or discomfort he may have experienced.”

On Aug. 27, 2020, as students, educators and parents across the state adjusted to pandemic remote learning, an art teacher spotted what she believed to be a toy gun on Isaiah Elliott’s screen.

The incident led to his suspension — which has since been reversed — and to school leaders sending two school resource officers to the boy’s home. Fearing for his son’s safety, Isaiah’s father Curtis Elliott rushed home and called his wife Danielle Elliott, who was at work.

“Our number one concern is Isaiah could have been the next Tamir Rice,” Danielle Elliott said. “Being shot over having a toy in the privacy of his own home. Being 12 years old, but being perceived as a threat.”

While Danielle Elliott is pleased with many of the changes the district has made since, she feels the letter came too late.

“Waiting almost a year to

issue an apology to a child that had already endured so much was very insincere to me,” she told Colorado Matters. “As educators and parents — when a child makes mistakes — we teach them, ‘Take accountability for your actions, apologize when you’re wrong, own up to it.’ So I just feel like the district should have held themselves to the same standard that we hold our children to...”

But the biggest changes have come at the state level with what was dubbed “Isaiah’s Law,” which Gov. Jared Polis signed May 28. Among other things, it specifies that — for the purposes of online instruction — a student’s home is not legally the same as school property.

**“They’re just chanting ‘Death to America,’ but they seem friendly at the same time.”**

—CNN’s Chief International Correspondent Clarissa Ward, demonstrating the special kind of stupid reserved for CNN talking heads



## The Armed American

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*Profound failure in victim selection...*

### Bad guy kicks down door, then springs a leak

*Spartanburg, SC (GSL)* - Spartanburg Police responded to an armed intruder call around 9:30pm Saturday evening on Young Street. The homeowner reported that a man armed with a handgun kicked in the back door of a residence.

A resident armed himself and confronted the intruder. After an exchange of gunfire, Damion Quintel Henderson, 29, ceased the intrusion after taking a bullet wound to his neck. Paramedics took him to the hospital where he died.

The residents suffered no injuries and police filed no charges.

*Bad guy suffers a sudden & profound error in the victim selection process*

### Armed robber sticks up couple outside of movie theater. Gets shot dead.

*Oklahoma City, OK (GSL)* - With most movie theaters prohibiting firearms, Travis Prince might have thought he picked a good place to rob people of their belongings. Well, he thought wrong.

On Monday, August 24th around 10pm, Mr. Prince walked up to a younger couple and pointed a gun at them before asking for them to donate their belongings to him.

The male half of the couple produced his own firearm and shot Mr. Prince, killing him dead right there.

KFOR reports that OKC police Msgt. Gary Knight said, "Every citizen has the right to defend their life."

*Brazen bandit needs more than Band-Aids after meeting tenacious female resident*

### Female shoots big, bad wolf multiple times

*Toledo, OH (WTOL)* — A would-be burglar is fighting for his life after being shot overnight. This happened around 1 a.m. Friday morning on the 200 block of Knower Street in south Toledo.

done on the man as he was being put into the life squad. He was rushed to a hospital with critical injuries. We are told that he did have a pulse.

The woman who fired the gun was taken in for questioning as standard protocol. We are also told that there were several children inside of the home when the man entered. Nobody else was injured.

The man's identity was not known by Toledo police as of late Friday morning. According to the incident report, more than one occupant of the house fired at the intruder, and a male and female were listed as occupants of the house who were involved. The intruder's injuries were described as life-threatening.

Toledo police tell us that the man tried to burglarize a home that was occupied. He made it through the front door and was met with force when a female resident fired at him, hitting him multiple times.

That man then stumbled away and fell onto the front lawn where he was found by medics. Life-saving procedures were being



# 70%

## 70% of likely voters believe crime "out of control"

*(Liberty Park Press)* - A stunning new Rasmussen survey released Tuesday (August 24) shows a whopping 70 percent of likely voters agree that crime is "out of control" and an overwhelming 90 percent "are concerned about the recent increase in violent crime, including 64% who are Very Concerned."

## NSSF: One-third of firearm purchasers in 2021 are first-time buyers

Newtown, CT (NSSF) — The National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®), the firearm industry trade association, surveyed firearm retailers recently and estimates that over 3.2 million people purchased a firearm for the first time during the first half of 2021.

### First-time Gun Buyers

The survey was conducted to learn the buying habits and factors of this year's firearm purchasers during the first six months of 2021. Respondents indicated that 33.2 percent of customers, or 3,247,351, purchased a firearm for the first time, based on June's total of nearly 9.8 million background checks for a gun sale.

### Survey results showed that in the first six months of 2021:

- Over 90 percent of retailers reported an increase of African American men purchasing firearms.

- Nearly 87 percent of retailers reported an increase of African American women purchasing firearms.
- Nearly 84 percent of retailers reported an increase of Hispanic-American men purchasing firearms.
- Over 87 percent of retailers reported an increase of Hispanic-American women purchasing firearms.
- Over 76.5 percent of retailers reported an increase of Asian-American men purchasing firearms.
- Over 82 percent of retailers reported an increase of Asian-American women purchasing firearms.
- 22.1 percent of customers purchased a second firearm since their initial purchase.
- 44.5 percent of first-time gun buyers in 2021 were under 40.
- 45.7 percent asked for information on safety training.
- 23.6 percent signed up for safety training.

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Many gun owners aren't comfortable 'coming out of the closet' They tried to cancel State Rep. Chris Miller over guns... Taking someone to the range is fun and can change attitudes for a lifetime!

## Gun owners vs. 'Cancel Culture'

(GSL) - Fifty-plus years ago, gays in America oftentimes "remained in the closet" to avoid harassment and discrimination among friends, co-workers and family. Today, gays can freely come out of the closet. However, many gun owners - especially in anti-gun, liberal big cities like Chicago - would prefer to remain "in the closet" for many of those same reasons gays kept a low profile generations ago.

More than a few GSL members (and other prospective members) living in Chicago have asked me - with a straight face - if we could "brown bag" *GunNews*. Civil rights are not always well-received it seems.

It's not just *GunNews*, either.

In January of this year, State Rep. Chris Miller drove to Washington D.C. to be with his wife, now-Congresswoman Mary Miller as she was sworn into office.

Someone there snapped a picture of Miller's truck with an Oathkeeper sticker on the back window, right above a Guns Save Life sticker.

The photo went viral across Twitter and on social media, melting snowflakes across America. Oathkeepers? Guns Save Life? At the US Capitol on January 6th? "*Insurrectionist!*" they screeched. "Crazed insurrectionist at that!"

The hard left tried to cancel Rep. Chris Miller on social media. Not long after, they tried to cancel him out of the Illinois General Assembly as well.

Miller faced an ethics probe over the stickers and the fact his truck was pictured at the US Capitol on January 6th.

Ultimately the adults prevailed. Miller was absolved of any wrongdoing.

Obviously Guns Save Life stands behind both Chris and Mary Miller, both proud Guns Save Life members.

The moral of the story: the gun-hating Left in America will do anything to attack their enemies.



State Rep. Chris Miller's pickup truck at the US Capitol on January 6th. Note the Guns Save Life sticker just below the Oathkeeper sticker that so upset the Left.

Each of us has to decide if we want to "stay in the closet" about our gun ownership by evaluating our local conditions and our tolerance for attracting the ire of small-minded bigots.

Outside of 'tolerant' urban areas or college towns, it's usually pretty low risk to "come out" about gun ownership.

One thing remains constant: Taking non-shooter friends and acquaintances to the range remains as one of the most effective ways to bring non-shooters into our fellowship. Especially if they are unsure about guns or harbor fears of them based upon "what they've heard."

After all, a fun first or second time at the range is a day they will remember for many years to come. A good day at the range can often change their outlook on guns and gun owners dramatically for the good - for a lifetime at that.

Yes, shooting sports are safe and fun. There's no cause to fear a gun.



North Carolina Lt. Governor Mark Robinson.

Excerpt of the month...

## You might expect a governor to eagerly sign repeal of a Jim Crow-era law...

Given efforts to eradicate racism, you might expect a governor to eagerly sign repeal of a Jim Crow-era law which, by one account, discriminates against black Americans even today.

But not if the governor is Roy Cooper and the law is our 1919 pistol purchase permit system, which researchers suggest was enacted to deny handguns to black Americans. Cooper recently vetoed House Bill 398 to repeal the system.

Even gun control stalwarts like Mecklenburg County's Sen. Natasha Marcus acknowledge the potential Jim Crow origins of the permit law, as they should.

Professor Clayton Cramer, author of "The Racist Roots of Gun Control," posits that its vague "good moral character" requirement was actually doublespeak for race.

According to a North Carolina Law Review paper, discrimination in permit denials exists even today with "...Black applicants experiencing a rejection rate of approximately three times the rate of White applicants."

-- Lt. Governor Mark Robinson and F. Paul Valone in *Gov. Cooper's latest veto is another assault on gun rights via The Charlotte Observer*



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Legal Insurrection's Prof. William Jacobson weighs in on prepping...

# Prepping for the Worst

I no longer view "preppers" as crazy. Maybe they were right, just early. Better early than late.

by William A. Jacobson (Legal Insurrection) - I don't mean to alarm anyone, and I'm not panicked. I'm just concerned, and thinking the unthinkable.

The loss of institutions is something I've written about regularly, including in our 2017 Anniversary post. So much of our political, educational, media, and corporate commanding heights are run by ideologues devoted to deconstructing and dismantling a society they view as irredeemably flawed.

The military senior leadership worshipping at the altar of woke-ness is a huge canary in the coal mine. Look at the military lockdowns in Australia. I'm not saying it's going to or likely to happen here, but I'm also not saying anymore that it can't happen here.

The pandemic made clear we live on a thin line that can be disrupted. It's not unthinkable that our key systems — the electric grid, natural gas supply, gasoline — could fail or be taken down by hacking.

Add to it a federal government bent on weakening the nation

as a matter of ideology, and the once-unthinkable is thinkable.



So all in all, I no longer view "preppers" as crazy. Maybe they were right, just early. Better early than late.

I don't plan to be late.

I'm not going off the grid, but a back up plan is not a bad idea. Why do you think so many people are buying acreage in flyover country?

I have so little faith in the people running this country at various levels that stocking up on long shelf-life food and other prepper-lite protections seems to me, for the first time in my adult life, to be one of the *least crazy* ideas.

SAY IT ISN'T SO!

## FBI abuses 'no-fly list' to infringe on 2A rights

Used to deprive law-abiding citizens of their right to purchase a gun

By John R. Lott and Thomas Massie (Washington Times) - Remember all the calls by Democrats to ban people on the FBI's terror watch list from buying guns? Well, it turns out that those proposals would have affected nearly 2 million people. Since the Transportation Security Administration announced in January that it was considering adding Jan. 6th Capitol protesters to the U.S. No Fly List, it is little wonder that the list has grown so long.

When the list first started being compiled in 2003, no one would have dreamed that so many names would end up on it. Even as late as 2009, there were 400,000 names — little more than a fifth of today's number. The fact that almost 2 million people are on the terror watch list is a sad testament to the power that we give unnamed and unaccountable bureaucrats and should caution those who wish to use the list as a basis for far-reaching policies.

Being on the watch list doesn't mean that you are guilty of anything. You can be on the list simply because the FBI wants to interview you about someone you might know. As of 2014, about 40 percent of people on the watch list were under "reasonable suspicion" despite having "no affiliation with known terrorist groups." People can get nominated for the list by various government agencies, and no oversight agency exists to ensure that these additions are justified.

**The Democrats want to strip all 2 million of these people of their Second Amendment rights.** When he was president, Barack Obama called for a ban on gun sales to people on the watch list. Sen. Dianne Feinstein

tried to add a ban as a budget amendment in 2016, but Republicans blocked it. Republicans had their version of the ban, but they at least required a court hearing before people were listed, which was unacceptable to Democrats.



Every time a person on the terror watch list attempts to buy a gun, the FBI is notified. The case receives further scrutiny if it raises other flags. Despite these obstacles, between 2004 and 2015, 91 percent of people on the terror watch list were able to buy a gun when they tried to — and rightly so. None of the over 2,000 people on the watch list who bought guns between February 2004 and December 2014 have been found guilty of committing a gun crime. So, what kind of problem were the proposed gun bans supposed to address?

The terror watch and "no-fly" lists affect many people who aren't even on it. The "no-fly" list stopped the late Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) from flying on five occasions because someone with a similar name was on the list...

Since the NICS background checks began in 1994, there have been 3.8 million initial denials. In 2017 alone, there were 112,000 initial denials for supposedly prohibited purchases.

But, by June of the following year, the federal government had only prosecuted twelve people for trying to buy a gun. Almost all the cases were dropped upon further review. The simple reason for this is that they were mistakes — in other words, they weren't real cases. People tend to have names similar to others in their racial groups, and the mistakes are primarily born by minorities through no fault of their own. The error rate for black males is three times their share of the population.

It is one thing to stop a felon from buying a gun. It is quite another to stop a law-abiding citizen from buying a gun just because his name is similar to a felon's. Since no one has to be adjudicated by a court before being put on the terror watch list, the error rate for identifying potential terror threats would likely be much higher than the error rate for background checks on gun purchases.

Even if the list were limited to real terrorists and used to legally prohibit them from purchasing guns, the policy would be unlikely to stop them from getting weapons. Just because illegal drugs are illegal doesn't mean that people can't get them. It's the same with guns. And, incidentally, drug gangs supply both drugs and guns. The terror watch list would likely only stop law-abiding people from purchasing guns.

People shouldn't lose their right to protect their families because some unnamed bureaucrat put their name on a list for some unknown reason. With Democrats in complete control of Washington for the first time since they started pushing this legislation, we'd better keep an eye on what they might try to sneak into this year's budget.

Last gasps of a failing media outlet? The Atlantic chopped 20% of staff and slashed executive compensation in 2020 in order to limp into 2021

## VILE: The Atlantic's gaslighting attack on gun owners and gun ownership

by John Boch

(GSL) -Imagine sinking from a speech writer to a Republican president to writing throw-away gun control screeds in a failing leftist blog. How the mighty like never-Trumper David Frum have fallen.

Frum's piece written in *The Atlantic* suggests that the way to persuade Americans to give up their guns is to gaslight them into thinking that guns are unsafe. Because, laugh out loud, guns don't thwart over a million crimes each year and deter attacks plenty more times.

Titled *How to Persuade Americans to Give Up Their Guns: The way to reduce gun violence is by convincing ordinary, "responsible" handgun owners that their weapons*

*make them, their families, and those around them less safe, The Atlantic reinforces its reputation for fake news and junk science ("How Junk Food Can End Obesity") that have led to a loss of readership and advertisers, and with that a collapsing income. Things are so bad there that last year, they dumped about 20% of their staff and slashed executive pay to remain solvent. This story isn't going to help.*

Frum throws out all manner of cherry-picked statistics, some legitimate, some from junk science and some outright trash. He calls gun owners "barbarians" and "race warriors" in one breath, then writes about how women and people of color make up a growing share of gun owners.

The former Bush speechwriter suggests gun owners are stupid. "But like the people who refuse lifesaving vaccines for fear of minutely rare side effects, American gun buyers are falling victim to bad risk analysis." Keep telling yourself that, David.

By the end of his piece you would think every woman in America faces a gun pointed at her by an angry spouse or boyfriend each and every year, those defensive gun uses we read about typically result from a trigger-happy gun owner escalating a confrontation.

He calls it patriotic to get rid of your guns. "The gun is a lie," Frum writes.

2486 words of fake news and junk science anti-gun gaslighting. Is it any wonder *The*

Atlantic is teetering on bankruptcy?



## HERO

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She described the immediate aftermath as utterly overwhelming. Her mind simply couldn't process all that happened after the near-death experience.

While she escaped obvious physical injury, she does have hearing loss and tinnitus from the gunshots near her face and head. "I've simply had to get used to it," she noted.

Mentally she didn't fare much better. She has post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

To this day, she describes it as impacting her thinking and her ability to concentrate. "My brain feels different, almost foggy," she said.

She doesn't like the COVID mask mandates because she can't read people's faces. Clearly she recognizes that reading those students faces that day allowed her to recognize something terrible was about to happen.

In coping with her PTSD, she credits her faith in God, a journal, counseling, some private groups of fellow survivors of violence along with her dogs. Recognizing that life's energy has a priceless value all of its own, she says she has re-tooled her spare time. She stepped away from her work in the teachers' union leadership and as the golf coach position.

Today, she now concentrates on things that she feels make a true difference in other people's lives. One of those involves doing what she can to help other survivors cope with the aftermath of tragedy and return to some semblance of normalcy.

She also said that talking to supportive folks helps, too. In fact, she said that was the biggest takeaway from the initial counselors that police and the school provided for those closest to the near-disaster.

"Don't keep it bottled up inside," they told her. It was one of the few messages that actually made it through the crazy hours and days in the immediate aftermath.

## Gun Review: Ruger LCP MAX

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with confidence if you do your part on sight alignment and trigger control.

### Ease of Use: \*\*\*\*\*

So easy a caveman could use it. Mild-shooting enough that even recoil-sensitive novices won't feel beaten up or unable to control it. A comfortable grip texture keeps the diminutive gun securely under control. Big front sight dot is easy to acquire with lots of contrast.

### Trigger: \*\*\*\*\*

Life's too short for crappy triggers. This one doesn't walk on water, but it beats a stock Glock out of the box.

### Value: \*\*\*\*\*

The gun lists for \$449. Street price is typically just

under \$400. I'd characterize it as a fair price on a quite capable gun. Especially considering a tritium-infused, glow-in-the-dark front sight comes standard.



*If you're like me, you're not accustomed to seeing the cartridge head from the rear of any handgun. One thing's for sure: it makes it easy to see if the LCP Max is loaded or not.*

Our own Justin Bawcum, the Charleston Regional Co-Director, chimed in as well with some of his own coping techniques. Bawcum, himself a survivor of some harrowing combat experiences in Afghanistan, and then later as a survivor of the Ft. Hood Islamist terror attack in 2009.

Bawcum advised Angie (and any other survivors of violence) not to second guess your actions and not to "overthink" what happened.

"You did what you needed to do and you knew it might not end well," he said in front of the crowd. "You did well and parents around here are very grateful you were there that day."

McQueen admitted that she feels really badly for the young man who got shot. To some degree she blames her own actions for his injury - after all, he wasn't the intended first target and only got shot because of her intervention. At the same time, that young man's parents (and the young man himself) have thanked her profusely for what she did that day, noting that there could have been untold numbers of fatalities, including the injured young man, if McQueen had not acted in the manner she did.

McQueen noted how people will recognize her out in public and walk up and thank her out of the blue. "Sometimes it takes me an instant or two to remember why they're saying 'thank you,'" she explained. Other people just look at her and talk among themselves, likely afraid to approach her.

Asked "How do you reach out to someone in the aftermath of something like this?" she said just talk to them and watch the body language. "If they seem okay, just keep it simple." Simple as in "Hi. We're so glad you survived. Thank you. Is there anything I/we can do to help you?"

"And if they're uneasy, just back away," she said.

In the end, the audience - some wiping away tears - gave her a lengthy standing ovation.



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## Toledo woman sentenced to prison for fatally shooting man who burglarized her home

Toledo, OH (Toledo Blade) - Family members of Milton Roberts asked a Lucas County Common Pleas Court judge for the maximum prison term Monday for a Toledo woman who shot the man multiple times as he allegedly burglarized her home.

Robert's older sister, Lorena Roberts, asked Judge Ian English on Monday to sen-

tence Laniesha Walls, 25, to a maximum term of 17 years in prison for involuntary manslaughter for fatally shooting the man multiple times at her apartment in the 1400 block of Norwood Avenue on June 22, 2020.

Roberts later died of multiple gunshot wounds, according to the Lucas County Coroner's Office.

"An angry, young woman with a gun doesn't think rationally," Ms. Roberts said on Monday. "She had shot him once but her anger wanted him dead. As he lay wounded, Ms. Walls hovered over him and shot him again, multiple times. And then she left the scene, leaving him dead on the sidewalk. No attempt to seek help, no remorse for what she did..."



### Crimson Trace CT-250G Review

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#### Ratings (out of five stars):

##### Reliability \*\*\*\*\*

Flawless as expected, given Crimson Trace's reputation earned the hard way over the years. Pros trust Crimson Trace. If it's good enough for them, it's certainly good enough for my family.

##### Operation \*\*\*\*\* 1/2

The unit offers multiple places to activate the laser. And for those times when it's not in service, there's a switch to prevent unintended activation. It takes a short acclimation process to get used to the switches, but it quickly becomes intuitive. For right-handers, it reinforced good safety practices of keeping one's finger off the bang switch until you've decided to fire. I would like to see a tactile sensation associated with activation, but that's getting persnickety.

##### Value \*\*\*\*\*

Yes, a couple of hundred bucks makes this a significant investment, but if it saves your life or that of a family member — or helps prevent an errant shot from hitting an innocent downrange — it will prove a priceless upgrade. Installed, the Shockwave becomes a potent conflict resolution tool in a small package.

##### Ergonomics \*\*\*\*\*

The CT unit plays well not only with the receiver of the Shockwave, but also the TacStar side-saddle shell carrier as well. It doesn't meaningfully change the size or shape of things, nor does it create sharp edges or bulges that might cause it to hang up on gear, gun cases, or mounting hardware. It doesn't bruise or bloody the user. It simply plays well with the entire defensive system.

##### Overall \*\*\*\*\*

Fair disclosure: Crimson Trace didn't send me a free unit or fly me out to their corporate headquarters to burn their ammo while enjoying fine cigars and finer bourbon afterwards. CT has no ad contracts with Guns Save Life. Having said that, for Shockwave/Mossberg 500/590 owners or Remington Tac-14/870 owners, this product borders on a "must-have." It works. It makes the Shockwave (and similar "firearm" shotguns like the Remington Tac-14) a bona fide self-defense tool that even rookies can use with confidence, accuracy and effectiveness.

And if you want plinking and recreation, the Crimson Trace Lasersaddle will provide that as well.



Oleg Volk image.

Hello, Goliath!



Kind of like in socialist paradises like Venezuela and Cuba, right?

## Why you can't find everything you want at grocery stores

Labor shortages, raw materials' scarcity make supermarket supplies unpredictable; some executives say problems are worse than spring 2020's dearth

(Wall Street Journal) - Grocery-store chains are still battling supply challenges that some executives said are as bad as what they saw in spring 2020, when hoarding left holes in stocks of some staples.

Industry executives say new problems are arising weekly, driven by shortages of labor and raw materials. Groceries including frozen waffles and beverages remain scarce as some food companies anticipate disruptions lasting into 2022. A wider range of products is running short and logistical challenges are compounding for many retailers.

Donny Rouse, chief executive of Louisiana-based Rouses Markets, said he is struggling to fill shelves as his company runs low on everything from pet food to canned goods. The chain of more than 60 supermarkets is sometimes receiving as little as 40% of what it orders,

prompting Mr. Rouse and his staff to try to secure products earlier and more often. Before the pandemic, Rouses received well over 90% of its orders.

"It is difficult for customers to get everything they want to get," said Mr. Rouse, grandson of the chain's founder.

Many grocery chains said that it is hard to predict how complete or on-time their deliveries will be due to limited guidance from suppliers, and executives said there is often little recourse when trucks show up with a fraction of what was ordered. Demand is higher than expected by retailers, with monthly sales up about 14% from two years ago and 3% from a year ago, according to data from research firm IRI...

Regional and smaller grocers are struggling more than the biggest chains, industry executives said...

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## Meeting summaries

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Glen Webster won 500 rounds of 9mm ammo in our monthly drawing. He's pictured with the Decatur Regional Director Dave Randolph.

### Peoria.

Peoria's Regional Director Kay Davis called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge, our recognition of vets and welcoming of newcomers, Kay asked everyone for their email addresses so she can send a link for folks to RSVP where possible to help our hosts plan for a meal count. After all, Barrack's food is outstanding.

John Boch shared his Executive Director's update, with both good and bad news for gun owners.

Jed Davis joined us as our main speaker delivering an enthusiastic presentation on the benefits of clay shooting programs in schools. Included in that was a "how to" on starting one in your local schools.

Davis hails from the tiny town of Newark, IL, a town so small that getting a new Dollar General store proved a gamechanger for the town. He is the lead trap coach of a team from Yorkville that competes as part of the **USA High School Clay Target League** ([usaclaytarget.com](http://usaclaytarget.com)). He also serves as the head of his local school board and he's been fighting the Pritzker administration to no end over their local school leaders voting to give parents the choice of whether or not to mask their kids.



Coach Jed Davis.

The school, **Parkland Christian**, introduced a trap shooting program a few years ago and it's been incredibly popular and successful. Everyone gets to participate equally - boys, girls, big students and small students - and yes, even those who wouldn't normally be considered athletically gifted.

It has grown about five times in size over six years. In fact, over a third of the team consists of home schoolers and public school students gravitating to Parkland Christian's program as public schools have no shooting programs of their own.

With a perfect record of safety (high school trap is the safest sport in the nation) and full participation of all athletes - both boys and girls are on an even playing field and

the girls often out-shoot the guys - the kids LOVE it. Not only that, but it's a very family-friendly environment on Friday nights. Whole families turn out to eat, watch and cheer the kids.

Even the *Chicago Tribune* came out and wrote a glowing feature story about the Parkview Christian school clays program and the exploding growth of school trap shooting programs both in Illinois and nationally. In it, even gun control advocates praised it, as Davis explained, because what else are they going to do? Bad mouth a very safe and successful kids' program?

The **Downers Grove Trap Club** hosts the team and scores are submitted electronically, allowing for competition between schools (regionally and beyond) without travel. Students shoot fifty birds every Friday for score.



Coach Davis encouraged people to consider starting a school clay program in their own schools.

Sponsors are a huge help and ammo and guns can become a bit pricey compared to basketballs. Finding an amenable host facility also is important. Obviously it requires some coaching and volunteer range safety officers (often parents) too, but the kids eat it up.

Better yet, Davis believes that even if these young people don't stick with it after high school, they may well return to it after they start their families. Even if they don't, by letting these young folks learn that shooting sports are safe and fun (and that there's no reason to fear a gun), this program is building positive attitudes towards gun ownership for both the kids and their families.

Not only that, but many colleges have shooting programs and there's money out there in scholarships for good shooters.

Steve Davis brought a **portable and simple reloading kit for Tech Time**. The **Ideal Reloading Company** came out with their simple reloading kit in 1884 and it's elegant, simple and functional. Back in the day, cowboys a long ways from the nearest Walmart or hardware store would reload their cartridges out on the range.



Functionally, it's similar to a single stage press, only you can put this one in your back pocket. Davis says he uses the device, with .38 Special dies, to this day for small lots of (usually defensive) ammo. And if he has to "bug out" from his reloading set-up, his Ideal Reloader is coming with him.

**Rick Tieken** won the 50/50 and **Bob Woodcock** snagged the winning ticket for the **Walther P22Q pistol** provided by **The Tac Shack**.

### Pontiac.

GSL's Executive Director called the Pontiac meeting to order at the **Pontiac Sportsman's Club**. (Shout out and thank you to John Wolf for helping out with 50/50 sales!) Following the Pledge, a welcoming of newcomers of which we had many, and recognition of our veterans, we got right into things.

John shared his **Executive Director's Update** with news both good and not-so-much in the gun world.

**Brendan Bukalski** delivered a tremendous presentation on practicing criminal defense law in legitimate self-defense cases. (See page 21.)

**Terry Riccolo** noted he had an Illinois CCW class coming up on the last weekend of the month at the **Pontiac Sportsman's Club**. Bring about 300 rounds of ammo and plan on a good time.

**Tom Vagasky**, candidate for **Livingston Co. Sheriff** took some questions (including some tough ones) from the audience.



Terry Sullivan.

We drew for winners, including a \$135 50/50 prize whose winner escaped before JB's paws could grab a cut. **Terry Sullivan** won the **ATI defensive 12 gauge shotgun**, courtesy of **Freedom Sport Shop in El Paso**. Congrats to him!

### Charleston.

**Charleston's Regional Co-Director Justin Bawcum** called the meeting to order. Following the usual opening routine of the Pledge, welcoming newcomers and recognition of our veterans and first-responder.

**John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Report**, live and in person, discussing the latest in news, legislation and lawsuit updates.

**Dave Clark** from **X-RING CUSTOM** invited young people from 5th-12th grades in Cumberland County to come out for an orientation for a **Cumberland County Trap Shooting team** at the Cumberland County Sportsmen's Club. For more information if you missed the orientation, contact him at X-RING (see their ad in *GunNews*). Public school as well as home-schoolers are welcome!

We had a couple of ladies from a Republican organization who briefly spoke. **Sandy Croft and Dawn Calvert** sold tickets for a gun drawing. Chris Miller sent them and they shared how they're big fans of **Darren**

**Bailey** and his campaign for the Republican nomination for Illinois Governor in 2022.

"We thought this was a cow thing," one of the ladies said. "We're kind of glad it's guns, not cows," one said.

**Coles County Deputy Steve Spear** spoke for a few minutes. He's running for the Republican nomination for **Coles County Sheriff** in 2022 with the retirement of the current sheriff. He spend six years in the US Marines (he complained we didn't have Crayons for snacks) and 21 years in the Sheriff's Department.



Coles County Deputy Steve Spear.

He brought his wife Gloria and daughters Parker and Isabel. Like many of us, he's a gun guy, teaching shooting both to cops (he's nearing the 'Master Firearms Instructor' certification from the state) and to kids and regular folks as well. He says he loves spending time volunteering as a 4H shooting instructor, teaching kids about the safe use of guns. He's also an IL CCW instructor for those of us who don't carry a badge.

"If I'm elected Sheriff, I assure you we won't be confiscating guns from non-felons," he said. Yeah, we could use a lot more of that. It's not the good guys committing crimes in our communities.

**Angela McQueen**, the Mattoon High School teacher who disarmed a would-be mass murderer in her school back in 2017 served as our main speaker. (See page 2!!)

We held our drawings. **Kenny Counts** won the **S&W M&P EZ in .380 flavor** - his second gun win in a row! It was made even more remarkable in that he wasn't even present on this night! Congrats to him!

### Champaign County.

**Champaign County Regional Director Dan Worthey** called the meeting to order at the **Knights of Columbus in Rantoul**. **Dick Bryant** offered a blessing. Upon welcoming newcomers, a woman from the state of Idaho took the prize for travelling the furthest to attend. We also recognized our veterans.

**John Boch** presented his **Executive Director's Report**, sharing the latest.

**Ron Tervin** joined us to speak about the **US Law Shield**. The company covers legal representation in the aftermath of any defensive use of force incident - no matter the tool or tools used. They offer a discount for GSL members.

**Gunnery Sergeant Michael Berryhill** joined us. He's the active-duty Marine detailed to the **University of Illinois Navy/Marine Corps ROTC program**. GSL has been collecting donations of ammo over the summer and John Boch presented a(nother) cartload to Sgt. Berryhill for the

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- If you shoot in self-defense, you'll want a defense team just like OJ Simpson's
- Political prosecutions really do happen regularly - even in small towns
- They see CCW holders who face charges after they access their gun too soon

## Bukalski: A criminal defense attorney's perspective

by John Boch

For our main speaker in Pontiac, we welcomed the Johnson Law Group's managing partner Brendan Bukalski.

Brendan praised GSL as a group and John Boch for defending gun owners' right to defend themselves across Illinois. He discussed the Jim Love case in Knox County where a older, overweight, out-of-shape farmer used his gun in self-defense against a violent, but "unarmed" young, intoxicated body builder with a violent history.



Brendan Bukalski, right, at Pontiac.

Not only did the farmer suffer serious injuries before he shot his vicious attacker in self-defense, but the farmer also suffered through a senseless political prosecution from an ambitious assistant state's attorney who wanted to make a name for himself ahead of the next election cycle. Yes, political prosecutions even happen in small town counties.

"Life-changing incidents can happen in the blink of an eye," Bukalski noted.

Bukalski told folks that if you're on trial for using force in self-defense, you want a

whole team working for you... just like OJ Simpson had. Legal defense insurance can help make that happen.

He discussed the legalities of force - basically only to defend innocent life from the immediate infliction of death or great bodily injury - and how not to get jammed up by using or threatening force to defend property. Even incidents inside the home.

Brendan took good questions from the audience. One good one involved threatening the use of force to defend property. That is fraught with danger because it can escalate - or you could face charges for brandishing. While he's not seeing hardly any cases for carrying in prohibited areas, Bukalski says they are catching a number of cases of CCW holders who turn to the gun far too quickly in stressful incidents.

Even if the good guys make the first call to police, drawing - or worse, drawing a gun and then pointing a gun at someone without legal justification - will expose a person to arrest and potentially a conviction.

The gun is truly a tool of last resort. Don't reach for it just because you "think" someone might attack you. Instead of reaching for the gun, exhaust other options including retreat, other non-lethal weapons or tactics, or better yet, practice better situational awareness and avoidance.

At the same time, Bukalski said don't let worries of the aftermath of a shooting cost you your life by delaying your response to a legitimate attack.



6 junior shooters, 11 rifles, and (only) 14 points behind the US Army Marksmanship Unit

## A trip to Camp Perry

Camp Perry, OH (Central Illinois Precision Shooters) - Eleven rifles, six young shooters and eleven days at Camp Perry, Ohio makes for a long session of intense competitive shooting. For a group of Junior shooters from Illinois they will remember it as an extravaganza of competitive shooting, including a Junior Olympic qualifying match, and an invitation to shoot the CMP's Air Rifle National Match.

The three-position air team of Issabelle Gratz (Siegel, IL), Dylan Gregory (Naperville), A.J. Hotko (Batavia), Rylie Passmore (McLean), and alternate Marissa Hughes (Shirley) shot for two days and walked away with Second Place by four points. This was a new high mark for the team considering the level of competitors that qualified to even attend the match.

The exciting part for everyone on the team was the qualifying for the Final of the event by Rylie Passmore. In the Finals, the top eight shooters compete shoulder-to-shoulder in an elimination format. Surviving to the medal round is

a huge win in control and discipline in a war of nervous energy. Young Rylie Passmore walked away with the Silver medal by six-tenths of a point. Quite the lead off to next year's National Matches.

Adrianna Schroeder (Champaign) joined the team in the small-bore competition.

A.J. Hotko fought the unpleasant Camp Perry winds to a 2nd place finish with a 1087-27Xs of a possible 1200, with the rest of the ISRA team following down the leader board. The second day saw calmer winds and higher scores, with A.J. still leading the team with a 1128-23. The leader of the group in the Aggregate scoring was A.J. with a 2215-50 in 4th place Junior.

In the Freedom Fire junior match, ISRA's Red Team with Dylan and Issabelle shot an 1113-36 of 1200 for 2nd place. ISRA Blue with A.J and Rylie, and ISRA White with Adrianna and Marissa were spread across the score board off the podium finish.

In the four-person team

event with Issabelle, Dylan, A.J. and Rylie shot a 2198-46 to lead the score board. They won Best Junior Team, and Best Overall Team of the three-position match. To have that success, at that level of competition, says so much about these young shooters.

In the CMP National Match Prone events, the leader again was A.J. shooting the iron sight match to a 3184-213 of a possible 3200. He won the top Junior. His success carried thru the Any Sights match, finishing as the High Intermediate Jr. with a 6373-441 of a possible 6400.

The Team match faced the same level of competition, Issabelle, Dylan, A.J. and Adrianna shot 1583-116X, they finished 14 points behind the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, and as the High State Association team. A great outcome against tough competition.

The young shooters came home to CIPS with a lot of experience and looking forward to next year and just maybe a return to the CMP Nationals next summer.

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

## GUN SHOWS...

### October

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**Oct 10: Kane County Sportsman's Show,** Kane County Fairgrounds, St Charles, IL. Mick Stout (815) 217-2266  
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## Meeting summaries

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ROTC live-fire practice and competition. All told, GSL members from three or four states donated about 20,000 rounds of .22s to ensure the continuation of live-fire training.

When he started last year, they were down to under 1000 rounds of .22s. GSL's quick response to their request for help provided the midshipmen plenty of ammo to finish last school year. What we've collected since that first visit will keep them at a brisk training pace through this school year into next. "While the other schools were shut down for COVID, we kept shooting," he noted.

Our Marine also gave an update from his last visit on his goal to find some land near the university. Back in April, he asked folks if they had some land where the ROTC folks could build an obstacle course. He needs at least a 40' x 100' plot of land, ideally close to the UIUC campus.

The whole quest to build this course has been a learning experience for him as the University wants the small plot donated to the UI Foundation as a restricted use gift. After all, the University of IL doesn't want to spend \$60-70,000 constructing an obstacle course only to have a landowner die and the family sell the land out from under them.

If you have a plot of land near the UIUC campus that would be willing to do-

nate to the UI Foundation (it would be a tax write-off), contact Mr. Berryhill at mab23@illinois.edu.

Sgt. Berryhill took some questions and perhaps the big one, which he didn't answer, was how come the Defense Department can't supply ammo to the ROTC program... but they can give \$83 billion in guns, ammo and hardware to terrorists in Afghanistan.

**Joe Tharp** delivered another of his "personal defense" series. On this night, he reiterated his earlier recommendation to make sure you have a legal self-defense coverage/insurance plan. "It's like body armor. You may never need it, but if you ever do, it'll be priceless and might save your life!" he noted.

John Boch volunteered to stand in as Joe's training dummy. On this night, Joe talked about the utility of knives as defensive weapons. One should keep the blade concealed as long as possible. Facing an imminent risk of death or great bodily injury from an attacker, a defender can reach out and slice a bad guy on the insides of his arms or the backside of the leg above the knee. Either location will likely instantly disable that limb if the cut sinks deeply enough into tissue (so keep your blade sharp!).

The neck makes another fine place for slicing, Joe noted. As does the inner thigh (femoral artery) or the groin (castration).

We held our drawings. **Joe Tharp** won the 50/50 and **David Pike** snagged the **Rock Island Armory** snub-nosed revolver. Congrats to both!

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## T.W.A.W. Shooting Chapters

3rd Wednesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Christian County**  
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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  
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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

3rd Thursday (6-8p)  
**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  
 foxvalleytwawsc@gmail.com

4th Friday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Quad Cities**  
 Milan Rifle Club in Milan



They don't get down from the ivory tower often enough

## REALLY? YOU DON'T SAY: Forbes discovers ammo prices have soared

(Forbes Magazine - August 20, 2021) - Ammunition prices have soared during the coronavirus pandemic, the inevitable result of nationwide ammo shortages, unprecedented demand, record gun sales, a disrupted supply chain and an international fight over copper.

"There comes a point when you say, 'I'm not going to buy it,'" said Jeff Williams, a range instructor at the Westside Pistol & Rifle Range, one of two remaining gun stores in New York City. "Every time you pull the trigger, it's a buck and a half."

He said that prices for ammunition spiked dramatically in recent months, at times quadrupling their pre-pandemic prices for some calibers, while other calibers experienced still-significant price hikes of 25%.



Got gun?

## Portland 911 calls routinely languish on hold for minutes

Portland (Post Millennial) - Portland residents calling 911 for emergencies are facing a dramatic increase in hold times, with officials saying that the system is "broken."

According to The Oregonian, starting in the late spring, the riot-gripped city has faced a sharp increase in 911 calls placed on hold for two minutes or longer.

The national standard for 911 hold times is 15 to 20 seconds, but according to data from the Portland Bureau of Emergency Communications obtained by The Oregonian, 574 of the 911 calls in the city had to wait on hold for more than five minutes in July. This number is more than double that of May, in which 221 calls waited that long, and is drastically more than the figure in March, when only eight 911 calls took more than five minutes to answer.

Go figure...

## SC ends CCW fees, demand for licenses surges

Columbia, SC (WACH) -- It's been four days since the open carry legislation went into effect and already there's an uptick in requests for concealed weapon permits.

With the new open carry legislation in South Carolina, there is no longer a fee to apply for a concealed weapons' permit. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, the agency responsible for processing the CWP applications, says they're processing more applications than before August 15th - when the new laws took effect. SLED representatives say they're averaging more than 400 applications a day.



In the Portland, OR metro area of 2.5 million people, 7 people show up... Bloomberg money provides the t-shirts, placards and banner.

## FARCE: Portland gun control rally draws exactly seven people

Portland, OR (Street Roots "Portland, Oregon's award-winning weekly street newspaper FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T AFFORD FREE SPEECH") - It's the text no parent wants to see from their child during school: "Mom, I love you, just in case."

[Blah blah blah deleted]

\*\* Still needs 2/3rds of Senate to ratify \*\*

## Biden to sign UN Small Arms Treaty

(Washington Examiner) - The Biden administration this week signaled that it is eyeing a United Nations small arms treaty that critics claim will lead to an international gun registration plan - including for individual American gun owners.

Two years after former President Donald Trump withdrew from it, a top arms diplomat at the State Department told the global body that the current administration is swinging behind the Arms Trade Treaty.



## Democrats would draft women for armed forces

(Washington Free Beacon) - The Pentagon will have to start drafting women in order to receive funding after House Democrats amended the defense budget.

Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D., Pa.) put forward a measure on Wednesday to require all women over the age of 18 to register for selective service. Houlahan said her

policy would best draw on the "talents of our entire nation." Only one in three women, however, support adding women to the draft, according to an Ipsos poll.

## YOU DON'T SAY, PART II: Negative reactions dominate pistol-brace ban proposal as comment period ends

(The Reload) - The legal status of a popular firearm accessory is facing a direct challenge from the ATF, and the response from opponents was immense.

The public comment period for the Biden administration's proposed ban on most stabilizing pistol braces ended Wednesday, after 90 days and more than 209,000 submitted comments. April Langwell, Chief of the ATF's Public Af-

fairs Division, said the proposal is among the most commented on in the agency's history.

The comments on the proposed brace ban were overwhelmingly negative, as many commenters accused the ATF of criminalizing law-abiding Americans while failing to substantively improve violence prevention.

## State Line Rifle Association

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## China bans 'effeminate men' from TV

(ZeroHedge) - As if millions of woke effeminate Hollywood voices cried out in terror and were suddenly silenced.

As part of Beijing's sudden "neo-cultural revolution", the Chinese government has issued new orders to its broadcasters in its continuing crackdown on culture, business and social mores. This time, it called for a ban on what it termed "effeminate men," asking instead that "revolutionary culture" be touted. This, needless to say, is terrible news for an entire generation of woke, Hollywood snowflakes who know everything about virtue signaling - especially if it gets them lucrative Chinese production contracts - and who are absolutely clueless about anything within ten miles of a real of metaphorical revolution.



A moment of levity...

## Protecting the sheep

(Ace of Spades HQ) - The Sierra Club and the U.S. Forest Service were presenting an alternative to the Wyoming ranchers for controlling the coyote population.

It seems that after years of the ranchers using the tried-and-true method of shooting or trapping the predators, the Sierra Club had a "more humane" solution to this issue. What they were proposing was for the animals to be captured alive. The males would then be castrated and let loose again.

This was ACTUALLY proposed by the Sierra Club and by the U.S. Forest Service.

No joke.

All of the ranchers in the audience thought about this "amazing" idea for a couple of minutes.

Finally an old fellow wearing a big cowboy hat in the back of the conference room stood up, tipped his hat back and said: "Son, I don't think you understand our problem here... these coyotes ain't [screwin]' our sheep... they're eatin' them!"

The meeting never really got back to order. (H/T Legally Sufficient)

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