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*'No Cash Bail' takes effect at midnight, January 1st. Are you ready? You better be ready. Gov. J. B. Pritzker, Legislative Black Caucus passed this public safety nightmare into law*

## IL 'PURGE LAW' COMING JAN. 1<sup>st</sup>

by Michael Kelleher and John Boch  
(GSL) - Remember this past spring when Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced her crime-busting plans to keep the city safe so residents could enjoy a "Summer of Joy" instead of just more out of control violence? As usual, it was symbolism over substance.

With 244 homicides, Murder-palooza might have been a better slogan for this past summer. Or maybe "Chicago's Taste of Homicide Festival" where victims' families sample delicious Emergency Room cafeteria food and tasty fare from the food trucks parked at murder scenes.

However, as bad as this

summer was for Chicago, this coming January 1 will bring "The Purge" to all of Illinois. The "no cash bail" provisions in Illinois law will kick in at that time.

### The "SAFE-T" Act

The Illinois Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today Act (Safe-T Act) eliminates the cash bail system starting January first. Hence why we refer to it as the "No Cash Bail Act." It has all the earmarks of a public safety disaster, too.

Reviewing the many provisions in the "Safety Act," strangely none extend "safety" to families, residents or anyone else except accused criminals.



Democrat Governor J. B. Pritzker signs the legislation while surrounded by the Democrat Legislative Black Caucus members who control the Illinois General Assembly. They own this public safety nightmare.

The Legislative Black Caucus dropped this 764-page bill in the Illinois House in the middle of the night on the last day of the lame-duck session in January 2021. They

called a vote on it one hour later. It hung at 59 votes until Democrat leadership cajoled the 60th vote for passage. From there, it went to the Senate where

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Dedicated to Roger Dorsett  
1943-2022

## October 2022

- **LaSalle County:** First Sunday: **October 2**, November 6  
Stone Jug Barbeque, 1920 4th St., Peru  
*Exhibits and conversation here at 5pm. Program at 6:30pm*
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **October 3**, November 7  
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **October 4**, November 1  
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **October 5**, November 2  
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **October 6**, November 3  
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **October 11**, November 8  
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Lake County:** Second Wednesday: **October 12**, November 9  
Woodfire Tavern, 4868 Route 83, Long Grove
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **October 13**, November 10  
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **Sept. 25, October 30, Nov., Dec. no meeting**  
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights  
*Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program 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 but we encourage attendees to eat to support the venue.*

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





Paul Mayer was pretty excited about winning the Taurus Model 856 revolver (with night sights!). He's pictured here with our Chicagoland Regional Director Alfred Keith Keller.



**Guns Save Life members are the best!**  
Joe Deck came from almost two hours away to introduce **2x4s For Hope** to Guns Save Life members. After hearing about the results they've already achieved for a worthwhile mission, we passed the hat and sent him home with \$583 for materials for their current builds in Rushville.



**A table full of guns...**  
Join us at GSL monthly meetings and grab your chances to win over a dozen different guns. Or closer to 18 at this Sangamon County meeting.



**More than just a logo...**  
State Senator Neil Anderson effectively leads the pro-gun members of the General Assembly on gun issues. He spoke at the Sangamon County meeting.



GSL's LaSalle County Regional Director Glenn Pratt with Jennifer Ebner, candidate for County Clerk.



**Priceless.**  
Champaign County's new Regional Director Dick Brandt brought a flag that flew for several weeks on the USS Ranger aircraft carrier. He worked servicing ATM machines onboard for IBM.



Illinois State Police Chaplain Steve Holden addressed the audience in Decatur.



Champaign County Regional Director Dan Worthey, left, passes the baton to incoming RD Dick Brandt. Thank you for your service, Dan!



Patrick Petersen won the very nice Canik 9mm pistol... which he selflessly and graciously donated to the HOOAH Deer Hunt for Heroes for a fundraiser drawing for the veterans organization.



Sally Vancil had the winning bid for the Henry Golden Boy .22 lever gun. She's pictured with Glenn Pratt who won the gun then auctioned it off to benefit GSL.



A 9mm AR- from the Decatur meeting set up to use Sten magazines. It works nicely.

**CHICAGO INSANITY CONTINUES**

And they wonder why they've got a violent crime and gang problem...



**NO CHASE POLICY STRIKES AGAIN: Rolling, machine gun battle rages across Chicago; police don't pursue shooters**

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A gunman fired an automatic weapon from a stolen car toward two occupants of another vehicle as the cars traveled across Chicago overnight, eventually leaving one man dead and a woman injured near Navy Pier. The victims are the 54th and 55th persons shot on the Near North Side this year, far more than any other recent year.

Police believe the shooting began on the West Side in the 4200 block of West Roosevelt and continued sporadically until the cars exited Lake Shore Drive at Grand Avenue shortly after 3 a.m.

A Chicago police officer stationed at Navy Pier radioed that he saw a gunman firing an automatic weapon from a car toward another vehicle as they turned west on Grand Avenue. Investigators

later found shell casings spread across all the traffic lanes outside Lake Point Tower.

According to initial information from the scene, the gunman was firing from a Volkswagen Tiguan that was stolen from a gas station in the 1600 block of West Van Buren on August 24.

Police found the victims in a car in the 100 block of East Ontario. The male driver, 27, was pronounced dead of multiple gunshot wounds to the torso, according to CPD. His female passenger, 20, suffered a gunshot wound to her back. She is in good condition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, police said.

Officers saw the Volkswagen drive onto the Ontario feeder ramp after the incident, but they did not pursue it.



Champaign Co. Sheriff candidate John Brown.



In Rantoul, John Boch won the 20ga. shotgun, our new Champaign County Regional Director Dick Brandt and Lois Morton who snagged the 50/50. Congrats!



Ron Peadro won the KelTec P17 in Charleston. He's pictured with Keith Pippin and 50/50 winner Harold Benny.



From left, John Stubbs won the 50/50 and Dennis Karhliker won the M&P EZ in .30 Super Carry.



Carolyn Wagner grins from ear to ear after winning the auction for the crossbow John Boch won in Decatur. Congrats to her! The winning bid went to GSL.



State Rep. Dan Caulkins.



## Meeting Summaries start here...

*Note: With the growing number of venues, we're greatly condensing the meeting summaries. At some point, we may do away with them altogether and only report unique or exceptional presentations.*

*Do make an effort to attend the meetings as there's no substitute for seeing good presentations first-hand! Either way, meeting summaries are presented in the order in which they occurred.*

### Chicagoland (South)

**GSL's Chicagoland Regional Director Alfreda Keith Keller** called our meeting to order. **John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Report**.

**President Howard Kaye of the Crete Gun Club** spoke, sharing highlights of their recent barbecue and shoots. Coming soon, they're doing a kid-friendly **Crete Gun Club Haunted Trail** event for Halloween and holding their semi-annual raffle with cash prizes. He also wanted to set the record straight that their meetings were on the First Monday, except when holidays conflict. (We printed it as the Second Monday in the last issue. Sorry...)



Marcus Melnick.

Our new **Lake County Regional Director Marcus Melnick** introduced himself. He's a younger corporate guy with a sense of humor who does firearm and personal defense instruction on the side. He's also got an active social media presence promoting the gun culture while tip-toeing through the minefield of social media company rules, both written and unwritten, about guns.

Melnick is also part of the inner circle at the **Illinois Gun Owners Together** social media group. They do some great work within the confines of Facebook, as well as organizing regular in-person outings to shoot, socialize and promote the gun culture. Melnick will head the **new Lake County meeting in Long Grove starting Wednesday, October 12**.

We held our drawings. **Milt won the 50/50** and **Paul Mayer won the Taurus 856 revolver** courtesy of **Rink's**. Congrats to them and our thanks go out to **Rink's** for the gun!

### Peoria.

**Peoria's Regional Director Richard Parks** called the meeting to order. Once more, we are seeking one or more volunteers to help out with selling tickets for our gun drawings and 50/50s ahead of the meeting. **Alan and Wanda Schoch** have done this for about five years and they're wishing to "retire" from that role. Alan spoke about some of the things he does to help make things flow smoothly for attendees. Thank you Alan and Wanda!

**John Boch** followed with his **Executive Director's Update**.

We had **Joe Deck from 2x4s For Hope** address the audience. The group organizes vol-

unteers to build "tiny homes" (about 550-600 square foot) for at-risk veterans. Deck works as part of the group's Rushville, IL chapter that has completed the first of three structures this summer and is completing the second one now on land donated by that city.



A photo of the dedication ceremony at the first "2x4s for Hope" home completed in Rushville in July.

Deck said they not only build the home, customized toward the needs of disabled vets, but they also furnish it and stock it "from stem to stern."

Following his presentation, **Richard Parks suggested we pass the hat** to send Mr. Deck back with some funds for their mission to help at-risk veterans. **We collected \$583 for the Rushville chapter and their work.** They've got plans to start a third "tiny home" either late this year or early next year.



Ben Watt with the map of the 92nd House District... one of the most compact, carefully gerrymandered districts outside of Chicago.

**Ben Watt**, a candidate for the **92nd State Representative** seat in Peoria addressed the audience. Ben's running in a 70% Democrat district with the slogan "Life, Liberty, Truth, Compassion, Faith."

He's worked as a pastor and mentored at-risk youth for many years, so a lot of folks in Peoria know him well and he's earned their trust. "These young boys don't have any positive male role models," Watt said. He's working hard to help provide that to some of these fatherless young people as part of the Next Step program. He talked about one of the teens he helped who failed to escape the gangs and ended up dead from gang violence.

Watt admits he's not part of the gun culture, but he views the right to self-defense as fundamental and without it you take away peoples' dignity. He's also deeply religious and conservative, and sees this No Cash Bail law as hurting cops and helping criminals.

We held our drawings. **Patrick Petersen won the Canik 9mm pistol.** Following the meeting, he made arrangements to donate it to the **HOOAH Deer Hunt For Heroes** group for a gun drawing to raise money to help that

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## JENNIFER EBNER: You can take steps to prevent voter fraud with your own ballot...

Jennifer Ebner, a newcomer to politics, shared some valuable advice at the LaSalle County GSL meeting for those looking to ensure your vote isn't stolen.

She recommended asking for a mailed ballot ahead of the election. Then, on election day, take that ballot to your polling place. Mark it 'spoiled' front and back and ask for a fresh ballot. They'll provide you one and after marking it, you can then put it into the counting machine. That is the most secure way

to ensure that your vote isn't stolen and is counted.

Incidents of ballot fraud are not uncommon and if you order your ballot to be mailed, you prevent someone else from fraudulently obtaining your ballot via mail.

If you're like most and forgo the extra proactive "mail my ballot" steps, and election officials say you've already voted, don't just walk away. Call the sheriff to take a report and complete a provisional ballot.



## 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.

GSL's Treasurer Joanne Chandler 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!

**Chicago Sept: Tisas 1911 .45ACP**  
**Chicago October: A mini-mountain of .22s (over 3000 rounds!)**

**LaSalle County Oct.: Ruger 10/22 takedown (Stainless)**



**LaSalle County Nov.: 4000 rounds .22 LR (semi-collectible bricks)**  
**LaSalle County Dec.: Ruger Mark IV target pistol (.22)**

**Lake County Oct.: Ruger SR-1911 9mm**

**Lake County Nov.: Ruger Mark III .22 target pistol**

**Peoria Oct.: Charles Daly 601 Tactical 12 ga**

**Peoria Nov.: Glock 36 .45 Auto**  
**Peoria Dec.: S&W Shield 9mm**

**Pontiac Oct.: SDS 1911 .45**  
**Pontiac Nov.: Ruger SP-101 3" .22**  
**Pontiac Dec.: The old FBI AMMO! 200 rounds .45 auto + 750 rounds .38 Special**



**Charleston Oct.: AWESOME! Glock 17, premium holster, plus Micro Conversion Kit (OD Green), happy stick mag**  
**Charleston Nov.: AR-15 AMMO! 400 rds. .223, ~500 rounds M855**  
**Charleston Dec.: Ruger 10/22 Takedown**

**Sangamon Oct: Tisas 1911 .45 ACP**  
**Sangamon November: Ruger Mark III .22 Target pistol**  
**Sangamon December: Glock 27 .40 + ~800 rounds of .40 S&W Ammo**

**Rantoul October: EAA MC 1911 .45 ACP**  
**Rantoul November: Ruger Single Six .22 (Roger Dorsett collection)**  
**Rantoul December: .22s and .50s (2000+ rounds .22s, 60 rounds .50BMG)**  
**Rantoul January: Ruger SR9c + can of 9mms (Used gun plus can of ammo...)**



## Executive Director's Report

### It's a great time to be alive!

by John Boch  
GSL Executive Director  
For decades, gun owners have taken one setback after another. Now that the US Supreme Court has ruled that the 2nd Amendment says what it means ("shall not be infringed") and means what it says, gun owners have reasons to celebrate.



GSL's John Boch.

Gun and magazine bans are falling thanks to court rulings citing the *Bruen* decision. 18-20-year-olds can now enjoy Constitutional Carry in Texas (and likely other states soon). Smarter municipalities are voluntarily suspending enforcement of gun and magazine bans hoping to avoid paying big checks to civil rights attorneys successfully challenging their unconstitutional ordinances.

Here in Illinois, the Kool-Aid drinkers remain a little slow on the uptake. That's okay. We'll cheerfully humiliate them before we take their money.



Naperville, for example, ignored Guns Save Life's warnings. Their city council, by an 8-1 vote, opted to virtue signal by passing a ban on the sale of semi-auto rifles and mags that feed them instead of following court precedent. Now they face a federal lawsuit from the National Association for Gun Rights group. What a shame, right? Highland Park is now in the same boat too, facing their own suit. *Enjoy those legal bills!*



**Legislative Update, Springfield Edition.**  
The General Assembly isn't scheduled to return until after the election. However, a special session might get called.

My educated guess tells me at this point they will wait until after the election to pass the gun and magazine ban (SB-

5522). I further believe they will repeal the pre-emption language in the Concealed Carry Act which will allow gun-hating lefties on city councils to institute their own gun and magazine bans.

At the same time, more than a few more moderate Democrats in Springfield would probably rather not tackle hot-button issues like guns, abortion and who knows what else just weeks from the midterm elections.

#### Legislative Update, DC.

The nation's hair-sniffer and groper-in-chief pretty much admitted he doesn't have the votes in the Senate to pass a ban on "weapons of war." That's what senile Joe calls America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, and millions of other similar hot-selling self-defense firearms.



Let's Go Brandon says he needs at least two more Senators to pass gun bans. Let's make it our mission to help disappoint Joe and his universally disliked Vice-President Kamala "Knee Pads" Harris.

#### Elections.

Yes, elections. Yes, I know you're highly motivated and you're going to vote. However, we need to motivate people who normally don't vote to inconvenience themselves enough to vote in a non-presidential election.

How do you get them properly motivated and off the couch?



Easy... you anger them! Find their hot-button issue(s) and punch those buttons... hard! It might be vaccine mandates, forced masking or sex ed for kindergartners. Maybe it's crime, or abortion or taxes. Maybe it's guns or the cost of gas or food.

Maybe it's something else. Find out what's angered them these past two or four years and tell them to get their payback by voting this fall. Reminder: Early voting starts before the end of September (the 29th I believe).

#### The world around us.

**Power:** We ducked power blackouts this summer thanks to moderate weather. California, on the other hand, did not. Unfortunately for us, with other coal and gas-fired power plants shutting down, there will be an even lower threshold for blackouts next summer for Land of Lincoln residents. Are you ready?

**Food:** With the drought conditions in most regions around the world, this year's crop yields will disappoint farmers. Couple that with an inflationary pressures on fuels and other input costs (including especially fertilizers, assuming those are even available for next year), next year's crops are likely to come in even worse - world-wide. Unlike other nations, the USA will not see famine. Nevertheless, food prices will skyrocket.

Proactive prudence demands that you stock up on some extra food in the coming weeks and months.

Even if I'm wrong on this, buying an extra few weeks' of shelf-stable groceries now means you don't have to buy them six months or a year down the road at higher prices. After all, I guarantee groceries won't be getting any cheaper.

**Gasoline:** October marks the beginning of winter-blend gasoline season at your local gas station. Winter-blend fuels have higher volatility for easier starting in the winter months. Stored in tightly-sealed containers with PRI-G or Star-Tron fuel stabilizer, this gas will easily last a couple of years. In fact, I've burned properly stored, three-year-old stabilized fuel in my car without issue.

Mid- to late-October is a good time to begin rotating that 10- or 20-gallons of gas you've set aside for emergency use in your car or generator. I've written it before: having some extra fuel stored represents freedom. Freedom to travel and freedom to generate power to keep your refrigerators, freezers, sump pumps, well pumps and medical devices powered.

## More *Bruen* fallout...

### Boulder, CO gun, magazine bans blocked

*Boulder, CO (The Reload)* - For the second time in as many months, a federal judge has blocked a Colorado locality from enforcing an "assault weapon" and ammunition magazine ban ordinance.

U.S. District Judge Charlotte Sweeney, a Biden appointee, issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) on Tuesday against Boulder County. It stops enforcement of the county's ban on the manufacture and sale of assault weapons, which include the popular AR-15, and ammunition magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds.

### Washington DC repeals limit on rounds carried by CCW holders

*Washington D.C. (GSL)* - Our nation's capitol has all sorts of onerous restrictions on concealed carry, not the least of which was the maximum number of rounds a card-carrying good guy could carry. Dick Heller, of the *Heller v. DC* fame, sued the District of Columbia over the restriction, citing *Bruen*.

Two days before the city's response to the suit was due, the city voluntarily repealed the limit in emergency rulemaking. Chalk up another one bites the dust post-*Bruen*.



You know this report had to chaff CNN

### Federal judge allows TX 18-20-year-olds Constitutional Carry

(CNN) - A federal judge has ruled that a Texas law that bans people ages 18 to 20 from carrying handguns in public is unconstitutional, saying the restriction is inconsistent with the Second Amendment and US history.

#### COOK COUNTY, IL RESIDENTS!

If you meet the following criteria, and want to sue to stop the taxation of your fundamental rights, please contact FPC Law immediately at [24Hotline.com](http://24Hotline.com).

- ☒ Cook County Illinois Resident
- ☒ FOID card holder
- ☒ Intends to make an imminent firearm and ammunition purchase (and is willing to wait until you talk to the FPC Attorneys before doing so)
- ☒ Wants to sue the government to eliminate taxes on your fundamental rights



### LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SHOOT?

## DeWitt County Sportsmans Club

Clinton, IL



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Download an application at [dewittcountysc.com](http://dewittcountysc.com) or by mailing a request to DCSC, PO Box 322, Clinton, IL 61727.





Does little 'Leader' Jimmy need a little lead in his pencil?

# IL House Minority 'Leader' Jim Durkin SUPPORTS Gun Ban for Illinoisans

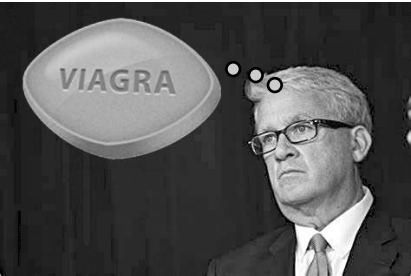
(WGN) - "If people are wondering why we don't have an assault weapons ban, it's because the Democrats have dropped the ball. Period," said Illinois House Minority Leader Jim Durkin.

"They're hypocrites," Durkin said.

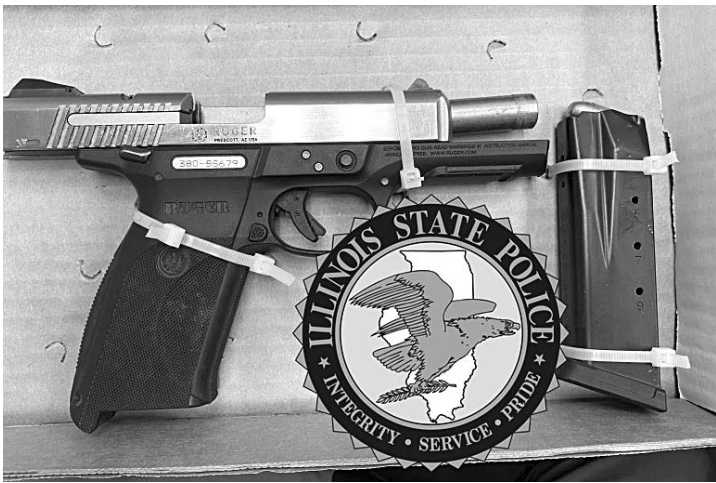
**State Representative Durkin is the rare Republican who says he could support a ban.** Still, Democrats who hold a supermajority in Springfield and control legislation have buried bills in committees.



WGN Investigates found in the past decade, there have been 27 bills submitted that would ban assault-style weapons. However, none have become law and most haven't even been voted on.



[Emphasis added]



FOID revocations usually done without any due process!

## ISP doing gun confiscation visits to homes

(Belleville News-Democrat) - Illinois State Police announced Wednesday that it has forced nearly 300 people in southern Illinois to give up ownership of their firearms after they had their firearms rights revoked.

As part of a "firearms enforcement blitz" from June 16 to July 31 in 41 southern Illinois counties, including St. Clair, Madison, Monroe, Clinton and Randolph counties, state police officers performed 710 "compliance checks," which resulted in 295 people being "placed into compliance" with the state's Firearms Owners Identification Card, or FOID card, law.

Darwin was cheated as gun-toting "violence interrupter" didn't practice appendix carry...

## Nine-time felon shoots self in butt at Chicago gas station

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A nine-time convicted felon who was on felony bail for allegedly battering an Illinois State trooper during a protest that featured Chicago's "Dreadhead Cowboy," accidentally shot himself in the butt at a Bucktown gas station, and then lied about what happened, prosecutors said Thursday.



Gregory Sherman sitting gingerly.

Gregory Sherman, 43, works full-time as an anti-violence worker...

Although the circumstances are unusual, Sherman is now the 31st person accused of killing or shooting someone—or attempting to kill or shoot someone—while on bail for a felony in Chicago this year.

## Gangs using stolen cars in attempt to steal guns from Academy Sports stores in St. Peters, O'Fallon

(KSDK) — Police are investigating after suspects drove vehicles through two Academy Sports locations in the St. Louis area early Wednesday and attempted to gain access to gun cases.

The St. Peters Police Department said a silver Hyundai rammed through the front door of the Academy Sports at 5214 I-70 North Outer Road at around 5:30 a.m. Suspects ran toward the gun case and tried to shoot through the glass but failed...

Also Wednesday, the O'Fallon Illinois Police Department said it responded at 4:22 a.m. to a burglar alarm at the Academy Sports at 1574 W Hwy 50 and found the store broken into.

According to a preliminary investigation, a stolen Hyundai Elantra was driven through the store's front door a few minutes prior. Video surveillance inside the store showed multiple people getting out of the car and going to the gun department. They tried to get into a gun case using brute force but were unsuccessful. They then ran from the scene, police said.



Thugs in St. Peters try to shoot through ballistic glass to steal handguns. They failed.

## Illinois Largest Hunting & Trade Shows

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**November 5-6 - Belleville:**  
**Belle-Clair Fairgrounds**  
200 South Belt East

**All Shows: Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-3**  
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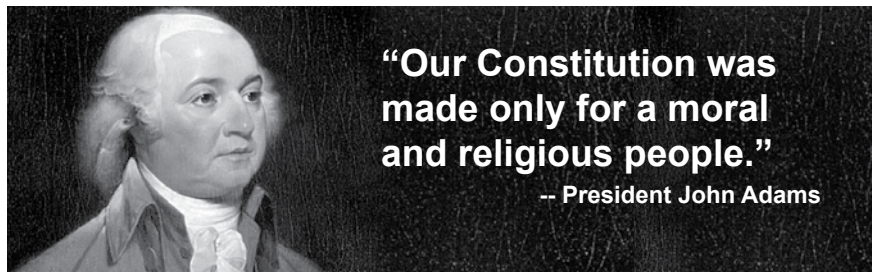


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# Country Character



## The Rule of Law

by Justin Thyme, a GSL member

In the United States, we have generally received the benefits of an orderly society thanks to the wisdom and diligence put forth by the framers of our Constitution because of the adherence to the concept of Rule of Law.

Rule of Law as in the principle by which all people, organizations and entities are answerable to the laws of the land. The reason this works is because everyone understands the rules for everything from business to the social order are all the same for everyone. Without it, we have arbitrary justice at best and anarchy at worst.

As James Madison stated in the Federalist paper No. 51 (1788), "If men were angels, no government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself."

In other words, even those in government must follow the same rules.

Things break down when people break the law and are not held accountable by the justice system. We see this today where Soros-funded prosecutors pick and chose how and to whom the law is applied.

In these places, the ne'er-do-wells are sometimes not even prosecuted, and even if they are, they are often turned loose without posting a penny for bail until their trial dates. Since Illinois enacted the "Affordable Bail Act of 2017" these accused felons have been released with increasingly small bond amounts. Once released, they have victimized countless more citizens across our state. They have been able to intimidate or eliminate witnesses as well. In essence, it's been crime without consequence and it will only get worse with the new "No Cash Bail" law!

Under the new law, accused criminals will not have to post a penny for bail to secure their pre-trial release. Only a select few who pose a specific threat to a specific individual will be held before trial.

If you thought the "Affordable Bail" scheme was bad for crime on our streets, wait until January 1st.

Sure, some laws seem overbearing.

In my daily commutes I have observed a steady increase in the lack of respect for our traffic laws. Texting and reading cell phones while driving is now the norm despite more laws and greater penalties if caught.

Have you observed this proliferation in people flouting "texting while driving" laws as well?

The problem as I see it is if people start picking and choosing which laws they will abide by, pretty soon we're headed toward anarchy. And all things considered, I would still say that I wish to arrive safely with my family.

Just as we have a process for removing bad politicians in the vote, we have a process to fight unjust laws through civil disobedience to draw attention to them in order to effect change. Martin Luther King, Jr. once wrote, from the Birmingham jail no less, "I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law."

The institution of poor laws that our society cannot and will not obey casts doubt upon all laws. If it is decided that our laws cannot be revered, what becomes of our government and our nation?



A story of how to remedy your FOID & CCW problems...

## The "Great Hall" of the FOID

by Tim Wier

The "Great Hall" for the FOID sits on a square block in Springfield, IL at Seventh Street and Lawrence Avenue.

Just like the mythical Valhalla, sans the great heroes within, you must know the secret to traverse inside for help with all things pertaining to: FOID, CCL, and any other issues that the State Police of Illinois administer.

Admittedly, if you're at your wit's end struggling with the hurdles our state government has placed in front of your legal firearm ownership, you might look upon those in the "Great Hall" as a form of heroes if they can resolve these issues you're facing.



You must "Choose Wisely" from the doors accessing this Great Hall. Choose poorly and your trip will be for naught.

The secret passage is through the smallest door of the building. The Southeast door bearing the old Franklin Life logo holds the passage way to correcting most problems related to your FOID or CCL.

A receptionist will greet you as you walk through the doorway, asking your business in this Great Hall. Directly to the right of the first desk is the kiosk that serves the Firearms division for the State of Illinois.

Be prepared for this interlude or you will be turned back, told to come when fully prepared to access the Firearm division.

Seriously, if traveling to Springfield to seek help in the People's Great Hall with your FOID or CCL, bring all pertinent documentation including your IDs and licensing paperwork. This includes anything from your "On line experience" for FOID renewal. Concealed Carry Licensing also can be accomplished at this staffed kiosk.

My experience was easy, and I was able to complete the items that I had not been able to successfully navigate online.

The people staffing the kiosk will look over your documents, and then call "upstairs" to correct any issues with your firearm licenses. Yes, you will still have to wait for the printing and mailing of your card(s).

This is the best way to resolve FOID problems without your Representative, or Senator. Of course your elected Reps and Senators can sometimes help or will give you some options too.

Have faith o' weary traveler. The end of your quest is in sight.

Seriously good luck with your renewals.



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In regione caecorum rex est luscus

**In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is King**

by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member

Civil War 2.0 would be terrible for all.

## Red Dawn

Found a DVD in the value bin at Walmart – the classic 1984 version of Red Dawn, with Patrick Swayze. A fictional story, set in the early 1980s, in the mountains of Colorado, a group of teenagers defend their town from occupying Soviet and Cuban forces that have invaded the US. The kids live in a village called Calumet; it could be almost anywhere, a small American township with deliberately vague landmarks. Maybe your town. The teens start a guerilla warfare movement, blowing up enemy equipment over a six-month period, but the movie has a dark side. Not all the citizens are in for the cause; the mayor is a collaborator. Occupying forces execute hostages in an attempt to quell the uprising; the teens shoot captured Russian prisoners. I won't spoil the ending.

Red Dawn got me thinking of a potential Civil War today, as a lot of pundits are saying that our country is headed for one; and a senior politician seemed to be goading his opposition into starting one. So I started re-reading on the Civil War – the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and the "Gettysburg Address" and all that, but there is another side of that war – when Americans were fighting other Americans – a very dark side, that Abraham Lincoln could see, and if we didn't watch out, the country would never heal.



Red Dawn (1984).

Both sides, North and South, killed captured prisoners on more than one occasion – maybe a lot more, because if 100 are killed that becomes news, but if 1-2 are killed, it probably doesn't even get reported up the line. One or two here, one or two there and at some point they add up to real numbers – real bad numbers. Both sides, Union and Confederate, established terrible prisoner of war camps; an especially infamous one up north was Camp Douglas in Chicago – an equally infamous one down south was Andersonville in Georgia. Make no mistake; those two hellholes were concentration camps and the only things missing were gas chambers.

I recall reading that Union Generals Grant and Sherman were discussing how many Confederate soldiers would have to die before the south would give up. Grant reminded Sherman of all their southern classmates they had known at West Point, and how tough they were, and how many joined the Confederate Army – and then Grant reportedly said: "About a quarter million." That was pretty accurate, as some historical studies have posited that 258,000 Confederates and 360,000 Union troops died – 618,000 total. Guerilla/criminal

bands – Quantrill, Bloody Bill Anderson and others – slaughtered civilians; it wasn't called "Bloody Kansas" for nothing. The material cost was monumental too. Sherman's burn-it-to-the-ground March to the Sea hastened the end of the war, but it took Georgia decades to recover economically.

Civil War today? There is one characteristic, that bears watching, common to many on both sides. They view the other as evil. It used to be in America that one viewed political opponents, as mis-guided or stupid, and you worked by peaceful ways to convince them to change. But evil? There is no compromise with the devil. You exterminate evil or it will do the same to you.

If we have a Civil War, whether viewed as crushing an evil insurrection, or overthrowing an evil government, it will get ugly in a hurry. In Civil Wars, many folks present at its start, are dead before it ends. Whoever is in power, Democrats or Republicans, might suspend habeas corpus – Abe Lincoln did, and some would argue it has been suspended for participants in January 6. There will be targeted killings of folks supporting the other side; we've already had targeting of Supreme Court justices. Civil War looting will dwarf pillaging in 2020, and looters will be shot on sight by enraged citizens who feel their government won't protect them.

In Civil Wars, border areas are especially vicious as both sides lack legitimacy to police them, so both push war matériel through them to their supporters. That lawless situation already exists in northern Mexico and many areas inside the US. Both sides might well allow torture to gain information. It may not be William Wallace variety in Braveheart, but it easily could be Hank Voight and "the cage" in Chicago PD, as lots of people just "disappear" in Civil Wars. After many of these conflicts, bunches of people on the losing side get hanged by the neck until dead, while others have lifetime bans on voting, gun-ownership, military service, property ownership, or receiving social benefits.

War is subject to irrational factors, which gives each conflict a unique character. Characteristic of Civil Wars is that they don't end until BOTH sides decide to stop. "When" is hard to predict, but it's predicated on pain, lots and lots of pain. That's why Red Dawn is such a great movie – it gets you to think about what could happen after the sun comes up.



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*The didn't go woke, now they're no longer broke!*

## STREISAND EFFECT: Angry harpies complaining about junior football league's AR-15 fund-raiser turn a local raffle into a national event

by John Boch

(GSL/TTAG) - North Carolina's East Henderson Youth Football and Cheerleading League (EHYFC) poked a woke hornet's nest by offering an AR-15 as the grand prize in a fundraiser for kids sports. Unsurprisingly, some easily-offended types turned their ire on the EHYFC for such an "insensitive" and "deplorable" choice of prizes.

But not only did the youth organization's leadership not fold, they pushed back and the local raffle has now sold tickets nationwide. Congratulations gun-haters, you've discovered the meaning of the Streisand Effect!

It seems that nothing sells tickets quite like a fundraiser featuring America's favorite rifle, the AR-15. They play well as prizes even in blue states like my Illinois. But in more freedom-loving states like North Carolina? Puh-leeze. Who doesn't need another AR-15 in their safe? They're like 10/22s... every gun owner should have a few.

The EHYFC further triggered local Karens by having the effrontery to describe the rifle as a "freedom stick."

What did the critics suggest the organization do instead to raise funds for the kids? I'm glad you asked! On Facebook, the trolls came out in force, like this guy . . .

**Marshall Coleman** — *Freedom Stick???? WTF! Own up to the Freedom Stick being a killing apparatus. Try a bake sale next*

*time. What a perverted message to send to the very youth you purportedly care so deeply about.*

Try a bake sale next time? Well, here's the reply from the Youth Football team's leadership.

**EHYFC-Youth Football and Cheerleading Marshall Coleman that's a great idea!**  
*We work, go to school, practice Mon, Tues, church Wed, practice Thurs, game days are from 2-9pm Sat, back to church on Sun. When and where can we meet you to pick up those baked goods? We're gonna need a lot! Preferably sugar free, low carb, gluten free, dairy free, nut free, keto friendly, vegan, and organic. There's just so many different allergies, sensitivities, and preferences out there.*

The event's publicity has donations pouring in from across America.

One EHYFC mother on their leadership team told Breitbart news, "We have far surpassed our goals, and now have the ability to pass those blessings on to others in need. We have read every message, transaction note and email that has come our way. The supportive messages are coming from both retired and active military personnel, law enforcement officers, firefighters, fellow youth organization leaders, teachers, lawyers, entrepreneurs and grandparents trying to save our backwards society."

In other words, they didn't go woke and now they're far from broke. Kudos to them.

## The Anti-Violence Talmud launches Kickstarter campaign

*Now seeking community support via Kickstarter. This book is about the physiological & psychological reactions to violent incidents involving firearms!*

Lincolnshire, IL - These are incredibly violent times, where experience with violence has grown beyond military and public safety personnel. The Anti-Violence Self Defense Talmud is an informative new book by Marcus Melnick, who has four decades of experience in criminal justice and public safety. The book explores the physiological and psychological reactions to violent incidents, such as crime and mass shootings or active shooters. To publish this book worldwide, Marcus has recently launched a crowdfunding campaign on Kickstarter, and he is welcoming generous community support and backing.



"This book is for regular citizens and how they may react physiologically and psychologically to a violent incident," said Marcus Melnick, while introducing this project to the Kickstarter community. "This book explores how an everyday Joe/ Jane will react if confronted by a mass shooter, active shooter, or violent

crime," he added. According to the author, there exists an unchecked gap with the increase in mass shootings and the regular citizen to learn about them.

The Kickstarter Campaign is located on the web at: <http://www.AntiViolenceProject.com>, and backers from around the world can become a part of this project by making generous pledges and donations. Moreover, the goal of this Kickstarter campaign is to raise a sum of US\$ 12,500 and Marcus is offering signed copies of the book as a reward for the backers with nationwide shipping across the United States. Additional details are available on the Kickstarter campaign page of the project.

### About This Project

The Anti-Violence Self Defense Talmud is an upcoming book by Marcus Melnick to educate the regular citizens on how to confront active shooters, mass shootings, or any other incident of violence involving the use of firearms. The author has more than 4 decades of criminal justice and public safety experience, and he also holds multiple degrees and certifications. Furthermore, Marcus has been previously published and testified as a court recognized expert witness.

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\* Larry Potterfield's son leads a company in China sourcing goods for Midway USA, others...  
\* Russ Potterfield has lived in China for at least some time since 2010 with his wife and kids.  
\* Recently Midway USA has started listing products made in Taiwan as made in 'Taiwan, Province of China'

## MidwayUSA bends knee to communist China?

(GSL) - MidwayUSA, one of America's favorite online sporting goods outlets seems to have bent their knee to the Chinese Communist Party. In their newest product listings of items made in Taiwan, they now list the country of origin as "Taiwan, Province of China."

Country of Origin	Taiwan, Province of China
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While that doesn't really mean much to your average American, it's what the Chinese commies want Taiwan known as to foreigners. Some ask why a red, white and blue patriotic American company would intentionally misrepresent the national status of one of America's strongest allies. Especially an ally that faces potential attack and possibly annihilation by America's most potent enemy in the world today. Are they willingly changing because of pressure from the Chinese Communist Party?

Perhaps it is because MidwayUSA's founder Larry Potterfield's son Russ Potterfield has a company doing business in China. What's more, Russ has worked there in China at least some of the time since

2010, including at least some of the time with his wife and kids.

Obviously the CCP has turned up the pressure on Taiwan under the feckless Biden administration. And it surely looks like the changes MidwayUSA is making in listing Taiwanese-sourced products looks like it might have been influenced by Chinese Communist Party pressure.

Or maybe MidwayUSA believes the Communist Chinese market is the future for firearm and shooting accessories?

Given China's strict ban on firearms for their subjects, it seems as though Midway USA would have an easier time selling ice cubes to Eskimos.



Russ Potterfield, center, with staff at his office in Shenzhen, China.

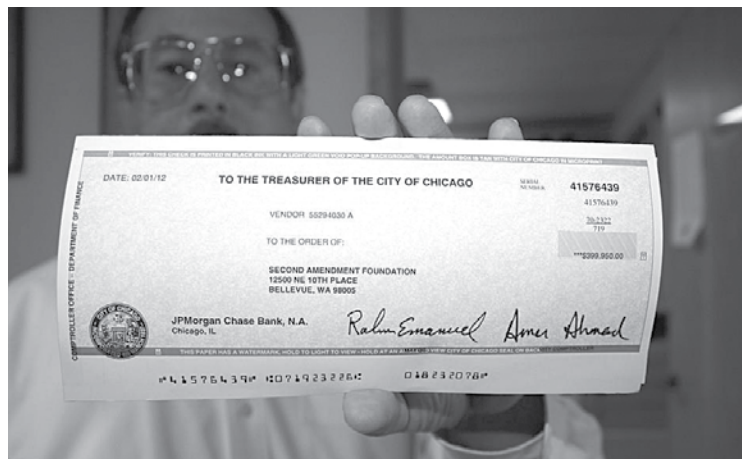
They were warned... now the real fun begins!

## NAPERVILLE, HIGHLAND PARK GET SUED OVER GUN BANS

(GSL) - They can't say they we're warned. They ignored the Rule of Law and court precedence and now they get to pay the piper. Naperville and Highland Park were named in a federal court suit filed by the National Association for Gun Rights.

Not only is NAGR asking for reimbursement against Naperville, they're asking for *damages* too.

NAGR and Rocky Mountain Gun Owners are no stranger to wins following *Bruen*. They won last month challenging local Colorado gun and magazine bans in four cities, and now they've turned those big guns on Naperville and Highland Park, among others filed in other federal court districts.



Second Amendment Foundation's Alan Gottlieb shows the check for \$399,950 from the City of Chicago's failed effort to defend gun control. This is just one of several checks Chicago wrote to SAF.

## GSL TO NAPERVILLE: 'See, I told you so'

The day after last month's issue of *GunNews* went to press, the City of Naperville voted 8-1 to ban the sales of America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, along with similar guns and magazines that feed them.

A couple of weeks later, the National Association for Gun Rights and Law Weapons in Naperville sued the city for their unconstitutional sales restriction. Within an hour of the filing in federal court, I shared this with the Naperville City Council members.

Enjoy.

### REFERENCE YOUR GUN, MAGAZINE ORDINANCES: See, I told you so

I emailed you in the days ahead of your shameful vote to ban the sales of America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, and the magazines that feed it.

I warned you that you risked big dollar legal bills defending the indefensible in light of the *Bruen*

decision at the US Supreme Court.

For those of you who ignored my written communication (including the member who has an automated reply which claims she read and contemplated the email about 3 minutes after I sent it), I've appended it at the bottom of this message.

By an 8-1 margin, you ignored court precedence and the rule of law to virtue signal on guns. "At least we did something," your squeaky little voices, full of smug condescension, said to your constituents and the media.

Now you get to pay the piper. I see our allies filed suit in federal court against your city.

There is a way out for you though, to put your constituents ahead of your own self-serving virtue signalling. It's rather simple, actually.

Vote to rescind your ham-handed virtue signalling stunt banning the sales of these incredibly popular self-defense firearms and their magazines.

Yeah, you're going to be humiliated. Maybe even humbled. But you'll be saving your residents from hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal bills. No, not for Naperville's lawyers, but for our side's lawyers.

I doubt you'll heed my advice. Hubris is a tough thing to overcome. Besides, it's largely someone else's money, right?

Ordinarily I'd wish you good luck with a healthy dose of sarcasm. But you don't even deserve that.

Anyway, let the real fun begin. You earned it. Enjoy.

John Boch  
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### Teen carjacked **NINE** victims over the course of **one day**: police

*Chicago (Fox32)* - A 17-year-old boy is accused of carjacking 11 victims at gunpoint over the last two weeks. Nine of the carjackings occurred on the same day.



### CPD carjacking arrest rate: **6%**

*Chicago (Wirepoints)* - ... And while carjacking arrest rates have averaged 10 percent from 2010 through 2021, so far this year they are at a near-record low of 6 percent.



They know cops won't pursue them

### Video shows armed men mugging victim — before Chicago cops were ordered to stop pursuit

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - A newly released surveillance video shows a serial armed robbery team mugging a man at gunpoint in Wicker Park on Friday morning. Minutes after the footage was recorded, Chicago police officers spotted the robbers in their getaway car nearby, but a CPD supervisor ordered the cops to stop following the vehicle.

Since then, **at least 16 more robberies have been reported** in waves of crime on Sunday and Monday mornings across Wicker Park, West Town, and the West Loop. Chicago police have said they believe at least two armed robbery teams are actively working the area.

Veteran of multiple gang battles...

### Rolling gun battle participant nabbed, was out on affordable bail

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - Prosecutors say a man who was convicted of exchanging shots in a rolling gunbattle in 2019 was once again engaged in a shoot-out while traveling in a car in Chicago this week. Naheem King, 22, was himself shot during the incident while having a hand bandaged from a previous gunshot wound and while on bail for a felony, officials said.



Citadel, Boeing and Caterpillar have already left Chicago. Is McDonald's next?

### McDonalds CEO: Lightfoot's Chicago is a crime-ridden disaster

*Chicago (Gateway Pundit)* - McDonald's CEO Chris Kempczinski, who has shown a proclivity for bowing down to the woke mob, is saying the quiet part out loud.

Lori Lightfoot's Chicago is a crime-ridden disaster.

Kempczinski said in a recent speech that the company is having trouble convincing McDonald's employees to return to their corporate headquarters because of fears of rising violent crime.

Chicago, like all liberal run cities with their defund the police mindset, is facing a rising crime wave.

Corporations like the Hedge Fund Citadel, Boeing and Caterpillar have already fled the city. Kempczinski, however, said McDonald's has no plans to leave.



Ricochet struck equipment; police didn't pursue shooter

### Shots fired at **Chicago FIRE** production set

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - A gunman opened fire just yards from where NBC's Chicago Fire television show was filming on Chicago's West Side this afternoon, according to law enforcement and industry sources. No injuries were reported, but a film industry source said the "full cast" was on-scene, and three cameras were rolling when the gunfire broke out around 1:55 p.m.

The hit show's crew was filming exterior shots at A.A. Rayner and Son's Funeral Home, 5911 West Madison, when a man began shooting from the opposite corner, a source said.

Our advice: Go ahead and carry within the law. An arrest will probably be good for at least a fast, five-figure settlement, maybe six-figures with a good lawyer...

# Cook County Forest Preserve cops threaten arrests for lawful CCW

(GSL) - The Cook County Forest Preserve's ban on concealed carry for those with carry licenses was struck down by a federal court last year. The decision in the case, *Solomon v. Cook County Forest Preserve*, ended the prohibition on carry.

The judge in the case granted the Illinois General Assembly until March 31st, 2022 to remedy the Constitutionality issues, however the GA failed to act through the end of the Spring session.

Now, Guns Save Life has received multiple reports from CCFP police officers who suggest they will make an arrest if they identify someone packing heat lawfully with a carry license.

We called the Cook County Forest Preserves PD and asked for their Public Information Officer for comment on the allegations. Twice we called Marvita Lash (sp?) and left a message with her when she failed to answer. We received no return call.

It seems reasonable that administrators of the CCFPD and individual CCFP police should know that the prohibition has been struck down by the courts. Why news of the gun ban's end made national news within the parks community in their National Recreation and Parks Association journal.

With that in mind, it seems as though an officer making an arrest is risking his or her qualified immunity. Not only that, but the department may be opening themselves up to liability for a failure to train and for deprivation of civil rights under color of authority in event of an arrest.

Our advice: Ignore the "no guns" signage and carry on CCFP property if you have a carry license. Concealed means concealed. If detected and an officer wants to make an arrest, cooperate and keep your cool. Remember, a jury will be watching the bodycam video later. Politely ask for a supervisor to confirm they wish to proceed with an arrest and the potential liability that entails. Make sure the bodycams are all rolling. We'll help you find a good civil rights attorney.



We think an arrest at this point will be good for at least a quick five-figure settlement, maybe six-figures if you get a good attorney and some extra good, jury-friendly bodycam video. And if they cuff you then run your face into the push bumper of their squad car, that good attorney would probably get you seven figures and someone's job.

At Guns Save Life, we staunchly support the police. After all, they enforce the rule of law, and without the rule of law, we would have anarchy. At the same time we have little patience with rogue cops and oath breakers who don't respect and defend the constitutional rights of gun owners. CCFP cops should tread carefully...



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**CHICAGO:** Vehicular-borne armed robberies proliferate wildly, leaving victims often injured and occasionally dead

# MITIGATING THE RISK TO YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY

by John Boch

Welcome to modern-day Chicago. Gone are the days of muggers hiding in dark alleyways in seedy downtown areas. Today, young bad guys ride three- or four-deep in a carjacked vehicle, picking pedestrians for armed robberies. These robbers love to prowl nicer residential neighborhoods - after all, the wealthy have more nice things to steal.

People who don't know better will say these bad guys pick their victims at random. Not true. Not true at all.



In most cases, bad guys watch for certain body language characteristics in their potential victims. In particular, they're looking for people who are unaware of their surroundings. In other words, they love to select people who aren't paying attention.

These predators will slowly roll down residential streets or alleys, watching for distracted pedestrians or those getting into or out of their parked vehicles.

When they've identified one or more suitable victims, they'll pull to a stop. Usually two or three will exit their ride, with hoodies up and sometimes wearing masks. By the time their intended victims notice their attackers, the victims have multiple assailants aiming guns at them demanding instant submission.



Given the scarcity of concealed carry holders in Chicagoland, these armed thugs know their victims will almost assuredly be unarmed and helpless. That's what emboldens them to strike not only single victims but even groups of two, three, four or more. There's more loot from groups, you know.

## How do you mitigate this threat?

The single best weapon anyone has to avoid victimization is to pay attention to your surroundings. Bad guys prefer easy marks, not hard targets.

Are you distracted or not paying attention

when in public? If so, it's in your best interest to stop acting like an easy mark.



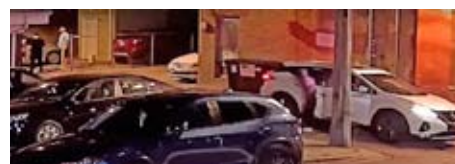
**Maintain situational awareness**, especially getting into or out of your car or walking down the sidewalk. Walk with your head up and your eyes and ears open.

That means put your cell phone away. Don't wear headphones or earbuds.

## Watch for cars slowing down or moving by slowly without a sense of purpose.

Just like people walking without a sense of purpose, that's a giant red flag.

Then, if you see three or four young occupants and they're looking hard at you, assume they're profiling you for a robbery. Take steps to get behind cover. If you have an opportunity, run like Forest Gump.



**Carry your gun!** God helps those who help themselves. Mike Tyson once said "Everybody's got a plan until they get punched in the mouth."

Well, I'll submit that every armed robber has a plan until he gets shot in the face. That's right: nothing dissuades bad guys quite like a couple of rounds to the chest or face. In fact, most bad guys will break off an attack as soon as they realize their victim can and will shoot them.



**Wear appropriate footwear.** Leave your flip-flops for the health club shower. Ladies, wear shoes you can run in. Guys, do the same. The couple in the above video capture tried to run and they might have gotten away except she fell because she didn't have good footing.

**You don't need the command presence and physique of a Navy SEAL** to cause bad guys to look past you to pick a more inviting victim. You just have to look like a harder target than people walking down the street with their face in a phone or the person unloading their car, completely oblivious to who and what is around them.

Use common sense and situational awareness to avoid becoming the next statistic. The life you save might be your own. And make sure you've got concealed carry insurance, too. Just in case.



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Real people, members of the gun culture sound off

## REACTIONS TO BIDEN'S RAVING SPEECH

(GSL) - Following Biden's dark, divisive speech, one of our members received an email from a former student. Our member, a long-time firearms and use-of-force instructor living in the southwest suburbs, shared it with your GunNews Editor.

*I am writing because I am very concerned about the speech the president gave last night. I can't believe the way that Trump supporters were attacked and even worse, I hear the statistics are that many feel that country is about to lose its democracy. My fear is that, in trying to avoid the loss of our freedoms, the left will lead the sheep down the road to even more tyranny and fascism. For the first time I am afraid. I am not sure what to do about this but things are becoming quite nightmarish. The only way I can cope with it is to avoid thinking about it and to continue my quiet preparations for what comes.*

*I would like to hear your views on all this and I cant really talk to anyone about it in my office and there are issues in my family. I look forward to your wise counsel.*

Our member/instructor also shared it with a host of trusted friends, many also part of the gun culture. He asked for their thoughts. Here are some of the responses he received.



**True villains are media & social media**  
Sometimes I get caught up in the left vs. right, conservative vs. liberal, and the arguments that the other side is basically either evil or mentally-challenged.

I am worried about the country and the place that we leave our children. I have to remind myself that there is always a pendulum that swings back and forth in public opinion...

The country is better served by hearing both sides. By *living* both sides. The true villain is the media portrayal. This one sided depiction is exacerbated by the constant "on" of the Internet and social media...

### Bounty issued.

He's not alone. It's almost like Biden's putting a bounty on our heads. To say nothing of dehumanizing us.

### Nudging people towards unrest?

I think that speech was intentionally and deliberately created to cause unrest. Fortu-

nately, it doesn't look like anything like that has started. Also Biden is getting a lot of pushback even from his own party about that speech. Wait-and-see.

### Pre-war motivational speech to dehumanize political opponents

I try not to listen to too many political speeches, but I saw this one going around the social media and thought the backdrop and setup was just a meme or edit, so I had to check it out. I have to agree with the author of the email. What I heard sounded like a government sponsored approval and justification for violent action against his political enemies. We saw this same trend with the riots. Democrat politicians picked their words carefully when calling for the violence but made sure to dehumanize a specific political group.

It felt like a pre-war motivational speech. A political group of people were publicly denounced by a sitting president and called a THREAT to our democracy. This is something you would say about terrorists and countries you are looking to gain support for going to war against.

### Parabellum

To me that looked like Hollywood version of a modern day Stalinist speech. I am not afraid because I have a plan of action: Continue to prepare for the chaos that might come, support sane candidates for office, inform friends and family that the Stalinism did not work but they did murder millions of their fellow unarmed countrymen...

### Disengage from mainstream & social media... including far right YouTubers

I did not listen to the speech because I mostly avoid the news and leftist propaganda. I do feel that the media is so biased to the left and sadly, they've done a terrific job at brainwashing the masses... I've tried to enlighten my family members, but I still can't compete with daily doses of fake news and then the late night talk shows.

It sounds like your friend got a heavy dose of bad politics and is in despair. I would suggest to them to try and disengage from mainstream media...

Find conservative friends and spend more time with them, you don't even have to TALK about politics. The vibe of being with like-minded individuals will boost you up...

I'd also add that watching too many doom and gloom videos from far right YouTubers isn't good either. [They] are out of step with reality as well.

### Biden's handlers want to divide us

Well....I think Biden is just a puppet. He didn't write that speech; (I only heard bits and pieces of it). The guy doesn't even know where he is or what day it is. Whoever wrote it, wants to divide us.

### Biden's target audience?

I don't have that problem in my immediate family. But you can bet every idiot that still wears a mask in public after all the info that has come out about the ineffectiveness of masks and vaccinations is one of the people that Biden hopes to reach with his BS speech about fascists.

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## ‘Roger Ruger’ Dorsett, 1943-2022

With great sadness, we must report that Roger Dorsett died in early September. Health challenges exacerbated by a lack of available rehab care during the COVID lockdowns ultimately led to his death.

His legacy lives on in so many ways though. He gave of his time and talents so freely, and in return he forged countless friendships and relationships with people not only locally, but nationally.

For four years, he served as the president of Guns Save Life’s predecessor organization.

Not only that but he also served on the board of the local Friends of NRA chapter for the better part of three decades. He helped organize gun shows in Central Illinois for many years too.

As a gun dealer, he came to know many. At the same time he amassed a magnificent collection of Rugers and eventually became a brand ambassador for the company. His creativity coupled with his prolific collection earned him national awards for his Ruger displays. The display behind him in the above photo was at least the second award-winning display he crafted.

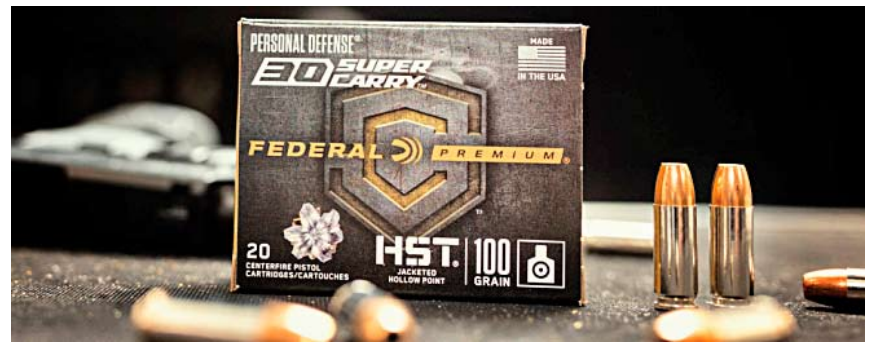
The first display won awards at the National Rifle Association’s convention when it was unveiled, and then at the Ruger Collector Association meetings and other events. In fact, it heralded a new standard in promotional displays at events like the NRA convention.

At home though, people referred to this modest man as “Roger Ruger.” He drove a big cargo van - with “Ruger” vanity license plates - with

about a hundred gun-related bumper stickers on the back doors that today would trigger snowflakes into fits of rage. When the old gray van bought the farm, he bought a new white one and started adorning it.

But what most of us remember was the modest and soft-spoken guy with an encyclopedic knowledge of Rugers and a willingness to help others - especially kids - experience the fun and excitement of shooting and firearm ownership.

Continuing with his legacy, his widow Priscilla offered a number of Roger’s firearms to GSL for us to use as fundraisers to continue our mission - the mission Roger helped us build in our early years. Many thanks to her for doing so.



Spoiler: He’s gonna stick with his 9mm

## One GSL gun aficionado’s take on the .30 Super Carry

by Tim Wier

Every time a new, promising cartridge is rolled out, most of us wonder what it would be like to shoot. If you’re like me, you want to learn first-hand whether it really is a marked improvement over existing products or if it’s all hype or somewhere in between.

Well, when the Federal .30 Super Carry came out, I ran out and tried this new “Super Blaster” on the range.

Federal’s new cartridge has been aggressively marketed to the CCW community to fill the gap between the .380ACP and the 9MM. A smaller diameter cartridge, it allows for two or three additional rounds over the .380/9mm in the same size (small) defensive handgun magazine.

For defensive use, it shoots a 100gr hollow-point projectile at a hot 1250fps, giving it a muzzle energy of roughly 347 ft/pounds.

On the range, the new caliber Smith & Wesson M&P Shield EZ’s recoil felt close to that of my Sig 365 9mm Luger, my daily carry gun. The grip safety on the S&W was a little cumbersome to get used to at first. Once I remedied that, I shot 50 rounds of the this new cartridge.

The gun fired accurately enough and then some. Shooting sub-2” groups at fifteen feet was easy and doable at 15 yards. Far better than minute of bad guy. All rounds fell slightly low and left from the point of aim.

As for reliability, the gun functioned flawlessly, even as I acclimated to the controls.

As I finished shooting, my next thought was “Why?” As in “Why should I add another caliber of gun to my collection? What does this do that my 9 doesn’t?”

In the perfect world, there is darned little difference between the 9mm and this new

cartridge. But the world isn’t perfect. If the bullets fail to expand, the 9mm has almost a third more cross-sectional area. People have argued 9mm vs. .45 for decades now. I don’t imagine any .30 Super Carry vs. .45ACP debates. That would be laughable.

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Frankly, the 9mm has a proven track record, including with modern bullet expansion designs. Additionally, with the advent of very compact, light guns with high capacities, two or three extra couple of rounds aren’t the game changer they would be over a single-stack small defensive pistol. The SIG P365, Springfield Hellcat, Shield Plus, Ruger Max and similar Taurus products have revolutionized CCW carry guns and all will carry about 12+1 or more in the tried and true Luger.

Given that the new caliber remains a bit pricier than 9mm and harder to find, I cannot see a compelling reason to trade my 9mm 365 for a .30 Super Carry.

For those who carry a .380 (but not an LCP MAX), the Super Carry might (\*might\*) provide a slight improvement in capacity and a modest improvement in ballistic performance, *assuming* the bullet achieves expansion. Frankly though, I’ve been around long enough to know that in real-world defensive applications, many if not most rounds fired fail to expand into pretty petals like the promo photos above.

Sorry gun companies. I will spend my hard-earned cash on more 9MM ammo and training, not a new cartridge without a proven, real-world track record.

## We love happy endings!

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The Toledo Gun Buy Back was a success! Without it, this formerly defenseless Toledo resident would still have 2 broken single shot 16ga shotguns in his basement. Thanks to the gun buy back he was able to sell those to the City allowing him to afford a new, functional S&W M&P15 to defend his home!

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# It's time to hold your school officials accountable for security

by John Boch

(TTAG/GSL) - The school year is back in session for tens of millions of American children, including my twin boys. Keenly aware of security considerations, I like what I see at my kids' school. Do you know much about your kids' school...or grandkids for you older folks?

As parents, we expect these schools to proactively mitigate risk and keep our kids safe while they're there. When visiting the school, if you as a layperson see obvious security weak points like unlocked exterior doors during school hours, there may be other issues that you didn't notice. If school officials aren't addressing these deficiencies, we as parents can help nudge them towards improving safety.

No one likes to deal with heightened security – until the wolf is at the door. However, when it comes to saving lives, proactivity beats reactivity every day of the week and twice on Sundays.

Don't assume. Be proactive as a parent. Assess your kids' school security plans by opening a dialogue with your local school administrators.

The NRA's School Shield program provides a great apolitical springboard for those discussions. Not only that, but the School Shield program will not only send out experts to do a security evaluation — at no charge — but they can also provide grant money to make any recommended security improvements.



Because the harder the target, the less likely a bad guy will successfully recreate another Parkland in your hometown.

Here are some questions the School Shield program has put together for parents to ask teachers and administrators to make sure they don't have their heads in the sand when it comes to security.

1. Has our school ever had a vulnerability assessment done?
2. Does our school work with local law enforcement and emergency responders in crisis planning and training?
3. When was our emergency operations/crisis management plan last reviewed?
4. What types of drills are conducted at our school and at what frequency?
5. Are all exterior doors of our school locked during instructional hours?
6. Are all visitors to our school required to check in with the main office?
7. Are students and staff trained on how to identify and report suspicious or

concerning behaviors/ comments?

8. Does our school have a behavioral threat assessment team?

9. If there is an emergency, how and when are parents/guardians notified?

10. Do we have designated security personnel assigned to our school? If so, are they armed/un-armed?

In fact, there's a guide you can download and print out with all of these questions. Or you can email it to your school's administrators.

The School Shield website also has a series of videos talking about the security analysis their experts provide from the perspective of teachers, parents, paramedics, etc., as well as ways to implement increased security without frightening parents.

Don't assume your kid's school is as safe as it could (or should) be. You can help them make sure they work to mitigate risks and maximize safety. The life you save might be your son or daughter's.



## Illinois Gun Owners Together (IGOT) group has FUN while promoting gun rights online & in person

by Marcus Melnick

There are many firearms organizations in Illinois, including, but not limited to GSL, State Line Rifle and ISRA. Online, the Illinois Gun Owners Together (IGOT) group was founded nearly a decade ago.

IGOT isn't a legal organization. It simply began as a Facebook group of like minded Second Amendment supporters. At one time, membership neared 10,000 throughout Illinois. However, during the last presidential election, Facebook shut down a number of conservative-leaning groups. IGOT was one of those groups.

So, IGOT leadership rebuilt the community with multiple backups. IGOT also opened a page on MeWe, and the core group of members communicate via Facebook Messenger and Signal.

As a fraternal brother/sisterhood, there are

offshoots of IGOT, including a women's group, a communications group and more.

IGOT isn't just an "online" presence. We meet up at the Illinois state capitol complex to lobby our legislators, and we show up at city council meetings locally. Not only that, but several times a year, members get together for an outdoor shoot in Ottawa. We're also proud of a downstate shoot we conduct for a veterans charity and our participation in other groups like GSL. In fact, IGOT will no doubt had a large presence at the Inaugural meeting of the Lake County GSL meeting.

Want to join a group with a great bunch of people as members? It's free! Just look up "Illinois Gun Owners Together" on Facebook and Mewe. Three questions need to be answered for admittance. They're not trick questions, either. We hope to see you online, at one of our shoots or at the Lake County GSL Chapter meeting.

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Good guy with gun stops another killer...

### Public spree killer 'scattered like a jack rabbit' after armed American shoots back

(AP) - A young man suspected of randomly killing three people on Detroit streets fled when an armed bystander saw him shoot a fourth person and responded with his own gunfire, witnesses told a TV station.

"He scattered like a jack rabbit," Wallace Pleasant told WXYZ-TV...

Kaia Maxey-Gholson told the TV station that she witnessed another man fire shots in an attempt to stop the suspect.

She said she believes the suspect would have kept shooting the elderly man "like he did the other victims that morning."



Buckshot works like a charm

### DON'T MESS WITH TEXANS: 17-year-old with shotgun drops two of four would-be home invaders

Channelview, TX (MSN) - Two armed men were shot and killed by a 17-year-old while they attempted a home invasion, according to Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez.

*Sounds like dad needs night sights or marksmanship training ASAP*

### Peeping Tom pulls knife, Texas dad pulls gun

San Antonio, TX (Daily Caller) - A father fired his gun at a "peeping Tom" who was allegedly watching his daughter change in her San Antonio, Texas, bedroom on Wednesday.

The incident began when the daughter reportedly noticed a stranger observing her through her bedroom window at around 10:30 p.m. and notified her father, according to KENS 5. After the father went outside to confront the alleged peeper, the man apparently pulled out a knife and lunged toward him. This prompted the father to pull out his gun and fire several shots at the man, the outlet reported.

### Kia Challenge ends poorly

### 13-year-old aspiring car thief pulls gun, gets shot in Chiraq

Chicago (GSL) - On Sunday afternoon, September 11th, a Bronzeville man shot a gun-toting 13-year-old trying to steal his Kia car. It happened in the 3700 block of South Langley according to the Sun-Times.

When the youth brandished his gun warning the man away, the man produced his own piece and shot the gun-toting punk once. Police recovered guns from both parties and the kid was taken to Comer Children's Hospital.



Bad guy's gonna need more than Tums...

### Chicago CCW holder shoots would-be assassin - who was out on affordable bail!

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - When a concealed carry license holder shot a gunman in Chicago on Monday, police initially thought it was a botched carjacking. It wasn't. Prosecutors said on Wednesday that the men knew each other and that the concealed carry permit holder was targeted in a murder attempt by a seven-time felon on bond for a Class X armed habitual criminal gun case.

Willie Barnes, 37, remained hospitalized with a gunshot wound to his abdomen...

Officers discovered Barnes lying behind a Buick, apparently trying to hide a gun and ski mask behind the vehicle's rear tire, according to Haamid. He was awake but critically injured. The victim was unharmed.

### Man shoots adult son who showed up wearing body armor and pulled gun

St. Rose, LA (WBRZ) - A man shot and killed his 21-year-old son after he showed up at his parents' house with a gun and bulletproof vest.

The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office said the shooting happened Tuesday after an argument erupted between the 21-year-old and his mother at the home in St. Rose.

Deputies said the confrontation escalated after his father arrived. The sheriff's office said the son then drew a handgun, prompting the father to pull out his own weapon and shoot...

According to the sheriff's office, the son had a history of "unstable and violent" behavior and previously underwent mental health treatment.

*Hero stops rampage, mainstream media ignore it. 'Everyone in the house would have died'*

## Shot in the head, man pulls his CCW and shoots crazed mass murderer dead

Surprise, AZ (FoxNews) - An Arizona man who was shot in the head while attending a Fourth of July party with his family this summer is speaking out about how he was able to thwart the shooter from killing more people with his concealed carry firearm.

"My back was turned. I heard the first gunshot and that's what made me, kind of turn my head ... But by the time I even was able to look and see what was going on, a bullet already had struck the side of my face," Raul Mendez recounted to Fox News Digital in a phone interview Tuesday.

Gunshots rang out at a home in Surprise, Arizona, on the evening of July 3 as Mendez, his two daughters and his seven-month pregnant wife gathered with friends and other families to celebrate the founding of America. About 30 people were gathered in the home, including young children, as the group celebrated with fireworks and food, Mendez told Fox News Digital.



Raul Mendez.

[The suspect] was later identified by police as 46-year-old Jason Hunt, the sole suspect in the case who opened fire unprovoked on the families and parties, police said in July according to the *Arizona Republic*.

Two of Mendez's friends, Conrradito Ochoa Navarro, 41, and Carl Dinora, 38, were killed in the incident. Four others, including Mendez, were left seriously injured...

Mendez was shot in the head in front of his wife, who rushed to his side and believed he was dead due to the amount of blood covering his face. She then grabbed their two daughters and put them into a room deeper in the house, barricading them and other children inside...

As Hunt continued his alleged rampage, two other women began fighting back against the suspect and screamed for Mendez, knowing he had a concealed carry weapon, Mendez said.

"By the glory of God or the adrenaline and just everything, just the will to live and the will to protect my family, I was able to hear those pleas, those yells for help. I heard my name. And I was able to get up," he said.

He was able to pull out his firearm and shoot the suspect four times in the chest.

"If I didn't have my gun with me, everyone in the house would have died. The news vans would've been front and center. But because I did, you never even heard about it," he said in the video.

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*Crime without consequences leads to anarchy, poverty, despair*

### STATE OF ANARCHY: You will not invest or live in a place where you do not feel safe

(GSL) - It is almost as if our state's political leadership is hellbent on legalizing crime without consequences.

We tried a baby-step towards eliminating cash bail with the "Affordable Bail Act of 2017." It has proven itself an unmitigated disaster leaving a trail of dead bodies and maimed survivors in its wake thanks to new crimes committed by those out on "affordable bail" before trial.

Ironically, a disproportionate number of blacks have been victimized by those out on "affordable bail." Yet the Democrats - led by the Legislative Black Caucus in our state - insisted on giving us the "No Cash Bail" law that will eliminate the entire bail system altogether.

The Legislative Black Caucus claims that allowing crime without consequence is somehow promoting safety and equity. It won't make us safe. It will cause more poverty, blight and misery.

It all comes down to safety or the lack thereof. If you don't feel safe in a place, why would you invest in a business there? If you don't think you and your employees would be safe working there, why would you place a business there? You wouldn't. Also, why would you live there with your family?

You wouldn't.

Through defunding the police and encouraging remaining officers "go fetal" to protect their jobs and retirements, Chicago's Mayor Lori Lightfoot has neutered the people to enforce the rule of law. By doing so, she has gifted control of her city to criminals.

And now the bad guys operate with impunity, as evidenced by cops stopped from pursuing violent criminals (even murderers). Thanks to the "no snitch" culture, Chicago PD solves less than 5% of non-fatal shootings and less than 15% of homicides. And then the Cook County State's Attorney doesn't even charge half of the homicides that are cleared. It's so bad that residents in Chicago are more likely to be victims of crime than criminals are to be caught and prosecuted.

Productive people aren't going to stand for it indefinitely. Businesses aren't going to stay.

Residents do the same. If people don't think they can live and raise their families in safety and they can afford to leave, they will move to a safer place.

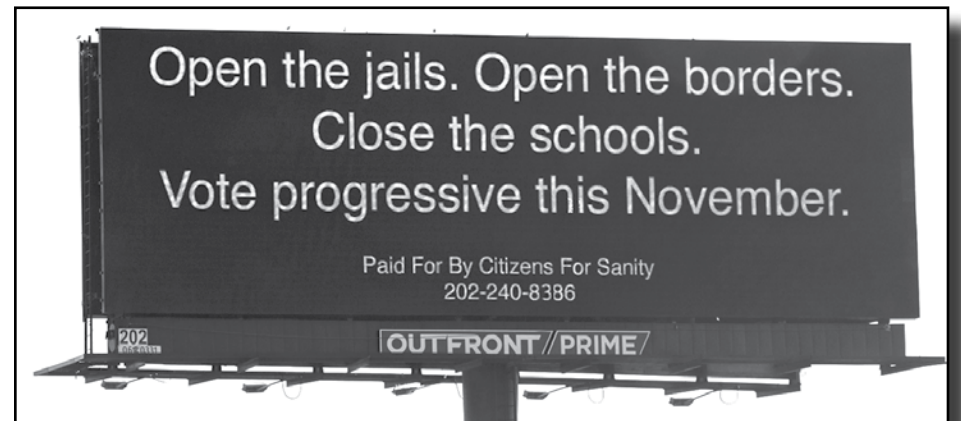
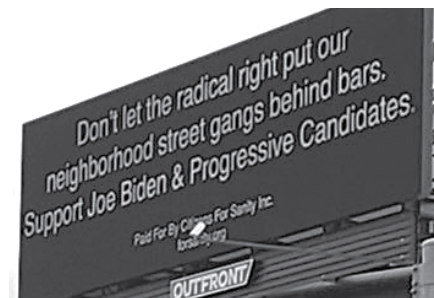


We cannot have flourishing, vibrant cities without safety and the rule of law. This is true no matter how much government money is spent on "education" or "jobs." Safety must come first.



Without safe streets and the rule of law there will be nothing but blight and crime.

And if Illinois doesn't end this social experiment of crime without consequences, the exodus of businesses and productive families will accelerate dramatically.



### MAIL CALL



#### Great job, GSL officers!

You are doing a fantastic job. I'm joining because I don't get to make every monthly meeting but I don't want to miss a single issue of *GunNews*.

I think Executive Director John Boch deserves a raise. No slight meant towards anyone. I enjoy the many articles he writes.

Butch Belleville (sp?)



### If anti-gun politicians backed by gun control orgs really cared about saving children's lives...

By Konstadinos Moros

(TTAG) - Few things concern people more than the safety of their kids. That's probably why a popular talking point that has been adopted by the media, anti-gun organizations, and anti-gun politicians lately is that "guns are now the leading killer of children..."

What they probably do not want you to think about is teenagers killing other teenagers, predominantly through gang-related violence. Such violence disproportionately occurs in cities run by anti-gun politicians who are in turn backed by gun control organizations.

It's no secret that gang violence harms African American teens much more so than teenagers of other races. It's thus sadly unsurprising that the CDC's data on gun-related deaths also reflects this grim reality.

Of the 1,859 gun-related deaths among teenagers (ages 13-17), 784 of those deaths were among black teens. That's about 42%

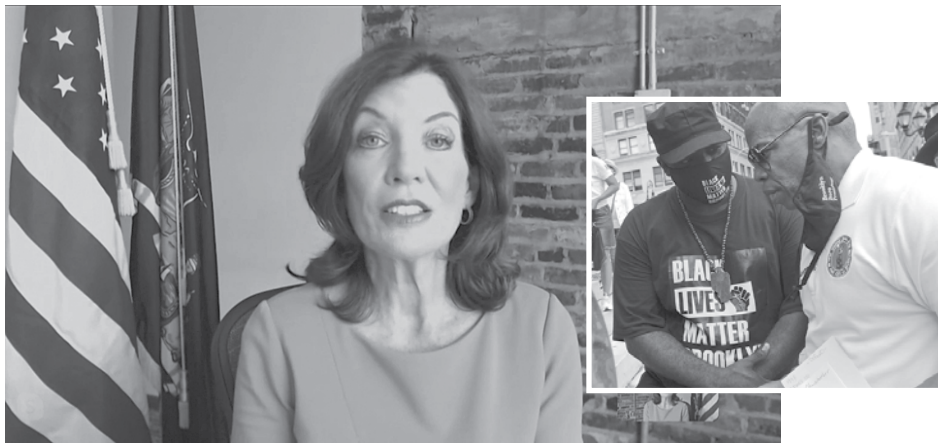
of the total, or roughly three times higher than what it should be given black teens' share of the overall population...

Humiliatingly for our country, black teens are far and away more likely to die due to gun-related injuries — more than twice as much — compared to children of any other race or ethnicity. For non-black teens, car accidents are still the most common cause of death.

This should go without saying, but no child or teen should die a violent death, whether it's due to a homicide, an accident, or self-harm. But the gun control industry, always in search of a pretext to limit a constitutional right, isn't going to make that kind of distinction.

If they really cared about saving children's lives, they'd focus their energy on reducing the allure of gangs, combating depression in teens, and educating all children about safe gun handling.





NY Governor Kathy Hochul and NYC Mayor Eric Adams (far right).

## Law-abiding gun owners ignored by media, maligned by many Democrat politicians

by John Lott  
(RealClearWire.com) - In celebration of New York's new gun control law taking effect on September 1, **Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul claimed: "This whole concept that a good guy with a gun will stop the bad guys with a gun, it doesn't hold up. And the data bears this out, so that theory is over."**

At the same press conference, **New York City Mayor Eric Adams warned that more concealed carry permits might lead to an increase in violence at Times Square**, even though Times Square remains a gun-free zone for permit holders.

**This is a typical response from Democrats.** After each mass public shooting, Democratic elected officials push for more

gun control. They ignore examples, even those that generated significant public attention, in which armed bystanders saved many lives. They also disregard a grim aspect of such crimes: Most mass shooters want to commit suicide in a way that will gain the most media coverage. The more people they kill, the more coverage they will get.

The shooters may be callous and crazy, but they are rational enough to realize that they can kill more people if their victims are defenseless.

**Like so many other mass public shooters, the Buffalo shooter wrote in his manifesto: "Areas where CCW permits are low may also be good areas of attack."** The national media refuses to report other explicit statements by attackers. Nor

do they report the fact that 94% of mass public shootings occur in places where civilians are banned from having guns.

Surveys show that criminologists and economists had the same top four preferred policies for stopping mass public shootings. On a 1-to-10 scale, American criminologists rated the following policies most highly: Allow K-12 teachers to carry concealed handguns (6.0), allow military personnel to carry on military bases (5.6), encourage the elimination of gun-free zones (5.3), and relax federal regulations that pressure companies to create gun-free zones (5.0).

The top four policies for economists were the same, but in a different order: Encourage the elimination of gun-free zones (7.9), relax federal regulations that pressure companies to create gun-free zones (7.8), allow K-12 teachers to carry concealed handguns (7.7), and allow military personnel to carry on military bases (7.7).

As important as police are to fighting crime, increased policing didn't make the top of the list. That's because stopping mass public shootings is a uniquely difficult challenge. For police, wearing a uniform is often akin to wearing a neon sign saying, "Shoot me first." That makes officers easy targets for attackers. The benefit of concealed carry is that the attackers won't know who is a threat to them.

**"A deputy in uniform has an extremely difficult job in stopping these attacks,"** said Sarasota County, Florida, Sheriff Kurt Hoffman. "These terrorists have huge strategic advantages in determining the time and place of attacks. They can wait for a deputy to leave the area, or pick an undefended location. Even when police or deputies are in the right place at the right time, those in uniform who can be readily identified as guards may as well be holding up neon signs say-

ing, 'Shoot me first.' My deputies know that we cannot be everywhere."

Given how infrequently the news media covers defensive gun uses, it isn't surprising that Gov. Hochul believes that defensive gun uses are rare. But survey estimates show on average that Americans use guns defensively about 2 million times a year. According to academic estimates, defensive gun uses – including instances when guns are simply shown to deter a crime – are four to five times more common than gun crimes.

Hochul also worries about permit holders themselves committing crime, but her fears are misplaced. New York doesn't provide data on the rate at which permit holders have their permits revoked, but we do have that data for other states. In the 19 states with comprehensive data, the average revocation rate for any reason is one-tenth of 1%. Typically, permit revocations occur because someone moved, died, or forgot to bring a permit while carrying. In Florida and Texas, permit holders are convicted of firearms-related violations at one-twelfth the rate of police officers.

The governor might also be surprised to learn that the general public disagrees with her. An early July survey by the Trafalgar Group showed a plurality of American general election voters believe that armed citizens are the most effective element in protecting you and your family in the case of a mass shooting. First on the list was "armed citizens" at 42%, followed by "local police" (25%) and "federal agents" (10%).

Police are essential to keeping the peace and bringing criminals to justice, but in most cases they can't directly protect people. That's why Gov. Hochul owes the residents of her state the chance to protect themselves.

## FIRING BACK AGAINST JIM CROW:

## Gun ownership helped black Americans defend themselves when no one else would...

by Editorial Board  
(Wall Street Journal) - Search on Google for "white supremacy" and "gun rights" and you'll see plenty of articles claiming the Second Amendment is a tool for white America. But a new paper from Clemson University economists Michael Makowsky and Patrick Warren finds the opposite is true. They say gun ownership helped black Americans defend themselves when no one else would.

The key finding of "Firearms and Lynching" is clear: "Rates of Black lynching decreased with greater Black firearm access" in the Jim Crow South.

In other words, when black Americans couldn't count on the cops to protect them, guns made a difference. A few years ago, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice spoke to this on ABC's "The View." She related a personal anecdote from her childhood in Birmingham, Ala., to explain her appreciation for the Second Amendment.

"There was no way that Bull Connor and the Birmingham Police were going to protect you," she said. "And so when White Knight Riders would come through our neighborhood my father and his friends would take their guns and they'd go to the head of the neighborhood, it's a little cul-de-sac, and they would fire in the air, if anybody came through.

"I don't think they actually ever hit anybody. But they protected the neighborhood. And I'm sure if Bull Connor had known where those guns were he would have rounded them up."

The study confirms Ms. Rice's point. Messrs. Makowsky and Warren take the data about lynching, and they use the percentage of gun-related suicides as a proxy for firearm access. One key point is that there was a determined effort by the Jim Crow South to disarm black Americans. The authors note that while the laws such as pistol

bans may not have explicitly targeted blacks, that was the clear intent—and it was carried out by selective enforcement.

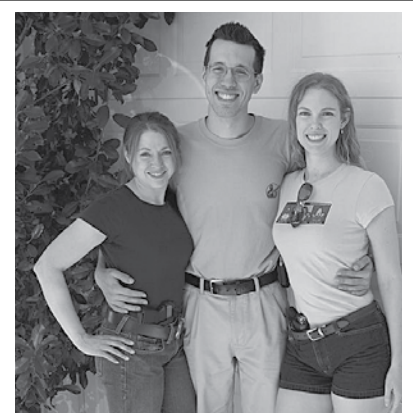


Unarmed people are vulnerable.

But if someone can shoot back, even a bigoted mob is going to think twice. More black Americans today are absorbing this lesson about self-defense if their gun purchases are any indication. Overall gun sales are way up in the U.S., but a National Shooting Sports Foundation survey for the first six months of 2020 reports sales to black Americans were up 58% over a year earlier.

Second Amendment rights for black Americans were often deliberately limited by local and state governments that, the authors say, were "rarely better than indifferent to their safety and, at their worst, actively supportive of terrorist violence targeting them."

All the more reason to ensure all Americans are able to enjoy this constitutional right. When the police no longer can guarantee public safety, as we see every day in too many American cities, a gun may be the only way for people to protect themselves.



Our thanks goes out to Oleg Volk for his continued permission to use his creative work to help us in our gun rights advocacy work. You can see more of them at his websites:

**a-human-right.com**  
**blog.olegvolk.net**



## Meeting summaries

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organization in its mission to help disabled veterans reintegrate back into the civilian world.

### LaSalle County.

**LaSalle County Regional Director Glenn Pratt** led the meeting of the faithful over the Labor Day Weekend. We meet at **The Stone Jug BBQ** restaurant and folks, the food there is *exceptional*. **John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Update**.

It's campaign season... **Jason Haskell**, candidate for the **76th House District** in Illinois spoke. He's exceptionally pro-gun and just as opposed to the soft-on-crime policies Illinois Democrats are enacting - thanks in part to certain votes from his opponent. Instead of this **"No Cash Bail"** fiasco, Haskell would rather re-tool Florida's successful 10-20-Life sentencing enhancements to make them constitutional. Florida used the law to lower firearm violent crime rates to historic years before the Florida Supreme Court struck it down.



*Glenn Pratt presents a hat to Jenn Ebner that sums it all up: Make votes count again.*

**Jennifer Ebner** spoke next, talking about how she focused her anger about child sex grooming and other social issues into getting involved in politics starting in 2021. Now, she's running for **LaSalle County Clerk** with an eye towards helping to ensure election integrity. She gave examples of local poll officials obstructing poll watchers. She also talked about how nursing homes and similar places are supposed to have election officials from both parties assisting residents, not nursing home staffers.

We also hosted **Christian Scott** as a surrogate for **Scott Gryder's** campaign for Congress. And **Crystal Loughran** spoke for a minute promoting her campaign for the LaSalle County Board.

We held our drawings. **Glenn Pratt** won the very nice **Henry Golden Boy .22 rifle** provided by **Mean Metal Guns**. He declined to accept it, and instead put it up for auction with the proceeds going to **GSL**. **Sally Vancil** won the amateur auction with a bid of \$360. Congratulations to her and thanks to Glenn for his selfless generosity.

### Pontiac.

The good people at the **Pontiac Sportsmen's Club** hosted us with good food and great company for our September meeting. **John Boch** called the meeting to order and shared his **Executive Director's Report**.

**Terry Riccolo** spoke on behalf of the Pontiac Sportsmen's Club to promote their **"Cash Bash"** event coming on the following weekend.

Our main speaker, **Norm Parsley** brought a metric-pattern **FN FAL rifle** and delivered a presentation on the rifle once called the "right arm of the free world" given how it was used by so many militaries in the Western World. Chambered in 7.62x51, it doesn't shoot bullets

nearly as fast or as powerful as the AR-15 (at least according to Joe Biden), but the 7.62 round has proven itself plenty potent enough to kill lots of commies and others in a host of wars and conflicts.



*FN FAL: The right arm of the free world.*

We held our drawings. **Alex won the 50/50** and then donated his winnings back to **GSL**. Many thanks to him. Meanwhile **Don J.** won the **Shield Plus Bug Out package** on a ticket purchased at another meeting location. Thanks to **Freedom Sport Shop in El Paso** for the gun.

Next month **Al Devlin** will serve as our speaker for fire prevention month. We'll also have a **Tisas 1911A1-style .45 Auto** as our drawing gun.

### Decatur.

Our **Decatur Regional Director Dave Randolph** called the meeting to order and led a booming Pledge of Allegiance. As custom here, we had a couple of reports ahead of **Mr. Boch's Executive Director's Report**.

**State Representative Dan Caulkins** brought the news of ISP revoking FOID cards by the boatload, some going back to incidents nearly fifty years ago - and others more recent including from a police officer who sought treatment for an eating disorder. Caulkins plans to meet with the ISP Director and the head of the FOID Appeals Board.

**Dan Cooley from The Bullet Trap** shared his **Industry Report**. When it comes to guns, it looks like gun production in 2022 will set a new record. He took lots of questions, too.

Dan also shared an update on ISP: Like Rep. Caulkins, Cooley has heard a lot about the revocations and he too believes revocations are being abused by ISP. Cooley also noted how a lawsuit has blocked ISP from using the carry license fingerprints for the "lifetime" FOID card.

We welcomed an **Illinois State Police chaplain** as our main speaker for the night. **Steve Holden**, who also presides over a Decatur area church, delivered a great presentation about some of his experiences. Among his travels as a chaplain for first-responders, he worked at Ground Zero after 9/11 and Post-Katrina in New Orleans. He met outstanding people at both places and did his part to make a difference for them.

One story Mr. Holden shared was how he offered some guidance and support for a sniper team in New Orleans who dispatched bad actors. They felt very bad about it, as anyone would. He told them that if they followed their protocols and the law, that stopping evil-doers was saving innocent lives, not taking innocent lives. One of those guys just called him recently to thank Holden for his wise words and how they made a difference to his team and their coping with what they were forced to do.

As for advice, Chaplain Steve noted that for most folks, their lives won't be defined by a single event, but by everyday little things you do for others (and it's not too late to change for the better!). Those little things can make a difference, sometimes profound, to others.

Sometimes you don't even realize just how much the little things you do help others.

**Dave Randolph** noted that the **DeWitt Co. Sportsman's Club** was starting its **first and third Sunday breakfasts** starting in October. (Well worth the trip.)

**Elizabeth Moran** spoke, asking for volunteers to serve as Republican election judges to help keep honest people honest and to help with election integrity. They're organizing a **"Mule Party"** across the street from the **Macon County ballot drop box**, watching for people depositing multiple ballots.



For **Tech Time**, **Gary Larson** brought a couple of donated specimens, including a 9mm AR that takes Sten gun magazines. It's so powerful, according to Joe Biden, that even if you hit a bad guy in the leg it'll still blow their lungs out.

**Next month, bring your muzzleloader!**

**Dan Cooley** won the **50/50** (well over \$100) and donated it back to **GSL**. Kudos and then some to him. **John Boch** won the **crossbow**. Boch put it up for auction to benefit **GSL** and we held a fun amateur auction with **Jeff Olson** calling it. **Carolyn Wagner** bought herself a very nice \$400+ crossbow for \$200. Congrats to her.



*Jeff Olson, our impromptu auctioneer who sold the crossbow to benefit GSL.*

### Charleston.

**Charleston's Regional Co-Directors Keith Pippin and Justin Bawcum** opened their meeting at the Unique Hotels Banquet Center. **John Boch** followed with his **Executive Director's Update**.



**Jack Martin** (above) returned as our main speaker. As a well-travelled man of many talents, he shared his belief that everyday people should make preparations - both in goods and skill sets - for a simpler lifestyle given what's happening in the world today.

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He recommended storing natural and nutritious foods and be careful about what you're putting into your body. Mr. Martin believes food shortages and skyrocketing prices are coming within the next year and the prudent among us will prepare accordingly.

Drawing on his experiences overseas, he said that when resources become scarce, the governments will reward snitching with food, fuel or money. Right now, before things get bad, he urged everyone to start building relationships with like-minded friends, neighbors and others to support one another if things get bad. Those relationships are far more important than hoarding your fourth or fifth case of .223 ammo.

We drew for the **50/50** and **Ron Peadro** won the **Kel Tec P17** and two boxes of ammunition.



Next month we have this awesome **Glock 17** and the **MCK Micro Carbine Kit** to go along with it (did we mention a premium leather holster and a happy stick magazine, too?) Tickets are available by mail (see page 3) if you can't make the meeting. **AWESOME!**

## Sangamon County.

Because of the Labor Day holiday, we pushed back our meeting a week but will return at our usual First Monday meeting in October.

**GSL's President Dale Lock** called things to order at **SCHEELS** and **Executive Director John Boch** shared his report and took questions in front of a huge crowd.

**State Senator Neil Anderson** traveled from the Quad Cities region to join us as our main speaker. His fellow law-and-order **State Senator Steve McClure** joined him as well.

Anderson's a bit of an anomaly as a conserva-

tive, staunchly pro-gun Republican serving in a Democrat +12 district. Dems who didn't know any better have spent upwards of \$12M trying to unseat him, yet he keeps winning. This time around, he's running unopposed - in a D+12 district!

He talked primarily about the history of the Second Amendment and how he's working through his **2A Patriot PAC** to help elect uncompromising gun rights advocates to state legislatures across the nation. They're looking to strike in competitive districts and supporting candidates opposition to squishy-on-guns Republicans isn't outside the realm of possibilities as well. The 2A Patriot PAC is helping both with financial resources as well as campaign consulting.

One takeaway that we all enjoyed was that President James Madison noted that the Second Amendment does protect the right of the people to own cannons!

Our winners for the night included 50/50 winner **John Stubbs** and the **Shield EZ** in .30SC **Dennis Karhliker**.

## Champaign Co./Rantoul.

**Champaign County Regional Director Dan Worthey** called the faithful to order. **John Boch** followed with his **Executive Director's Report**.

**State Rep. Mike Marron** dropped by and gave us his analysis of where things stand in the General Assembly. In short, the state is a mess - financial, leadership, crime... you name it.



State Rep. Mike Marron from the Danville area spoke in Rantoul.

He doubts we'll have a special session as he agrees with Boch that Democrats don't really want to tackle hot-button issues like gun and magazine bans just weeks ahead of the elec-

tion. "They'll wait until the lame duck session when they're no longer accountable to the voters," he said. Marron also excoriated the No Cash Bail law that fully implements its worst features on the first of January.

Rep. Marron says he's happy to assist FOID and CCW issues. Contact his Danville office for help (217 477-0104). They've been able to help lots and lots of folks... and he's willing to assist even those living outside of his district.

**Dan Worthey** handed off the baton as our local Regional Director to **Dick Brandt**. Mr. Brandt introduced himself and told of some of his life-changing moments, including time spent on the *USS Ranger* aircraft carrier while working for IBM. He brought along a flag retired from the *Ranger* gifted to him by the crew. Both IBM and the Navy took good care of him.

Many thanks to Mr. Worthey for doing a great job for several years as Champaign County Regional Director!

**John Brown**, candidate for **Champaign County Sheriff** also spoke. He is optimistic of pulling off a win, particularly if rural areas of the county aggressively turn out to vote during this mid-term election cycle.

For a tech time of sorts, **John Boch** brought a couple of **ghosty-guns** and reminded folks that midnight on November 14th is the witching hour for home-brew firearms to be either serialized, destroyed or lost in a boating accident.

You can bury them, he noted, until the courts throw out this mandatory registration law. Alternatively, you can destroy them. Yuck. The third option is to imprint a serial number on them which will pass casual scrutiny 99.99% of the time. There are no rules prohibiting a person from serializing a gun they've made.

Interestingly, the format required in the Illinois Ghost Gun law is the first 3 and last 5 digits of the dealer's FFL license number followed by a hyphen, and then followed by a suffix number/letters. So, for instance 15809465-F46 would work. A curious person can visit the ATF's FFL EZ check website to search for valid FFL numbers.

Those who have uncompleted kits should be aware that those are prohibited as well.

We held our drawings. **Lois Morton** won the 50/50 and **John Boch** won the 20-gauge shotgun with the red-dot optic. Congrats! Thanks to **Freedom Firearms of Rantoul** for providing the gun!

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## SAY HER NAME

by Peachy Keenan

*(The American Mind)* - If I were a real MAGA extremist, I'd be able to tell you about a specific murder trend happening in America right now, but I don't want to get on the FBI terror watch list.

What I can tell you is this: we are living in a real-life version of *The Purge*. Murders are up at least 44 percent in two years.

For over two years, we heard a long list of murder victims shouted on TV every day. I know by heart the names and murder circumstances of Breonna Taylor, Trayvon Martin, Ahmaud Arbury, George Floyd, Tamir Rice, Eric Garner, and many others.

This new trend is a little different. In fact, I couldn't help noticing that some particularly gruesome recent killings have been met with a strangely subdued reaction by the mainstream media. Which is weird, because silence is violence...

Last year, I arrived at a public park to retrieve one of my children from sports practice. As I pulled into the lot, I noticed a group of men hanging around a parked car. My inner systemic racist noticed that they were young, black, dressed like gangbangers, and smoking weed. My inner white privilege told me I should find a different place to park, immediately.

But I convinced myself that there was no way anything bad could happen here, in full daylight, in view of a playground full of kids, so I dismissed my inner "racist" and pulled into the lot.

I called my husband and told him, "I think I just interrupted a gang meet-up. These guys look like they have guns."

He told me to ignore my inner racist. "It's broad daylight, you'll be fine."

Thirty seconds after hanging up with him, I heard the unmistakable sound of gunfire close by. At first I thought I was dreaming. How could my inner racist have been so right? And then I thought, oh no, I was correct in my assumption that these guys were sketchy, and now I'm going to die a "racist."

The shots were very loud, because they were being fired three feet behind my car. The shooter was crouched down and aiming at the guys who had been standing around the parking lot and were now running for their lives. I watched him shoot one man in the stomach. The victim clutched his guts, screaming, and fell to the ground.

I tried to make myself as small as I could. I learned that you can't get down very far when you're stuck in the front seat of a minivan. The shooter kept blasting away, and I called my husband back, this time to say goodbye...

I heard sirens in the distance. I waited on the floor of my car until a cop tapped on my window. As he took my witness statement he told me, "This parking lot is a gang hangout

for the Bloods. What in the world are you doing here?" "Trying not to be racist!" I almost said...

As the police officer talked to me, furious people from the neighborhood stood on the other side of the police tape and yelled things like, "Fuck you! Get the fuck out, this is our neighborhood!" Looking back, I probably should have apologized to the polite young man who screamed "white

bitch," since my "racism" is certainly what drew the police to his park that afternoon—it may have even instigated the shooting...

The only murders that seem to get the big headlines—the ones that trigger tweets from important people like Mark Ruffalo and Katy Perry and LeBron James—are those that involve white school shooters and white police officers. America's other victims simply do not matter. Another fifty shot in Chicago? That's just another way to say Saturday. The guns did it, we must hunt down the guns that did it!

When you are a dead member of the out group, your depraved rape and murder gets a shrug and an eye roll, if you're lucky.

The rush to minimize the crimes against the three young women I mentioned and swiftly memory-hole their names is appalling. They are not alone, of course.

The last two years of "building back better" have brought us an ocean of blood, a veritable murderpalooza raging across the country. Innocent victims of every race and age group have been slaughtered by a relatively small group of young men who always seem to have long arrest records, are newly released from prison thanks to Democrat-funded DAs, and are feeling rested and ready to kill again. Or just crush some kids to death as they march in a Christmas parade.

A mountain of skulls rises up in the public consciousness, but you must not look at it or draw attention to it. To do so is a crime worse than the killing. The lunatic gods must be appeased by daily, yet invisible, human sacrifice, and the mountain of skulls must grow much higher before they are sated. They're saving a spot at the top for your skull, and those of your children, and your grandchildren. Nothing will stop the terror until its future victims demand it stop.

**Brianna Kupfer.**  
**Eliza Fletcher.**  
**Allison Parker.**

The list goes on. But don't you dare say their names—someone might call you a racist.



Eliza Fletcher.



Brianna Kupfer.



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# The Purge

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leadership fast-tracked it for a vote minutes later before the sun came up.

In signing the bill, Illinois Democrat Governor J.B. Prizker said "...it will help dismantle 'systemic racism,' improve policing and make Illinois communities safer for everyone."

If only. Among the "reforms" in the bill includes restricting use of force in arrests, and limits pursuit of suspects, makes it a felony to not wear a body cam if police agency requires it, allows the state Attorney General to levy quarter million and half million dollars civil fines against police who allegedly have a pattern of rights violations. It also makes it illegal for police to shoot someone in the back, pelvis or head with a Taser.

It allows anonymous complaints to be made against officers instead of requiring a sworn affidavit. Then it sets out how the police can no longer arrest anyone for minor misdemeanors like trespass or window peeping. Instead, assuming the police show up, cops will just give the accused a citation. At that point, the police can't even force the suspect to leave the area.

Yes, Emergency Departments will become a total zoo after gang members come in with gunshot wounds. The next thing you know, we'll be having shoot-outs between gangs in the ERs.

Cops will also face a felony if their reports contradict their own body camera footage - and they are prohibited from reviewing the footage before submitting their reports. Is it any wonder why cops are leaving departments across Illinois? There is also an elaborate plan to set up a system to track and decertify "bad cops."

While the police have many new restrictions in the name of "safety," what restrictions do criminals have? Pretty much none, except

they'll have to return home in less than 48 hours to avoid "escape" charges while violating electronic home monitoring.

The law lays out the rule for holding a suspect: "Detention only shall be imposed when it is determined that the defendant poses a specific, real and present threat to a person, or has a high likelihood of willful flight." If they don't pose a "specific, real and present threat" a specific individual, they can't be held unless a local prosecutor convinces a judge within 48 hours otherwise. What's more, even if bad guys don't show up for their first court date, they *still* can't be arrested or held.

The history of bail, or lack of it has never been intended to be part of punishment since everyone is assumed to be innocent until proven guilty. What's more, under the old system, those posting bail may lose their bail money if caught re-offending. That proved a motivator for many to behave upon pre-trial release. It should sting if you choose not to play along with the rules, shouldn't it? Not under this new law in Illinois.

**Crimes with mandated release**  
You won't believe the crimes where the new law will mandate release for those arrested:

**Second Degree Murder, Drug-induced Homicide, Arson, Aggravated Battery, Kidnapping, Burglary, Robbery, Armed Robbery, Intimidation, Aggravated DUI, Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding, Drug Offenses, Shoplifting/Theft, Looting and effectively all misdemeanors.**

As an example, if you have a domestic violence incident and beat and threaten your intimate partner, you will be held until trial. If you kill your intimate partner, technically you're no longer a specific, real and present threat to a (living) person and the law mandates your release unless a prosecutor can convince a judge you are a specific threat to someone else.

The law also has a retroactive component applying to those previously arrested and still

held on bail. **Most jails will free roughly half of their inmates at midnight January 1st.** Tens of thousands of criminals will go free across the state.

Offering a preview of who would be set free, the *Lake County Gazette* published a two-page newspaper photo spread of 32 people currently held in Lake County jail who can't pay their very high dollar pre-trial release bonds (from \$350,000 to \$3,000,000) who will be turned loose on New Year's Day.

The list of charges they are held on are staggering.

Here are charges for some of those listed on the page: Traffic accident/death and sex offender. Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of child, Aggravated Criminal Sex abuse (victim over age 5), Aggravated Sexual Abuse (victim 13-15 year of age), Agg Crim Sex Abuse (victim over 12), Agg Crim Sex abuse-with a weapon, Controlled Substance. Predatory Crim Sex Assault (victim over 13), Agg Crim Sex Abuse (victim over 13). Three repeat Domestic Battery customers (bet their families can't wait for them to come home!), Aggravated Domestic Battery, Agg Battery/ Great Bodily Harm, Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Felon in possession of firearm (repeat offender), Agg Unlawful Use of a Weapon against a person (repeat offender), Methamphetamine possession, Theft/ Stolen, Driving on Suspended License, Agg Discharge of Firearm-occupied vehicle, Agg Unlawful Use of a Weapon-vehicle and under 21 yrs old, Agg Unlawful Use of a Weapon-no concealed carry or FOID and Reckless Discharge of a Firearm/Endangering Others.

There are 101 other counties who will be releasing similar accused bad guys and gals on New Year's Day. As the headline says, "The

Purge" begins at 12:01am January 1st.

The Democrats that passed this bill and signed it into law have signaled their criminal coddling over protecting your friends and family. You're on your own. Are you ready?

**Are you ready?**  
Do you maintain situational awareness while out in public? Do you trust your intuition? You should. Dismiss your intuition as "it's nothing" at your own peril. It always has your best interests at heart and is usually right.

Do you own a gun to defend your family within the home? It's not too late to apply for a Firearms Owners ID card and go shopping. Take a class while you're at it. Don't be this guy:

**DIALED 911  
AND I'M ON HOLD  
SURE WISH I HAD  
THAT GUN I SOLD**

Do you have a concealed carry license? You have about three months to remedy that if you do not. You don't have to be a defenseless victim in public. Get armed. Get training. Get licensed. Carry every day.

Do you have a self-defense insurance policy to pay for legal representation should you be forced to punch the ticket of one of these predatory criminals threatening your life?


Do you have good locks and good lighting around your home?

The bad guys will feel emboldened after January 1st. Will you be a hard target or an easy mark? It's *your* choice. But with decisions come consequences.

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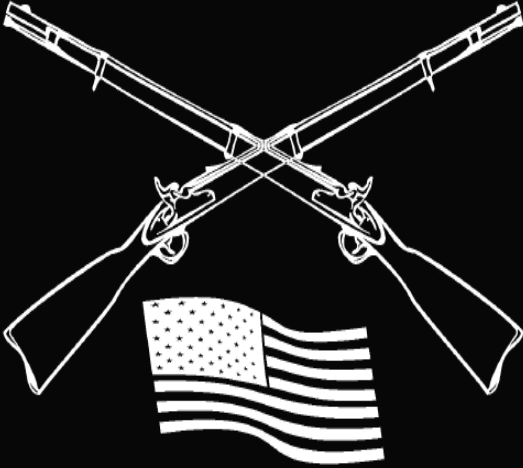
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## Calendar

### GUN SHOWS...

#### September

**Sept. 24: National Civil War and Collector Arms Show.** Dupage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL. Zurko Promotions. 715 526-9769.  
**Sept. 24-25: Chillicothe Sportsman's Club,** Chillicothe, IL. Steve Risinger (309) 208-1010.

#### October

**Oct 1-2: New Berlin. Sangamon Co. Fairgrounds.** New Berlin, IL. Patrick Keen oldcarbines@gmail.com.  
**Oct. 8: Villa Park VFW.** VFW Post 2801. Dan Thomas 630 777-9632.  
**Oct 8-9: Belleville Gun & Knife Show,** Belleville Fairgrounds, Belleville, IL. ECA Jeff Edwards (618) 367-3118.  
**Oct 15: McHenry County Gun Show** McHenry County Fairgrounds Woodstock, IL Donald Cichoski (815) 385-1982  
**Oct 22-23: Peoria Gun & Knife Show,** Peoria, IL (Exposition Gardens). Mark Craft 309 371-3593.  
**Oct 22-23: Crown Point Gun Show,** Lake County Fairgrounds Crown Point, IN (765) 855-3836.  
**Oct 29-30: Bloomington Gun & Knife Show.** Interstate Center. Bloomington, IL. ECA Jeff Edwards (618) 367-3118.  
**Oct 29-30: Kankakee Gun Show,** Kankakee County Fairgrounds Kankakee, IL. Mike (630) 363-3131.  
**Oct 29-30: Sauk Trail Gun Show,** Princeton, IL. Sauk Trail Collectors. Dan Fritz 309 689-1934.

#### November

**Nov 4-5: Mt. Vernon Knife Show.** Nancy Hancock. 618 242-4514.  
**Nov 5-6: Aledo Gun & Knife Show.** Mercer Co. Fairgrounds. Aledo, IL. Mark Craft. 309 371-3593.

**Nov 20: McHenry County Gun Show** McHenry County Fairgrounds Woodstock, IL Donald Cichoski (815) 385-1982

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#### Foosland Sportsman's Club

Shooting opportunities open to the public at the Foosland Sportsman's Club. Contact Ron Beatty (217-417-3552) or pagan69@mchsi.com.  
**Second Tuesdays:** 6p Tuesday night trap shoots  
**Second Sunday:** Splatterboard through March 13

#### Sullivan Gun Club LLC.

**2nd Saturday** bowling pin shoots, **4th Saturday** Aspirin shoots. 9am.

#### Oak Park Sportsmen's Club.

Falling steel match **First Mondays** starting at 4:30pm.

#### Crete Gun Club.

Monthly meetings at 7pm on the **First Monday.** 1962 W. Exchange, Crete, IL. Open to all. Contact Howard Kaye at fxt1984@gmail.com or 708 921-6768.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

### Election season for GSL Board members

GSL will hold elections in October for two year terms for the officers and select directors. All are for two-year terms unless otherwise noted. We will seek to accept the Nominating Committee slate of candidates through a vote of acclimation at the upcoming (October) monthly meeting cycle.

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## The Armed Women of America

3rd Wednesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Christian County**  
Locked and Loaded, Pana, IL  
twaw.christiancountyll@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





NZ government & criminals have guns  
After three gun confiscation drives!

## New Zealand gun crime up 53% to new record highs

New Zealand (MSN) - Rates of injury and death caused by firearms are tracking higher than ever before...



## James Yeager passes

(TTAG) - According to sources, James Yeager passed away this morning, September 2, 2022. He'd been fighting amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease) for some time and that is believed to be the cause of his death, although no official statement has been released.

## Cesspool Philly mayor calls PA 'a backward state'

Philadelphia (NBC Philadelphia) - Criticizing the state's gun laws, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney on Wednesday called Pennsylvania a "backward state" and said its Legislature for the most part doesn't care about its citizens...

"We're not gonna get gun control in Pennsylvania. This is a backward state whose Legislature for the most part doesn't care about the health and welfare of its citizens," Kenney said.



Nobody wanted to watch anti-gun hypocrites virtue signal? You don't say!

## What a shock: Nobody watched the Emmys

(Variety) - The Nielsen data for the 2022 Emmys on NBC is in and its [sic] not looking good for TV's biggest night. The awards show was down 25% from last year in total viewers and hit a new record low in ratings.

Not all firearm trainers are competent, much less good

## 'Instructor' hired by Catholic Charities criminally charged after 'active shooter' training

(Bearing Arms) - An Omaha man hired by a non-profit in the Nebraska city is now facing charges of terroristic threats and illegal use of a weapon after conducting an active shooter drill where neither police nor the non-profit's employees were aware of what was going on.

The "drill" at Catholic Charities took place just five days after the shooting at the Tops grocery store in Buffalo, New York in which ten people were murdered.

What could possibly go wrong?

## NY Governor to police: Assume anyone carrying a firearm is carrying unlawfully

(TTAG) - New York's appointed Governor Kathy Hochul continues to provide hard-left anti-gun "leadership" to the Empire State. Her latest directive to the NYPD: Assume that anyone carrying a firearm is carrying unlawfully. Because New York City is such a bastion of safety, civility and security thanks to generations of strict gun control.



## UPS releases new 'woke' rules for shipping guns, parts

(AmmoLand.com) - UPS has released strict new rules for shipping firearms just months after canceling some gun dealers' accounts and destroying packages in transit.

The new rules came in response to a letter sent by five anti-gun senators, which blamed UPS and 27 other carriers for escalating violent crime rates.

Other headlines:

## Frontpage Mag: Half of San Franciscans Have Been Robbed

## New Orleans overtakes St. Louis to become the MURDER CAPITAL of America: Homicide rate up 141% from 2019 and car-jackings rise 210% - as city's police staffing drops to lowest level in modern history

## Washington Post went woke, now broke... layoffs pending



GREAT MOMENTS IN GASLIGHTING!

## CNN cites 'Experts' who say keeping violent criminals in prison doesn't make us safer

(CNN) - Calls for tougher prison sentences are growing in Memphis, Tennessee, as word spreads the suspects in two violent attacks there this month had been released from prison before serving their full sentences for prior convictions.

But experts told CNN research shows harsher penalties are not an effective deterrent to violent crime. [Editor: Maybe not a deterrent, but they can't reoffend behind bars.]



This will work. We promise!

## NYC's post-Bruen crime prevention strategy



GSL's decision to leave Facebook keeps paying benefits

## Facebook red-flags 'subversive' messages and sends them to Biden's FBI

(NY Post) - Facebook has been spying on the private messages and data of American users and reporting them to the FBI if they express anti-government or anti-authority sentiments — or question the 2020 election — according to sources within the Department of Justice.

Under the FBI collaboration operation, somebody at Facebook red-flagged these supposedly subversive private messages over the past 19 months...



Don't listen to what they say...

Watch what they do!

## Anti-gun LA mayor candidate reports her guns stolen

(TTAG/GSL) - Los Angeles Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-California) has reported that a pair of guns were stolen from her residence in recent days. She discovered the break-in and missing firearms when she returned home on Friday.

Not only does news of the burglary at her home further illustrate that nobody is safe from the endemic crime in L.A., but it illustrates something much deeper - her hypocrisy.

Despite her public rhetoric to ban guns from the little people, she knows knows the truth about guns... that when seconds count, a firearm is the best tool for good to use to stop a bad person with evil in their hearts. So much she that she owns — er, owned — at least two firearms to protect herself and her family, while at the same time advocating that your family go without them. And we can thank the burglar for exposing Karen Bass' grand hypocrisy.



Mass murderers don't need guns

## Canadian police find pair that slashed 10 to death

Weldon, Saskatchewan (AP) - Canadian police searched on Monday for two men suspected of stabbing 10 people to death in an indigenous community and a nearby town, as the massive manhunt following one of the nation's deadliest mass killings entered its second day.

Authorities have said some of the victims were targeted and others appeared to have been chosen at random in a series of attacks on the James Smith Cree Nation and in the town of Weldon in Saskatchewan province. They have given no motive for the crimes, which also left 15 people wounded... [Editor: Both men met untimely deaths.]



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The instant before Mr. Parmvir Singh was shot dead.

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Instead of going to church, career criminal robs and murders on a Sunday morning...

**Compliant store clerk shot in the head during robbery at gas station**  
Tupelo, MS (WTVA) — Police in Tupelo say a store clerk is dead and a man is in jail after he apparently shot the clerk in the head while robbing a convenience store Sunday morning. Officers arrested Chris Copeland, 26, of Tupelo, following the holdup at the Chevron at Cliff Gookin Boulevard and South Thomas Street.  
Lee County Coroner Carolyn Green later identified the victim as Parmvir Singh, 33, of Tupelo. An autopsy will be performed.  
[Editor’s note: Mr. Copeland was sentenced for burglary in October 2021. He was released early on MDOC probation and had another warrant for his arrest. He’s eligible for the death penalty as the case has been charged as capital murder.]

When democracy turns to tyranny...

The armed citizen *still* gets to vote.

## The dolphin trainer

An old man dinged his door into a very expensive automobile in a parking lot. The owner of the expensive car jumps out and confronts the old man and says “Give me \$10,000 cash or I will beat your [butt]!”

The old man replies, “Woah wait buddy, I don’t have that much money but let me call my son. He trains dolphins. Maybe he can help.”

The old man dials his son and as he is about to speak the owner of the other car yanks the phone out of old man’s hand. He says “You train dolphins? So what. Your old man just hit my car with his door. You bring me \$10,000 or I’m gonna beat the heck outta him and you!”

The son answers “Okay, give me 15 minutes and I’ll be there.”

In exactly 15 minutes the son pulls up in a Jeep. Ten men jump out and beat the hell out of the expensive car owner.

Afterwards the son walks over to his father and says, “Dad, I train SEALS not dolphins.”



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