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The delightful Angel Kim with an AKM. She'll be ready on January 1st for the coming jail break. Will you?

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Let the legislators who voted for this live with the consequences of those votes...

PURGE LAW: PLEASE RELEASE INMATES AT POLITICIANS' HOMES

(GSL) - Virtually all county sheriffs and states attorneys in Illinois have serious reservations about the new "Purge Law" and its provisions that end cash bail. Democrats in the General Assembly passed the new law in the final hours on the last day of the lame duck session in January 2021.

The new law mandates that on January 1, 2023, county jails shall release almost all of their inmates currently held on bail who aren't a specific threat to a specific individual. In most counties, this means about half or more of those currently housed on pre-trial detention will be released at midnight on New Year's Eve. What could possibly go wrong?

At Guns Save Life, we're famous for making lemonade out of lemons when it comes to gun control schemes. Now, some of our members have come up with the perfect solution to this new law's implementation.

Think of it as making lemonade out of lemons for our Land of Lincoln sheriffs and state's attorneys.

Sheriffs: Don't just cut these folks loose to endanger people in neighborhoods just outside your county jails. Instead, rent a bus and deliver them out front of the residence of the nearest state senator or state representative who voted for this horrific No Cash Bail Act.

Pull up at the curb, unload the buses and wait for the clock to strike midnight. At 12:01, remove the handcuffs. Then have jail staff get back on the buses and drive home, leaving the inmates behind with warm blankets and a cup of hot chocolate.

The little people in Illinois have had to live with the consequences of misguided legislation from Springfield for years, including the "Affordable Bail" law of 2017. This

time, let those legislators who voted for this and their families worry about their own safety just like the rest of us do on a daily basis. Make them live with the consequences of those votes.



For those county sheriffs on a budget, we're pretty sure if they announced their plans and asked residents to chip in \$10 or \$20 to help pay for a bus rental and fuel, we have no doubt residents would quickly and cheerfully cover the costs.

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November 2022

- **LaSalle County:** First Sunday: **NOV. CANCELLED**, December 8
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St. Utica
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **November 7**, December 5
MCL Cafeteria, 2151 Wabash Avenue, Springfield (*temporary location*)
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **November 1**, December 6
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **November 2**, December 7 Pearl Harbor Day
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **November 3**, December 1
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **November 8**, December 13
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Lake County:** Second Wednesday: **November 9**, December 14
Woodfire Tavern, 4868 Route 83, Long Grove
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **November 17 (special date)**, Dec. 8
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **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.



Sangamon Co. Sheriff Jack Campbell at SCHEELS in Springfield.



Desi Anderson, running for Illinois Senate in Central Illinois against the reliably anti-gun Dave Koehler, speaks in Peoria.



Judge Rodney Forbes, left and State's Attorney Scott Rueter spoke about legal issues at the Decatur GSL meeting.



President Glenn Garamoni of the State Line Rifle Association speaks in Lake County. He's with his right-hand man Abraham Avalos and in the background is GSL's Regional Director Marcus Melnick.



Retired Urbana Police Officer Joe Tharp in Rantoul.



Warren Drake, left, and Paul T. (last name redacted for professional reasons) talk ARs.



Vince Romano with the FU non-semi-automatic AR.



ARs and the stories behind them at Champaign County's GSL meeting.



"Freedom Paws" brought one of their service dogs in training to Peoria's GSL meeting.



Desi Anderson with John Boch who won the 12 ga. shotgun...



Jon T., the GSL member whose home was burglarized three times in one week last year, speaks about the capture of the suspect by US Marshals.



Bring your favorite muzzle stuffer in Decatur.



From left, Jon Engleman won the Tisas 1911 .45, along with Dale Lock and Larry Whitbeck, Mr. 50/50 in Springfield.

IMPORTANT MEETING UPDATES, CHANGES

LaSalle County

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER! We're moving the LaSalle County monthly meeting to the **SECOND THURSDAY** and the meeting location to **Jamie's Outpost in Utica, IL**. We wish to thank The Stone Jug BBQ for hosting our first three meetings. We wish them the best, but we were unable to continue there. **We'll also start the meetings at 7pm like most of our other locations.**

Sangamon County

We're moving the November (and possibly the December meeting as well) to the **MCL Cafeteria in Springfield**. SCHEELS has a conflict with the holidays. We shall return to SCHEELS on **Monday, January 9th**.

Charleston

Our host venue, the Unique Hotel, asked if we could move to the **THIRD THURSDAY** in November. We agreed. We'll see you on Thursday, November 17th.



CHICAGO INSANITY CONTINUES

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



Grossly understaffed Cook County prosecutor's office assigns law students to courtrooms, sets low hiring requirements

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - There are growing indications that the Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) is struggling to fill vacancies, as more than 20% off its employees have resigned since July 2021.

CCSAO is so short-staffed that supervisors are assigning prospective attorneys who have not yet passed the bar to handle duties typically conducted by assistant state's attorneys—like presenting allegations during bail hearings at Chicago's criminal courthouse.

And the office is trying to hire an attorney who will be responsible for convincing judges to resentence incarcerated felons under a new Illinois law. But the job posting has raised eyebrows among some experienced prosecutors.

Earlier this year, two Cook County judges rejected efforts by vet-

eran prosecutors who sought the early release of a convicted home invader and a serial burglar. Both judges questioned the new law's constitutionality, wondered if they even had the authority to do what prosecutors were asking, and a variety of other concerns.

Even though its veteran lawyers could not break through a wall of judicial resistance, a job posting seeking people to handle the same duties in the future requires only two years of legal experience. A background in criminal law, administrative hearings, or litigation is "Preferred, *not* Required," the posting says—emphasis theirs...

Fox reported that four prosecutors assigned to approve felony charges for cases brought in by police have quit in the past two weeks. The outlet said three of them quit on the same day.

Meeting Summaries start here...

Chicago.

John Boch substituted for **Miss Alfreda Keith Keller, our Chicagoland Regional Director**. She had just finished moving and needed to rest. As customary, John shared his **Executive Director's Report** and took questions.

Howard Kaye from the **Crete Gun Club** spoke. "It's good to be around other people who get involved in their communities," he began. He discussed that club's upcoming Halloween events for families and kids, including a haunted trail. He also detailed a break-in (drive-in) at **Asgard Guns** in Crete.

Al Kuypers, a Republican running for the 80th House seat spoke, sharing his conservative, pro-gun credentials.



We held our drawings... and Paul Mayer won the gun for the second month in a row - this time a 1911A1 .45 Auto. He was pretty broken up about the winning streak, as you can tell from the photo above.

Special Note: Because of the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we've cancelled our November and December meetings. We'll return on the last Sunday in January! Merry Christmas!

LaSalle County.

GSL's LaSalle County Regional Director Glenn Pratt opened the meeting. We shared the room with multiple tables of high school students eating a pre-Homecoming meal. They gave us lots of hoots and hollers when we explained who we were and what we were meeting about. **John Boch** then shared his **Executive Director's notes** and fielded questions.



Glenn Pratt did Tech Time, bringing one of his favorite carry guns, a **North American Arms .22** clip on. It looks like a knife clipped to the pocket, but packs a bit more range. It's the gun he carries when he's not carrying a gun. Glenn noted how his wife has said on more than one occasion "I'm glad you've got your gun."

For our **main speaker, John Boch** discussed the importance of the **ability to articulate** why you did what you did before, during and after a deadly force incident. He even called up a couple of attendees to "take the stand" against hostile questioning to articulate why they did what they did during and after a hypothetical deadly force incident.

One of the participants said the experience role playing as the defendant proved quite un-

nering even though done in front of a friendly audience. He said it was a very good learning experience.

We drew for both the 50/50 and the gun. One of our Chicagoland attendees purchased the winning ticket. **Milt Nichols** won the **Ruger 10/22 break-down rifle**. Congratulations!

VENUE/DATE CHANGE: We'll be moving to **Jamie's Outpost in Utica, IL** for November and beyond. We're also moving to the Second Thursday of the month - November 10th and our meeting program will switch to 7pm like our other locations. Dinner and conversation will start around 5:30.

Sangamon County.

Dale Lock called the **Sangamon County GSL** meeting to order at **SCHEELS** in Springfield.

First up, **Sheriff Jack Campbell** spoke about the "No Cash Bail" law and its mostly negative impact on police. See page 5.

Mr. Boch then shared his **Executive Director's notes**

As a special guest speaker, we had the **GSL member family** who had three break-ins in one week last year. There's a pair of updates in that case. First, scumbag **Devin Krueger** returned. Jon and his wife seriously hardened their home from burglars after last year's attacks. This time, making entry proved very difficult and then some - and led to cops catching Krueger in the act.



He evaded capture in a wooded area after a sort-of high-speed pursuit (it's hard to go fast towing a trailer). Eventually, the US Marshals caught up with him in St. Louis thanks in part to license plate cameras scanning motorists crossing the bridges.

The couple shared some valuable lessons they learned and how expensive and disruptive the criminal attacks have been for them - more reason to be proactive about protecting your home.

John Engleman won the **Tisas 1911 .45 ACP** pistol and **Larry Whitbeck** won the 50/50.

MEETING CHANGE: Due to a scheduling conflict, we'll be meeting at **MCL Cafeteria in Springfield for our November (and probably December) meetings**. We'll return to SCHEELS on Monday, January 9th. Mark your calendars!

Pontiac.

Folks, if you missed the Pontiac meeting at the Pontiac Sportsman's Club you missed a great meeting. Even more significant, you missed a great, home-cooked meal of outstanding meat-loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and more, all dressed up. For \$10! Join us

in November for another great meal and great fellowship. Thanks to the **Pontiac Sportsman's Club** for their support and allowing us to use their facility!

GSL's John Boch called the meeting to order. (By the way, we're looking for a regional director here... if you're a regular and available, contact John or **GSL President Rich Good-all...**) He then shared his **Executive Director's update** with the latest news. John's very upbeat about the near future. "It's a great time to be alive!"

Ryan Bohm joined us and John asked if he would like to say a few words given the **No Cash Bail law's** implementation on New Years Day. Bohm is now running unopposed for **Livingston County Sheriff**. The latest he's hearing is that there may be some movement on amending the "Purge Law" after the election. Or that the courts may block it. Otherwise they'll have to release roughly two dozen or so. "We have some really bad people in our jail too," he added.

Fire Safety

Every year, **October is Fire Safety month**. In a timely presentation, retired firefighter (as-

sistant chief if you're keeping track) **Al Devlin** talked about fire extinguishers, fire safety with a dash of self-defense as a cherry on top.

He explained common fire extinguishers and the fires they're designed to tame. He shared tips on how to mount and store them (they can become potentially deadly missiles if you break the valve). Dry chem units also require people to maintain them at least once a year (once a month for those in cars). Otherwise the dry chemical powder can settle and become hard and it won't spray. Fluff them by turning them upside down and listen for the contents to shift inside. That loosens up the dry chem powder.

Dry chem powder is an irritant and it can be sprayed defensively against an attacker (such as an active killer) or it can be used as an "area denial" tool to keep people out. For instance, if in an active shooter incident, spraying some dry chem into a hallway before retreating into a room will discourage a bad guy. The powder residue floating in the air will make it very difficult to breathe. It also imme-

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Can't make it to a meeting? Still want to win a gun?
Tickets are available!



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

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

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.

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GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

Chicago October: A mini-mountain of .22s (over 3000 rounds!)



LaSalle County Nov.: 4000 rounds .22 LR (semi-collectible bricks)

LaSalle County Dec.: Ruger Mark IV target pistol (.22)

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

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

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



**Charleston Nov.: AR-15 AMMO! 400 rds. .223, ~500 rounds M855
Charleston Dec.: Ruger 10/22 Takedown**

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

**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 just keeps getting better! And busier!

by John Boch

GSL Executive Director

Ladies and gentlemen, life is good. In fact, life is great.

Our side is using the *Bruen* Supreme Court decision as a wrecking ball against gun control measures across the nation. Gun restrictions new and old have fallen to challenges everywhere from California to Texas to New York State.



GSL's John Boch.

Sure, some politicians such as in New Jersey and New York have busied themselves passing new, unconstitutional gun laws. And in the case of New York State, days later a judge pretty much gutted their new "Concealed Carry Improvement Act."

Yes, our side is using the *Bruen* case like the abortion advocates used *Roe v. Wade* for close to fifty years.

Red Flags

We had Judge Forbes at the Decatur meeting and we all learned a lot in his quick and dirty description of court orders. We learned why there are so few Red Flag orders entered - in short because the law was poorly written and better tools exist within existing laws. That's good for well-meaning authorities in legitimate cases where a person is a bona fide danger to the community. That's not a good thing for you if you spent good money on a legal defense policy that covers Red Flag hearings. Because, if you get served with a court order to surrender your guns, it probably won't be a "Red Flag" proceeding and your legal defense coverage won't pay for your attorney.

New meetings.

GSL has two relatively new events each month, one in LaSalle County and one in Lake County. We're moving the LaSalle meeting to Utica at Jamie's Outpost, and to the Second Thursday of the month (and the meeting program time to 7pm).

Sundays were tough for many, and the previous location saw a series of issues we were unable to work out with the management/owner-

ship.

Lake County proved a great new place for all those folks on the north side of Chicago. We've got some improvements slated for next month.

Where next? Probably Kankakee early next year.

Getting Results.

Everyone likes results. And our efforts both behind the scenes and when that fails, in the court of public opinion, has garnered some results in the last few weeks.

First off, the Cook County Forest Preserve people seem to have put their heads down and shut their mouths after GSL investigated their claims (threats?) that they would arrest any CCW holders packing on their properties. A federal court ruled last year that the blanket ban on their properties is unconstitutional.

When back-channel communications failed, I drove a D-9 dozer through their front door with national publicity about their threats and a threat of our own to help CCW holders reach deep into the Forest Preserve's pockets with Section 1983 federal civil rights actions.

Score one for the good guys.

You want to know who else felt the sting from GSL and state and national publicity? Governor Pritzker and the Illinois State Police (ISP) FOID unit.

See, the ISP has worked overtime to send out reams of FOID revocation letters.

Now those caught up in wrongfully revoked FOIDs are supposed to have an option of submitting an appeal to the FOID Review Board. Only J.B. Pritzker hadn't nominated any members.

Of course, without nominations, there can be no members. Without members you cannot have a quorum and without a quorum, you can't do business. That's a feature to ol' moneybags Pritzker, not a bug.

Anyway, I mentioned it in a radio interview and a day or two later an Illinois news service picked up the story and it ran state-wide.

Suddenly, the ISP's director stopped dodging Rep. Dan Caulkins' calls and requests for a meeting as he had done for months. And months. In

fact, Director Kelly not only found the Rep's phone number, but he called him wanting a meeting ASAP. And in the last couple of days, I've learned that Governor P. has finally made nominations to the FOID review board.

Score another one for the good guys.

Governor Jelly Bean's nominees aren't not exactly Second Amendment scholars, but that's okay. The FOID isn't going to be around much longer.

Buyback success.

Oh yeah, our members also took a bunch of guns to Chicago's most recent "buyback" and brought home another \$1000 for youth shooting programs.

Score another one for gun owners. Are you getting tired of winning yet? I'm not.



FOID repeal.

Our FOID challenge lawsuit is picking up steam. Not only are final briefs due in November on our motion to have the FOID Act struck down as unconstitutional under *Bruen*, but my deposition with the Illinois Attorney General's office is slated for November 1st. Yeah, I can hardly wait.

If the circuit court judge follows Supreme Court precedent, I expect we'll get our order striking the FOID Act. Either way it will head for the appellate court and then the Illinois Supreme Court. I predict we'll win at the Supremes.

A few things will then happen. All these folks who have been revoked for the thinnest of reasons will be able to possess firearms. Marijuana dispensaries will be stripped of product because of the gun haters needing something to cope with the loss of the FOID Act. And lastly, those needing some professional mental health treatment for a host of issues including depression and suicide will be able to seek treatment without losing their rights.

Yes, it's a great time to be alive. A long overdue fundamental shift in national public policy on guns and gun rights is coming right before our eyes.



Reminder: 'Ghost Guns' become illegal Nov. 14th until courts strike down the law

(GSL) - The Illinois General Assembly banned home-brew firearms as well as kits this past spring. On November 14th, possession of unserialized homemade firearms becomes illegal.

The good news is that the new law will not survive a challenge. The bad news is that a legal challenge will take some time. So make sure you either serialize your so-called "ghost guns" or have a boating accident to temporarily take them out of your custody for now.



Ald. Derrick Curtis.

Alderman negligently shoots himself on Chicago's South Side

Chicago (ABC7) -- A Southwest Side alderman accidentally shot himself Monday afternoon in the Ashburn neighborhood, the Sun-Times has learned.

Ald. Derrick Curtis (18th) suffered a gunshot wound to his wrist around noon while cleaning his gun in the 8200 block of South Christiana Avenue, according to a Chicago police alert.

Curtis was taken to Christ Medical Center in good condition, the alert states...

Police said the victim has a valid FOID card and no other injuries or damage were reported.

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As gun owner permits are being revoked, avenue for appeals remains narrow

(The Center Square) – There are no members appointed to the board that is set to field appeals from Illinoisans who have had their gun privileges revoked by the state.

Illinois law requires anyone who wants to buy or own guns or ammo to have a valid Firearm Owner's Identification card issued by Illinois State Police. Gov. J.B. Pritzker said state police have been busy confiscating FOID cards from those the state determines can't have one.

"This is very hard work. This is something that we've been at for the last four years to make sure we're keeping people safe. Much more than ever before this is now happening," Pritzker said Thursday. "The ISP, frankly in dangerous circumstances sometimes, are having to go approach people to get their weapons because they no longer qualify to carry one."

ISP said earlier this month they have conducted more than 200 FOID enforcement details with more than 1,000 individuals surrendering their FOID cards and weapons.

But John Boch, with the gun-rights group Guns Save Life, said while there's a FOID appeals board in state statute, the governor has not appointed anyone to field challenges to revoked privileges.

"Governor Pritzker and his friends in the legislature that are leading our state have done a fine job basically taking people's FOID cards away without any due process at all," Boch told WMAY.

State law says an aggrieved party can appeal to the ISP director. Starting Jan. 1, 2023, they can appeal to the FOID Card Review Board. The board was created by

state statute Jan. 1, 2022. But nobody has been appointed to the board. Pritzker didn't say why he hasn't appointed any board members when asked about the issue Thursday.

Boch shared an example of one person who had their FOID card revoked because he said they sought treatment in college for an eating disorder and they can't appeal the decision by state police.

"Yeah, there's a provision there for a FOID appeals board, but Pritzker has not nominated a soul to fill those board seats so nothing's happening on those," Boch said. "So those people are completely in limbo."

A state website with a listing for the Firearm Owner's Identification Card Review Board shows the board has all seven positions vacant.



Sangamon Co. Sheriff Jack Campbell: 'You Gotta Protect Yourself' as new 'Zero Cash Bail' law goes into effect Jan. 1st

(GSL) - Sangamon County, Illinois Sheriff Jack Campbell addressed over eighty gun owners at a Guns Save Life meeting in Springfield. He talked about the Land of Lincoln's upcoming effective date of the so-called SAFE-T Act, otherwise known as the "No Cash Bail" law. On January 1st, the state will do away with cash bail for nearly all crimes, including second degree murder, kidnapping, armed robbery, and more.

It's going to be messy.

He began his presentation telling folks that the new law will result in jail inmates across Illinois being released on New Year's Day under the new law. Locally, it means over 100 will be released. Almost all face serious drug or violent charges.

"You gotta protect yourself," the Sheriff said. Campbell reminded folks that a firearm was the most effective tool for

self-defense. Safety can be in your hand in seconds when help is minutes away.

At the same time, he advised — in the strongest possible terms — to put the gun away or holster it before the deputies roll up on scene. At the same time, he said to "Do what you have to do to protect your family."

Governor J.B. Pritzker says the new Purge Law protects new mothers from getting held in county jail because they can't post bail after stealing some diapers.

Asked how many new mothers they arrest for shoplifting diapers, Sheriff Campbell laughed. "Never. Not a one. And even if we did make an arrest, we would never take them to jail. As it is now, we release virtually all non-violent offenders as it is, and the courts release some others, too."



Extremely helpful? The Black Caucus gave us the "Purge Law"!

Kam "Serial Drunk Driver" Buckner throws race card at "Don't Let the Black Caucus Write Our Laws" signs

(WBBM) – A leader of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus is speaking about signs that he claims are "political racism" that he says were posted in Naperville and Lisle.

State Representative Kam Buckner of Chicago said at first he thought reports he received of the signs, which included the message "Don't Let the Black Caucus Write Our Laws," were hoaxes.



Recognize him? Here's Kam Buckner at his most recent passed out drunk behind the wheel DUI.

Once he realized the signs were real, Buckner was disappointed that anyone would produce and post signs with such a message.

"I'm extremely proud of the fact that the Black Caucus has written some extremely helpful laws for all people in Illinois and I think that people need to step up and say that we will not accept this rhetoric in Illinois around Illinois and it does not show who we are."

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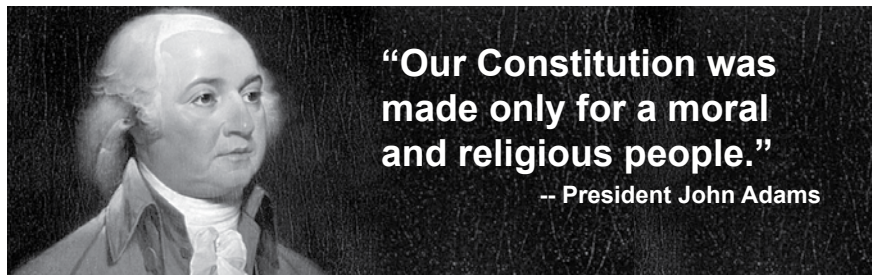
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Country Character



Election Day - Tuesday, Nov. 8th

by Justin Thyme, a GSL member
The November 8th, 2022 Election Day is just days away. For many, mid-term elections like this one are often treated with less importance than presidential elections.

They are not less important. Obviously big changes in voter sentiment can cause big changes in our nation's leadership, but only if people take the time to vote.

In Illinois, thanks to redistricting, all of our House and Senate seats will face election this year. You may now live in a new district, so it may require a bit of quick research to see who's running to represent you. If you voted in the primary election, you already have a preview, of course.

What's more, 2022 serves as our state's gubernatorial election year, similar to a "presidential" election for our state. This race is for "all the marbles" within our state.

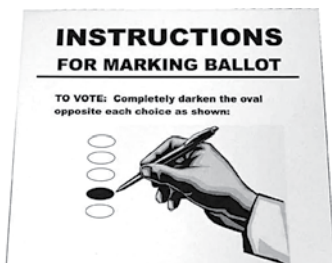
Not only that, but important positions such as Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Comptroller are on the ballot. These positions are often used as stepping stones for higher offices, and they also can influence election integrity (or the lack thereof). It is important to have qualified people of integrity in these positions.

Down ticket races for local offices such as county boards, school boards, judges and the like are also important. Remember, the more local the politician, the more influence they have on your family's daily life.

For instance, these local leaders may decide issues like property taxes, school policies, roads and other city

and county ordinances. These directly affect you, your family and your pocketbook.

Don't be afraid to research candidates. Communicate with them if you have questions about prior votes or positions. They usually will have a "Contact" link on their websites.



Remember Veteran's Day on Friday, November 11th. It's the day we set aside to honor those who have served our country in a military capacity. Without their service, Election Day may no longer exist in our country.

Through the service and sacrifice of our military heroes whom we honor on Veterans' Day and Memorial Day, we have the right and responsibility to vote! Voting is one way to express our appreciation to our servicemen and service women. Many thanks to those who serve!

Your mission between now and Election Day should be to get as many sane and sober people who normally don't vote to go to the polls this year and vote. Do whatever you need to do to motivate them. Remind them about their hot button issues and how those have been handled in the past few years. Urge them to go vote for change.

If we don't vote, we've can't complain about the government we get.

'I won't be able to protect Will County under new law,' Will Co. State's Attorney Jim Glasgow says

Joliet, IL (Joliet Patch) — In 11 weeks, Will County's Jail on South Chicago Street may become a mostly empty government building as most of the felony defendants will no longer be staying there for several months or years at a time, according to Will County State's Attorney Jim Glasgow.

Last week, there were more than 600 inmates living inside the Will County Jail.

Of those, Glasgow said, "about 500 qualify for consideration of release under the new law. About half (250) would walk out on Day One. The others, we could move for (another) 90 days" of incarceration.

After the Safe-T Act takes effect Jan. 1, hundreds of defendants charged with a host of major felonies won't necessarily wind up inside Will County's Jail as they await trial in 2023 and beyond.

"I won't be able to protect the people of Will County under the new law," Glasgow told Joliet Patch during last week's interview. "The problem is the law is truly unconstitutional and can't be amended."

With cash bail going away in Illinois, the days of Joliet area inmates being held on a significant cash bail at the Will County Jail awaiting trial for burglary, robbery, arson,

forgery or kidnapping will become a thing of the past, according to Glasgow.



Jim Glasgow said the expectation that prosecutors must be ready to take every felony defendant to trial in 90 days, "it's absolutely absurd." John Ferak/Patch

Serious charges such as second-degree murder, carjacking, intimidation, reckless homicide and aggravated battery will no longer be considered detainable offenses for future Will County inmates. Someone charged, for instance, with aggravated DUI, aggravated fleeing and eluding the police, criminal trespass or drug-induced homicide won't be getting booked and processed into the Will County Jail, either, Glasgow's staff noted.

Also, because of the Safe-T-Act, there will be a 90-day requirement for criminal defendants going to trial "or they get out," Glasgow explained to Joliet Patch.



Majority see FBI as Biden's 'personal Gestapo' after Trump raid

(Washington Examiner) - The Justice-backed FBI raid of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago winter resort home has increased the percentage of people who believe that President Joe Biden is using the G-men as his "personal Gestapo."

In the latest Rasmussen Reports survey, 53% of likely voters agreed that "there is a group of politicized thugs at the top of the FBI that are using the FBI as Joe Biden's personal Gestapo."



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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

Do we trust modern day politicians not to seek death penalty against political opponents?

THE DEATH PENALTY

I used to be a big believer in the death penalty. And I still believe that there are some really bad people out there who don't deserve to live among us. So in defending yourself, and your loved ones against a murderer who would take your lives, well if he takes his last breath in that attempt that's just too bad for him.

As for the government using the judicial system to put someone to death, I don't agree with that anymore.

First, you can't "undo" the death penalty, if you later find out that the guy you just fried in the electric chair didn't actually do the crime. If the accused is convicted and gets a long prison sentence, you can let him out later if you discover he is actually not guilty, and at least try to make amends for the error by paying him and his family an extremely large amount of money; it will never make up for the lengthy incarceration, but at least his later years will not be in poverty.

Juries make mistakes. Prosecuting attorneys and defense counsels have various degrees of competence and make mistakes too. Judges' rulings often later get overturned. Even the vaunted US Supreme Court frequently has 5-4 decisions - meaning that 44.44% of the justices had the "wrong" legal opinion from the majority. If 44.44% of our juries convicted the wrong guy and sentenced him to death, we would stop the death penalty immediately.

Secondly, law-abiding citizens, whether in the jury, or prison guards, or the few actually involved in the execution process, often suffer terrible mental duress for the remainder of their lives - even concerning executions where there is never any doubt as to the accused's guilt. Yes, there are some who will "sleep like a baby" but others won't. And that's not an opinion; I was fortunate enough to be able to review 96 death penalty cases in the US Army in Europe in World War II and numerous military police involved in the executions had terrible emotional issues later - with at least one tough MP sergeant committing suicide.

But most troubling, charging someone with a capital crime - a capital crime is one for which you could possibly receive the death penalty - is often a matter of prosecutorial discretion. The prosecutor can put the death penalty into the realm of possible punishments, or he can "take it off the table." That is a difficult decision for any prosecutor, and some are simply not up to it.

Most alarmingly, we are seeing that more and more prosecutors are using factors of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and even political affiliation in their decisions of whom to charge - or not to charge. That is bad enough concerning crimes that carry potential incarceration. But using those factors in such a way for a prosecutor to put his or her thumb on the scales of justice concerning the death penalty is unconscionable.

Do you really think that the current State's Attorney Office for Cook County, Illinois,

doesn't often have their entire hand on the scales of justice - let alone thumb? Even the Illinois Prosecutors Bar Association and the National District Attorneys Association ripped into Kim Foxx's decisions in the Jussie Smollett case.

Do you really think that politics didn't play a role in determining who should be charged concerning the 2014 disturbances/riots/unrest/uprising in Ferguson, Missouri? Even the US Department of Justice couldn't get to the bottom of it, ruling on one hand that Police Officer Darren Wilson shot and killed Michael Brown in self-defense, while also determining that the Ferguson Police Department had engaged in misconduct against the citizenry of Ferguson by, among other things, discriminating against African Americans and applying racial stereotypes in a "pattern or practice of unlawful conduct."



Do you really think that politics and political affiliation are currently not playing a factor concerning the participants in the January 6, 2021 incident at the US Capitol?

Congress has talked about treason - a crime that could carry the death penalty. And according to *Time Magazine*, some 17 months after the event, 840 people had been arrested. But only 25% had received criminal sentences, while 75% were still awaiting trials or had not finalized plea agreements. Only 80 of those arrested had been sentenced to terms of incarceration! The median prison sentence of those 80, as of June 2022, was - get this - 45 days. An additional 57 were sentenced to periods of home detention. That doesn't sound like death penalty material to me.

However, if some politicians and states attorneys have their say, EVERYONE in the Capitol that day would be strung up on nearby light posts.

No one should have that much power. We need to do away with the death penalty - before people get executed for their political beliefs.

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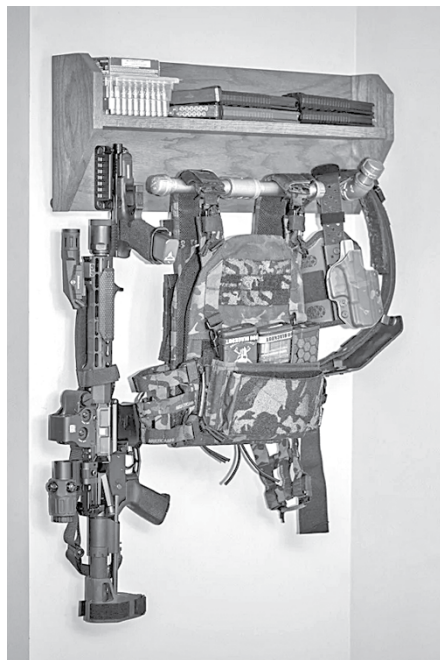
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Christmas ideas for the hard-to-buy-for?

New bulletproof 'tactical' items for the home

by Mike Keleher

(GSL) - Disclosure: I have at least three of everything ever marketed by the gun community that is black, may or may not have Velcro on it, and is labeled "Tactical." I don't need any more tactical anything. I don't have enough tactical room for it or a perceived need not already covered by previous purchases. I am tactically jaded beyond belief. Walking the aisles of the SHOT Show I am practically tactically allergic to the very phrase.



So only once in a great while do I stumble over a new item that makes me slow down, imagine a perceived use, and then start thinking of banking strategies to hide the purchase from my Adventure Wife... all in about 10 seconds of reading an advertisement or picking up the unusual item.

So there I was... minding my own business flipping pages in a major gun group magazine which has not had anything interesting in it since the introduction of the M-1 Garand, and I see "Bulletproof Memory Foam Pillow."

Whaa? Yep. No joke. It is real. Rtstactical.com is selling this memory foam bed pillow, which looks exactly like- well a bed pillow... with a Level IIIa bullet resistant slab down the center for the mere sum of \$399. (It is an extra \$29.99 for the Bamboo Cotton Pillowcase- so obviously worth it!) Does Mike Lindell know about this?

I had to let my imagination run amuck (as it often does) figuring out if I have a previously undiagnosed need for a bulletproof pillow. Hmm. I don't think so, but I could not dismiss it out of hand after the well documented and precedent-setting case from 2019 which set us all on our collective home defense ears - when Florida Man used an actual shower gun to defend himself... while in the shower! All those preparations can come true!

MAN USES "SHOWER GUN" AFTER BURGLAR BREAKS IN WHILE HE'S IN THE SHOWER



Back to the pillow - I could not get the mental pictures to coalesce of me, staggering out of bed, in the dark, holding my pillow in front of me like a 7-year-old. Then boldly wandering around the house behind my pillow (yes, my pillow not that other guys MyPillow which is not bullet resistant in the least). Might work like a champ for you. Me, not so much.

If I have to go bump-in-the-night-hunting, I can put on real armor, hold a gun and a light and a phone somewhere (tough to do if you are pajama averse.) I even like the John Connor gun writer advice to have a gun belt already made up and hanging in your closet if you are prone to traipsing in the dark. Put your stuff in the holster/pockets along with extra mags and walk on (once again mental picture problems if you are a sleep in the buff practitioner, wearing a gun belt, in the living room or yard when the lights come on or the police arrive. It still is a pretty good idea. Makes a lot of sense. I don't do it, but I like the idea! It's all tactical and such.

I am a fan and have written previously in these august pages about bullet proof backpack inserts and brief case inserts for people and kids who have to go bad places. Bullet proof hoodies seem kind of cool too. Heavy, but cool gear.



I even found a throw pillow for sale that has... get this... a bulletproof tac vest printed on the front for only \$30. It is not ballistically rated,

it's just a pillow... that looks like a vest... which I guess you could hold in front of you giving you all the protection of a...pillow. Maybe get another pillow with a picture of a gun on it (Note to sales: This would sell like hotcakes in California!) Hold it just a minute! Spinoff idea: make additional pillow with picture of policeman on it you could hold up to a bad guy!

This pillow deal got me a wondering about some other bullet proof household items which might sell at a good clip- especially if we make 'em in black, with some Velcro you know... the T-word. Most items are just "Bullet Resistant" anyway...not "Bullet Proof." Even vehicles are only projectile resistant unless manufactured while Elvis was still alive. Look it up kids.

The Van Pelt Executive Edition Bullet Proof Blankee seems like an obvious spin off from this pillow idea. I could see myself carrying a blankee around the house. Maybe put a slit in it and use it as a poncho to watch TV like a Snuggie when not all Tactical. P.S.- you could hide an entire assault squad under your blankee!

How about a Tactical Keurig? Put some arm straps on this bad boy and you could get pistol rated caffeinated protection in mere seconds. Not to mention if you have to hunker down waiting for the police and are near an outlet, you could brew up and have a hot cup of joe ready for responding police officers. Always thinking of others, that's me.

Another unused item present in so many homes could be repurposed as a bullet deflecting device. Yes, the unused exercise bike! It has been idle since the week after it arrived and can plus up from the current use

as an auxiliary indoor wet clothing hanger to a defensive device for the very skinny! It is already made of metal and would confuse the heck out of any bad guy who finds a nervous homeowner crouched behind one. * Handle Hatchet TM sold separately.



(Look for a free and barely used exercise bike curbside in the spring. That is when they migrate outside following their winter purchase.)

How about Kale? Not sure it stops bullets, but it stops me. "I have called the Police. I have a gun, and I have Kale!" In an emergency you can just throw some in the air and yell "Kale!" See how that works for you? (Special Tactical Kale cooking tip-if you cook some up put coconut oil in the bottom of the pan, then it slides right out into the garbage. Yer welcome.)

Next up, an actual item in my personal inventory, and why don't you already have one too- the Tac Vest Can Coolie! Has all the necessary straps, Velcro and tiny tiny Molle straps you would expect for protection of your cold drink from hot hands. Bullets? Not so much, and pretty small to try and hide behind. If you can fit behind it, you have other inherent



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"Back common sense gun legislation"

How to cripple your campaign in four (or five) words.

Ask Republican candidate Scott Preston how to wreck your campaign as a downstate Republican. He's running for State Rep in the 91st district straddling Bloomington and Peoria. He had a pretty easy race until he came out supporting "commonsense [sic] gun control" in one of his mailers.

His anti-gun position might not kill him in this election, but like slitting your wrists, it'll leave you scarred for life if you survive it.

Preston enjoyed a at least five mailings during the primary from the Illinois Republican party under the so-called leadership of Leader Jim Durkin who has led mostly pro-gun Republicans to super-minority status in the House.



The Governor's race.

Here's one that's not hard... we have a GSL life member Darren Bailey running against a radical leftist who would sign a bill to take your guns in a heartbeat.

Chicago.

Chicago went all-in on wokeness with their "bodily autonomy" sanctuary city ordinance. It ensures that female genital mutilation, abortion until birth and "gender dysphoria" butchery in teens will all remain legal in Murder City USA no matter what. Still waiting for them to pass a Second Amendment Sanctuary ordinance to recognize and protect a right that's actually enumerated in the US Constitution.

Speaking of Guns Save Life members...

A whole bunch of candidates running for county, state and national office are Guns Save Life members. Frankly, we're not aware of any of them that are anything other than true role models when it comes to adamantly pro-gun to their core. If you're not sure about them, ask 'em if they are GSL members. If they say yes, you've got a candidate who isn't afraid to be aggressive in promoting gun rights.

"Dear Leader" Jim Durkin.

What Jim Durkin lacks in leadership skills he makes up for in a super-sized ego. He squandered precious resources upwards of seven figures during the primary season trying to get his not-always pro-gun loyalists elected in primaries so he could remain "leader." At the same time, he recently told one of the Chicago newspapers that he's one of those rare Republicans who will support gun and magazine bans.

Support for gun control means he's not fit for office, much less leadership. But that's our Illinois Republican leadership. Until politicians of both parties embrace gun rights, not gun control, we need more primary challenges of soft-on-guns candidates like lil' Jimmy.

Turnout.

Energize and motivate your right-minded friends and family to get them to take the time to vote. You may need to anger them by talking about their hot button issues to help convince them to break out of their habit of not voting and instead going down to their polling place and casting a ballot for the pro-gun candidates.

It doesn't matter if their hot-button issue isn't guns. Maybe it's the economy, abortion, illegal immigration, covid lockdowns and masking mandates, vaccine mandates, sex ed for kindergartners or the high cost of gas, food and electricity. Help them see the light and get them sufficiently motivated to get off the couch and vote.

Kathy Salvi isn't her husband from the 1990s

Kathy Salvi.

by John Boch

Earlier this year, before the primaries I wrote of my concerns with Kathy Salvi based upon how her husband treated 2A supporters who worked so hard on his campaign back in the mid-1990s.

She called and we had a good conversation for 60-some minutes plus some follow-on texts and conversations. She admitted that Al was a little gullible back then and was misled by someone he thought was his friend. Since then, he's learned a valuable lesson about who real friends really are. She and Al, she assured me, are true 2A patriots.

Now saying that is one thing, but what caused me to think it was deeper than just words was that she was aware of problems within the NRA involving Wayne LaPierre. She knew some of the specifics and frankly, they aren't common knowledge even among hard-core gun owners.

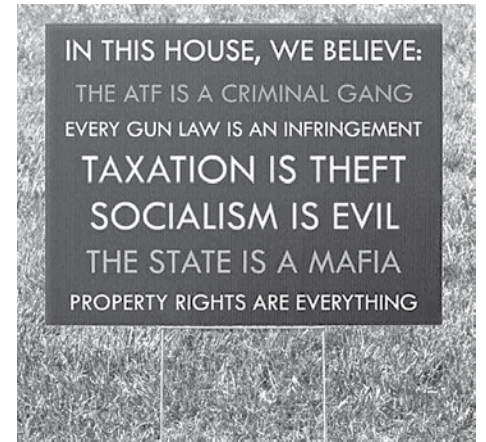
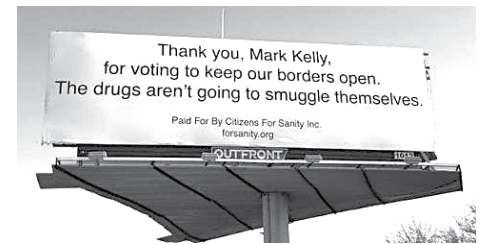


The Salvi's also donated some serious money - like six figures serious - to the NRA to open a new account at a new bank when NRA lost their old bank due to cancel culture. And they made sure LaPierre couldn't misuse that money. At the same time, they didn't make a big deal of it then and they aren't making a big deal about it now.

So I think it fair to say that when Kathy Salvi says she's not going to sell gun owners down the river, I think you can take that to the bank.

Uber-woke Chicago Sun-Times actually prints editorial supporting amending or repealing Purge Law

In an op-ed titled, "The SAFE-T Act should be repealed or amended" the Chicago Sun-Times published an editorial against The Purge Law as written. Finally. What's even more remarkable is that the Sun-Times is far more a beacon of wokeness than of law and order conservatism.



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Father Michael Pfleger leads a protest at Chuck's Guns against gun rights for the little people while surrounded by at least four armed bodyguards.

Pervy priest?

Pfleger faces yet another child sex abuse claim; temporarily out at St. Sabina's

Chicago (GSL/TTAG) - Chicago's Catholic Priest Father Michael Pfleger was suspended Sunday as the Roman Catholic Church investigates yet another child sex abuse allegation against the "man of God." Pfleger, a rabidly anti-gun social justice warrior, was suspended and investigated last year over multiple allegations of molesting boys.

good guys with guns while lobbying relentlessly for the little people to be stripped of their right to keep and bear arms.

Pfleger's armed crew has had all manner of issues as well. One member was arrested for carrying without a license on the steps of Pfleger's church. Another former member of Pfleger's detail was arrested after killing a shoplifter at a corner drug store.

Perhaps most remarkably, he offered a gun buyback for those under age 25 last year after the church supposedly cleared him of child molestation allegations. Really.

We don't want to speculate on the Catholic Church or its past history of allegedly covering up for child molesters (7.4 million responses found in a Google search). We shall wait for this latest investigation to run its course.

Pfleger has had quite a run at St. Sabinas. He recognizes the value of armed

You're the best, Lori Lightfoot!

THANKS, CHICAGO! Guns Save Life trades still more clunkers for cash to fund kids' shooting programs

(GSL) - At Guns Save Life we've lost count of how many times we've traded broken down clunkers to "do-gooders" in Chicago for perfectly good cash.

Britney Spears, we went and did it one more time. We took a dozen unwanted and no longer loved clunkers to the latest misguided gun buyback in Chiraq.

dozen guns up with us. The officers running the event erroneously determined that one of the guns wasn't a gun when in fact it was a .22 Short pocket pistol from the late 1800s...with a folding trigger.



A few of these were older than President Joe Biden and they worked about as well. No self-respecting criminal would dream of getting caught dead (figuratively or literally) with any of these in his hand.

They also claimed that another one, which looked like a cheap knock-off of a GLOCK, was a BB-gun, when in fact it was a "real" .22 caliber rimfire handgun. What's more, they wouldn't give the two firearms back to our people when officers' initial determinations were contested.

What makes it even more deliciously subversive is that we then donate the money collected to buy ammo for youth shooting programs. And guns for the kids too.

We delayed publicizing our latest haul because we didn't want Mayor Lori Lightfoot's henchmen to claw back the money. After all, Mayor Lightfoot doesn't react well to embarrassment and humiliation.

In the end we "only" walked away with \$1010 for what was essentially scrap metal and paper weights. A modest sum of cash for a very good cause.



Also worth noting, this time the pre-paid VISA cards expired just days after the event. In the past, they were functional for months before expiring.

Many thanks to our favorite miniature mayor! You're the best.

In the immortal words of

The trip wasn't without some frustration. We took a

Until next time, Groot....

Chicago PD continues to bleed officers

Chicago (CBS News) - Since 2019, Chicago has hired about 1,600 officers – about half the amount of the departures.

Birds of a feather...

Anti-gun activist's killer gets 18-years

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A 20-year-old Chicago man has been sentenced to 18 years in prison for accidentally shooting his friend, youth activist Caleb Reed, to death while firing at a car in West Rogers Park two years ago...

Video showed the group looking at the Malibu as Martin pulled out a gun and started shooting at it, prosecutors alleged.

The friends all started running, but Martin fired one last shot over his shoulder. It struck Reed in the forehead. He died two days later at the age of 17.



While Chicago bleeds, Lori Lightfoot makes Tik Tok vids

(GSL) - Lori Lightfoot has done a lot for the city of Chicago in general and African-Americans in particular. She's presided over defunding the police, fewer arrests, delayed police responses and hundreds of African-Americans murdered. Businesses and jobs are fleeing. So are productive residents.

Instead of tackling the crime, cultural, and economic issues facing the city, Lightfoot and her inner circle spent time composing, choreographing, practicing and recording a TikTok video of her singing and dancing, ostensibly to tout the charms and attractions of Sweet Home Chicago.

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It happened to me in Chicago!

Chicago violence hits formerly "nice" neighborhood... this resident feels much better with his Glock while waiting seven long minutes for police to respond...

Chicago (GSL) - GSL's new Vice-President John Coyne forwarded us this story from an Illinois Gun Owners Together member who experienced yet another "active shooter" on the streets outside his condo in his Jefferson Park neighborhood. This time though, he had a Glock in his hand.

It happened in a solidly middle-class neighborhood in Chicago. Part of the formerly "nice" part of the Windy City. A text message received by John Coyne:

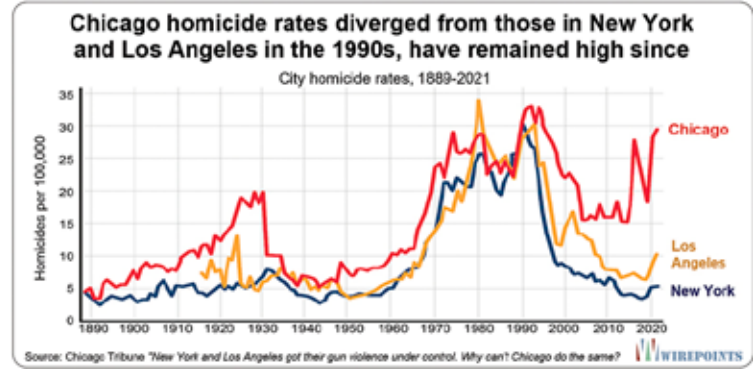
Thank you, John. Seriously. I watched another active shooter head towards my condo last night. As unlikely as it would be for him to make his way to my spe-

cific condo, I felt a LOT better having my GLOCK in my hand for the next SEVEN minutes until the police arrived.

The police didn't do much of an investigation. Instead, they rushed to the next call involving two men who had just been shot at a park nearby. That shooting might be related to this exchange of gunfire minutes before police arrived in the above photo...

Nobody is in custody over either of the shootings. But then again, Chicago Police identify suspects in less than 5% of non-fatal gunshot wounds.

Welcome to America's largest open-air shooting range.



Chicago 2022 homicide rate 5 times higher than NYC's, 2.5 times higher than LA's

(Wirepoints) - Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker are increasingly pushing back with ad hominem attacks and calls of "racism" against any criticism of their failed crime policies. That's their typical response to those that oppose the city's loose criminal justice policies and the state's end of cash bail starting Jan. 1, 2023.

York and Los Angeles.



Chicago's inept Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

But neither politician can escape the reality that they've lost control over the city's crime. One statistic that particularly captures their failure is Chicago's homicide rate compared to that in big-city peers New

Chicago's homicide rate year to date in 2022 is 18.4 for every 100,000 residents. That's five times higher than New York's homicide

rate of 3.6 per 100,000 and 2.5 times higher than LA's 7.5 per 100,000 homicide rate...

Mayor Lightfoot's "it will be the summer of joy in Chicago" comment was rightly ridiculed when she said it five months ago. It's even less credible now with summer over.

Overall crime is up 37 percent over 2021 and 20 percent over pre-George Floyd 2019. Carjackings are set to hit nearly 2,000 this year, or one every 5 hours. And this year alone, 35 Chicago children have been murdered so far.



Gun shops: Take steps to mitigate risk from stolen vehicle kamikaze attacks

(GSL) - The above photo was taken at Asgard Guns in Crete, IL - roughly one block from the police station. A stolen vehicle from Chicago crashed through the building in an effort to access firearms inside.

We at GSL aren't sure if dealers are circulating news of these stolen vehicles used as battering rams against gun shops by aggressive burglars, but it's happening

with increasing regularity. This is probably the fourth or fifth instance we've seen in just the last couple of months in our state. Others have happened elsewhere across America.

If your shop doesn't have bollards to thwart vehicular-borne attack at your retail space, installing them needs a place on your priority list - like yesterday. Sure, spending a few thousand dollars to

properly install barriers that will stop a group of desperados using a Buick as a battering ram will hurt, but plan to add a zero to that amount for repair of your structure in event of a stolen vehicle crashing into your place of business, plus lost business from the closure while you find a contractor (not easy) to make repairs. To say nothing of lost firearms.

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Learning bleeding control techniques

In Charleston, we hosted Phillip Mater who works locally as an EMT. He shared a crash course in bleeding control for our audience members along with a couple of other things lay-people can do to help injured people until professional care takes over.

The "Good Samaritan" law protects lay people from civil liability when making a good-faith effort to provide care in the immediate aftermath of an injury. And having some basic skill sets can save lives.



Phillip Mater fashioning an improvised tourniquet made from a t-shirt upon our own Justin Bawcum.

Why are basic bleeding control skill sets important? If you're out in the woods hiking or hunting and have a problem, it may take rescue / medical personnel a while to get there. Some self-care or treatment of another person's arterial bleeding may make the difference between life and death.

Need another reason? There may be a delay before EMTs arrive as police secure a crime scene before declaring it safe to have medical personnel treat the wounded. The bad actor may have left the scene or been taken out, but it takes police a few minutes to respond and do their thing. Then there's always the worst case scenario in this day and age: Uvalde-like police (or cops at the Pulse Nightclub terror attack) "establishing a perimeter and waiting for resources" for an hour or two before taking out the threat.

And then there's cases where EMT response is delayed because the closest ambulances are on other calls.

Phillip noted how the average person has about five liters of blood and serious problems will result from the loss of about 1.5 liters. If there's bright red arterial bleeding, that needs immediate action such as a tourniquet. Other serious bleeding may be controlled with the application of a pressure dressing.

Clearly big on improvisation for everyday people, he showed how to use a t-shirt as a tourniquet and how to fashion an improvised

pressure dressing from nothing more than a roll of gauze. He also demonstrated how to fashion a chest seal and how to care for patients with impaled, embedded objects.

Speaking of tourniquets, Mr. Mater favors only tightening them enough so that bleeding can be controlled at the site of the injury so that some blood can still make it to healthy tissue nearby, reducing the risk of tissue damage.

If the injured are suffering from gunshot wounds, the first order of business is to make sure the violent actor isn't still posing a threat. And then make sure you do a quick patient assessment to find all of the new perforations, entry and exit.



Laughing and having some fun at Justin's expense. Don't wrap under the jaw on a head wound... unless your patient won't be quiet... LOL.

He also mentioned things to avoid: Don't use tampons (don't put anything into a wound unless you're trained), don't remove blood-soaked dressings (instead apply another dressing over it) and in the case of cuts, amputations and tissue/intestines hanging out, try not to let the skin and tissue at the wound site dry out. Sterile saline is ideal, and clean water will work. Either way, keep it irrigated.



Like many of us at GSL, Mater described himself as a fan of the Israeli battle dressings (pictured above). They're versatile, easy to carry and easy to use, even for lay-people.

Additionally, "STOP THE BLEED" courses are available across Illinois. Oftentimes they are offered for free or with nominal fees to enroll. stopthebleed.org

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You are your own first responder...

Are you ready?

by John Boch

Some days it seems like the Biden regime in Washington and the leadership running Springfield are at war with Western Civilization. It's almost like they want to take us backwards in terms of both freedom and our standard of living.

Of course, they will always live large, while the little people like you and me have to make endless sacrifices to save Mother Earth, Gaia or whatever else counts as the woke cause de jour.

Are you ready for what's coming?



Crime is already on the upswing especially since COVID hit. Now, come next year with the Purge Law eliminating bail for most crimes, you had better be ready for increasingly brazen bad guys and a whole lot more violent crime.

The best thing any of us can do to avoid these bad guys is to maintain situational awareness. If you look like a hard target and have that command presence about you, 95% of bad guys will look for an easier victim.

Expect more political turmoil and violence as well. This includes violent mobs blocking streets and attacking motorists. Know the law and have a plan ahead of time.

Here in Illinois and places like California, doomed energy policies have limited traditional electricity production and will result in failures when the grid gets strained. With an increasing number electric cars charging overnight, expect an increasingly unreliable grid.

Backup power for your home should be a top priority. That is unless you don't think you need your freezer, sump pump and your CPAP. Or power for communications, along with lighting and cameras for safety and security.

Given how Illinois winters can sometimes get mighty cold, it might behoove your family to have a backup source of heat. And no, that decorative fireplace isn't gonna keep your family warm if the power goes down.

In your personal world, you probably need to get into better shape. If you're already in decent shape, join the gym and get in better shape. Lose some weight and gain some muscle mass. It'll make you harder to kill and make you feel better physically and mentally.



If you're older or not in decent shape, start walking. Do stretches to improve your range of motion and do low-impact exercise to get started. Get on it now so you can have better mobility in an emergency.

Also visit the doctor, get a physical and make sure you've got 30 days of any life-sustaining medications you need at home. And a 90-day supply would be even better.



If you snore, get a CPAP. It's not exactly romantic, but you'll live longer and have a *much better* quality of life.

What else? You should acquire the basic skill sets to be a "Minuteman." You need basic handgun skills along with a rifle that you can shoot well enough to score solid hits on a man-sized target at a hundred yards minimum. Have some magazines loaded and ready to go, too.

You'll also need the basic gear to function as a "Minuteman" in any weather, including rainy, 30-something degree weather. That means synthetics like GoreTex clothing in tans or browns and good boots as well. Boots you've broken in for your footsies. What's more, you should have the knowledge of how to dress and work - *or fight* - in adverse weather without getting hypothermia or frostbite.



Bonus points for seeking out training in any and all of the above. Buying a piano doesn't make you a musician any more than buying an AR-15 makes you an "operator." Then again, you don't have to be an operator. You just have to have better skills than the ethically-challenged bad boys and gang members that learned how to shoot from Hollywood and music videos. These bad guys have a lifetime of experience inflicting violence upon others. Good skill sets and situational awareness will allow you to not become their next victim.

You're probably already got the gun and ammo thing knocked out. Make sure you've got the first aid, fire suppression, and potable water things figured out as well for your home.

And because none of us can go it alone for long, make sure you build your network of friends. Make mutual arrangements for a place to stay in an emergency, and make preparations to reciprocate with guests if *their* residence becomes unsafe or uninhabitable during an emergency.

Closer to home, get to know your neighbors as part of improving your security posture. Make yourself a resource and an asset to them. Find out if they have some knowledge, skill sets or talents that might come in handy. Evaluate them to see if they're an asset or someone who needs watching.



Make yourself an asset to your neighbors.

I'll be honest, I know of several networks of great people with lots of skills sets that I've met through Guns Save Life. If you start regularly attending one or more meetings each month, you'll meet exceptional people as well.

Other folks have networks from family, church or the workplace. It doesn't matter where you find them, just have them or build them. The better the quality of people within them, the better your life will be in an emergency.

If you're got any network of successful, productive and talented friends, you're ahead of most. Keep working on it though. Do the networking now in decent times finding good people. Don't wait until after an emergency hits. Disasters make desperate people.


Food: Most of us, myself included, could use less food. However, compulsory dieting sucks. Make sure you've got shelf-stable food for at least two weeks if you're in an apartment and four to eight if you live in a single family home.

Even if nothing happens, you've bought the food cheaper now than it will cost a year from now. Given the fertilizer shortages, droughts, and rising input costs for crops, food is likely to double in price by late next year.

Water: Make sure you've got a source for potable water, either through chemical treatment, filtration or other means. Diarrhea and dehydration are not nice ways to die.

There's a lot of boxes to check to help make societal upheaval more of an inconvenience for you and your family as opposed to a life-threatening crisis. Put in a little effort now to get ready.

Hope for the best, but plan for the worst.



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Shooting is fun. Shooting antique ammo in historical guns is even more fun!

Even stored under less than ideal conditions, Korean War ammo fired almost 70 years later

by John Boch

Recently I had a chance to fire an M1 Carbine recently found in the bottom of a lake. My scuba buddies also recovered some ammo with the gun, specifically Korean War-era US government ammo. Despite being stored in an ammo can in a detached garage for many of those years and exposed to temperature extremes, the .gov ammo ran *flawlessly*.

For the record, ammo not stored under ideal conditions (cool and dry) will still go bang reliably decades after its manufacture. So don't be afraid of firing factory-loaded ammo that has a "born on" date older than you on a headstamp.

Not only that, but that antique ammo shot plenty accurately too for me, far better than minute of bad guy. In this case, I sighted in the rifle. Five clicks to the left on the rear sight put me dead-on at 25 yards.

Then the remaining 10 rounds on a fresh target put all but one into a ragged, roughly one-inch hole, sans a called flier. The Rockola barrel shoots true with those antique rounds.



The only ammo that posed any issue was some custom-made defensive loads found with the rifle. The issue, however, had to do with feeding, not firing. Someone had cast .30 caliber hollow-points. Those rounds didn't feed reliably at all. Of the sixty cartridges (two loaded 30-round magazines), I managed to shoot a total of twenty rounds, most of them needing cajoling to chamber. Eventually most of the others found a trash can.



Fortunately the previous owner never needed those rounds for their intended purpose... or he might have ended up prematurely dead. The rounds wouldn't feed,

largely because of the way too-short overall length of the loaded rounds.

Pro Tip: This is why we *always function test* ammunition and magazines we intend to use for personal defense.

Speaking of which, I'm a fan of Hornady's Critical Defense .30 Carbine defensive loads. They ran reliably in the 15-round magazines.

Ammunition typically doesn't go bad unless it's exposed to oil contamination, corrosive environments (such as being near an ocean), or perpetual high humidity (or such as under water). In these instances, rendering the ammo inert may happen quickly, in hours, or it might take weeks, months or years.

Storing ammo in ammo cans - seems logical, right? - does a nice job protecting cartridges from moisture and other issues. If you keep those ammo cans inside your home, those cartridges will work reliably when you need them long after you're no longer on this mortal coil.

To sum up: shooting is fun. And shooting old ammo in historical guns is even more fun.

Carry a gun so you're hard to kill.

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GET COVERED!

by John Boch

(GSL) - Prudent gun owners will protect their liberty and their assets from the legal aftermath of a use of force incident. Many of our GSL family carry such coverage and for good reason: a criminal trial can bankrupt the average person. But the alternative is spending years in prison and losing all of your personal assets in a wrongful death or injury lawsuit.

There are a lot of companies out there who offer this coverage. I've studied the pros and cons of easily a dozen and all are a little different. Long ago, I signed on as a member of Armed Citizens' Legal Defense Network. From an affordability standpoint, they offer an even greater value for the money today. Why? In part because they're not paying sales people. For about \$135 for the first year (less with discounts or renewals, see below), they now offer up to \$3 MILLION in coverage for a member in the aftermath of a righteous use of force in self-defense.

I've met and even trained under ACLDN founder Marty Hayes and met the staff a few times. They know me by name too. They are good people and their "What Every Gun Owner Needs To Know About Self-Defense Law" booklet is must-read material, available to everyone for free via the ACLDN website.

With nearly 20,000 members and growing, they've had some claims. It's inevitable. To date, they've helped twenty-nine people deal with the legal aftermath of using force by paying for attorneys and expert witnesses as needed.



Armed Citizens coverage is good in all 50 states. What's more, you can retain your own attorney or they can provide you with a skilled and experienced criminal defense attorney no matter where you're at. They will pay for legal representation to defend you in any lawful use-of-force, from empty hands/ Martial arts to pepper spray to deadly force.

Discounts: ACLDN has discounts for spouses and multi-year plans when paid up front. There's also a first-year \$25 discount and they'll treat you like family if you mention GSL (or John Boch) when you sign up. Neither GSL nor myself are getting commission checks or free trips to the Bahamas on this. I recommend ACLDN because I think it's the most affordable and most versatile plan out there. My endorsements aren't for sale, period.

With the Purge Law releases of violent criminals coming on January 1st, this seems like a prudent purchase to make *right now*. Call 1-888-508-3404 or sign up online at armedcitizensnetwork.org.



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Memphis repairman returns, won't make future house calls

Memphis, TN (ABC24) — A man who had done repair work on a home in Memphis returned to that residence and then was shot, according to the Memphis Police Department (MPD).

MPD said they responded to the scene at nearly 10 p.m. after a shooting call and pronounced one man dead on the scene. MPD said they detained one individual.

An update from MPD revealed that, after evidence was presented to the DAG's office, it was determined that this incident was "an instance of justifiable use of deadly force in self-defense."



Cat lover, mentally ill, or high as a kite?

NO JOKE: Naked man breaks in, tries to steal cat

Newton County, TX (KFDM) — A man is in the Newton County Jail after investigators say a homeowner awakened to find the suspect naked inside his home and trying to steal his cat. The homeowner fired a shot at the naked man, who was eventually caught by a deputy, according to Newton County Sheriff Robert Burby.

Orlando armed robbery quartet now a duo

Orlando (FoxNews) - Two robbery suspects were shot and killed by a jewelry store owner during a robbery attempt inside a Florida shopping mall, and two other suspects are being sought, police said.

The robbery occurred at the Magic Mall in Orlando when four suspects robbed a jewelry booth with at least one of them armed, the Orlando Police Department told Fox News.

Good Samaritan draws gun on knife-wielding road rager

Wichita, KS (Yahoo News) - A passerby stopped a road rage incident where a knife was brandished after he held a man at gunpoint until police arrived Friday night on 21st Street North near I-135, Wichita police spokesperson Chad Ditch said.

Drunk forces entry, gets killed

Patterson, CA (KXTV) — A 22-year-old intoxicated intruder was allegedly shot and killed by a homeowner in Modesto Saturday night in a case that officials with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office are calling self-defense.

Mexico isn't sending their very best...

CHICAGO: Seven-time felon picks wrong condo

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A seven-time convicted felon allegedly climbed construction scaffolding to enter a seventh-floor condo in downtown Chicago early Monday, only to be confronted by a woman who lives there and then detained by her gun-owning fiancé.

Juan Gonzalez, also known as Javier Rosales, is on parole for his sixth and seventh felony convictions. Now, he's charged with Class X felony home invasion.

... Biernat said Gonzalez was convicted of burglary in 2008, 2009, 2015, and twice in 2017. He's currently on parole for the 2017 cases and has two non-burglary felony convictions.

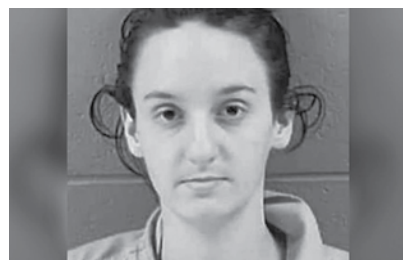
CHICAGO: Burglar meets CCW in 3a.m. heist

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Prosecutors say a concealed carry holder shot a burglar who charged at him when he returned to his home in Chinatown on Monday evening. Now, the burglar is hospitalized and charged with a felony.

LAKE COUNTY, IL: Don't bring a knife to a gunfight...

Beach Park, IL (lakemchenryscanner.com) - Police say a man shot and killed another man who entered his residence in Beach Park Thursday morning and pulled a knife when a fight ensued...

Lake County Sheriff's Office Deputy Chief Christopher Covelli said deputies arrived to find Tino Roane, 37, of Waukegan, deceased in the residence.



Not your average armed burglar

Walker, LA (WBRZ) - A burglar who was shot after she accidentally woke up an armed homeowner while breaking into a house was released from the hospital and booked into jail Sunday.

The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office said residents woke up around 2 a.m. after hearing a "popping" sound under the carport at their home on Friendship Road. The department said one of the homeowners then grabbed a gun and shot the female intruder, who was also armed.

The burglar, identified as 23-year-old Paige Clark, was shot twice in the leg and hip. She was taken to a hospital and is expected to survive.



Get the latest Armed American news at reddit.com/r/dgu/!

(GSL) - Reddit in general has about as many issues as a flea-ridden mutt. But one sub-forum has some great information on defensive gun uses across America. The "R/DGU" sub-forum has the most comprehensive compilation of armed self-defense stories that we've found.

If you want to see the latest, navigate over the r/dgu. They typically have multiple reports of accounts of self-defense across America each and every day.

reddit.com/r/dgu/

18% suffered violent crime last year!

California violent crime hits 'epidemic' proportions

San Diego, CA (StudyFinds) — The Golden State is losing its luster. A troubling new report labels physical and sexual violence in pandemic-era California a statewide "epidemic." To put it simply, violence is on an alarming rise.

According to the new annual report from the California Study on Violence Experiences across the Lifespan (CalVEX), violence statistics have seen a significant increase since COVID-19 emerged. The report, conducted by scientists at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine, reports more than one in six Californians (18%) experienced either physical or sexual violence in just the past year. Meanwhile, one in every 25 Californians experienced intimate partner violence.



Facebook spied on private messages of Americans and sent 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.

[Editor: And you wonder why you're now on the 'no fly' list?]



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U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, right.

Don't panic: An armed society is a polite society Bruen is our cause's Roe v. Wade

Regardless of your position in the abortion debate, you have to recognize the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* on American life for decades. Hundreds if not thousands of laws regulating or banning abortion all met the buzz saw of courts citing the *Roe v. Wade* precedent.

Today, our gun rights cause has a similar U.S. Supreme Court precedent. The *Bruen* decision mandates that courts must use text, history and tradition in evaluating the constitutionality of modern day gun laws challenged in court.

Obviously, the text of the Second Amendment - "shall not be infringed" - is pretty straight-forward. Simplifying things a bit, government today may only restrict the right to keep and bear arms today in ways they were restricted in common practice in 1791 when the Second Amendment was ratified.

Cases are being filed every day. Court decisions applying the *Bruen* "text, history and traditions" test are coming down on a near-daily basis. Regardless if these orders or decisions merely block enforcement or if they outright repeal unconstitutional gun restrictions, the effective outcome is the same for law-abiding gun owners: the bad gun laws no longer apply.

With *Bruen*, the Second Amendment is no longer a second-class right. For some, it may take a while to grow accustomed to increased freedom.

Two constants will remain. First, that the only thing that stops bad people with evil in their hearts is a good guy (or gal) with a gun. And secondly, that an armed society is a polite society.

The 'Purge Law' is so bad even the woke Chicago Sun-Times prints an editorial opposing the measure as it now stands

Chicago Sun-Times roasts Democrats & their 'Purge Law' SAFE-T Act

by Daniel M. Locallo, Daniel Kirk and Alan Spellberg

(Chicago Sun Times) - Labeling legislation as reform does not mean it creates better outcomes for all people, nor does it mean that it should be immune from careful scrutiny.

The sponsors of the SAFE-T Act have asserted they were addressing flaws in our state's criminal justice system. If this was true, then input should have come from judges, state prosecutors, public defenders, private criminal defense attorneys, law enforcement officers, probation officers, civil rights advocates, victim's rights groups and clerks of the circuit courts.

The proper way to address the merits of a bill is to hold hearings, allow proponents and opponents to be heard and allow the members of the General Assembly to discuss both the purpose of the proposed law and the precise statutory language to be adopted.

In other words, create a legislative history.

The 764-page SAFE-T Act was introduced in the Illinois Senate at 4 a.m., and it passed at 5 a.m. It took the Illinois Senate only one hour to radically alter Illinois' justice system. Hours later, the SAFE-T Act was introduced in the Illinois House for the first time. It passed at 11 a.m. No bona fide hearings or debates occurred. There was no opportunity for input from proponents or opponents. Ramrodding through any bill, let alone one that will profoundly affect the lives and safety of nearly 13 million Illinoisans, is irresponsible, improper and wrong.

We have concerns regarding the constitutionality of this act and a number of its troubling parts.

First, the SAFE-T Act eliminates cash bail. Article 1, Section 9 of the Illinois Constitution's Bill of Rights clearly states that a defendant has a right to bail set by the court, except in very limited circumstances. The Legislature does not have the authority to pass a law that amends the Il-

linois Constitution, nor can it be amended by executive orders.



Second, the SAFE-T Act is not confined to one subject. The act addresses abolition of cash bail, police training, complaints against police officers, use of body cameras, how a judge must evaluate a petition for detention, cancellation of automobile insurance and how the State Board of Elections should gather demographic data to determine legislative districts.

But the single-subject clause in the Illinois Constitution reads: "Bills, except bills for appropriations and for the codification, revision or rearrangement of laws, shall be confined to one subject."

The Illinois Supreme Court has stated the single-subject rule is

designed to prevent the passage of legislation that, if standing alone, could not muster the necessary votes for enactment. By limiting a bill to a single subject, legislators can better understand and more intelligently debate the issues. The single-subject clause promotes direct confrontation and informed discussion of legislative issues. The SAFE-T Act, which passed in the House with the bare minimum of 60 votes, clearly violates the constitutional mandate...

The criminal justice system in Illinois may very well be in need of adjustment and change. But the SAFE-T Act is not constitutionally sound and contains provisions that do not protect the public. It should be repealed. A new law should be introduced with provisions that are rational, constitutional and in compliance with the single-subject rule.

Legislators and the governor should follow the state Constitution when creating laws and signing them into law. This is no time to rush.



Operation Demoralize in full swing. Don't buy it. Vote freedom first.

If we look around us, there's plenty of reasons to feel demoralized. The violent crime in Chicago is off the charts and property crime is rampant. Meanwhile the Illinois State Police are revoking FOIDs without due process seemingly almost as fast as they're mailing out new ones. Heck, the ISP is even conducting gun confiscation raids.

What's more, Biden's FBI is conducting raids against peaceful protesters and his political opponents while Hunter Biden acts with impunity.

Pretty soon, in November, ghost gun possession will become illegal for a time in Illinois. Not only that but the consensus is that Democrats may pass a gun and magazine ban in the lame

duck session in Springfield after the election.

Politically, our not-so-beloved billionaire governor looks unbeatable with his campaign war-chest overflowing tens of millions in cash. Nationally, if you're in tune with "reports," the "Red Wave" we heard about early this summer surely seems like it's evaporating.

Take a deep breath. Lean close, I have a secret to share with you. Closer, please.

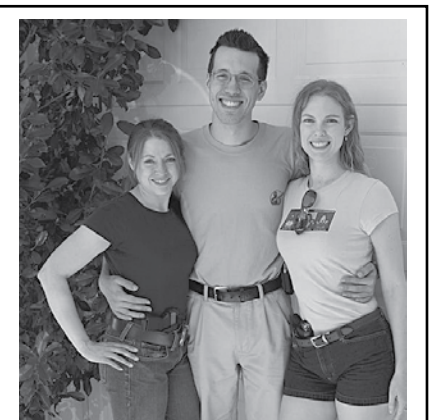
This "Red Wave" evaporating story is just another in a long list of mainstream media fake-news narrative to demoralize patriotic, pro-gun Americans. The media, gun hating politicians and their globalist, freedom-hating cabal all

want you to think that voting doesn't matter. They laugh at voting. "It's not who you vote for, it's who counts the votes," they say.

They're gaslighting us into thinking that you should just give up and surrender. They want to think you and your friends are the tiniest of snowflakes willing to give up and stay home. Meanwhile, they say you're the greatest threat to America since the terrorists of 9/11.

Don't buy it. Don't fall for it. And don't let your friends fall for it. Vote early if it makes you feel better.

You aren't a threat to America. You're a threat to *them!*



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
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The 'SAFE-T' Act is a dangerous disaster in the making; Will Illinois voters punish the Dems who passed it or will voters just shut up and take it

by John Kass

(JohnKassNews.com) - Because Illinois under the ruling Democrats have pushed through the most permissive laws ending cash bail in the country. And along the way in my life I began to piece together a political philosophy of sorts about how much people would take. Until very recently it held true.

My theory went like this:

That people would put up with a lot. They'd take almost anything and still knuckle their foreheads and doff their caps to the politicians, to the cops, to authority, to the priests and the church. But there was one thing they wouldn't take. They wouldn't take pain given to their kids.

Don't threaten their children. Don't threaten their wives. Don't put them in danger. They wouldn't stand for it. They'd stand up and fight. At least, that's what I thought. That was my theory.

But if Gov. J.B. Pritzker is re-elected, after pushing out the SAFE-T Act, a "law" that will end cash bail in Illinois and cause the release of violent criminals from the jails, well my theory is in the garbage. A people who'd allow such a thing, and support those who'd bring it to them are people who embrace their own suicide.

Most Americans are workers. They're not afraid of hard work. And they believe in being fair. It was unfair to deny fellow Americans a seat at a lunch counter based on the color of their skin. The unfairness of such racism compelled Americans to support civil rights. And now, even those who haven't studied the Constitution or criminal law, there is basic fairness in the idea that all Americans when charged with crime, have the right to bail.

I don't know who doesn't support this. I support it. I don't want to live in a country where people are charged and hauled off without a chance for bail.

But what Pritzker and the Democrats have done with their SAFE-T ACT is a perversion of fairness. They use guilt and the fear of being called a racist to push it down the people's throats...

The Democrats are pushing that SAFE-T Act of theirs. It will let violent criminals out of jail and the people of Illinois are supposed to keep their mouths shut about that. If you dare say complain, Pritzker and the Illinois Democrat Party he's bought, and the corporate legacy media

in Illinois will call you a racist.

Who wants to be called a racist? It's like being called a white supremacist. The next step is a knock on the door from the FBI.

Pritzker has hitched his political future to the SAFE-T Act. The Illinois Black Caucus is for it, Attorney Gen. Kwame Raoul was there as the law was passed in the middle of the night. Why didn't Raoul warn the people? Because he didn't want to.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is for it, as is Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, and Preckwinkle's protegee, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx.

The Chicago Tribune, which has endorsed Preckwinkle, has partnered up with the progressive group "Injustice Watch" that has been running interference for Pritzker on the issue. Not only the Trib, but the Sun Times, and much of corporate media that helps him portray those who disagree with him as racist extremists. They run cover for him.

The Safe-T Act is his baby now...

And what of my old theory that the people of Illinois would take just about anything and everything except threats to their families, their children? That will have to be re-examined along with the results of the November 8 election. We'll find out if Pritzker's Safe-T Act was a push too far from the Democrats.

If Illinois voters elect Pritzker—and by electing him they're embracing his Safe-T Act—with all they know about it now, with 100 of 102 prosecutors of both parties and most of law enforcement warning against it, then we'll finally know something.

We'll know if they're so afraid of criticism that they'd put their children and wives at risk. The Illinois Democrat leaders pushing this policy have taxpayer funded bodyguards and security services. Some, like Pritzker will move their families out of state, to Florida just as he moved them during the pandemic, as he shut Illinois down for the rest of us.

But most voters don't have the option of sending their families to live elsewhere.

As in the past in Illinois, they're supposed to just shut up and take it. And take it again, and again.



Pritzker & Democrats blowin' smoke on "No Cash Bail" Law

By John Kass

(JohnKassNews.com) - If you sit still and listen quite carefully, you'll hear some strange sounds coming from Gov. J.B. Pritzker and his Democrat allies about their controversial no-cash bail law (SAFE-T ACT) that will eliminate cash bail statewide in January.

And 100 of 102 county state's attorneys (prosecutors) in Illinois—both Democrat and Republican prosecutors—and most law enforcement groups have condemned the No-Bail law. They say it was poorly written, rushed through the legislature without much debate in the wee hours of the morning and dangerous, mandating the release of violent criminal offenders out onto the streets.

It is bad law, bad policy and absolutely terrible politics.

Those who dare criticize this ill-conceived and dangerous policy are likely to be condemned by Democrats as racists throwing the race card as a weapon, even though most victims of violent crime are overwhelmingly black or brown.

Voters are rightfully concerned about the national increase in violent crime and chaos in urban areas. In Cook County, add to that the indifference of count judges who keep on releasing violent offenders on low or no bail or on electronic monitoring which allows them to kill, shoot or attempt to shoot more victims.

The chaos and anarchy plagues just about everyone in the state except perhaps for indifferent newspaper editors, left wing pundits and social justice progressives who push this lunacy at the expense of crime victims and the law-abiding citizen. Meanwhile, the establishment corporate legacy media continues their hunt for heretics...

It is the sound of politicians blowing smoke, of Pritzker and his Democratic supermajority trying to stall, to blow smoke and confuse voters in order to get safely past the November election.

Pritzker is now telling reporters that he may like to "clarify" elements of the bill, but only after the November election. That's the point. He makes those reasonable sounds in his throat—whether fish or human I'll let voters decide—but all he and other Democrats are doing is blowing smoke to get him past the November election.

The governor suggested... "I'm always open to working with people who are rational and reasonable in their proposals."

You're always open to working with rational and reasonable people? First, stop the smoke boiling from your mouth, nose and ears.

Pritzker and other Democrats know they've got a Safe-t Act problem with voters. But they're not calling for a special session to repeal the No Cash Bail law. Instead, they talk vaguely of clarifications they might apply, but later. They must think the voters of Illinois are truly idiots, fools and chumbolones.

Will voters fall for it? Are they that eager for Pritzker to blow smoke at them?

Most reasonable people in Illinois don't think non-violent offenders should be denied bail. But they don't want repeat violent offenders released on low or no bail to await trial. Given what we've seen with repeat offenders eventually arrested on murder and aggravated assault charges, waiting isn't logical. The only reasonable thing to do is for Pritzker to call a special session before the election and repeal the bill and toss it in the garbage.

Then after the November election, they can all get back to work and hammer out their bill in full public view...

How could Pritzker and Democrat lawmakers get away with all their smoke blowing? That's easy: As long as the media carries Democrat water, the politicians can blow all the smoke they want. They'd be foolish not to. If not for the constant megaphone of corporate legacy media, where would Illinois Democrats be? They'd be lost. And sad.

And those who stand up and rightfully condemn the No Bail law run the risk being called a bigot, an almost racist (or that "racist adjacent") by Pritzker and his minions in the press...

The SAFE-T Act was rushed into law by Democrats and their supermajority in the legislature. There was little debate. Most Democrats who voted for it in the wee hours—and only Democrats voted for this law—didn't even bother to read the 700 plus page bill or grasp the consequences. But with rising crime now as a potent political issue in Illinois, I suppose they're beginning to grasp the consequences.

It was a power deal from Pritzker and his new House Speaker Chris Welch and as a gift to Welch's Illinois Black Caucus. And a gift to Cook County Board President (and Democrat Cook County chair) Toni Preckwinkle and her protégé Kim Foxx. It was also something of a peace offering to Black Lives Matters from the Illinois Democrats, for the riots that energized the Democrat 2020 vote but also burned and ruined downtown Chicago...

There's one way to stop them. Those of you still in Illinois, you have to vote, to prove to them you're not idiots, or chumbolones.

The vote is the only thing they respect and understand. That and the use of smoke.

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diately corrodes electronics.

The fire safety angle: **Have a plan for your family in case of fire.** Devlin suggests having everyone meet at the end of your driveway, so if everyone is present, fire suppression work can begin immediately when the big red truck rolls to a stop. Otherwise, fire fighting will be delayed in order to search for potential victims. "Firemen will tear a place apart looking for a kid in a housefire," Devlin said.

What's more, once out, don't go back inside. "With today's synthetic materials, you won't make it back outside if you go back in. One or two breaths and you're done," he noted. That includes not only going back in for pets like Fido, but also family members.



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One other point he made: make sure your very young children know that a firefighter in turnout gear wearing an airpack is not a monster and not to run and hide from them at a fire scene.



Sue Reid won herself an SDS 1911A1 .45 at the Pontiac GSL meeting.

Decatur.

Our Decatur Regional Director Dave Randolph called the meeting to order at Coz's Pizza in Mt. Zion.

As customary here, The Bullet Trap's Dan Cooley shared an Industry Report. All signs are flashing green as guns, ammo and accessories are all available, save for the hottest selling models here and there. For those having issues with the FOID card applications or the process, be sure to download the submit the relevant forms to start the process for a potential remedy.

Congresswoman Mary Miller also joined us to meet folks and share fellowship. She heaped lots of praise on John Boch for his work in keeping up with the latest on news,

information and analysis. "It's always so educational to hear his updates," she said.

In Washington, Mary's working for gun owners as a member of the Second Amendment Caucus. She's also teamed up with the Freedom Caucus to put America first in legislation.

Turning towards energy, she said Illinois is busy shutting down reliable energy and that's going to hurt us, just like this Purge Law crime bill Democrats passed in the dead of night in the last lame duck session. She says electing **Darren Bailey** - a GSL member - for governor would help mitigate the damage Pritzker and crew have done.



Shane Mendenhall.

Shane Mendenhall, GSL regular and candidate for Circuit Judge, also addressed the audience. He noted how JB Pritzker donated thousands of dollars to his opponent's campaign and Sue Scherer held a fundraiser for him - and that Scherer voted for the Purge law.

We welcomed **Judge Rodney Forbes** who talked about court relief and court orders, shedding light on the various types and the legal threshold needed before courts may issue them. It was all laying the foundation for a discussion about Red Flag orders.

To make a long story short, the Red Flag law wasn't particularly well written. The jurist described it as cumbersome and burdensome and it's easier to get the intended protections through other existing laws, and perhaps that's why Red Flag orders remain rarely used.

He noted that orders of protection were indeed just pieces of paper. "It's not a bullet-proof vest," Forbes noted.

Then **Macon County State's Attorney Scott Rueter** spoke about the **No Cash Bail law**. He did a masterful job. The Illinois Legislative Black Caucus wrote the bill and it's full of problems. Rueter, along with scores of other state's attorneys from both parties, has filed a suit to block the new law. As passed, the Purge Law has fatal flaws that should help get the law blocked, but that will require a judge's order.

For **Tech Time**, we had some great **muzzle loaders** including a Brown Bess reproduction - the rifle carried by the British during Revolutionary War times. Others brought either custom made specimens (which many were from the 1700-1800s) and a saddle ring carbine flint-lock. Very nice specimens indeed and thanks to the men who brought them. And Bill brought a modern muzzle stuffer that uses shotgun primers to ignite the charge (and a removable breach plug to make cleaning easier.)

We held our drawings and **Randy Doty** won the **Taurus G3x** pistola. Congrats to him.

Peoria.

Peoria's Regional Director Richard Parks opened the meeting and our **Executive Director John Boch** brought folks up to date with

his report.

The **Illinois 46th District Senate candidate Desi Anderson** joined us and told us of her living the American dream as a legal immigrant. To come to America after being raised in an orphanage in Bulgaria, and then run for office is quite an example of the American dream. She appreciates freedom and opportunity and notes that her opponent seldom misses a chance to vote against gun rights.

She also talked of the dirty politics from petty vandalism to outright organized theft of scores of her signs. Hard as they try, she's not giving up and freedom won't die.

Freedom Paws provides trained service dogs at no charge with disabled veterans. They're an all-volunteer charitable organization. Brenda Olson along with Corey and Keller James spoke and they brought K-9 Josie with them. Much of the training is done by volunteer trainers and they have relationships with vets and others to help mitigate the costs. For veterans with disabilities or PTSD issues, the dogs quickly become a game-changer for them offering not only companionship but the dogs can also help with daily chores and tasks as well as prompt the owner to take medication if it detects a problem.

John Boch won the 12-gauge shotgun, courtesy of **DVD-VIP Guns in Peoria**. Thanks to them.

Champaign County.

The **Knights of Columbus in Rantoul** hosted us and our **Champaign County Regional Director Dick Brandt** called the meeting to order. **John Boch** shared his **Executive**

Director's Report and answered questions about the **No Cash Bail Law**.

Retired police officer **Joe Tharp** spoke about the importance of getting like-minded people off the couch and out to vote on November 8th if not before.

Mr. Brandt shared of the importance of making sure your kids and grandchildren don't hide things that happen in school from you. He also reminded folks that young people are watching people in authority and even the little good things you do can have a big difference on them.

We then had some folks talk about **America's favorite rifle, the AR-15**, as our main topic and tech time rolled into one. **Warren Drake** led it off with a description and history, bringing some "antique" ARs, relatively speaking. From there, **Paul T.** brought out his "truck gun" a nice AR that has survived multiple carbine classes and fairly extensive use in the past couple of years. "I sometimes work in not-so-nice neighborhoods, so I'm always armed," he shared. And working a couple of hours from home for days at a time, he feels a lot better with a long gun and some loaded mags to supplement his sidearm(s).

At a recent **Defensive Tactics International** class, John Farnam told students that the 5.56mm AR-15 was a "150-yard" rifle, whereas a 7.62x51/.308 rifle was closer to a 500-yard rifle. They also talked about circumstances where engaging at range would be legally justified.

Member **Ron Beatty** then related how he witnessed some catalytic converter thieves

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striking not far from his house in Rantoul on a recent early morning. They were met by the vehicle's owners who emerged with paintball guns, pummeling the crooks with cold (possibly frozen?) paintballs which not only provided a pain penalty for the bad guys but they also busted out the windows in their car. "We may all be using alternative tools to deal with rising crime after January 1st," the retired Air Force NCO told folks.



From left, Mitch Pal, Dick Brandt and gun winner John Ault.

We held the drawings and **Mitch Pal** won the **50/50** and **John Ault** won the **1911 .45 Auto**, courtesy of **Freedom Firearms in Rantoul**.

Lake County.

Lake County Regional Director Marcus Melnick opened our inaugural meeting in Lake County at the **Woodfire Tavern in Long Grove, IL**. **Mr. Boch** then delivered his **Executive Director's Update**.

Following that, we welcomed **Glenn Garamoni**, the longtime leader of the **StateLine Rifle Association**. Glenn brought **Abraham Avalos** with him and they not only talked about their regular fourth Tuesday meetings in Round Lake Park (see ad on page 12) but also their regular fun shoots and youth events.

Abraham emphasized the importance of gun owners taking the time to vote in this midterm election, not only for the state legislature but for governor as well. Do whatever it takes to get your high-information friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to vote.

Vince Romano joined us as not only a political candidate for **State Representative**, but as an innovator in the firearms industry. See, Vince is a long-time firearm trainer and he designed a "non-semi-automatic" AR-15 under the brand

name "**Fox Unit**." Or "FU" for short.

In a nutshell, it locks the bolt carrier group back on each shot and with a flick of your trigger finger, you can release the bolt for the next shot. It allows AR-pattern rifles to be legal with all of their features in anti-gun states because it's not a semi-automatic rifle. It makes the gun kid-friendly, too for training. Additionally, the reduced impulse of the bolt helps long-range shooters see their hits.

And in case you're wondering, you can shoot it pretty quickly if you're in a hurry.

Vince also talked about his campaign and believes he's got a fair chance of winning on a platform of freedom and America first.

We held our drawings and **Beau Meskan** won the **50/50** and **Steve** won the **Ruger SR-1911** 9mm pistol. Congrats.



Former Peoria Regional Director Steve Schnurbusch joined us at the Lake County meeting. He's pictured on the right with GSL Treasurer Joanne Chandler and Decatur's Regional Director Dave Randolph.

Charleston.

Our Charleston Regional Co-Director Justin Bawcum called the meeting to order. He and fellow **Co-Director Keith Pippin** noted that because of a scheduling conflict, we'll be **rescheduling our November meeting to the THIRD THURSDAY - Nov. 17th**. Tell your friends.

John Boch updated folks with the latest in news and analysis in his **Executive Director's Report**.

We welcomed **Phillip Mater** as our main speaker for the night. His presentation on bleeding control - and why you need to know

how to stop the bleeding - is on page 12.

Jeff Nelson, the new US Concealed Carry Association rep for Central Illinois spoke for a few minutes, introducing himself as a former teacher and current firearms instructor. And now USCCA rep. USCCA has a solid product that some might call a "concierge" product that covers everything. They offer a 15% discount for GSL members... and that more than covers your membership dues!

We also had a couple of local heroes drop in on us. **Mary and Chris Miller** came in and spoke about Washington and Springfield, respectively.

With her trademark smile, Mary praised GSL for its work for freedom and gun rights. She also said nice things about **GSL's Executive Director John Boch** for his work advancing our cause.

Citing recent news stories, she lamented the two tiers of criminal justice under Biden's increasingly corrupt Department of Justice. As for the "woke" culture rot, she believes it's all done on purpose to destroy our nation's Western traditions. "I'm in mourning for our country."

Meanwhile her husband, fresh off working all day on a combine, railed on political leadership in Springfield - of both parties. "Fire Jim Durkin!" he boomed.



Congresswoman Mary Miller and Keith Pippin.

"It's paramount that we get these people out," Chris Miller continued. "They're destroying education, economic opportunities and driving productive people out of the state," he said. Miller also says too many young men are eating way too much soy, too.

Harold Benning won the **Glock 17**, gently used, with a **Micro Carbine Kit chassis, holster and mags**. **David Carr** won the knife that was our consolation prize.

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Seven days of mayhem: Random killings expose lethality of Democrat soft-on-crime policies

By John Solomon

(JustTheNews) - A college dad shot by two homeless men high on drugs and long sought by police. An illegal migrant who stabbed eight on the Las Vegas strip. An abused wife slaughtered after her husband was released without cash bail.

In a single week, the Democrats' permissive approach to law enforcement — insecure borders, cashless bail and exploding homelessness — left a lethal wake of innocent victims that shook communities coast to coast and invigorated a political debate less than 30 days from mid-term elections.

"Policymakers have decided that law-abiding citizens are secondary and that those who commit crimes are afforded protections that embolden more crime," Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro in New York told Fox News earlier this week.

Molinaro was reacting to the tragic shooting death of Paul Kutz, a 53-year-old college dad who was gunned down in a suburban New York hotel while visiting his son during family weekend at Marist College.

The suspects were two homeless men wanted in connection with other crimes who were smoking a PCP-like substance and had bomb-making materials in their room, police have said,

New York has been ground zero for liberals' experimentation with cashless bail, and the toll exacted by repeat offenders is mounting daily.

U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin, the GOP nominee for governor of New York, has focused relentlessly on the killing last week of 40-year-old Keaira Bennefield, who was shot dead in front of her children, while wearing a bulletproof vest and fearing for her life from her husband.

Her husband, Adam Bennefield, is suspected of killing her after he was released on cashless bail on five different charges, including assault, harassment, and menacing — none of which are bail-eligible.

"There are too many pro-criminal laws getting passed right now up in Albany," an exasperated Zeldin said last week. "When do we say it's time to start sticking up for law-abiding New Yorkers instead of sticking up for criminals?..."

Halfway across the country, the iconic Las Vegas Strip was turned into a bloody killing field Thursday when a Guatemalan man illegally in the United States knifed eight victims, killing two, including a showgirl, police said...

"We have a huge problem with skyrocketing crime," Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.) said at a Friday debate. "One of the issues is we're not keeping criminals in jail."



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Turds for thee, but not for me? Stop laughing you oppressor!

Seattle City Council woman - Little Miss 'Defund the Police' - now wants special police protection after turds thrown at her condo

Seattle (PJ Media) - Oh, the Pacific Northwest. If it things there were not so destructive and miserable there, it would make for a great setting for a new television show. Maybe That's So Woke! Or perhaps CSI: Seattle. Better still, Law & Order: Privileged Morons Unit. But now, the turds have come home to roost for one elected official.

Meet Kshama Sawant, a member of the Seattle City Council representing District 3. Her bio on the city's website describes her as an activist, organizer, and socialist with a passion for social justice as well as a member of Socialist Alternative. She has pledged "to be a voice for workers, youth, the oppressed, and the voiceless. She only accepts the average workers' wage and donates the rest of her six-figure salary to building social justice movements."

Pretty much what you would expect from a Seattle politician.

According to the Daily Mail, back in 2020, Sawant was a driving force behind CHAZ and, despite being married to a Microsoft engineer, railed about the city's gentrification. The paper also had this Tweet from Sawant:

Our movement needs to urgently ensure East Precinct is not handed back to police, but is turned over permanently into community control. My office is bringing legislation to convert East Precinct into a community center for restorative justice. The movement has been undaunted in the face of horrific violence from Mayor Durkan's police. Congratulations, solidarity!

The Post Millennial reports that Sawant has been very

vocal in the Defund the Police movement and also gave protestors access to the City Hall during the pandemic. For someone who despises the police so much, it is interesting that she has no trouble demanding their presence at her home. Radio station KTTH notes that Sawant's condo has been "decorated" by excrement four times this month. She is now demanding that the Seattle Police Department protect her home from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. until the offender is flushed out.

The radio station also reports that, in the past, Sawant requested that Seattle detectives track down the person or persons responsible for threatening emails she received. According to the Post Millennial, Sawant had allegedly used the emails as a publicity move before contacting the authorities.

Ultimately she resigns entirely after calling black toddler of a white city council member an "ese changuito," Spanish for "that little monkey."

Racist Democrat LA City Council president demands and receives extra police protection at home after advocating for 'Defund the Police'

LA (Post Millennial) - On Wednesday [October 12th], former Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez resigned fully from the council after backlash regarding racist remarks made in a resurfaced audio clip of a meeting. This after she had already resigned as council president.

Martinez called the black son of white council member Mike Bonin "ese changuito," which is Spanish for "that little monkey."



[Editor: A two million dollar house with a single-car garage?]

Big Stacey Abrams spends \$1.2M on private armed security while working on 'Defund the Police' initiatives to reduce police for the little people

(GSL/TTAG) - Stacey Abrams really wants to become the next governor of Georgia. Badly. Four years ago she ran and lost, yet she claimed she won the race and was the rightful governor.

Now she's back, championing causes such as defunding the police, gun

control for the little people, along with a raft of other criminal-friendly policies. So imagine the general surprise it caused when her expense reports revealed she's spent \$1.2 million on private security since announcing her 2022 campaign for the Peach State governor's seat.

Abrams thinks rather highly of herself. She must. After all, she's spending over a million dollars of other peoples' money to protect her from imagined "threats" during this campaign.

She also serves as co-chair of a group that advocates for additional "Defund the Police" initiatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Last Saturday of month
Kankakee County
ISRA Range in Bonfield, IL
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First Thursday (6-8pm)
Macon County
The Bullet Trap, Macon, IL
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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
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2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)
Winnebago County
KAP Guns, Lovespark, IL

First Tuesday 6-8p
Fox Valley
Fox Valley Shooting Range, Elgin, IL
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4th Friday (6:00-8:00p)
Quad Cities
Milan Rifle Club in Milan

New bulletproof 'tactical' items for the home

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problems you are probably already aware of.

The Mac Daddy of bullet resistant already-got-it-at-home devices, is of course that 1980's Almond Yellow Beige Tan Ochre refrigerator/freezer in the basement or garage. This sumbich is so dependable it will never die, and you can hide in and around it in a variety of positions while still keeping your food products cold. -1 for mobility, but +10 for resistant to puncture when filled with all those ice blocks you save but never need and all that old beer you call "supplies." Tipped over it may make an ad hoc nuke bunker and is rated Level X to stop M1 Abrams Tank Rounds. Safety Note: Don't expect any modern fridge less than 30 years old to protect you. Expected Service Life is about 10 minutes after you bought it and it won't even protect eggs. Rumor on the street is the Russians have put out a call for old fridges to put on the Ukraine front lines to replace their miserable and failing tank force.

Lastly, (yes God please make him stop) you may have seen all the military inspired bullet proof plate gear which are just insanely dense and heavy metal plates, hung in front and hopefully back of your torso in "Plate Carriers." (I often worry about the target name "Plate Rack" being used by people wearing "Plate Carriers." They offer heavy and hard Level IV protection at an uncomfortable price and even less comfy ride. Best of both worlds there. Checking around the

house how about a tactical iPad carrier? You have already lost the charging cord, or it has quit working on its own. Just hang it on the front of your plate carrier. Much lighter and smaller than most plates, yet significantly less resistant to bullets. Extended use includes the ability to ask aloud "Siri, what's that noise?" "Siri can you do facial recognition at night?" and "Siri are those incoming rounds?" or "Siri add bandages to my shopping list."



Bullet resistant Kindle Fire tablets may also be used, but of course they don't work with most available tablet plate carriers and are best with their Amazon Overlords proprietary carriers where they will mimic several iPad or Android tablet functions but ultimately disappoint...Level II at best.

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Your daily dose of good news...

David Hogg says he doesn't intend to reproduce

Via Twitter: "I'm never planning on having kids. I would much rather own a Porsche and have a Portuguese water dog and golden doodle. Long term it's cheaper, better for The environment and will never tell you that it hates you or ask you to pay for college."



Police say black LA teen posed as white racist online, threatening to shoot blacks at Alabama County Fair

Opelika, AL (GSL) - The demand for racism certainly exceeds the supply in most of America. That even applies in the South where cops say an 18-year-old black male named Pharell Smith pretended to be a racist white man when he threatened to shoot blacks at the Lee County (Alabama) Fair.

Unfortunately for Mr. Smith, he didn't cover his tracks very well and within a few days, Alabama authorities tracked him down to Lafayette, Louisiana and arrested him there.



Don't call 911. Say, "Please stop!"

Socialist NY elected officials tell constituents 'don't call police' when criminals attack

New York City (NRA-ILA) - Progressive politicians have gone one better than "defund the police" and are now recommending that constituents refrain from contacting law enforcement.

Two Democrats in New York State, Assemblyman Zohran Kwame Mamdani and New York City council member Tiffany Cabán, have collaborated on a "public safety resource guide" distributed to small businesses. The guide, reproduced in a September 27 tweet, urges constituents not to call the police and instead, use "better ways of solving problems ... every time a challenge arises."



Uvalde schools suspend entire police force

Uvalde, TX (AP) — Uvalde's school district suspended its entire police force Friday amid fresh outrage over the hesitant law enforcement response to the gunman who massacred 21 people at Robb Elementary School.

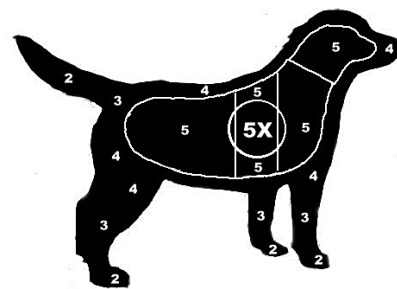
The extraordinary move follows the revelation that the district hired a former state trooper who was among hundreds of officers who rushed to the scene of the May 24 shooting.



FBI massively understates armed Americans stopping active killer attacks

(GSL) - The Federal Bureau of Investigation continues to tarnish its own reputation by vastly downplaying — by a factor of more than 10 — the number of incidents in which armed Americans stop spree killers. According to the FBI, the same people who can find no evidence of crime on Hunter Biden's laptop, only 4.4% of these incidents were stopped by a good guy "civilian" with a gun.

Analysis by the Crime Prevention Research Center shows the actual number is over a third - or more in some instances. Specifically, in non-"gun free" zones in 2021, 58% of spree killers were stopped by armed everyday Americans.



Keep your dogs hidden

More armed federal bureaucrats than US Marines

(RealClearInvestigations) - A report issued last year by the watchdog group Open The Books, "The Militarization of The U.S. Executive Agencies," found that more than 200,000 federal bureaucrats now have been granted the authority to carry guns and make arrests — more than the 186,000 Americans serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.



Why are blue cities cesspools of violence?

Philadelphia trying to out-murder Chicago

From Twitter: "At least 69 shots fired on Pechin near Gates. Police say 2 shooters ambushed football players leaving a Roxborough High scrimmage. 5 shot, including a 14-year old player shot dead. Pads and gear still on the sidewalk. Shooters on the run."



FEEL GOOD STORY: Police stop man about to shoot police K-9, permanently

Tucson, AZ (GSL) - An illegal alien wanted on multiple warrants for friendly crimes like home invasion and bank robbery met the law at high noon in Tucson. He ran, but a police K-9 brought the fleeing felon to the ground.

Javier Galarza, 49, tried to shoot the dog as it chewed in his leg. Unfortunately for him, two Tucson police officers shot him very dead before his brain could communicate the "fire" command to his trigger finger.



Michael Bloomberg, David Hogg and Alec Baldwin...



RT if you're voting for gun safety this November.

[Editor: Alec Baldwin... Mr. Gun Safety himself.]



Those silly kids... one's even NASA bound!

Chicago kids celebrate graduating from Middle School by showing off their Glock switches!

(GSL) - There's a video online purportedly showing Chicago middle school graduates showing off their Glock switches that turn the common pistol into a full auto firearm. It seems to have originated at World Star Hiphop.



Could someone generate "Hurricane Free Zone" signs and send them to Florida?

NYC Mayor can't read, signs 'order' banning carry in Times Square

(ZeroHedge) - New York City Mayor Eric Adams signed two bills into law, with one transforming Times Square into a 'gun-free zone' following the US Supreme Court decision *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*.



"It's Become A Political Arm Of White House"

ATF gun store revocations hit 16-year high

(ZeroHedge) - Under the Biden-Harris administration, there has been a considerable rise in gun stores having their licenses revoked by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

The Trace reported that 92 Federal Firearm Licenses (FFLs) had been pulled so far this year -- this is the highest number since 2008.



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The thinnest veneer of civilization

by Victor Davis Hanson
(*Epoch Times*) - Civilization is fragile. It hinges on ensuring the stuff of life.

To be able to eat, to move about, to have shelter, to be free from state or tribal coercion, to be secure abroad and safe at home—only that allows cultures to be freed from the daily drudgery of mere survival.

Civilization alone permits humans to pursue sophisticated scientific research, the arts, and the finer aspects of culture.

So, the great achievement of Western civilization—consensual government, individual freedom, rationalism in partnership with religious belief, free market economics, and constant self-critique and audit—was to liberate people from daily worry over state violence, random crime, famine, and an often unforgiving nature.

But so often, the resulting leisure and affluence instead deluded arrogant Western societies into thinking that modern man no longer needed to worry about the fruits of civilization he took to be his elemental birthright.

As a result, the once-prosperous Greek city-state, Roman Empire, Renaissance republics, and European democracies of the 1930s imploded, as civilization went headlong in reverse.

We in the modern Western world are now facing just such a crisis.

We talk grandly about the globalized Great Reset. We blindly accept the faddish Green New Deal. We virtue signal about defunding the police. We merely shrug at open borders. And we brag about banning fertilizers and pesticides, outlawing the internal combustion engine, and discounting Armageddon in the nuclear age—as if on autopilot we have already reached utopia.

But meanwhile, Westerners are systematically destroying the very elements of our civilization that permitted such fantasies in the first place.

Take fuel. Europeans arrogantly lectured the world

that they no longer needed traditional fuels. So they shut down nuclear power plants. They stopped drilling for oil and gas. And they banned coal.

What followed was a dystopian nightmare. Europeans will burn dirty wood this winter as their civilization reverts from postmodern abundance to premodern survival.

The Biden administration ossified oil fields. It canceled new federal oil and gas leases. It stopped pipeline construction and hectored investors to shun fossil fuels.

When scarcity naturally followed, fuel prices soared.

The middle class has now mortgaged its upward mobility to ensure that they might afford gasoline, heating oil, and skyrocketing electricity.

The duty of the Pentagon is to keep America safe by deterring enemies, reassuring allies, and winning over neutrals.

It's not to hector soldiers based on their race. It's not to indoctrinate recruits in the woke agenda. It's not to become a partisan political force.

The result of those suicidal Pentagon detours is the fiasco in Afghanistan, the aggression of Vladimir Putin's Russia, the new bellicosity of China, and the loud threats of rogue regimes such as Iran.

At home, the Biden administration inexplicably destroyed the southern border, as if civilized nations of the past never needed such boundaries.

Utter chaos followed. Three million migrants have poured into the United States. While some cross over clandestinely, others clear border stations without an adequate audit, and largely without skills, high school diplomas, or capital.

The streets of our cities are anarchical—and by intent.

Defunding the police, emptying the jails, and destroying the criminal justice system unleashed a wave of criminals. It's now open season on the weak and innocent.

America is racing backward into the 19th-century Wild West. Predators maim, kill, and rob with impunity. Felons correctly conclude that bankrupt postmodern "critical legal theory" will ensure them exemption from punishment.

Few Americans know anything about agriculture, except to expect limitless supplies of inexpensive, safe, and nutritious food at their beck and call.

But that entitlement for 330 million hungry mouths requires massive water projects and new dams and reservoirs. Farmers rely on steady supplies of fertilizer, fuels, and chemicals. Take away that support—as green nihilists are attempting—and millions will soon go hungry, as they have since the dawn of civilization.

Perhaps nearly a million homeless now live on the streets of America. Our major cities have turned medieval with their open sewers, garbage-strewn sidewalks, and violent vagrants.

So, we are in a great experiment in which regressive progressivism discounts all the institutions and the methodologies of the past that have guaranteed a safe, affluent, well-fed, and sheltered America.

Instead, we arrogantly are reverting to a new feudalism as the wealthy elite—terrified of what they have wrought—selfishly retreat to their private keeps.

But the rest who suffer the consequences of elite flirtations with nihilism can't even afford food, shelter, and fuel. And they now feel unsafe, both as individuals and as Americans.

As we suffer self-inflicted mass looting, random street violence, hyperinflation, a nonexistent border, unaffordable fuel, and a collapsing military, Americans will come to appreciate just how thin is the veneer of their civilization.

As that veneer is stripped away, we're relearning that what lies just beneath is utterly terrifying.

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