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IL Supreme Court justice at the center of recusal battle turns aside a Motion to Recuse in Caulkins' gun case... Then she mocks it!

TAINTED JUSTICE

(GSL) - Reasonable men and women would certainly question the impartiality of any judge hearing a case where two of the named defendants donated over a million dollars that judge's campaign a few months earlier. However, Illinois isn't known for ethics and integrity among public officials. Quite to the contrary, the Land of Lincoln leads the way in the number of federal public corruption prosecutions.

So it should surprise nobody that the new Supreme Court Justice Lizzy Rochford would issue an order from the IL Supreme Court rejecting a Motion to Recuse/Disqualification filed by Dan Caulkins in his lawsuit challenging the new gun and magazine ban. Both Rochford and Mary Kay O'Brien declined to recuse themselves, despite receiving \$2.5M between them from JB Pritzker and House Speaker Chris Welch, both defendants of Caulkins' suit.

To add insult to injury, Rochford ridiculed Caulkin's motion. "That contributors to my campaign committee might appear as counsel or parties before this court does not require my recusal from this

case," Rochford wrote. She cautioned that courts must consider whether attacks on a judge's impartiality are "simply subterfuge to circumvent anticipated adverse rulings."



That's Lizzy Rochford on the far right, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Moms Demand Action gun control activists while holding a cookie emblazoned with "Moms Demand Action" during the campaign for an Illinois Supreme Court seat.

Caulkins' case is due to be heard in mid-May before the Illinois Supreme Court. A decision will likely come in the weeks afterward.

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- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **May 1**, June 5
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **May 2**, June 6
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **May 3**, June 7
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **May 4**, June 1
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 April 6. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Danville:** Second Monday **STARTING IN JUNE, June 12**
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **May 9**, June 13
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **April 12**, June 7
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Meeting program starts at 6pm for this location
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **May 11**, June 8
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **LaSalle County:** Second Thursday: **May 11**, June 8
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St. Utica
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **Apr. 30**, No May meeting (w/ holiday)
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.

Sights from GSL meetings across Illinois



Mary Coventry from Land of Lincoln Honor Flight charms the audience while promoting Honor Flight in Rantoul.



David G. won the Canik TP9 subcompact in Pontiac. Thanks to RP Home & Harvest for providing the gun!



Mark Crouch, Illinois State Director for Heritage Action for America in Springfield.



GSL VP John Coyne with NW Chicagoland gun winner Michael L.



Decatur Regional Director Dave Randolph is retiring as Decatur's RD. He's done an outstanding job.



Terry Zeiters talks Appleseed at LaSalle County.



Frank Hubbard doesn't stand still! He spoke in Decatur.



Jason Shimmin shares a laugh while discussing mindset in Peoria.



Dan Cooley from the Bullet Trap, left, with gun winner Roger D. in Decatur.



From left, Champaign Co. Regional Director Dick Brandt, Roger Claxon 50/50 winner and Barb H., winner of the gun.



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NW Chicagoland new venue!

Our Northwest Chicagoland Regional Director Marcus Melnick has announced a new location for our monthly meeting. We're moving to Prairie House Tavern at 2710 Main St. in Buffalo Grove. Why the change? The Golden Corral loved us but we've outgrown the facility. We thank the Golden Corral staff for their warm welcome and wish them the best.

No Chicagoland meeting in May.

Because of the Memorial Day weekend holiday we have cancelled the last-Sunday meeting in May in the Chicagoland meeting in Chicago Heights. We'll return on the last Sunday in June. Thank you and tell your friends!

GSL Danville coming in June.

John "Jack" Land has stepped up with a steering committee team and will be bringing monthly GSL meetings to Danville, IL starting on Monday, June 12th. We welcome everyone to come out to Ella's Restaurant on Vorhees St.. If you would like to join the steering committee team, contact him at johnfland1962@gmail.com.

GSL Quincy coming this summer.

Glenn Sanders and others have banded together to bring GSL meetings to Quincy starting this summer - likely in July. To join the Quincy team, email Mr. Sanders at mvhfa.quincy@gmail.com.



CHICAGO INSANITY CONTINUES

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

Career criminal on probation for three felonies stabs store manager; Soros-funded prosecutor Kim Foxx charges him with a misdemeanor

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — "They got him! They got him!" a man rejoices, fist-bumping a Chicago police officer seated inside a nearby squad car.

The elated North Sider was one of many people featured in an NBC5 Chicago story after police arrested a local troublemaker for allegedly stabbing the beloved manager of Morse Fresh Market, 1430 West Morse, on Easter Sunday.

But, CWBChicago has learned prosecutors refused to approve any felony charges against the man who's accused of attacking the store manager. Instead, they dinged him with misdemeanor battery and criminal damage violations.

"He could have gotten killed," a member of the local business community told the news station, the reporter adding that Rogers Park residents were "demanding change to make sure that their community is safe."



John Kempfski | Chicago PD

Meeting Summaries

Chicagoland.

Our **Chicagoland Regional Director Alfreda Keith Keller** kicked off our end-of-March meeting at the **Park Forest American Legion Post in Chicago Heights**.

John Boch was several states away on vacation but sent his **Executive Director's Report**.

Norm Pestlin talked about the **South Suburban Precision Pistol League**. It's an opportunity to practice under a little bit of pressure of the clock and friendly bragging rights. **ssppl.org** is the website. They now shoot at **Range USA in Mokena**. Norm formerly administered it as the South Suburban Police Pistol League pre-COVID, but it's open to all and will help you stay sharp!

Fred Schrum won the 50/50 and **Tom W.** won the shotgun. Congrats to both!

Sangamon County.

GSL President Rich Goodall called the meeting at a full house at SCHEELS to order. We briefly discussed some legislation introduced to put the **Sparta "World Shooting Complex"** up for sale. If it passes, you can bet that some connected individual is going to buy it at a fraction of its development cost.

John Boch addressed the audience with his **Executive Director's Report** sharing a lot of good news and excited anticipation for what's coming in court in the next few weeks.

Matt Crouch, Heritage Action for America's State Director, introduced the group to the audience. He's a retired Marine Lt. Colonel who worked in the Pentagon in the last years of his career. Now he's working to mobilize volunteer activists to help protect freedom and our nation's founding principles. They are affiliated with the Heritage Foundation national organization and will help their volunteers with tools and strategies to influence people and legislators alike. In short, they are fighting against the "fundamental transformation of America."

In addition to that, he discussed the "ESG" stuff and how it consistently leads to a declining standard of living for the little people.

We held our drawings and **John B.** won the **Taurus 3" .38 Special** revolver.

Pontiac.

We had a great meeting, hosted by the gracious hosts and good cooks at the **Pontiac Sportsmen's Club**. Many thanks to them! We're looking for a Regional Director to lead our Pontiac meeting.

John Boch delivered his **Executive Director's Report**, and answered questions. And with 26 states now with Constitutional Carry, he covered some of the rules of the road about carrying in other states.

HandgunLaw.us stands as a great resource for those travelling to ensure they remain legal in their travels while carrying the means with which to protect themselves and their family.

Boch advised to make sure you're legal in the states you plan to travel through (or fly over in case of an unscheduled plane landing). Also, know what the prohibited locations are and the penalties for ignoring them. In some

states, "No Guns" signage has no force of law. In others, like Missouri, it's a trivial fine only if you refuse to leave.

Meanwhile also know the rule on "duty to notify" when interacting with the police. If in doubt, either give the officer your carry license or tell them you have a carry license and have "it" on you. "How shall we proceed?" is a good question to tag onto the notification.

David G. won the gun (his second in three months!).

Decatur.

Decatur Regional Director Dave Randolph called the faithful to order. Dave's retiring as the R.D. and we're needing someone to lead the steering committee team. He's done a great job, no doubt.

Dan Cooley delivered his **Industry Report**. He apologized about the bus cancellation to IGOLD. He also noted how the Gun Dealer Licensing Act has dealers across the state under the hammer of the Governor. "If we didn't have this, we would all be selling these guns and magazines after that Macon County court ruling."

He also encouraged folks to attend the **Orville Dunham Antique Gun Collectors** monthly meeting on the **third Monday** each month at the **American Legion Post 105** (6:30PM) led by Gary Larson.

Pastor Stephen Holden shared an **invocation** for the night and **John Boch** presented his **Executive Director's Report**.

Our **main speaker Frank Hubbard** led off his presentation with "A warrior in a garden is more useful than a gardener in a war."

The "thin" blue line in Macon County is very thin indeed as at times there might be less than 20 cops on duty in the entire county of 102,000 people. But the 26,000 FOID card-holders help to maintain law and order.'

"Your skill sets could save me or my family members," Hubbard noted. Given the paucity of police, "you're your own first responder."

Most of his presentation was offering suggestions on how to bring more younger folks into our cause. Among his suggestions, don't use hyperbole or tell them that they're going to die if they don't become gun owners. Not only that, you can't make fun of the gun they bought. Hubbard said making fun of their equipment is like making fun of their children. And to talk with them not at them.

As for irrational fears of misusing the power of a gun, Hubbard noted that a 9mm has about 400 ft-pounds of energy. Meanwhile a minivan going 40mph has about 120,000 ft-pounds of energy, yet these same people don't worry about the power of their minivan.



Tech Times in Decatur are always outstanding. Here Jeff as an original Remington percussion revolver - made in the mid 1800s.

For **Tech Time**, we had a bunch of nice specimens along with their impressions. Jeff brought a sample of the first percussion revolver made by Remington. Gary brought a 7.62 Tokarev, defined by a big muzzle flash and its ability to defeat some body armor. Rich brought a new 5.7 (no recoil, but a mighty muzzle flash and blast). Bill brought out his beloved M&P 2.0 which is his EDC. And Dave showed off his .22 LCPII which does a nice job dispatching raccoons in traps.

Bob won the **50/50** and **Roger D.** won the Savage **Mark II** rifle.

Next month we'll have an **IDNR Conservation officer** who will talk, among other things, about the new rule on straight-walled rifle cartridge for hunting deer.

Peoria.

We launched with our **Regional Director Richard Parks** leading the faithful at **Barrack's Banquet Center** in Peoria. He asked for some help with the back table ahead of the meetings to sell tickets. For those regulars, he asked them to RSVP to help Barrack's prep the proper amount of food.

We received a wonderful letter from the **Greater Peoria Area Honor Flight** organization following their recent visit, and Richard read that to the audience.

After **John Boch** shared the **Executive Director's Update**, we welcomed **Mike McCoy** who currently serves as the Washington, IL police chief. He said he began his incredible career in Beardstown, IL, borrowing a gun that he'd fired a single round as his firearm "training." Eventually, a couple decades later, he served several terms as Peoria County Sheriff.

He started his presentation applauding GSL for its work, saying he too supports gun rights for the little people. "I'm so excited to be here I can't stand it. Call me sometime and I'll help put up more of those signs," he said of our road sign program.



Former long-time Peoria County Sheriff Mike McCoy now serves as the Washington, IL chief.

McCoy covered some experiences in his career that just reinforced his support of good guys and guns, including the day he and his partner both ran out of ammo in a gun battle with an armed robber. Yes, they managed to take the robber into custody. McCoy also criticized the "No Cash Bail" law the Dems pushed through in the dead of night, saying it will sharply increase crime.

"Carry your gun everywhere," he said.

Our very own **Jason Shimmin** addressed everyone for Tech Time discussing mindset and carry fundamentals for both new CCW holders and experienced ones as well.

First and foremost, carrying a gun or not, everyone should live with the mindset that

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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!

And yes, we've had several mail-in ticket winners in the past few months.

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 Apr: Ruger 10/22
Chicago May: Taurus 605 3" .357

Peoria May: PSA Dagger 9mm + 10 mags

Pontiac May: S&W M&P EZ 9mm
Pontiac Jun: PSA Dagger 9mm + 10 mags.

NW Chicagoland May: TBA

Decatur May: CVA Scout .350 Legend
Decatur Jun: PSA Dagger 9mm + 10 mags.

Charleston May: 1000 rds .223
Charleston May: PSA Dagger 9mm + 10 mags.

Sangamon May: 1000 rounds .223
Sangamon June: Savage Axis .350 Legend (awesome!)

Executive Director's Report

Good news trickles in for gun owners

by John Boch
Executive Director

We had a good day in federal court at the April 12th hearing. Our attorneys are good, but we let Paul Clement's partner Erin Murphy do a lot of the heavy lifting. Our team and Clement's team work well together in the past and that relationship has proven very helpful in this one.

Okay, I'll admit to hoping for news of an injunctive relief order before we went to press but it hasn't happened.

A lot is coming together quite nicely though, even as cases move slowly. But then again, given how Kwame and his pals dropped almost 2,000 pages of very boring reading on Judge McGlynn, it's no wonder he didn't have a decision ready in a few days.



Many thanks to our Guns Save Life members and friends who have donated generously and selflessly to this legal fight. We've got some of the very best people working on our team.

Meanwhile, in our FOID lawsuit challenge, news of a medical emergency with the judge pushed back our hearing from April 19th to June 20th. We've been at this since sometime in 2019, so what's another couple of months?

HELPING OTHERS

We helped a disabled veteran living by herself in Springfield last month. When the Sangamon County State's Attorney slow-walked return of her pistol and her peace of mind, we intervened. Dan Wright didn't respond to us at first, but that changed with some national publicity.

Rena Rojas is grateful beyond measure for our help getting her gun back and the outpouring of support from our members. She didn't make it to our April meeting because she was in the hospital with some medical issues exacerbated by the stress of sleepless nights thanks to not having her

gun. We wish her the best for a good recovery and look forward to seeing her down the road.

LEGISLATIVE.

I expected all manner of legislation to pass this spring. After all, if the votes are there to pass an outright gun ban, why not nip at gun owner heels with other measures? In the end, nothing made it past the deadline for getting bills out of the originating house.

Really, when it comes to gun owners, the only really annoying bill to pass was a ban on Tannerite. **If you have any desire to experience Tannerite reactive targets, today is the time to buy some.** Not familiar with using them? Let's put it this way: they make grown men giggle like schoolgirls.



CHICAGO.

Chicago's doing its best impression of a crime-ridden hellhole lately with warmer weather. The mini-riots / rampages in downtown Chicago on April 15th made national news, except in the mainstream media who covered the story with a pillow until it stopped moving.

It's proving quite the welcoming event ahead of Brandon Johnson taking the helm as mayor of America's Murder City. Hint: If you can avoid Chicago, it would be prudent to do so. Not only will you save your money but you might save your hide as well.

I find quite a contrast between Florida with its violent crime at a 50-year low with Chicago and its 104% increase in major crimes over the past two years.

While Florida is where woke goes to die, our state's leaders seem like they're mashing the accelerator to the floor as we head toward the cliff by enacting more woke, soft-on-crime public policies.

TWO OTHER STORIES...

Two other stories made the

rounds this past month. First, a Biden-appointed judge struck down Minnesota's prohibition on issuing carry licenses to 18-20-year-old young adults. Thank you *Bruen*. How is that relevant to us in Illinois? Well, let me tell you why... I've got a pair of 4-year-old boys. By the time they turn 18, Illinois will be issuing licenses to 18-year-olds. Assuming we're not a Constitutional Carry state by then.

The second story: A judge in New York State struck down that state's Red Flag law which strips gun owners of their fundamental constitutional 2A rights without due process. Yep, if you guessed that we're going after Illinois' Red Flag law, you win a cookie.

MY FORMER FEAR, FIXED

For a long time I've worried that if I had to burn down a bad guy trying to grab one of my kids or shiv me in a robbery attempt that I would lose my FOID card as the investigation ran its course. That would leave me and my family largely defenseless to retribution from the kin of a well-perforated bad guy.

Not any more. An Illinois judge struck down the section of Illinois law that allowed the Illinois State Police to revoke FOID cards just for arrests.

You may not share my concern, but tell that to the nurse in Chicago who shot a would-be carjacker three times after work, got arrested and even though charges were dropped by noon the following day, the Illinois State Police took almost nine months to restore her FOID card and carry license.

Or the guy in Normal, IL, stabbed 19 times in his own front yard, wrongfully arrested by Normal PD. Yes, charges were dropped and the judge even apologized for the "system" failing him. Yet it took a solid six more months for ISP to get the memo and restore his FOID card and carry license.

IN CLOSING.

Hopefully next month we'll get that injunctive relief. Like many of you, I really don't need another AR, but I'm still going to buy one to send my "FU" message to JB and his gun control buddies.

I WILL NOT COMPLY

I will not comply with the magazine ban in the Illinois Firearms Ban Act

by John Boch
(GSL) - Monday, April 10th marked 90 days since the governor signed the Illinois Firearms Ban Act. Contained within is a provision that prohibits now-banned magazines from being transported off your own property after 90 days following enactment.



Yes, there are narrow few exceptions, but even then the offending mags must be unloaded and encased to transport them. While the law explicitly says that handgun mags 15-rounds and less are okay, it all says that any magazine that's readily convertible to hold more than 15 rounds is prohibited.

And therein lies the problem. Under the law as written, pretty much every maga-

zine with a removable baseplate is "readily convertible" to more than 15 rounds. Prohibited. Illegal.

Prior to April 10th, I thought about this a lot. I decided I would not comply with the magazine capacity limits.

As such, I've continued to carry my Glock 19 with standard 15-round magazines. And spares. Yes, magazine extensions are readily available for Glock mags which would make them illegal. I don't care. Come arrest me.

While I'm not going to recommend people flout the law without an awareness of the consequences for doing so, I am also going to say that I don't think a lot of folks put their semi-autos away on April 10th to start carrying revolvers.

If you need a public example of someone who absolutely, positively isn't going to cower in fear at the threat of arrest for possessing magazines that can be readily converted to accept more than 15 rounds, you've got it. Here I am. Rest assured the non-compliance on this is overwhelming.

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Illinois public property gun & mag ban enforcement started Monday, April 10th

by John Boch

(GSL) - The enforcement phase of the new gun ban has begun. As of Monday, April 10th, it is a criminal violation to possess a "prohibited firearm" outside of your own property or on licensed gun ranges. In fact, possession of two or more of these firearms in public is a Class 3 felony.

Most gun owners have no idea just how expansive the new law really is in terms of the guns banned. Pretty much all semi-auto shotguns have been banned, and even pump action shotguns like America's favorite shotgun, the Remington 870! Frankly, most of the legislators don't know either – and that's when they're sober!

What's more, most magazines with a removable baseplate also fall into the prohibited category. You may possess them on private property that's not open to the public with the owner's permission.

Now, the ISP hasn't enforced the law as written as of now, but that could change on a dime.

So boys and girls, show of hands: How many of you ignored the new law's provisions and carried your concealed carry piece with a removable baseplate magazine in public since April 10th? Or maybe really just said "Molon Labe" and carried your threaded muzzle semi-auto pistol or maybe an AR in the trunk?



I didn't carry a gun loaded with a magazine with a removable baseplate since April 10th despite what I wrote on the website days before pledging not to comply with the new law. Instead, I carried two. And two spare magazines.

And then there's a couple of happy sticks in the back of my ride and at least one 17-rounders in the glovebox.

In fact, among a considerable number of Illinois' card-carrying good guys I know in various regions of the state, I don't know a single one that was going to put his or her pistols in the gun safe and break out the revolvers because of the new law. JB Pritzker and his merry band of gun control jihadists have made criminals of most of the 400,000ish concealed carry licensees and fair portion of the two million other gun owners in the state.

Pritzker: 'LIMITS' to Second Amendment; Young people interested in guns 'are in need of mental health treatment'

(GSL) - So leave it to Governor JB Pritzker to offer his flawed thoughts on the Second Amendment. At a stop in Champaign, the governor defended his new gun and magazine ban law to the assembled media.



First, he that there are "limits" to the Second Amendment. Clearly he thinks America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, is not covered by the Second Amendment and

neither is America's favorite shotgun, the Remington 870.

Not only that, but towards the end of this clip he mentions that a lot of the "young people" interested in securing guns for self-defense "are in need of mental health treatment."

Maybe he meant if you're a gang member (reminder, it's GANG violence, not gun violence), you need mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Or maybe he just thinks that any young person who embraces his or her right to keep and bear arms is nuts and needs "mental health treatment." Re-education might more accurately describe what Pritzker has in mind.

How quaint. Bless his heart.



We warned them...

COURT WIN: State Police blocked from suspending FOIDs over mere arrests

Madison County, IL (GSL) - We warned JB Pritzker, Rep. Bob Morgan, Senator Don Harmon and Attorney General Kwame Raoul. We told them that if they continue this jihad against the gun rights of the law-abiding in Illinois, they would have a lot less gun control in a couple of years than they had before.

Well, Thomas Maag won a judgment in March that struck down the section of Illinois law that allowed the Illinois State Police to revoke FOID cards over arrests. What's more, it

seems that the deadline for Kwame to appeal the decision has passed and the decision has become final.

It's been common practice for many years that the Illinois State Police revoke FOID cards for all felony arrests and even quite a few misdemeanor arrests. I've even had people tell me they've lost their FOID cards over DUI arrests.

In fact, that's been one of my prime concerns as a law-abiding citizen who carries. If I smoke some

mope trying to grab one of my kids, or rob me at knife point, I've always had worries that the ISP would revoke my FOID card and leave me and my family a sitting duck to retribution by the perp's peeps.

Well, folks, not any more. Thanks to Thomas Maag and his case *Davis & Davis vs. Jeffrey Yencho*. In it, the ISP can now only suspend or revoke FOID cards over felony convictions, not arrests.



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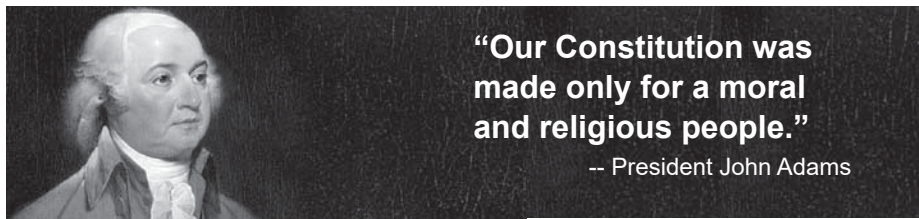
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Country Character



Blame the criminal, not the gun

Time to return to civility, respect & courtesy

by Justin Thyme, a GSL member

"Guns are killing our young people at an alarming rate." I read this quote in a newspaper over twenty-five years ago. But is it true? Blaming an inanimate object is often done to condemn that object or supplant the responsibility of what happened on something or someone other than where the responsibility rightfully belongs. The message of the anti-gun crowd is "the gun did it – we have to regulate the gun."

Level-headed people understand that an inanimate object cannot jump up off the table and kill someone. We've all had guns in our home or on our person. We know that guns don't just "go off" nor do they have a mind of their own.

By understanding guns and how they work, we understand that the gun doesn't have a mind of its own. It's not going to suddenly fire.

We have to understand that it is the person wielding the weapon, and more than that, one has to probe the motivation and the circumstances of the situation causing the use of the object which has become a deadly weapon. There are times a weapon is used in self-defense or for the defense of others; there are times the weapon is used with malice for the harm or destruction of an innocent victim. The unchanging circumstance of these situations is that the weapon itself is not to blame, but simply the implement.

It is the person using the implement that bears the responsibility for the action taken. In cases of justifiable self-defense or defense of another, the motivation is to protect or preserve life. Sometimes there is no ill intent – it's an accident. Other times, a motive of hatred, anger or jealousy provokes criminal activity leading to injury or loss of life. Decisions on this are left to the court to decide. The need at hand seems to be having a legal system which will subdue and punish according to the system of justice under which our country was founded.

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people."
-- President John Adams

Yet, we are left to ponder – where do these evil desires originate?

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jer 17:9 KJV

"Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" Prov 4:23 KJV

"There are six things the Lord hates... a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers." Prov 6:16a, 18-19 ESV

The evil we see in our country is a product of losing our bearings – the foundation on which our country was set. We, as a nation, need a heart change, and a return to the values upon which our nation was built.



There was a time in our country in generations past where, generally people treated others with civility, respect and courtesy. Neighbors lent a helping hand and looked out for one another. Good character and responsibility were instilled in the young. Do unto others as you'd have them do unto you was often the order of the day. Good will toward all. This, in itself, would bring a more peaceful lifestyle.



ACT NOW: Time is running out to remain LEGAL with support braces

by John Boch

So you have a "pistol" equipped with a support brace. Welcome to the club alongside about 30+ million other Americans.

At the end of January, the ATF posted new rules that now define those formerly "a-okay" items as now making your pistol a "short-barrelled rifle" (SBR) as of May 30th.



May 30th is coming up quickly. You have until then to take steps to remain legal under federal rules.

Right now, it's looking doubtful we'll have a nationwide injunction blocking the new rule. So it's time to take action. You can do nothing, but you risk serious time in Club Fed if you opt for the "Molon Labe" option.

If you want to keep your braced gun in its current configuration, you will need to register it as a "Short-Barreled Rifle" with the **BATF using eForm 1**.

To do so in Illinois, you'll need a **Curios & Relics Federal Firearms License** to have a "short barreled rifle." You'll also need two hard-copy fingerprint cards.

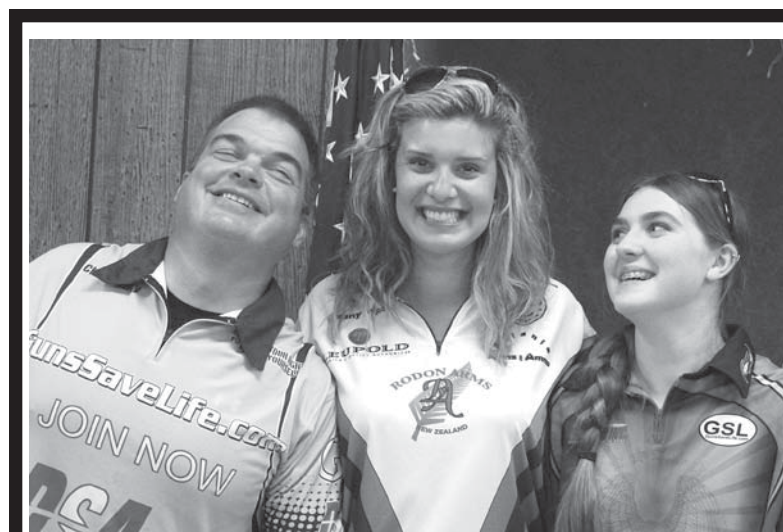


You still have time - barely - to apply for your C&R license. ATF typically has about a three-week processing time. You can apply at the BATF website (google "FFL license application").

Go to the BATF web, locate the eForm 1 and start filling it out. You'll need to file for the license ahead of the May 30th effective date for the new rule-making to remain 100% legal.

Don't care about keeping the current configuration? No problem. You can remove the support brace and any mounting hardware to remain legal. In the AR-platform guns, you can replace the sub-16" barreled upper with a 16+" barreled upper.

The other alternatives involve surrendering them to the police or destroying them. Neither of those options seems all that bright.



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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

Some GSL folks helped Jay. And GSL helped the lady vet in Springfield. Getting a reputation for helping veterans in distress is a reputation well worth having.

Gun people are the greatest

They were "Gun Guys." But not a one owned a Glock, or a Sig. They'd heard Walthers and Mausers being fired – usually at them. Nobody had a FOID card or a Concealed Carry License. Your right to carry came from that dog tag you wore around your neck.

Last week I went down to Florida to check up on one of these "Gun Guys," who had a hankering in World War II to carry an M1 Rifle and when the sergeant told him to, a BAR – Browning Automatic Rifle. He was in a ragtag American infantry company, never featured in any movies, but one of the thousands of such units that no war can be won without. He fought in a hellhole named the Hürtgen Forest, where some 30,000 Americans became casualties. His next big fight occurred during the Battle of the Bulge, where the last of the German Army's old guard attempted to blow through the American lines, capture the supply port of Antwerp, isolate the British from the Americans, and gain a stalemate in the west. But first they must pulverize a thin olive drab line of freezing young Americans in the way of their main effort, which runs right through Elsenborn Ridge.



Jay Lavinsky, decorated WWII hero.

Right where Company B was standing. How cold was it? Well, the water froze in their canteens. The ground was frozen solid that they borrowed dynamite from an engineer unit to blow holes in the dirt. But they stopped the enemy, and this young kid, Jay Lavinsky, won a Bronze Star for Valor.

Last week, he couldn't tell me what he did back then. Pushing 99, he fell – living alone at his home in Delray Beach – a few weeks ago, and in addition to having pretty limited speech (didn't break any bones, but I'm sure he got a nasty concussion) he cannot walk, cook for himself, or wheel himself into the bathroom. So he has 24-hour-per-day homecare.

What does that mean to you, a young, energetic, "gun guy" or "gun gal?" That might be you someday, minus the Hürtgen Forest part – but if you are like me you will look down at your waistline and see that not only have you lost your own "Battle of the Bulge," you have lost it badly. And if you do not have children – Jay doesn't – or if they don't live near you, or

have so much in their own lives going on that depending on them isn't a viable option – you better have deep pockets.

Not for concealed carry, but to pay the bills. In South Florida, with a ton of senior citizens, seniors' health care is a huge industry, and because of the huge demand, costs for such care are astronomical. If you need care like Jay, and live in the greater Miami area, expect to shell out up to \$9,000 to \$12,000 PER MONTH. So when you are planning your move out of Illinois, or anywhere else, research what senior health care might cost in the areas you are considering where to move. Second, start researching long-term-care insurance, because it may not be possible for you to enroll after a certain age.

(Google Consumersadvocate long term care insurance)

If you are a military veteran, even a very young one, start reading up on the VA – Veterans Affairs, BEFORE you need them. Lots of VA folks are well-intentioned, but every large bureaucracy has a tendency to react slower than one would hope. By knowing your options early, you can know where to intersect the organization and cut time spent with a low-level social worker who can't make a decision anyway and has to forward everything up the chain of command. If you are getting up there in age as I am, or know someone else who is, check:

(Google "VA.gov paying for long term care.")

And for gun owners, there is a persistent rumor out there concerning the VA. For most Veterans, seeking treatment or benefits for a mental health condition does not affect their gun rights, unless a fiduciary is appointed. The VA appoints a fiduciary when medical evidence indicates a Veteran cannot manage their benefits. This usually comes in the form of a notation in a medical examination report, where the doctor or medical professional makes a note that they don't think the Veteran can handle their own finances, which prompts the VA to start the process.

Jay, who didn't have any firearms, knew some about the VA, but after he fell, paying for his care went into crisis mode. Fortunately, a lot of folks stepped up and dug deep into their pockets (and we are currently out of crisis mode and need NO addition funds.) Even GSL in Illinois had members generously contributing!

Jay's case is moving through the VA; I'll keep you updated on how they help him. Did I mention that advancing across a field in Germany on March 4, 1945, Jay was struck by six rounds from a German machine gun? Or that he needed five operations to fix the damage? Surely, we can take care of a military hero like Jay in the sunset of his life.



Gun guys are the greatest people follow-up:

Three cheers from the boys in Company B

(GSL) - Desiderius reached out to friends and family over Jay Lavinsky, one of the decorated soldiers who fought with his own father in World War II, including at the Battle of the Bulge. In that time, Mr. Lavinsky got word back that Desiderius' father had been captured by the Germans when the War Department had Erasmus senior listed as MIA.

Mr. Erasmus helped Mr. Lavinsky's spouse set up a Go Fund Me and we publicized it at Guns Save Life's website.

Great news just arrived as we went to press. Here's the email.

A room became available at the VA within the last few days. Jay spent his first night there last night, and from what I understand, it is not just a temp stay. The VA will pick up the costs.

I will start returning monies not spent. I was holding off on making donations to the charity set up in Jay's name, because I was worried a bit that some bureaucrat deep in the bowels of VA might be looking at ability to pay and conclude that if Jay was "rich" enough to have all

this charity money, he didn't qualify for some level of VA

help. Rather than risk that, I'll return remaining funds to you, as there are always more people to help.

You all did great. I am indebted to you forever.

Tonight, when it gets dark, walk out on your porch, look up, and you will hear some faint cheering off in the distance. It's the boys in Company B cheering that their friend Jay got into a room, will be taken care of, and won't die alone.

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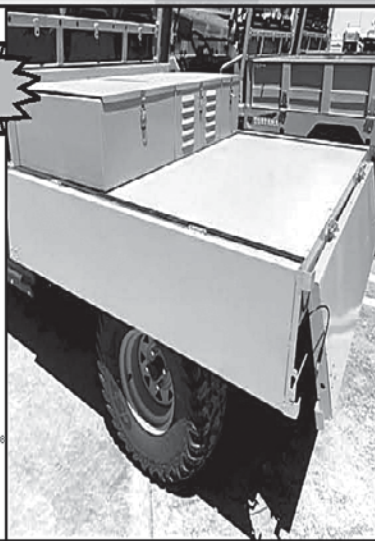
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Litigation Update...

by John Boch

(GSL) - Litigation runs at the speed of smell on a good day. But with so many legal proceedings, we're seeing results.

Federal Court.

The federal court cases are all arguing on Second Amendment claims by and large.

Let's start with the McHenry County State's Attorney's challenge to the new Illinois Firearms Ban Act. Originally filed in state court, Kwame filed a motion to move it to federal court. Once there, Mr. AG filed yet another motion asking for a dismissal, claiming the federal court lacked jurisdiction. The federal judge wasn't amused and threatened sanctions. So Kwame wisely withdrew the motion.

The "Big Four" group of consolidated cases in the US Southern District of Illinois Courts (that includes Guns Save Life's case) heard oral arguments on Wednesday, April 12th. The hearing went well for our side. It could be a month before Judge Stephen McGlynn releases his decision on injunctive relief. We need that sooner rather than later.



Judge McGlynn



issue. That rabid anti-gun activist judge has been overturned on just about every 2A case she's handled.

With that appeal, Mr. Bevis has landed first in front of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Without comment, they denied Bevis' appeal on the preliminary motion for an injunction.

State Court.

The state court cases brought by Dan Caulkins and Thomas DeVore are attacking the gun ban on an "Equal Protection" claim. Specifically, how the law fails to provide a reason why Paul Blart the Mall Cop gets to buy America's favorite rifle and magazines to feed it but Navy SEALs do not. And why locksmiths and prison wardens get an exemption along with retired police, but retired military does not.

Caulkins' case goes before the IL Supreme Court in mid May. The two new judges declined to recuse themselves despite receiving almost half of their campaign funds from the governor and the Speaker of the House - both named defendants in Caulkins' suit. Also the 33 State's Attorneys have filed an amicus brief in support of Caulkin's suit.



Kwame & JB.

At that April 12 hearing, Kwame was nowhere to be found, but his attorney argued relentlessly to resurrect interest-balancing, which is where the state gets to infringe upon your rights "for the greater good." The *Bruen* decision from last summer was supposed to have driven a wooden stake into the heart of that argument in Second Amendment cases.

In what was supposed to be a two-hour hearing turned into closer to a 3.5-hour hearing where the state got most of the time. However that was because the judge asked a lot of pointed questions at the AG's representative attorney. Enough that the attorney was visibly squirming and wiping sweat from his brow.

Meanwhile, the judge surely seems like a gun guy. He knew George Washington carried a .56 caliber rifle during the Revolutionary War. Heck, I didn't even know that. McGlynn also knew what a Mossberg 590 was and that the average hunting (FUDD) shotgun holds a total of three rounds.

In the Northern District, Robert Bevis of Naperville's Law Weapons appealed that word-salad decision from the federal judge in his case on the preliminary injunction

Meanwhile Bazooka Thomas Devore's lawsuits were stayed until Caulkins' appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court is resolved. Why? Well, Kwame, Pritzker, Harmon and Welch were squirming under the discovery questions from Tom Devore as part of those lawsuits and they wanted to stop them. The big question we should all ask is "What do you have to hide, boys?"

FOID lawsuit.

Guns Save Life's challenge to the FOIA Act was slated for an April 19 hearing in Sangamon County Circuit Court. We thought the date quite appropriate, as the anniversary of the first day of the American Revolutionary War.

The judge in the case reportedly had a medical emergency, delaying our case to June 20th and 10:30am in Sangamon County Circuit Court. Visitors are welcome and if you would like to attend, you might get to see history in the making. I'll probably be there with bells on. Maybe I'll bring a little novelty shovel to present to Kwame's attorney.



Never talk to police. Don't answer questions. Don't consent to searches. Just don't do it.

Just say 'NO'

Exercise your right to remain innocent...

by John Boch

Don't talk to the police. Don't answer questions. Don't consent to searches.

Why?

First and foremost, *nothing you say or do* can help prove your innocence. But anything you say *can and will be used against* you in court.

Pay attention to your Miranda Warning. That should be a clue-by-four across the forehead to shut your piehole and ask for an attorney.

Police interrogations - they like to call them "interviews" because it sounds less intimidating - are stressful. You've likely never been interrogated, but rest assured the person across the table has likely conducted hundreds of criminal interrogations after attending countless hours of training.

Even if you're innocent of the crime you're suspected of, you may get carried away and tell a fib about something else and that's a crime right there. Or the interrogating officer (er, I mean "interview-

ing" officer) may mis-recall something you said or the question you were asked and that mistake might be used to help prosecute you.

You might tell the police the absolute truth as an innocent person. But what happens if the police have come into possession of any evidence to the contrary?

For instance, if they have testimony from a witness who was mistaken in their recollection. Or they may have some physical evidence the coincidentally impeaches your statements.

All of this goes away if you don't answer questions from police.

Plenty of people have been convicted for lying to investigators, and plenty of others have been wrongfully convicted.

But if you don't submit to police interrogations, you have a lot less to worry about.

Consider taking the Fifth instead, even if you're innocent. If in doubt, ask an attorney.

Searches

Police have fairly wide latitude when it comes to searching your person or your vehicle in public. Yes, they need probable cause (PC), but for a veteran cop, developing PC is not very difficult.

If a law enforcement officer is asking your consent to search your person or your car, he likely had some reason to suspect you might be committing a crime.

Instead of just searching, the savvy cop will ask for consent first. If consent is given, that makes it a LOT harder for a defense attorney to get the evidence thrown out later.

So even if you have nothing illegal in the car, politely and repeatedly decline any requests for consent to search. If the requests become badgering, ask the officer if you're free to go. If he or she says "yes," leave immediately. If the cop says "no," decline to answer any further questions until you speak with your attorney.

If you're Mirandized with the classic warning we all know from TV shows, no matter how much the officer tries to minimize their significance, *shut up and immediately ask for your attorney.*

Your home.

Your home and the curtilage (the yard around the house) are relatively inviolate. Unless police have a warrant, police can't snoop around on your property looking for evidence and they can't (legally)

stick their foot in your door to stop you from revoking their implicit license to "knock and talk."

You have no legal obligation to answer the door if the police knock. Also, you have no obligation to answer their questions. You can, however, order them to leave and they should leave. They may not go, but if they stay any evidence they develop will likely get tossed in court.

Oh, they may say they'll be back with a warrant. If you still say no, they really have no choice but to leave until they have a warrant. Despite what they'll hint around at, they're not going to be one lick nicer to you if you consent to a search as opposed to making them get the warrant first.

If you do feel the need to speak with the police at your door in any criminal investigation, don't invite them inside. Keep them on the porch. Don't give them a chance to look for evidence of wrongdoing in plain sight to broaden their search.

Just say "no!"

You don't have to be a jerk, but be affirmative in both your statement that you wish to plead the Fifth to questions and a firm "no" to searches.

Why?

Again, there is no benefit to you as a suspect in speaking with the police as a criminal suspect. Don't answer questions. Don't give them consent to search. And always ask for an attorney.

What to say in the aftermath of a defensive gun use...

by John Boch

If you can't remember what to say, the fall-back position of saying nothing at all (besides I'd like to talk with an attorney) comes in a strong second best thing you can say to police. Identify yourself and ask for that attorney.

If you can remember what to say, here's a suggestion that might be just a little bit better.

You're the victim of a criminal attack. Act like it. Tell first responders who attacked you and tell the cops just that. **"This man attacked me. If he survives I will cooperate with his prosecution."**

Identify any witnesses: **"They are the witnesses."**

Point out all evidence that is relevant. Shell casings, guns/knives, bullet holes, physical evidence, etc.

Ask for that attorney. **"You know how serious this is. I should talk to my attorney."**



Lastly, if you're not feeling well at all, ask for an ambulance ride to the hospital to get checked out. Don't lie and say you're having a heart attack, but just ask for the ride. Your blood pressure may be through the roof. The ER staff will likely draw your blood, and if you're sober, this will be a big plus for you. It will also give your attorney time to respond.

Lastly, don't be intimidated into trading a statement before your attorney arrives to avoid a night in jail.



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Violence in downtown Chicago as hundreds of thugs rampage, rob people, beat people and fire shots... Mainstream media virtually silent as it doesn't help tourism

Chicago (GSL) - On Saturday night into Sunday morning, April 15th, hundreds of young black males rampaged in downtown Chicago. Yes, downtown Chicago – the very heart of tourism and retail “destinations.” Increasingly the “Magnificent Mile” is neither magnificent nor much safer than the rest of the city.



The feral mobs accosted tourists and residents alike. They robbed people, beat people, danced on top of cars and buses and committed all manner of vandalism and mayhem. Then came the gunfire and gunshot wound victims.

State Senator Robert Peters (D-Chicago), a strong supporter of gun control and gun bans, excused the rioting as a “mass protest against poverty and segregation.”

Yes it all went down in the very same city that will host the Democratic National Convention in August 2024, when all eyes nationwide will be upon the city. If Saturday evening stands as any indicator when what will happen with warmer weather moves in, under Mayor “Let’s Go” Bran-

don Johnson, Lord help anyone foolish enough to work, shop or visit downtown Chicago as tourists.



Saturday’s “entertainment” for the group began early in the evening. Large groups of young people converged downtown on a “take over.” They tried to force entry on Millennium Park and when that failed it, the group set about swarming the downtown business and shopping areas. They relished in anarchy as “entertainment” – at the expense of taxpayers, residents and tourists, of course.

Meanwhile, by Monday, incoming Mayor Brandon Johnson wrote that it was “not constructive to demonize youth who have otherwise been starved of opportunities in their own communities.” Johnson apparently chooses to ignore the multitude of opportunities given to the rioters earlier in the course of their lives.

Walmart closes half their stores in Chicago

Chicago (GSL) - On April 11th, Walmart announced that it was folding half its Chicago stores. Walmart’s tried to make Chicago stores work for 17 years now. They invested \$170M into the endeavor and not a single one have ever made a profit thanks to pervasive “shrinkage” issues. Add to that rioters trashing some of

the stores and looting them to the studs during the 2020 riots and it’s a surprise corporate didn’t close them all.



No doubt the company’s

execs saw the Chicago mayor’s race. They have some pretty bright people at Walmart’s corporate offices, but it doesn’t take 20 years’ experience and an MBA from Columbia Business School to know that crime in the Windy City is only going to grow under the new Mayor “Let’s go Brandon” Johnson.



Criminals rejoice as Johnson elected mayor

Chicago (GSL) - Brandon Johnson won the mayor’s race in the April 4th run-off election in Chicago. Politically speaking, Brandon Johnson makes Lori Lightfoot seem “moderate.”

Elections have consequences. Those living in and those visiting Chicago will get to experience those consequences “gooder and harder” in the coming years.

Will County: ‘We like high bails and low crime out here’

Joliet (GSL) - Police say Jordan Henry carjacked an Uber driver in the Lakeview neighborhood last year. Cops caught up with him in Will County and after his arrest, he told police he would “be out by Sunday.”

It didn’t work out that way. A Will County judge sentenced him to 22 years at a hearing in late March.

In many cases, offenders are prosecuted in the county where the



initial offense was committed. In this case though, Will County didn’t do that. Will County officials wanted “to make sure it gets done right.”

“We like high bails and low crime out here.”

DNC selects Chicago for 2024 Convention

(GSL) - Leaders of the Democratic Party have selected – drumroll please! – Chicago to host the 2024 Democratic National Convention. The event will take place August 19-22, 2024. Folks, if there’s a month to stay far, far away from Murder City USA, August 2024 will be it.

Yes, the DNC chose the city where crime has more than doubled in the last two years. Where over half of the highest priority 911 calls don’t have police available to respond. A city where police actually solve 5% of serious crimes. A jurisdiction where the Soros-funded prosecutor prosecutes less than 10% of felony arrests. On top of that, violent arrestees, including those arrested for murder, are released on “electronic home monitoring” where they kill and victimize even more people as they await trial.



So it’ll be interesting to see how the mainstream will handle the city and its crime and violence problem. Not only that, but Antifa and Black Lives Matter staged a lot of violent riots in 2020 and it seems ripe for a fresh round of Black Bloc rioting at the Democratic National Convention next year. It could be 1968 all over again.

Advertisement for a meeting: JOIN US! Chicagoland GSL meeting Last Sunday of the Month. Dinner & conversation at 4:30ish. Meeting program at 5:30. Park Forest American Legion Post Chicago Heights, IL. NEXT MEETINGS: Sunday, April 30th

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Why do you 'need' an AR-15?

People sometimes ask: "Why do you 'need' an AR-15?"

Here's a similar question: "Why did Rosa Parks 'need' to sit in the front of the bus?"

The answer is really simple. In a free nation, there is no requirement to show "need" to exercise a fundamental right.



GSL member Mary Miller serves as Speaker Pro Tempore of the US House of Reps...

We're proud of our GSL members. They do great things to make us incredibly effective and influential in the world of gun rights. Usually our members do great things behind the scenes through good deeds that people seldom notice, yet pay big dividends. Those seemingly small endeavors help educate, motivate and entertain those agnostic or mildly antagonistic about guns. We plant the seeds of empowerment and freedom in the minds of people and let them germinate.

Sometimes those seeds grow into a love of firearms, embracing the proven benefits of firearm ownership. Other times, it might

take a "come to Jesus" moment in their lives as a victim of crime to help that seed germinate. Either way, we welcome them as new gun owners.

Other times, our members like Mary Miller hit home runs. Miller does the Lord's work in Washington, D.C. for us. She's pictured above while serving a short stint as the Speaker Pro Tempore of the US House.

When she's not on the House floor, she's sharing the *GunNews* gospel with copies of our monthly journal to her friends and fellow members of the US House.

Meet the Civilian Disarmament Industry's worst nightmare

by Carl
(Twitter @Ur_a_Smartass_C) - I was a big gun control supporter and believed only two types of people owned firearms, cops and criminals. I was raised that way and that was my exposure to gun culture. I had a propagandist view of the second amendment growing up in a leftist anti-gun circle.

My views changed after a home invasion. I started doing research into what would be the best firearm for home defense to better protect myself. While doing research I got a lot of helpful information from the gun community and gun YouTubers.

I realized how much I was lied to by friends, family, and the media regarding the gun community. I was told that gun culture was a good old white boys only club and that I would be looked at as a criminal because of the color of my skin. Nothing could be further from the truth. The gun community is the most diverse, welcoming, genuine and supportive community I have ever been a part of.

I have been on Twitter since 2010 advocating against the propaganda and misinformation about the gun culture and the gun

community that is perpetuated by the gun control groups. I've been threatened and called racial slurs and racist stereotypes by gun control zealots. I don't get mad, I use it as entertainment and motivation to buy a new gun. So I have them to thank for the inspiration behind my gun collection.



"Tig" Davis.

More black women in the U.S. are embracing gun ownership and the empowerment it provides

(AP) - Gun ownership amongst Black women is on the rise. An increase in firearm sales is largely tied to self-defense and appears to be a growing movement among black women across the country.

A study by the Pew Research Center found almost two-thirds of black households now viewed gun ownership as a "necessity",

compared to less than a third in 2012...

Marchelle "Tig" Davis is the founder of My Sister's Keeper Defense. "Tig," is on a mission: to train at least 1 million women how to shoot a firearm.

She had spent no time around guns before joining the National Guard. Now, as a survivor of domestic

violence and sexual assault, she wants to give other women of color the training she hadn't had.

"It's important, especially for Black women, to learn how to shoot," Davis said, noting that black women are more likely to be victims of domestic violence. "We need to learn how to defend ourselves."

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.223 vs. 5.56

by Nick Klementzos

Even with the incredible popularity of the AR-platform, there's still a lot of confusion between .223 Remington and 5.56 (5.56x45mm NATO) cartridges. Shooting the wrong cartridge can cause degraded accuracy and introduce potential risks of chamber failures (otherwise known as kabooms).

First up, a bit of history. The .223 Remington was the parent cartridge of the 5.56x45mm NATO cartridge. They have identical outside dimensions of the cartridge itself. Typically, the most common chamberings for ARs are 5.56, .223 Rem or .223 Wylde. The cartridge chambering for your rifle is usually inscribed, stamped, lasered or otherwise displayed somewhere on your barrel along with the rifling's rate of twist.



Twist.

First, the "twist" rate indicates the distance of one complete revolution of the bullet as it travels down the barrel. These usually will show 1-7, 1-8, 1-9 or 1-12. The longer the distance, the slower the rate of spin.

If you only shoot the overwhelmingly common M193, 55gr FMJ, or M855, 62gr FMJ you will have no need to concern yourself what your barrels twist rate is. It will work well enough for any of the above, although 1-9 is today's standard.

For heavier (and thus longer) bullets like the military uses, you'll want a 1-7 twist rate to stabilize the rounds. Fair warning: ammo loaded with those exotic heavy projectiles is significantly more expensive and harder to find.

Chamberings.

The general rule of thumb is 5.56 and .223 Wylde chambers will safely accommodate

both .223 Remington or 5.56X45mm ammunition. The Wylde chamberings are designed to handle either load, the .223 or the 5.56 safely and accurately.

.223 chambers, however, are not meant to safely fire the radically higher chamber pressures found in 5.56 ammo.

There are some additional differences, but just remember to avoid using 5.56 ammo in guns chambered for .223. However, .223 will fire from 5.56 guns, safely, all day long.

5.56 ammunition usually has some defensive features that .223 Remington ammo may lack. These include a low "flash" powder (so as not to reveal your location in low light when firing), a crimped and sealed primer (to prevent primers backing out and locking up the fire control group in your AR) and a sealant applied to the bullet (to keep moisture out). Also, 5.56 generally has a cannellure to securely hold the bullet in the case mouth to prevent bullet setback while feeding through automatic weapon systems or other rough handling. These features help keep improve ammo reliability under adverse conditions.

So what ammunition do I prefer in my AR platforms? I may be a Greek god, but I'm a cheap god. I normally shoot M193 55-gr. 5.56 because it's generally the most affordable and plentiful in the marketplace.

Why spend extra money on more expensive ammunition, specialty ammo? Personally, I feel the money is better spent on training. And for defensive uses, especially up close, the 55-grain full metal jacket does well enough.

Spend that extra money on training, both marksmanship (like at an Appleseed) and so-called "run and gun" defensive rifle shooting which will include movement, shooting from various positions, low-light shooting, malfunction clearing. The best weapons system is only as good as its operator.



IFOR warns hunters of potential felonies using now-illegal shotguns on public lands...

(IFOR) - The Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources (IFOR) is warning Illinois hunters about the impact of the Protect Illinois Communities Act (PA 102-1116). Common sporting shotguns used by snow goose hunters in Illinois will no longer be allowed on public lands as of April 10th, even though snow goose season runs through April 30th in Illinois.

PA 102-1116 defines an "assault weapon" as a semi-automatic shotgun with a magazine capacity greater than 5 rounds, however federal regulations on snow goose hunting allow for the use of semi-automatic shotguns with unlimited magazine capacity and most hunters

use shotguns with 8 round capacity. Under PA 102-1116, these shotguns are prohibited from being possessed on public lands including Fish and Wildlife Areas, State Parks, the Shawnee National Forest or Corps of Engineers properties as of April 10th, which is 90 days after the passing of the public act.

Turkey hunters are the next group to be affected by PA 102-1116. Illinois turkey season has begun in Southern Illinois and opens in the rest of the state on April 10th. Commonly used semi-automatic turkey shotguns such as the Mossberg 930 are also considered "assault weapons" banned from public land hunting under PA 102-1116.

These shotguns have a pistol style grip which allows for easier handling but causes them to be banned under the new law...

IFOR is also warning hunters that the presence of a plug in your magazine that limits capacity does not change its status as an "assault weapon" under PA 102-1116, and the law does not specify chamber size limitations in shotguns. 12-gauge shotguns can carry shells ranging from 1 3/4" to 3 1/2" in length depending on chamber size. A 3 1/2" chambered 12-gauge gun can hold more than 5 rounds of smaller rounds such as 2 1/2" or even 8 rounds or more of the mini shells such as 1 3/4" size.

Huge winter starvation die-off in Wyoming

(Cowboy State Daily) - The wildlife winter kill in southcentral Wyoming is the worst anybody there can remember, some locals are saying.

"It goes on for miles: dead animal after dead animal after dead animal," state Sen. Larry Hicks, R-Baggs told Cowboy State Daily on Wednesday. "The antelope are dying by the thousands. Starvation is an ugly thing."



Outfitter and pilot Bo Stacks said that at higher elevations, he's seen even hardy bull elk struggling to survive.

"Usually the elk are pretty tough and don't have much die-off," he told Cowboy State Daily. "There's still 4 feet of snow on the high ridges. When I fly over, they don't even look up because they're so weak. They don't even do anything."

Wildlife officials recently predicted that as many as half of the pronghorn (antelope) in parts of Wyoming could die this winter, along with similar numbers of deer.

Hicks and Stacks said it's going to be much worse than that.

"Our mule deer are probably going to have 50% mortality," Hicks said. "We're probably going to be pushing 70-80% of our antelope population that will die this winter..."

"It will probably take six to 10 years, at least, for these herds to recover," he said, adding that there will probably be a push to shut down hunting seasons entirely in some areas of Wyoming this fall.

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Something fun for Mother's Day or Father's Day

(GSL) - Looking for a gift idea for Father's Day? Don't want to buy him another tie or range pass? How about a fun polo shirt sure to trigger the woke social justice warriors of the world? And better yet, for Mom's Day, they have them for women as well!

I might just have to wear it at the Illinois State Capitol one of these days. I'm sure brave Bob Morgan would probably call security and blame me for causing him to spill his soy milk and piddle himself at the same time if I stopped by to introduce myself.

Eagle Six Gear (google it) has fun, high-quality polo shirts for men and women, among other shirts for first responders, military and gun aficionados.

I've got a great wife. For my birthday or Christmas last year, she bought me a fun Eagle Six Gear Hibiscus polo. I wore it for the first time to the LaSalle meeting in April. Everyone commented on it, like no shirt I've ever worn before. It's fun, cool and comfortable. From a distance it looks like a Hawaiian print. As you get closer the AR- is plainly visible and highly triggering to snowflakes.



PATHETIC

WGLT: Four Normal Community HS students stage sad little 'walkout' to 'demand' gun, magazine bans

- Bet they weren't disciplined for vandalism, unexcused absences from class



Texas pardon in the works for veteran who shot, killed Antifa thug pointing AK- at him during violent 'protest'

(Breitbart) - Gov. Greg Abbott (R) used a tweet Saturday to say that he is "working as swiftly as Texas law allows regarding the pardon of Sgt. Perry."

Breitbart News reported that U.S. Army Sgt. Daniel Perry was found guilty of murder on Friday, following a trial over a 2020 confrontation in which he claims that Garrett Foster pointed a gun at him first.

The Texas Tribune reported that Perry was driving

an Uber and Garrett Foster was among the protesters and was openly carrying an AK-17. Perry honked to get through the crowd and, seconds later, shots rang out.



Daniel Perry.

The Houston Chronicle noted, "Perry's attorneys said he acted in self defense when he shot and killed Garrett Foster, 28, after protestors banged on his car. Foster pointed a weapon at Perry, the sergeant's attorneys say, and Perry fired from inside his vehicle."

But the jury found Perry guilty on Friday and calls for Abbott to intervene have been legion.

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Deep Concealment Options for the “Non-Permissive Environment”

by Greg Elifritz
(Active Response Training) - Last weekend I enjoyed the days off from my police and teaching jobs by going to a couple of concerts. I really enjoy seeing live music, but I don't enjoy the “security” ordeals at most live music venues. One of the venues I attended did pat-down searches. The other used a wand metal detector. No weapons allowed. No exceptions... not even for sworn police officers...



Weapons shoved down in the front of my pants. Note the big metal belt buckle.

I walked up to security, lifted my shirt and allowed the officer to do his brief pat down. As expected, he stayed away from my groin area and I breezed right through...

As soon as I cleared security, I went into a bathroom stall, removed the weapons from their hiding places, and replaced them in a position where I could access them more quickly.

If you are expecting a pat down search from security guards, you should be safe to hide your weapons in the groin area (for either sex) and around the breasts (usually in a bra) if you are female. An \$8/hour security guard is going to make sure he doesn't touch anyone in those areas.

If you are worried about the cords giving you away, there is another option. You can use the same set up, but instead of attaching the cords to the belt, you could place both gun and knife in the protective cup pocket of an athletic supporter. I use the McDavid brand boxer brief style athletic supporter. It looks just like normal underwear but has a pocket in the front for a groin-protecting plastic cup. Remove the cup and place your weapons in the pocket. That places them directly in front of the male genitalia and they won't likely be found by a rapid or casual pat down. Once you clear security, go to the bathroom, dig out your weapons, and place them in a more accessible location.

Venue Two
I knew from previous experience that the second concert venue used wand metal detectors (but no pat downs) to screen the entering patrons. I changed up my tactics a little bit for this contingency.

I placed the gun similarly to what I did the night before, but kept it higher up, just below my belt buckle. You'll notice that I chose a belt buckle that had the most possible metal.

When the security guard wandered the front of my body,

the detector went off... exactly as expected when the detector is placed in close proximity to a large metal belt buckle. I lifted my shirt so he could see the buckle. When the alarm sounded, he already expected it and attributed the alert to the belt buckle instead of the gun stashed just underneath it. The rule is: “show security what they expect to see.” The guard expected that his wand would go off when passed over a large metal belt buckle. It's up to me to use this expectation to my advantage when I conceal my weapons.

I placed the knife under the insole of a shoe. I've never seen anyone using wand metal detectors actually make the person they are screening lift up the soles of their feet so that area can be wanded. Most won't even bend far enough down to scan below knee level because the bending action gets tiring when done 1000 times a night. The shoe knife didn't set off the alarm. The very flat profile of the blade I chose made shoe carry effortless.

I still had the Ka-Bar LDK in my wallet. I put the wallet behind my cell phone in my back pocket. When the guard heard the buzzing sound in the vicinity of my back pocket, I pulled out my phone and said “that's just my phone.” He was happy with the answer and I again slid painlessly past security.

When dealing with wand metal detectors... Ladies can stash things in an underwire bra and blame it on the support wiring when the detector signals. Each of these is a strategy I've used or seen used successfully dozens of times.

When dealing with a walk through metal detector, these tactics won't work...

It's “big boy rules” when utilizing these techniques. Don't try anything stupid that will lead to your arrest. Don't use these things when criminal charges if you get caught are inevitable. Be smart and stay out of jail.

One final thought.
One other thing to keep in mind. It was EASY for me to get weapons into a “secured” venue. I could have very easily taken more or larger weapons. Do you think that an active killer or terrorist couldn't do the same thing?

There is another option. One can carry a weapon into these locations without consequences so long as he is not caught! Alternate tactics and carry methods must be employed, but it is entirely possible to pull off with just a little effort and some good bluffing abilities...

I'm happy to say that I attended both events armed with both a gun and a couple knives.

Here's how I did it...

I used the same basic setup for both locations. My deep cover concealment weapons of choice were a Glock 42 .380 handgun and a Fred Perrin designed “La Griffe” fixed blade knife...

Once I made it through security, I placed both weapons into my waistband by creating “slip sheath” holsters using the Perrin's kydex sheath and a Glock Tech MIC holster. Both the holster and sheath are attached to the belt with thin black cord. When either weapon is drawn, the sheath or holster is pulled clear from the weapon as soon as the cord reaches its maximum length.

Before placing the weapons where I ultimately wanted to carry them, I had to get through security. That involved slightly different tactics for each venue.

Venue One
The first venue did pat down searches and looked inside any purses or bags the fans were trying to bring in. Knowing that the “security” staff would not touch anywhere close to my groin made concealment options very straight forward. I attached both cords to the front of my belt (matching belt color with cord color so the cords go unnoticed in a dark environment). I shoved both weapons down below my belt line in my front groin area...

Additional thoughts on carrying in “no guns” areas

by John Boch
“Non-permissive” environments in Illinois mean locations where *someone* doesn't want good guys to carry guns. These may be non-compliant signs that don't count, or they may be statutorily prohibited locations. Either way, the signs change mindsets of police officers based upon their attitudes and prejudices. Let me explain.



Even a non-compliant “No Guns” sign still changes mindsets.

If there's a call for a “man with a gun” or “shots fired,” police will rush to the location to find someone matching that description.

Prohibited location or not, know that the responding officers' default mindset will likely be that *anyone* with a gun is probably a bad guy until proven otherwise. “No guns” signs will amplify that prejudice. Here's the rub: the stronger the security protocols, the stronger that assumption about “only bad guys will have guns here” will become for most cops. Because what good guy would/could carry past a metal detector, right?

Sure, CCW non-believers will express skepticism that something bad will happen

in a prohibited location such as a hospital or entertainment venue. And they would be correct, but at the same time they are blissfully unaware that off-site parking lots or parking structures are an entirely different animal.

Parking lots are one of the three most likely locations for people to become the victims of violent crime in public. (Gas stations are also on that list, and we'll let readers ponder the third location.)

Keeping a gun on one's person also keeps the gun out of the hands of a car burglar.

The big takeaway: If you're a “man with a gun” (in your hand) for whatever reason, that has serious potential to be very hazardous to your health. The general rule for CCW holders is to get that gun reholstered as soon as possible, because every moment the gun is visible, the good guy with a gun is in danger of getting shot by another good guy.

In “non-permissive” environments, that goes double and then some because responding officers are not going to offer a lot of opportunities to surrender before they open fire. Especially if there's an active shooter in your immediate area. That and you will be fighting the very real effects of tunnel vision and auditory exclusion if you're anywhere close to a gun battle.

So, if you're in one of those prohibited locations with your little friend, be forewarned to never draw it short of the “aw, shucks! I'm going to die” moment. Then if the worst happens, get that thing put away as quickly as possible. You will save your own life by doing so as quickly as safely possible.



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Armed customer shoots three of four masked bandits at convenience store

Houston (ABC13) - A shopper at a south-east Houston convenience store opened fire when four masked robbers stormed inside, sending three suspects to the hospital...

HPD officers were called to a Circle K convenience store at a Valero gas station located at 8040 South Loop East at 7:55 p.m. Thursday.

According to Asst. Chief Ernest Garcia, four suspects in masks entered the store and started robbing customers at gunpoint.



STUPID, FIXED: Home intruder shot dead in Phoenix

Phoenix (Arizona Republic) - According to police, just before 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, officers responded to the area of 7th and Portland streets for reports of a shooting at a home. Upon arrival, officers located a man suffering a gunshot wound in the third-story bedroom of the house. He did not survive.

Police say early information suggests that the man had unlawfully entered the residence, made threats and aggressively approached the homeowner. The homeowner then shot the man before calling police and remained on scene.

Las Vegas police: Armed bystander helps mall security with knife-wielding man

Las Vegas (KLAS) - An armed bystander intervened as mall security officers took a man, allegedly waiving a knife into custody, at a shopping center on the Las Vegas Strip, documents said.

Letrelle Calhoun, 22, faces several counts of assault with a deadly weapon, records showed.

On Thursday, March 23, Las Vegas Metro police

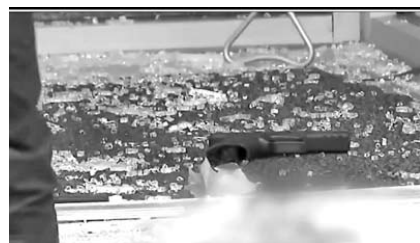
responded to a call at Fashion Show Mall for a report of a man threatening store employees with a knife, documents said.

Security officers found the man, later identified as Calhoun, "flashing a knife" in another area of the mall and detained him while Metro officers arrived, documents said. Officers described the weapon as a "large butcher" knife.

While "flashing" the knife, officers said Calhoun threatened to kill the security officers, lunging at three of them, police said.

A person in the area pulled out a gun, pointing it at Calhoun in the process, police said.

"This gave the security officers the opportunity to disarm Calhoun and place him in hand restraints," police said.



TIP: Don't try to rob the Calumet City O'Reilly's

Calumet City, IL (GSL) - A Chicagoland O'Reilly Auto Parts store turned into a crime scene shortly after high noon on Saturday, April 1. An aspiring armed robber with a gun walked into a busy auto store at 91st and Stoney Island in the southside Calumet City neighborhood. Taking the robber's implied message of "give me the money or I'll kill you dead" as the truth and not an April Fool's joke, the manager there pulled his own gun and shot the thug.

The good news is the bad guy lost the gun battle. What's more, the manager's taxpayer relief shot saved taxpayers the cost of incarceration and it ensured that the good people in Chicago will never face down this bad guy again. The bad news? The bad news is that the store will need a new window or two.

Chicago smoke shop would-be burglar gets shot

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A smoke shop employee shot a would-be burglar who tried to break into the Lincoln Park businesses after closing time on Sunday evening, officials said.

Chicago police officers who responded to calls of a person shot in the 4700 block of North Talman around 11:45 p.m. found an 18-year-old man with gunshot wounds to his legs. The man initially told officers that someone shot at him from a black car.

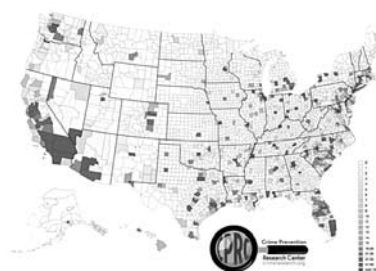
But officers said the man clammed up after police received another 911 call about a burglary attempt at a business in the 2600 block of West Lawrence. Police determined that a 40-year-old man inside the business shot the 18-year-old, who was trying to enter through the back door, according to a CPD media statement.



How many are home to Soros-funded prosecutors?

Murders in US are very concentrated, and becoming even more so

by John Lott
(Social Science Research Network) - While murders and other violent crime in Los Angeles County and some other major urban areas have spread out to parts of those counties that didn't previously experience much crime, nationwide murders appear to be coming even more concentrated in a small set of counties.



When it comes to murder, there are three types of counties in the United States. Most counties experience no murders, a smaller set where there are a few

murders, and then a tiny set of counties where murders are very common.

In 2020, 52% of counties (with 10% of the population) had no murders. 68% of counties have no more than one murder, and about 18% of the population. These counties account for only 2.6% of all murders in the country.

The worst 1% of counties (the worst 31 counties) have 21% of the population and 42% of the murders.

The worst 2% of counties (62 counties) contain 31% of the population and 56% of the murders.

The worst 5% of counties contain 47% of the population and account for 73% of murders.

But even within those counties, the murders are very heavily concentrated in small areas.

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Freedom's Forum



States respecting Constitutional rights aren't causing the crime in the Land of Lincoln. Racists aren't killing people and committing crimes. We're doing it to ourselves.

Elections have consequences

If you think that America seems like it's falling apart at the seams, you're not alone. However, it's not as tattered in some regions as others.

Over half of the counties in America didn't experience a single homicide in 2020, even at the height of the riots that overtook urban areas. In the rural areas crime is the exception, not the rule. In fact, in most states, law-and-order still exists. For instance, under the leadership of Ron DeSantis, Florida's violent crime has fallen to 50-year lows.

Meanwhile in Chicago, that city has led the nation in the number of homicides for 11 years straight, and major crimes are up 104% in just the past two years. In the Windy City, there aren't enough cops to respond to over half of the highest priority 911 calls and police solve only 5% of serious crimes. And serious crimes are everywhere.

Plenty of people still work hard to make America work, and when they're not at work, they love baseball, apple pie and Chevrolet as the old commercial goes.

Want to know what else they love? They love their families, their nation, their church and they love their right to keep and bear arms. They cherish the right of self-defense to save their own lives or those of their loved ones or other innocents.

All of the above are under attack in places like Illinois. The poor public policies passed by legislators in the General Assembly and signed into law by our Governor JB Pritzker only make life harder for the little people while emboldening criminals.

Those murder victims in Chicago? 95% of them are black or brown. Dozens, if not scores are killed every month and nobody in leadership in our state does anything except point fingers of blame and promise more money on failed programs and policies.

On the other hand, if someone kills a half-dozen rich white folks in the suburbs, that spurs even worse public policy legislation like the gun and magazine ban. Government can't keep the people safe, so they want to take away the most effective self-defense tools from us little people, thereby diminishing *our* ability to protect *our* families. Makes perfect sense in la-la land.

Like an alcoholic who hasn't hit bottom yet, our state's leaders blame everyone else for the problems their failed public policies have created. They love to blame law-abiding gun owners for crime, not the violent criminals they won't prosecute or incarcerate. They blame other states for "lax gun laws" yet those states don't have Chicago-style violent crime. These pols like Lori Lightfoot and the Legislative Black Caucus love to blame racism for their failed policies and affix that label to anyone who doesn't share their woke ideology.

States respecting Constitutional rights aren't causing the crime in the Land of Lincoln. Racists aren't killing people and committing crimes. We're doing it to ourselves.

How? Lousy schools that graduate kids who can't read and do math. A lack of nuclear families rob kids of fathers. Prosecutors like Kim Foxx won't prosecute criminals leaving bad actors roaming our streets, freely victimizing other innocents with impunity.

Then there's legislators who won't hold criminals accountable, creating the perception of crime without consequences.

Ultimately all of the above have given Chicago a 104% increase in major violent crimes in the past two years.

Meanwhile, Florida's violent crime rate is at 50-year lows.

Elections have consequences, folks. Elections have consequences.

Armed blacks don't get oppressed. Or lynched.

Who needs ARs and 30-round magazines?



The lynching of Thomas Shipp and Abram Smith, in Marion, Indiana, 1930. (Credit: Universal History Archive/Getty Images)

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Harold Carter
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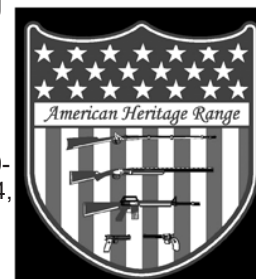
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First, thank you for allowing us to address your membership at meetings in the past. The club purchased 40 acres near Waynesville, IL to continue shooting sports. We currently have a 25-yard range and are slowly building membership but still need to keep moving forward.

We now have a plan to build a 100-yard berm by 2024, which we feel will bring more members to the club. We need to raise \$15,000 to meet our goal. We're asking that you continue to inform your members of our existence and hopefully gain their membership in our club.



Rob Albert, Treasurer
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A hand-written thank you.

A thank you to Mr. Boch and all the people at GSL who work hard to keep us informed of what is happening with the Illinois Gun Ban cases. Enclosed is a donation to help with the legal defense fund.

God Bless.

Curtis Bochantin
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Sic 'em

This is for the lawsuit against the State of Illinois. Sic 'em!

Daniel J. Baker

Another thank you...

I am the manager of the Central Illinois Gun Collectors Association New Berlin Gun Show. I want to thank you for advertising our gun show in your schedule in GunNews. I also appreciate the GSL organization getting involved in the challenge to the recently enacted legislation.

Put this money towards whatever you need most. [Editor: We threw it in with the legal monies to fund our lawsuit.]

Patrick Keen
Sangamon County, IL

Sick of fools

I am not a writer so I'm sending this to you. I'm tired of these fools saying they don't care about these guns being banned because it doesn't affect them. Maybe they will wake up if something else threatens other rights they care about.

For instance, just imagine if we had a ban on Bibles, but those who currently have them can register the ones they have.

If someone could fix the writing and put it in your paper. I don't want to use my real name as I'm afraid I might lose my gun card criticizing Pritzker.

(Signed as) Sam Adams
City withheld



'URBAN STRUGGLES': Walmart closing half its Chicago locations

by Stephen Green
(PJ Media) - Discount retail giant Walmart is only the half the giant it once was in Chicago, saying this week that it will shutter four of its eight locations there. The Washington Post says the move signals "urban struggles."

Outgoing mayor Lori Lightfoot, who has overseen a massive spike in murder and other crimes, said in a statement, "Unceremoniously abandoning these neighborhoods will create barriers to basic needs for thousands of residents."

According to Walmart's official statement, their eight locations "lose tens of millions of dollars a year." The company has apparently never made a profit at its Chicago locations. "The remaining four Chicago stores continue to face the same business difficulties," the statement reads, "but we think this decision gives us the best chance to help keep them open and serving the community."

Translation: If closing half our stores doesn't quickly drive traffic to the survivors, we'll have to shutter them, too.

Honestly though, I'm more interested in WaPo reporter Jaclyn Peiser's skewed take than I am in any problems Walmart has in one of the nation's most violent cities...

She quoted Neil Saunders, an analyst at GlobalData, who tried to explain away Walmart's problem in urban areas.

"Where Walmart works best is really in the suburbs," Saunders said. "It's where they can have a massive store, they can have massive parking lots, people can drive up to the store, they can load up the car." Except that three of the four locations being shuttered are "Neighborhood Market" stores that are much smaller and sell mostly groceries.

Target, Saunders explained, is "much more successful in urban areas because Target is much more of an inspiration-type shop, especially in urban areas." While that's true, Saunders left out one very important detail: Target is closing urban locations, too.

Beginning next month, Target will close stores in Minneapolis, Philadelphia, and metro Washington,

D.C. Previously, Target had to temporarily close 175 locations nationwide due to mostly peaceful George Floyd riots.

Other, more urban-friendly chains like CVS and Walgreens have closed multiple locations since 2020 — particularly in San Francisco — due to organized shoplifting rings and local district attorneys who have stopped prosecuting so-called "lifestyle crimes."

After 17 years of losing money and a looming recession — actually, we've been in one already — you can't blame Walmart for pulling the plug on half its Chicago stores. It isn't even remotely surprising that they hinted rather broadly that the surviving four might soon find their way to the chopping block.

But Chicago's (and San Francisco's and Minneapolis's and... etc.) "urban struggles" aren't due to the same macroeconomic troubles faced by folks from the suburbs to the exurbs to our farming communities. These are self-inflicted wounds caused by bad governance enabled by kamikaze-minded voters.



Minorities, hardest hit by urban crime, confound the media and gun control orgs by continuing to buy guns... lots of guns

by Larry Keane
(NSSF) - Policy makers are confounded. A recent report by The Hill showed that African Americans are the most directly impacted by what they call "gun violence." At the same time, firearm purchases by African Americans rose steeply in recent years. Those two facts are not mutually exclusive and are linked in ways that gun control groups don't want to admit.

In other words, it's the crime, stupid. And African Americans are refusing to be willing victims to criminals that have no respect for life or law. They also won't be victims to when elected officials put soft-on-crime policies ahead of protecting communities.

The Hill reported that a new Kaiser Family Foundation poll "found that Black adults were roughly twice as likely as white or Hispanic adults to report that they've had a family member killed by a gun, including by suicide, at 34 percent — compared to 17 and 18 percent of white and Hispanic adults."

The poll further reported that a third of black and Hispanic adults worry "daily"

or "almost daily" about violent crime, compared to just 10 percent of white adults. Seventeen percent of black adults surveyed said they don't feel safe "at all" in their neighborhoods. Hispanic adults surveyed said the same at just nine percent and white adults at just two percent.

Root Causes

While some politicians seek to divide the nation along racial and ethnic lines, this survey reveals that safety is a primary concern for all Americans...

Gun Ownership Increases

NSSF surveys of firearm retailers showed that African Americans purchased firearms in 2020 at a rate of 58 percent higher than 2019. Hispanic Americans, at the same time, were purchasing firearms at a 49 percent higher rate and Asian Americans at a 43 percent higher rate...

Americans, no matter their race, creed or color, have the right to protect themselves. Polls that show their elected officials are failing to deliver on promises of safe communities explain why lawful firearm ownership of these communities continues to grow.



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

Meeting summaries

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they're not going to be a victim.

"I carry a big gun," Shimmin said.

"How's that work out when dating?" one of the audience members asked to laughs.

Training and practice go a long way to improving a person's survivability. "You won't rise to the occasion, but you will default to your skill sets - or lack thereof."

Skill building doesn't have to be expensive either as a LOT of it can be done through dry fire and repetition. At that point, going to the range is the "final exam" for your self-improvement efforts.

Jason also took a series of questions.

A first-time attendee won the 50/50. **Patrick P.** won the **Mossberg 500** shotgun which he donated to the **HOOAH Deer Hunt for Heroes** golf outing to benefit disabled veterans. *Many* thanks to him.

Next month we have **Peoria County State's Attorney Jodi Hoos**.

Rantoul.

Our **Champaign County Regional Director Dick Brandt** led the meeting at the **Knights of Columbus in Rantoul**. And food has returned after a hiatus because a couple of key people were on vacation in March.

Dave Randolph and **Joanne Chandler** have helped out as our faithful volunteers helping at the gun drawing table. They're retiring and we're looking for one or two (or three?) people to help out back there trading gun drawing and 50/50 tickets for \$\$\$. If you could help us out there, please contact Mr. Brandt or John Boch.

John brought folks up to date on the latest with his **Executive Director's Report**. And took questions.

From there we had two great speakers. First up, **Mary Coventry** from **Land of Lincoln Honor Flight** came to talk about their program to fly Vietnam-era and older veterans out to Washington, D.C. to see their monuments. People honor the veterans, as they deserve, on the entire trip and it's a great time.



Mary Coventry, left, with Korean War vet Earl McClintock with whom she escorted on a recent flight. Mr. McClintock raved about the experience, first-hand.

Honor Flight takes care of everything for the vets on the trip, to include wheelchairs, oxygen, food and they have medical staff for the unexpected. And GSL has an opportunity to fill one of these upcoming flights. If you want to go with the GSL group (likely next April, but maybe sooner), submit applications to your GSL Regional Director. You don't have to be a GSL member to go! Applications can be downloaded from the GSL website or Land of Lincoln Honor Flight's website (google it).

Next up, **ISP Chaplain Stephen Holden**

spoke, sharing his rise from helping a fellow pastor at a Nursing Home in Nebraska for a week or two to serving three tours at the World Trade Center in the weeks after September 11th, 2001. He also coordinated chaplains in New Orleans immediately after Hurricane Katrina.

He likens the chaplaincy as "spiritual care" for first responders and the military and it goes back to Revolutionary War times.



Stephen Holden.

The chaplain hit a couple of common themes for people to ponder. First, he noted that people will be remembered for the little things they've done day in and day out - often selfless things. Because most people don't have a major event in their lives that define it.

By living an honorable life in a Godly manner, you'll be a successful person. And if you do good things for others, you may not even realize how those little acts of kindness may mean the world to others.

He also touched upon church safety and security as well as questions took him there. All in all it proved an outstanding presentation.

For Tech, an unnamed person (we're getting away from putting names to guns in today's Illinois) brought in a couple of very old rifles and asked for help identifying them. Of course **Ron Beatty** knew exactly what they were. The first was a pre-1898 Steyr 8mm shortened up into a carbine. The second was a Chinese copy of a K98 Mauser, complete with Chinese proof marks on the stock.

Barb H. won the gun - a **SCCY 9mm** provided by Freedom Firearms in Rantoul.

Northwest Chicagoland.

Our **Northwest Chicagoland Regional Director Marcus Melnick** led our ever-growing NW Chicagoland meeting at the Golden Corral in Arlington Heights. Because we're bursting at the seams there, the big news was our move to a much larger facility in Buffalo Grove.

Next month we'll meet at the **Prairie House Tavern** on North Main Street on the north side of **Buffalo Grove**. The owner of the facility is a retired Chicago Police sergeant and he's thrilled to have us at his facility. Parking is available around the building and across the street in the Metra lot after 5 pm.

Mr. Boch sent up his **Executive Director's notes**.

Grant Parman did a great job with a presentation about preparedness. He covered a wide-range of topics and things people can do in case of natural or man-made emergencies. Included among those is rioting and rampaging mobs for those who live in Chicago. Angry mobs might make it unsafe to leave your apartment building or condo.

He covered topics such as: food, water, shelter, people, sanitation and sanity during a disaster. He also showed off some of his own emergency preparations. It's available

on YouTube thanks to Marcus Melnick posting it at his **Firearms Mentor YouTube channel**. (Click "subscribe" folks, Marcus puts up some good stuff, especially for novice folks.)

We also had a chance for folks to see the new **PSA Arms "Dagger" 9mm** pistol. It was our drawing gun and **Michael L.** had the winning ticket. Congrats, sir!

LaSalle County.

Glenn Pratt, our **LaSalle County Regional Director**, called the meeting of the faithful to order at **Jamie's Outpost in Utica**. **John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Report** and took questions.

Glenn then introduced **Rachel LaRue** from **US Law Shield**. Glenn said he's a subscriber of the US Law Shield's "self-defense insurance" program and has their emergency number stored in his phone with a "AAAA" prefix so it comes up first in his phone's contacts list.

Rachel described the base policy and its unlimited legal defense in self-defense cases up to and including appeals of convictions. There are a host of add-ons as well. GSL members get their initiation fees waived, too.

Terry Zeiters followed with **Tech Time**... not showing guns, but showing what you can do with guns this spring and summer. **Project Appleseed** teaches the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship and American history at the same time.

Terry's not affiliated with Appleseed or paid (they are all volunteers), but he should be. He's been to 73 events (!) and while he won't

say it, he's probably one of the best rifle shooters in the state.

Can you hit a 1" square at 25 yards, every time from the first shot? Sorry, excuses don't count. Attend an Appleseed shoot or two and you'll come close to or even achieve the "Rifleman's Standard." They'll teach you the fundamentals.



It's affordable too: \$75 for adults and \$30 for kids and you get a t-shirt. Most folks shoot .22s although centerfires are welcome. Bring about 400 rounds and your rifle. Don't have a gun? They'll have loaners. Bring your entire family and maybe the neighbor's kids as well. It's a great family outing.

We held our drawings and **John Boch** won the 50/50 and "**CJ**" **L.** won the **Henry Golden Boy lever action .22**. Congrats!

Charleston.

Charleston's Regional Co-Director Justin Bawcum led the April meeting in Charleston. We did not get a meeting summary of what happened, or if we did your editor misplaced it. Either way, we apologize. We'll be back next month! Thank you!

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Disarmament or armed self-defense? Americans have already decided

By Rob Morse

Gun-control advocates will tell you that the 23,000 firearms regulations we have today aren't nearly enough. Those laws are simply a good start. In contrast, advocates of armed self defense will tell you that the right to bear arms is horribly infringed.

Both are telling the truth about what they want, but they can't both be right. In fact the results are shockingly different. Imperfect gun control fails time after time while imperfect self defense stops millions of violent crimes each year. The truth is obvious if we're willing to look.

There were over 278,000 cases of criminals using guns during the commission of a violent crime in 2019, the last year for which the FBI provides complete statistics. We also had 61 mass murders with a firearm in 2021. All of these crimes were committed by a criminal who shouldn't have had a gun

Criminals get firearms not

because there are too few laws, but because criminals ignore the laws we already have. And always will. The mountain of laws on the books that regulate the manufacture, distribution, sale, and ownership of guns in this country failed to stop those violent criminals...

That's bad enough, but it gets worse. Gun control laws actually made the job of mass-murderers easier and made their attacks more deadly. These criminals deliberately attacked us in "gun-free" zones where honest citizens are disarmed by law...

Gun control has failed to stop violent criminals several million times yet gun control advocates want us to pass more of their failing laws. Insanity is doing the same thing time after time and expecting a different result the next time you try the same old thing. That's why I think gun control is crazy.

I'm as repulsed by violent crime and mass murder as you are, and fortunately, we have options that work.

Owning a gun and using it for defense is common. Over 80 million of us own guns. Forty-one percent of us live in a household that has firearms. About one-in-a-dozen adults are armed in public. Thirty percent of gun owners have used their firearm for defense.

Honest citizens use their personal firearms for self-defense about more than 1.6 million times every year. That is a lot of armed self-defense and a wonderful legacy of lives that were saved...

We know that anti-gun politicians will continue to offer their same broken "solutions" for violent crime. We also know that ordinary citizens will be at the scene of those crimes every time. We know that gun control will fail and that armed citizens will stop violent criminals millions of times a year.

Does it make more sense for our neighbors to be disarmed victims or armed defenders? That choice is up to us. In fact, the choice is up to you.



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SIGN UP NOW: IDNR Introductory Wingshooting Clinic coming June 24, 25 near Collison, IL

Guns Save Life is proud to sponsor the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Wingshooting Clinic at Middle Fork Fish and Wildlife Area near Collison on June 24 & 25. We've sponsored this for several years. We've taken one of their Wingshooting Clinics and they are awesome! Here's a press release touting a few remaining openings for the one day Clinics on June 24th and 25th.

Seriously, unless you like missing your targets with a shotgun, sign up for this class. You don't need a gun or a FOID card to participate. Here it is:

Many people would like to learn how to shoot, but just don't know how to get started. If you know someone like that, here's the perfect opportunity: an Introductory Wingshooting Clinic on Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, 2023, at Middle Fork Fish and Wildlife Area near Collison, Ill.

Taught by instructors certified by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and/or the National Sporting Clays Association, the clinic is open to male and female novice and beginner shooters 10 years of age and over. 28-gauge shotguns and shells, as well as lunch, will be provided. You can register online for

either day, at <https://dnr2.illinois.gov/Wingshooting-Clinics>.

See the attached flyer for more details, and feel free to contact IDNR Lead Instructor Terry Doyle at 815-258-8474 if you have questions. You can help spread the word about the clinic by posting the flyer where potential wingshooters are likely to see it.

The clinic is sponsored by IDNR, the Illinois Conservation Foundation, Champaign County Pheasants Forever, Vermilion County Pheasants Forever, Guns Save Life and Gordon Farms Seed Company, Penfield.



Alvin Bragg.

Second time Bragg has backed off charging crime victims who fought back in self-defense

Soros-funded DA Alvin Bragg won't charge wounded NYC garage worker who shot suspected thief

NYC (New York Post) - Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg will not prosecute the parking-garage attendant who shot a suspected thief after getting wounded himself, the DA's office told The Post on Sunday.

Moussa Diarra, 57, was shot twice by alleged thief Charles Rhodie, 59, early Saturday before turning the tables on the suspect and pumping a bullet into him

with the accused criminal's handgun, authorities said.

Yet cops charged Diarra with attempted murder, assault and gun possession in the case, while Rhodie was slapped with those three raps as well as burglary.

But Bragg — who is already under fire for indicting former President Donald Trump last week in a fraud-related case — will dismiss the case against Diarra

“pending further investigation,” his office said.

The raps remain against Rhodie, who police sources say has at least 20 prior arrests, mostly for petit larceny, with the most recent one occurring in 2018. Diarra has no priors, sources said.

“We are more than pleased with the result,” Diarra's lawyer, Charles Clayman, told The Post on Sunday.

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May 13: Villa Park VFW Gun Show, Villa Park VFW, Villa Park, IL. Dan Thomas 630 777-9632 or Karen 630 834-8191.
May 20-21: Kankakee Gun Show, Kankakee

County Fairgrounds Kankakee, IL. Mike (630) 363-3131.

May 21: Sandwich Sportsman's Club Swap Meet. Sandwich Sportsman's Club, Sandwich, IL. James Palmatier james.palmatier@applied-patentservices.com.

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We dodged blackouts last summer... the margin is thinner going into this summer

Energy experts concerned about reduced electrical energy margins in Illinois

(The Center Square) – Some energy experts are raising a red flag that Illinois' transition to clean energy may prompt reliability issues. With more coal and gas plants going offline under Illinois' Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, some lawmakers are concerned of possible brownouts.

During a recent Senate Energy Committee hearing, Brian Thiry, external affairs director with Reliability First Corporation, said retirements of old power sources are outpacing new power sources coming online.

"As we shrink these margins, it is a reliability risk, so it is just something we need to consider. It is a risk that we are seeing and it's a risk we're concerned about," Thiry said...

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

1st Wednesday (6:00-8:00p)
Champaign County
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Kane County
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2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)
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Macon County
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Last Sunday (3:00-5:00p)
Metro East St. Louis
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First Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)
Metro Peoria / River City
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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)
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Winnebago County
KAP Guns, Lovespark, IL

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



The same leaders hacks that declared the NRA a 'terrorist organization' in 2019

Former SF commissioner: becoming victims of major crime is just 'basic city life experience'

(Twitter) - "Would getting your car window broken and some stuff stolen leave you 'scarred forever'?"

Is this what the suburbs do to you? Shelter you from basic city life experiences so that when they happen you are broken to the core?"

-- John Hamasaki, former San Francisco Police Commissioner



UN seeks to decriminalize rape, child rape, sex abuse, and more

UN: Child rape, sex trafficking is a 'human right'

(LifeAction) - A new report from the United Nations has called for all forms of drug use and sexual activity to be decriminalized globally.

Written by the International Committee of Jurists (ICJ), UNAIDS and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the report was released on International Women's Day, with the goal of guiding "the application of international human rights law to criminal law." Called the "8 March principles," the report calls for offenses related to "sex, drug use, HIV, sexual and reproductive health, homelessness and poverty" to be decriminalized.

The United Nations experts say that criminalizing offenses related to these issues constitute an attack on human rights.

NJ AG: I 'remain committed' to disarming every New Jersey resident

From Twitter: "I remain committed to getting guns out of homes and off our streets."

-- Press statement from Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin on the Phillipsburg Incident. April 8, 2023.



UNSAFE STREETS: Whole Foods closes SF flagship store

San Francisco (SF Standard) - One of the largest supermarkets in Downtown San Francisco—the Whole Foods Market at Eighth and Market streets—intends to shut down at the close of business Monday just a little more than a year after the store opened, company officials told The Standard...

A City Hall source told The Standard the company cited deteriorating street conditions around drug use and crime near the grocery store as a reason for its closure.

#26: Florida gets Constitutional Carry

(AP) - Floridians will be able to carry concealed guns without a permit under a bill Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis signed Monday, giving the governor another legislative victory as he prepares a campaign for president.

The new law will allow anyone who can legally own a gun in Florida to carry one without a permit. It means training and a background check will not be required to carry concealed guns in public. It takes effect July 1.

Crime in Florida at 50-year-low

Tallahassee, FL (Florida Department of Law Enforcement) - Crime is down in Florida for a 50-year low, according to the 2021 Annual Uniform Crime Report released today. The report covers the calendar year of 2021 and shows Florida's total crime volume dropped 8.3 percent, or 38,524 fewer reported index crimes, compared to 2020.



HINT: Armed gays don't get bashed

Gay couple bashed, seriously injured in Times Square attack

NYC (Yahoo News) - A gay couple in New York City says they were attacked earlier this month by four men hurling anti-gay slurs while a crowd watched and did nothing to help.

The attack left one of the men with a fractured jaw that required surgery to repair, and both men have been left frightened and concerned for their safety.

Reminder: Don't answer the door with a gun visible

Cops at wrong address fatally shoot resident at door

(GSL) — Last month in GunNews, we published a story about the importance of concealing your gun when someone unexpectedly approaches your front door, especially at night. It may well be police.

In Farmington, NM, 52-year-old Robert Dotson answered a knock at 11:30pm on a Wednesday evening. Those knocking softly announced "police department" after opening the screen door and knocking on the door instead of using the doorbell.



Soon Mr. Dotson opened the door while holding a handgun. One of the officers on scene had him blinded with their lights but didn't announce that they were the police before they fired repeatedly, killing the man.

Mrs. Dotson, unsure who just murdered her husband, also fired shots and the officers on scene did their best to kill her too until they announced they were the police and she promptly surrendered.

Sure, Mr. Dotson's widow will probably get a pay-out but that's not going to bring her husband back.

If you get that unexpected knock at the door, by all means bring your handgun. Just conceal it from view. Don't be in a hurry to open the door, either.



LA Soros-funded prosecutor charges deputy for AR-15 at home

(GSL) - Los Angeles County residents can sleep so much safer with the knowledge that a rogue LA County Sheriff's Department Deputy was arrested and charged with felonies for possessing an AR-15 and some tracer-style ammunition. No, it wasn't a full-auto gun. It was simply a police patrol-type rifle. America's favorite rifle, in fact.

What's more, the gun was found during a search warrant of the officer's home three years ago!

Yup, you read that right. George Gascon, one of Soros' prosecutors famous for not prosecuting bad guys, dropped the hammer on this sheriff's department veteran.



LA's solution to rampant mass transit crime? Classical music.

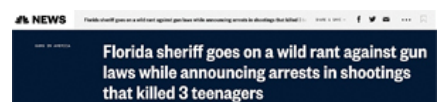
LA (LA Times) - A battle is being waged at an L.A. Metro station. The weapon of choice? Loud classical music. L.A. Metro's goal is to reduce crime and drive away unhoused people...



2A SAYS 'GOOD LUCK' PAL: Will Smith seeks to 'cleanse' America of Trump supporters

(GSL) - While in Dubai promoting his latest film *Suicide Squad*, sat down for an interview covered by the kind folks at the Associated Press. In that presser, Smith said:

"As painful as it is to hear Donald Trump talk and as embarrassing as it is as an American to hear him talk, I think it's good. We get to know who people are and now we get to cleanse it out of our country."



FL Sheriff horrifies the media by telling the truth about guns

(CCRKBA) - Marion County, Florida Sheriff Billy Woods was "absolutely right" Friday when he told reporters during a press conference about the arrests of two suspects in a triple slaying that the gun is not responsible, the people using it are, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said today.

"It's deplorable that NBC News chose to describe Sheriff Woods' remarks as a 'wild rant' against gun control when he responded to a question from a reporter," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. "The sheriff is a career lawman, and he's got more than enough experience to make the distinction between an inanimate object and an individual with an evil heart. If anyone is guilty of going off on a rant, it's NBC News."

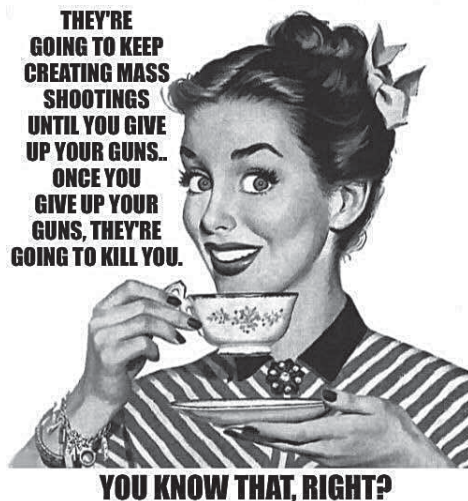


Always remember their sacrifice. All gave some. Some gave all.

COMING NEXT MONTH:

A working template for getting your gun rights restored as a reformed felon.

Food for thought...



Leaving you with a smile...

The pirate and the bartender

An enterprising pirate walked into a bar and had a seat. The young bartender woman recognized him right away.

"Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible!" she said to him.

"What do you mean?" the pirate replied, looking himself up and down. "I feel fine."

She asked him about the wooden leg. "You didn't have that before!"

"Well," the pirate began, "We were in a battle and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now."

"But what happened to your hand?"



The pirate told her that they were in another battle and

in a sword fight, he got his hand cut off. "I'm fine, really. I got this hook now. It works great."

Then she asked him about the eye patch.

"Oh, that! One day we were at sea and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up and one of them crapped in my eye."

The bartender didn't believe him. "You lost an eye from bird poop?" she asked him.

"Yeah," the pirate replied. "It was my first day with the hook."

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