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HB-676: People will get killed

GUN SEIZURES COMING SOON

(GSL) - House Bill 676 passed the Illinois House and will likely pass the Senate before going to the governor in the coming days. Among its provisions is a section mandating that police seize firearms from anyone subject to an order of protection or a Red Flag order. This includes *ex parte* orders where the respondent is not notified of a hearing or offered any due process rights.

The bill contains no language to compel the state to return the seized guns if the order expires or if the *ex parte* order is vacated as vexatious or unfounded.

After this bill becomes law, people will die. Gun owners will get killed. Cops will get killed.

While most gun owners are very respectful of law enforcement and the rule of law, for some that will change if police show up to seize their guns. Some will say, "From my cold dead hands."



Image via Illinois Senate Democrats.

Some will kill cops while fighting back. It's not going to take too many dead cops before most police officers decide that free dental benefits aren't worth conducting unconstitutional gun seizures. At the same time, oath-breaking cops still seizing guns without due process will ramp up the violence of their raids, causing still more death and injuries.

The bill also has plenty of other unconstitutional provisions including studying a requirement to mandate insurance for gun owners.

After the governor signs this bill, gun confiscation raids will be coming to a neighborhood near you. And maybe even your home someday as well.

Fighting prejudice & bigotry

Say hello to Ashley St. Claire.

most vocally supporting guns are flabby white dudes with dubious sunglass choices."

She posted this photo in response to a Tweet authored by Chicago-born second-rate actor and third-rate comedian Michael Alan Black: "So weird then that the people

Ashley captioned the photo, "I hate being a flabby white guy with dubious sunglasses."

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June 2023

- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **June 5**, July 3
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **June 6**, NO JULY MEETING
Pontiac Sportsman's Club, 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **June 7**, July 5
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **June 1**, July 6
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 April 6. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Danville:** Second Monday **June 12**, July 10
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **June 13**, July 11
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **June 14**, July 12
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **June 8**, July 12
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **LaSalle County:** Second Thursday: **June 8**, July 12
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St. Utica
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **June 25**, July
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



History comes to life for a couple of young people as they look over WWII memorabilia brought home from Europe by the father of our speaker John Barham.



GSL members presented the Schuyler County Veterans Project with \$1020 donated by the crowd at the meeting towards materials for their latest veterans home build. Think of them as Habitat for Humanity for Veterans, only better.



Dr. Dick Hummel from Charleston.



Retired Phoenix, IL Police Lieutenant Kelly Williams brought the perspective of a career small town police officer serving near a high crime area.



Our Northwest Chicago leadership team including Regional Director Marcus Melnick, GSL VP John Coyne, Boris Pazin and Josh Jewell.



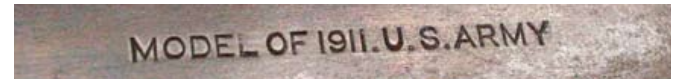
From Peoria.



World War I .45 ACP cartridges.



A World War I vintage Colt 1911...



GSL's LaSalle Co. Regional Director Glenn Pratt with Jeff L., winner of the .357 revolver.



From Rantoul: Joe Tharp won the 50/50, our Regional Director Dick Brandt and David Wrestler who won the pile of .22 ammunition.



John Boch cheers it up in Peoria.



Fred and a .50-70 Remington Model 1872 in Chicago.



ISP Chaplain Steve Holden spoke in Peoria.



John Barham pages through a scrapbook from his dad's time in World War II.



In Springfield, Gary Hughes, right won the 1000 rounds of .223 ammo.



Peoria's Regional Director Richard Parks with Dennis C. the winner of a PSA Dagger 9mm (and ten magazines!).



From left, Ed M. won the case of .223, Keith Pippin our Regional Co-Director and David Easterday who won the 50/50 in Charleston.



Beefy won the Thompson Arms .350 Legend rifle in Decatur!



Loves his job. IDNR CPO Trent Reeves in Decatur.



LaSalle Co. State's Attorney Joe Navarro with his daughter at the LaSalle County GSL meeting.

Meeting Summaries

Chicago.

We returned on the final Sunday for our April 2023 meeting with our **Chicagoland Regional Director Alfreda Keith Keller** calling the meeting to order. **John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Report** and took questions.

Retired **Phoenix (IL) Police Lieutenant Kelly Williams** addressed the crowd with his close to thirty years as a police officer. He brought the perspective of a cop in a town bordering a higher crime area and it was interesting to hear his take on everything from the SAFE-T Act to how to handle traffic stops with concealed carry license holders.

He recommended downloading the electronic copy of your FOID/CCW and he also said snapping a photo of the cards with your phone (along with other IDs) isn't a bad idea.

Williams and his wife also offer concealed carry and other defensive firearm training through **Professional Touch Security** in Chicago Heights.

During question and answer we learned that he currently moonlights working security for a public school. He sees a lot of policies that handcuff police and security while protecting criminals young offenders. Meanwhile society is changing and the young people too often have little or no respect for authority.

We had a pair of tech times as well. Fred brought a **Remington Model 1872 Rolling Block** rifle in .50-70 caliber. Originally issued to a New York State Guard unit, this particular specimen is 152 years old and he shot it just last week with smokeless loads. Shooting it is easy, he said, "because the barrel is halfway there."



Revolvers from Chicago.

The other Tech was John Boch with a slew of **revolvers**. When he started teaching personal protection 25 years ago, Boch said that a majority of students brought revolvers. Today, almost none bring a wheelgun. He showed some K-frame S&W police trade-in guns originally bought for \$129 each. He explained "pinned and recessed" and showed examples and offered his thoughts, both good and bad about several snubnose specimens.

He likes snub-nosed guns for pocket or purse carry to supplement other CCW guns. Why ideal? Because they won't malfunction after the first shot like a semi-auto fired out of a pocket or purse and they can provide a price-less surprise to a bad guy if you shoot from that pocket or purse.

The **Crete Gun Club President Howard Kaye** spoke for a few minutes lamenting the poor turnout at **IGOLD**. In happier news, the Easter festivities at the club went very well. Both the **Crete F-Men** and the **Crete Gun Club** have first-Monday meetings at their clubhouse in Crete, IL. Lastly, he urged everyone to make sure they have "concealed carry insurance." Doesn't matter with whom, just have it.

Paul won the **50/50** and **John B.** won the **Ruger 10/22**.

Springfield.

GSL President Rich Goodall led things off in the Capitol City at **SCHEELS**. In addition to our usual tradition, we said a prayer for those involved in the tragic crashes south of Springfield and for their families.

Mr. Boch brought folks up to speed with his **Executive Director's Report**, and he took questions.

Our main speakers for the night were a group from the **Schuyler Co. Veterans Project** over in western Illinois. Formerly known as 2x4s for Hope, now under new leadership, they're building small homes for homeless and/or disabled veterans.

Joe Deck delivered most of the remarks and said they're putting the final touches on the second of three homes on a lot donated by the **City of Rushville**. They've completed 13 other homes elsewhere. The bulk of the work is done with volunteers, tradesmen and even high school and college industrial arts classes. Materials are either donated or purchased with cash donations.

We passed the hat for the group and our selfless members chipped in \$1020 to the group.

For tech time, **John Boch** did a quick run through of old **S&W police trade-in revolvers** along with some **snubnoses**. Twenty-five years ago, revolvers were a LOT more common than they are today.

Then **Robert Taylor** brought out his grandfather's **Colt 1911**. Not a 1911A1, but an original 1911 from World War I. His grandfather was a sergeant who served at a base near Chicago and kept the gun after leaving the service. Along with the gun, he got the ammunition in the gun with 1918 headstamps.

Our own **Anthony Bellin** extolled the virtues of the **Olight Valkyrie Mini-2** weapon light. Its 600 lumens is impressive, he said, especially out of the tiny package that doesn't weigh much. It's also rechargeable without even removing the battery.

Gary Hughes won the case of .223 ammunition. Congrats sir! Next month we have a really nice **Savage Axis .350 Legend** rifle, a perfect gun for deer hunters.

Pontiac.

John Boch called the meeting to order and presented his **Executive Director's Report**.

For our main speaker, **Land of Lincoln Honor Flight's Steve Wheeler** came, along with their **President Joan Bortolon**.



Steve Wheeler from the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight group.

They spoke with attendees ahead of the meeting and then Steve gave a great presentation on just exactly what the Honor Flight program is all about.

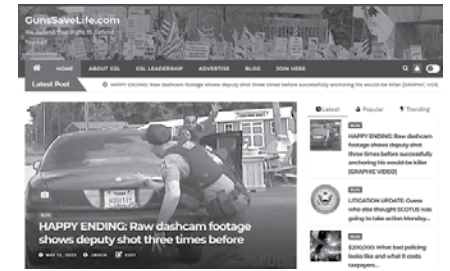
We've covered it at length in recent issues, but for those who missed it, Honor Flight sends veterans who served in the Vietnam era

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You can also pull down a schedule for upcoming meetings as well as any information on meeting cancellations or other issues. Please leave comments on the stories... and share them with friends and family via email or social media sharing.



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 MONDAY, June 12th!

John "Jack" Land and his steering committee team and will bring 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. !

No Pontiac meeting in July.

Because of the Independence Day holiday on the first Tuesday in July, we're cancelling our Pontiac meeting that night. We'll return in August. Have a safe celebration of America's Independence Day holiday.

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.

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 June: Taurus 605 3" .357
Chicago July: Maverick 88 12ga.
Chicago Aug: Taurus 856 3" .38 Spl.
Chicago Sept: Ruger Security 380

Peoria June: PSA Dagger 9mm + 10 mags

Pontiac Jun.: PSA Dagger 9mm + 10 mags.
Pontiac July: Taurus GX4 TORO 9mm

NW Chicagoland June: TBA

Decatur June: PSA Dagger 9mm + 10 mags.

Charleston June: PSA Dagger 9mm + 10 mags.

Sangamon June: Savage Axis .350 Legend (awesome!)
Sangamon July: Ruger Max9 (optic ready)

Danville June: Ruger American .350 Legend
Danville July: S&W 9mm Sheild EZ Performance Center

Executive Director's Report

So much to worry about...

by John Boch
Executive Director

Legislative.

We're back to "gut and replace" games in Springfield as the Spring session winds down at the Capitol. Two bills will almost certainly become law. HB-218 sets up gun manufacturers for nuisance lawsuits over advertising. And HB-676 sets up gun owners for mandatory gun seizures from police, the potential for new insurance requirements and more.

People will get killed over HB-676, mark my words. Gun owners will get killed when they resist the gun seizures and oath-breaking cops will get killed when they run up against more zealous gun owners who won't roll over and show their bellies when cops come a-knockin' to grab up their gats.



GSL's John Boch.

Litigation.

It's been more than a little disappointing in the courts of late. Catch the complete rundown on page 8.

While gun owners worry about catching a felony beef over their Remington 870s or 1187s while goose hunting, criminals are rejoicing and laughing at law-abiding gun owners trying to scrupulously follow the law.

FOID cards? Carry licenses? Training requirements? Waiting periods? Gun bans? Magazine restrictions?



Gang bangers are laughing themselves silly, especially with their full-auto "switches" on their Glocks.

ENFORCEMENT: Something important to consider, folks

Has it occurred to anyone why the ISP hasn't been enforcing the new gun ban law? It isn't because they're

benevolent.

It's because no state cop wants to enforce a law that's already been adjudicated unconstitutional in state court (the Caulkins case in Macon County). The federal "deprivation of civil rights under color of authority" Section 1983 action would prove financially very costly to those officers, supervisors and their agencies.

I guarantee you the ISP at Pritzker's direction will take a very different tact when the Illinois Supreme Court overturns the court ruling in Macon County striking down the new gun ban as unconstitutional.

I'll even tell you what the ruling will be: the Illinois Supreme Court will say the State Appellate Court (the Fifth Circuit, IIRC) used the wrong standard of scrutiny. Instead of using strict scrutiny on the merits of the challenge, they should have used intermediate scrutiny to allow a two-step, interest-balancing approach to the challenge. As such, the lower court will be reversed and the ISP, at Pritzker's direction, will start making examples of gun shops and gun owners alike.

Not only will "Freedom Week" purchasers who bought guns and mags during the preliminary injunction from the federal court be at risk, but so too will all those folks in Tom DeVore's cases who bought defensive tools since January 10th. Along with the shops who sold them.



Good news for hunters! Good news. The IDNR has issued a directive... "If it was legal last year, it's legal this year" when it comes to guns and magazines. For now. It's even on the IDNR website.

Chicago and woke criminal justice "reform"

What discussion of Illinois is complete without including America's largest open-air shooting range known as Chicago?

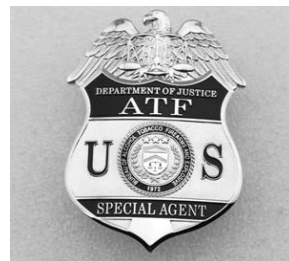
It's a circus there, to describe it in family-friendly terms.

Mix Illinois gun control, woke, soft-on-crime criminal justice "reform" and illegal "immigration" and it's easy to see why Chicago has suffered through a 104% increase in major crimes in just the past two years.

And with Let's Go Brandon Johnson taking the reigns, it's only going to get worse, quickly. Elections have consequences folks, and those who voted for this guy are going to get it good and hard for the next four years.

Contrast all that with the law-and-order leadership of Ron DeSantis in the Sunshine State. Violent crime in Florida has fallen to 50-year lows.

Yes, I know DeSantis didn't do it all himself, but his name is very much like sunshine or holy water to the freedom-sucking vampires running Illinois.



New rules & ATF home visits...

The end of the month marks the enforcement phase of ATF's new rules on support-braced guns. And speaking of ATF, they are doing home visits to seize "forced reset triggers." There's a video up at the GSL website about how one man handled their visit to collect his trigger. No doubt they'll be visiting Illinois. In the meantime, if you have one you better bury it or lose it in a boating accident. And say nothing if someone with an ATF badge shows up at your home or business. Better yet, if at home, don't answer the door.

GREAT NEWS: The GSL Honor Flight group will fly on September 19th!

Originally, we thought this would happen in April 2024, but the stars have come into alignment and it looks like our group will fly on Tuesday, September 19th. We'll be having a dinner in Springfield on Monday the 18th. We still have room for a few additional veterans if you or someone you know served in the Vietnam era or before.



QUALIFIED IMMUNITY: Why the ISP is all talk and no enforcement on 'Protect IL Communities Act' Gun Ban... for now

by John Boch

(GSL) - Has it occurred to you why the Illinois State Police is all bark and no bite on the new gun ban passed into law on January 10th? When it comes to citing gun shops for receiving banned guns and magazines, the ISP have conspicuously chosen not to make any arrests or taken any other enforcement actions. What's more, they haven't really hassled any purchasers, let alone made any arrests.

There are some outstanding people working at the Illinois State Police. A majority of their front-line staff, including road troopers and investigators are good and decent people. They put their pants on just like you and me.

At the same time, the leadership of ISP serves at the pleasure of Governor JB Pritzker. As such, they toe the line and tell their senior staff to do the same. Think of

the ISP Director as Pritzker's mouthpiece. Know that the public announcements and press releases are carefully worded and probably approved by Pritzker's people.

Why no enforcement? Simple, really.

On March 3rd, a court in Macon County, IL adjudicated the gun ban unconstitutional.

No cop in Illinois in his or her right mind will throw their qualified immunity into the shredder by making an arrest for an offense tied to a law that's been adjudicated null and void by a court of law with proper jurisdiction.

We anticipate the ISP's reticence about enforcing the gun ban will evaporate when the Illinois Supreme Court reverses the Macon County decision striking down the law in state court in the coming weeks.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SHOOT?

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Download an application at dewittcountysc.com or by mailing a request to DCSC, PO Box 322, Clinton, IL 61727.





IL State Police: Banned guns bought during 'Freedom week' are ILLEGAL

(The Center Square) – Illinois State Police say any purchase of firearms or attachments the state deems as "assault weapons" from during the six-day injunction against Illinois' gun ban will be illegal after Jan. 1, 2024.

In January this year, Gov. J.B. Pritzker enacted the ban on more than 170 semi-automatic firearms and magazines over certain capacities. Part of that includes a registry of already owned guns starting Oct. 1 with the deadline to register being Jan. 1, 2024.

When the Southern District

of Illinois federal court issued a preliminary injunction against Illinois' gun ban last month, gun stores were busy. Those sales ended six days later when late last week the appeals court put a stay on the injunction.

After the injunction was reversed while lawsuits continue, state police said firearms purchased during the injunction will be illegal because they were possessed after the Jan. 10 effective day of the Protect Illinois Communities Act.

"Persons who possess a banned firearm or firearm

attachment are required to endorse an affidavit by January 1, 2024, stating that any banned firearm or firearm attachments were possessed prior to the enactment of PICA (January 10, 2023) pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/24-1.9(d)," a public information officer with Illinois State Police told The Center Square in an email.

Penalties for possession of banned magazines is a petty offense with a \$1,000 fine per infraction. Possession of prohibited firearms could be up to a Class 2 felony.

...Guns bought by those DeVore's named plaintiffs are probably next on the chopping block

(GSL) - So far at least, Governor Pritzker and the Illinois State Police (ISP) have remained mum about Tom DeVore's named individual plaintiffs buying and/or selling popular self-defense guns and the magazines that feed them.

It makes sense that if Pritzker and the ISP think that guns purchased during "Freedom Week" are illegal, they will think the same of firearms purchased by those protected by temporary restraining orders. Those orders in attorney Tom DeVore's cases, enjoin the state from enforcing the gun ban during the term of the order. If and when courts vacate that temporary order, it's a whole new world.

Not only will those who purchased those guns potentially face prosecution (until and unless the federal courts strike down the gun and magazine ban), but so too will the merchants listed as plaintiffs who sold the guns.



Obviously at GSL we think the entire Firearms Ban Act known as PICA is patently unconstitutional. Furthermore, we believe that we're all protected for now with the Macon County court striking down the whole act back in March. But assuming the Illinois State Supreme Court reverses the Macon County decision along with the temporary restraining orders, we owe it to our members and fellow gun owners to apprise them of potential problems headed their way.



IMPORTANT FIREARM RULE CHANGES COMING SOON!

Federal: Support brace rule takes effect May 31

(GSL) - Owners of pistol support-braced firearms have until the end of May to either remove the brace and mounting hardware, to change out the barrels to 16+ inches or to register them as a Short-Barreled Rifle (SBR) with the BATF using their online eForm 1 application (Google is your friend to find the URL). Il-

linois residents will need a Curios & Relics FFL to register an SBR in the state.

There are a couple of other alternatives including a boating accident, surrendering the guns to police or permanently affixing a long flash suppressor to the barrel to bring the overall barrel & flash suppressor

length to 16+ inches, however flash suppressors by themselves are now good for a Class 3 felony charge under the new gun ban act.



Illinois: No more private transfers & no more gun purchases for (medical) marijuana users effective July 1, 2023



(GSL) - Absent a court ruling permanently striking down the new Illinois Firearm Ban Act, private gun sales will be prohibited effectively July 1.

The FOID Modernization Act that the Illinois State Rifle Association "negotiated" for Land of Lincoln gun owners includes both gun registra-

tion and a ban on private gun sales. The end of private sales was supposed to begin Jan. 1 2024, but the new gun ban law moved the date to July 1st.

With the first of July, all private gun sales will have to take place through a licensed gun dealer for a \$25 fee. With that, marijuana users, including both recreational and medical users, will effectively be banned from purchasing firearms in Illinois.



Federal law prohibits users of marijuana from buying guns at dealers. And while recreational users can fudge and answer "no" to the question about using illegal drugs, medical card holders will not given the state-issued pot card.



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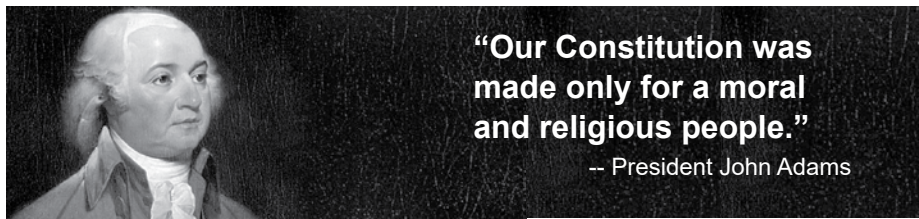
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Country Character



Tell your senator, when he runs: Blame the criminal, not the gun

Quit blaming the tool instead of the evil-doer

by Justin Thyme, a GSL member

"Guns are killing our young people at an alarming rate." I read this quote in a newspaper. Twenty-five years ago.

Blaming an inanimate object for the deeds of an evil-doer is oftentimes nothing more than psychological deflection. The message of the anti-gun crowd is simple, really. They can't ban evil people, so they settle for pretending that a ban on guns will stop evil. "If we just eliminated the guns, things like this wouldn't happen."

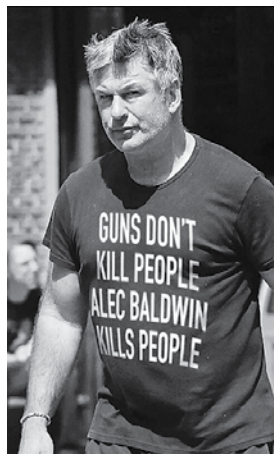
Level-headed people understand that inanimate objects don't act on their own. Those of us who understand guns know that you can have a loaded gun in the nightstand, or in the closet or on your hip. It will never "go off" or fire without human input.

When it comes to guns used against people, we have to understand the intention of the user. In the hands of a criminal, that gun can be a deadly weapon. In the hands of a law-abiding person, that same gun might be considered a life preserver. The unchanging circumstance of these situations is that the firearm itself is not to blame. The gun is simply the implement.

It is the person using the

tool that bears the responsibility for the actions he or she takes. 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 and negligence is to blame.



Other times, an evildoer's impulses of hatred, anger or jealousy motivates the criminal misuse of guns. That's for the attorneys to argue and the courts to adjudicate accordingly.

Yet, we are left to ponder – where do 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 undermining our nation's foundation. We, as a nation, need to embrace our founding principles 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. After all, an armed society is a polite society for many reasons, not just the fact that the only thing that stops a bad person with evil in their hearts and minds is a good guy with a gun.

My family has been threatened by racists. Why should they outgun me?

by David French (National Review) - Few things are more frustrating than watching members of the media, politicians, and activists who often know very little about guns, have the resources to hire security when they face threats, and don't understand the weapons criminals use telling me what I "need" to protect my family. And what they invariably tell me I "need" is a weapon less powerful than the foreseeable criminal threat.

Or, let me put it another way. My family has been threatened by white nationalists. Why should they outgun me?

Few things concentrate the mind more than the terrifying knowledge that a person might want to harm or kill someone you love. It transforms the way you interact with the world. It makes you aware of your acute vulnerability and the practical limitations of police protection.

If you're wealthy, you have a quick response: Hire professionals to help. Let them worry about weapons and tactics. If you're not wealthy, then your mind gets practical, fast. You have to understand what you may well face. And despite the constant refrain that semi-automatic weapons with large-capacity magazines are "weapons of war," if you know anything about guns you know that what the media calls a large-capacity magazine is really standard-capacity on millions upon millions of handguns sold in the United States.

This means it's entirely possible that a person coming to shoot you is carrying something like, say, a Glock 19 with a standard 15-round magazine.

So, how do I meet that threat? Unless you're a highly trained professional who possesses supreme confidence in your self-defense skills, you meet it at the very

least with an equivalent weapon, and preferably with superior firepower.

In a nutshell that's why my first line of defense in my home is an AR-15. One of the most ridiculous lines in yesterday's New York Post editorial endorsing an assault-weapons ban was the assertion that semi-automatic rifles such as the AR-15 are "regularly used only in mass shootings." False, false, false. I use one to protect my family.

Why? The answer is easy. As a veteran, I've trained to use a similar weapon. I'm comfortable with it, it's more powerful and more accurate than the handgun I

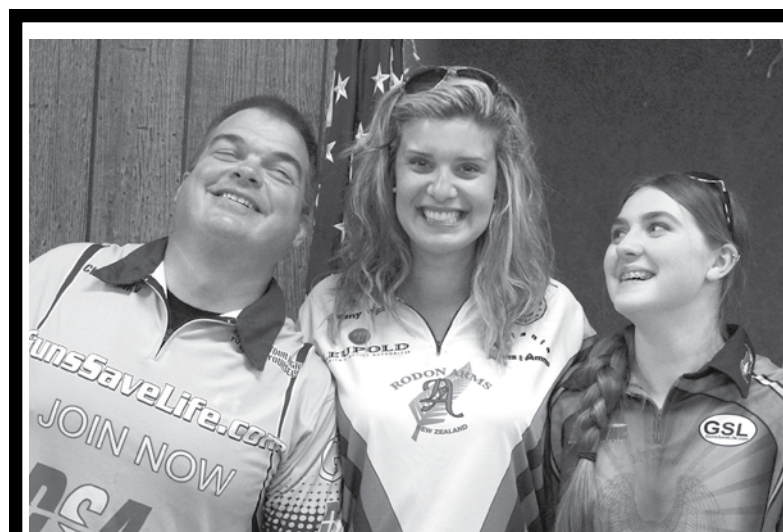
carry or the handgun an intruder is likely to carry, and, while opinions vary, multiple self-defense experts agree with me that it's an excellent choice for protecting one's home.

What's more, like the vast, vast majority of people who own such a weapon, I use it responsibly and safely. Don't believe me? It's the most popular rifle in the United States — one of the most popular

weapons of any kind, in fact — and it's used in fewer murders than blunt objects or hands and feet.

Here is the fundamental, quite real, problem that gun-control advocates face when they try to persuade the gun-owning public to support additional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms: The burden of every single currently popular large-scale gun-control proposal will fall almost exclusively on law-abiding gun owners...

The criminal who seeks to harm my family has already demonstrated that he has no regard for the law. He doesn't care about magazine-size restrictions or rhetoric about "weapons of war." He doesn't care that he evaded a background check or that he placed his girlfriend in legal jeopardy by using her as a straw purchaser. He doesn't care if a previous felony conviction renders his gun possession unlawful.



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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



Putin better stay away from windows and get rid of ropes

DEAD MAN WALKING...

[Note: last month's article was about Jay, a WWII vet; he is now a full-time patient at long-term VA care and his rehab nurse says he is doing great!]

"Any fool can commit a murder, but it takes a true artist to stage a natural death or suicide," said KGB defector Walter Krivitsky in 1941. Usually, this column deals with firearms, and it will touch on one later, but a recent drone-attack supposedly against Vladimir Putin raises questions on "who done it." He says the Ukrainians, but maybe it was the Russian military or someone close to him. The Russians seem pretty clumsy in many walks of life, but whacking their own has long been a fine art.

Joe Stalin had a real thorn in his side with Leon Trotsky. Once, thick as thieves in the old days of Marxist intrigues in Mother Russia, after the successful revolution against the Tsar, Bolshevik takeover, and death of Lenin, Leon ran afoul of Joe and was exiled. He continued to yap against Stalin, who finally decided Leon had to go away permanently. By 1940, Leon was in Mexico City and in bad health, fearing that he would suffer a cerebral hemorrhage. Would he ever! One day, Spanish-born NKVD agent Ramón Mercader, approached Leon from behind in his study with a mountain-climbing ice axe and planted it a couple inches into his brain. Adios Leon.

Thousands of other significant figures in the bloody last one-hundred years of Russian/Soviet history were murdered as well, such as: Yevhen Konovalts (Ukrainian,) 1938, explosive hidden in a box of chocolates; Lavrentiy Beria, 1953, shot through forehead; Sergei Kirov, 1934, shot back of the head; Grigori Rasputin, 1916, a combination of cyanide-laced cupcakes, poisoned wine, three gunshots, and drowning.

So how might Vladimir Putin meet his end sometime soon, thus already a dead man walking?

Vlad, stay away from windows in tall buildings. It is amazing how many Russians have recently died "committing suicide" or "accidentally" falling out of high windows. Marina Yankina (high-level Russian defense ministry official,) St. Petersburg; "law enforcement agencies haven't ruled out that she took her own life." Ravil Maganov, (chairman of Russian oil giant Lukoil,) 6th floor, Central

Clinical Hospital of Moscow; "It's unclear why Maganov was in the hospital in the first place." I don't know if you have any one-story ranch-type houses over there, Vlad, but if so, they're pretty nice and you don't have to climb stairs.

Vlad, get rid of every rope. In your office, the house, dacha, or love nest with Alina in your penthouse at Korolevskiy Park in that resort city Sochi on the Black Sea. (Hey, Vlad, if I know, everybody knows.) Hanging seems to be the demise of numerous oligarchs lately, and if there aren't any ropes around, you are halfway to safety.

Vlad, don't accept any statuettes as gifts. You know what happened to pro-war blogger Vladlen Tatarsky at a St. Petersburg café, where he had been attending a patriotic meeting with supporters as a guest speaker. Kaboom! Vlad, you probably aren't getting an Oscar anytime soon. Have people who want to give you gifts, leave them on a big table about 100 yards from where you are sitting or speaking – further away if you think it might be a suitcase nuke.

Vlad, get really familiar with that Sniperskaya Vintovka Chukavin sniper rifle (pictured above). You know, the SVCh, that you all replaced your old Dragunov SVD with, and that you personally took a peek through, and maybe even fired. That bad boy has a maximum range of more than 1,600 yards. The Chukavin, mostly chambered in 7.62x54R, also comes in .308 Winchester and the high-powered .338 Lapua Magnum. The Lapua version has an estimated effective range of 1,640 yards. Why is that important? Because the Russian sniper that bags you is going to try to throw off suspicion. Lapua ammunition is made in Finland. Finland just joined NATO and they hate Russians. You feeling me, Vlad?

The shooter, who will bag you from almost a mile away, is based at the 161st Special Purpose Specialist Training Center in eastern Moscow. You've probably already met him; he knows you – your size, your gait, your routines. You should have paid attention to him. He belongs to Unit 29155; you know, Andrei Vladimirovich Averyanov's boys. Andrei has direct communications with both the chief of the GRU (military intelligence, which has its own spetsnaz (special ops.) and to the Kremlin. Wonder who he talks to, Vlad? He drives a 1996 VAZ 21053, a rattletap

Legal Defense Donations...

We recently received this letter in the mail: In an upcoming issue of *GunNews*, would you please list names and addresses of organizations you endorse that will be fighting this ban? Thank you.

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Second Amendment Law Center
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Suite 530
Henderson NV 89015
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You can send money to us for the legal fight, but we would prefer folks send it directly to the groups already acting as formal clearing-houses for donations. The easiest way for everyone involved is to make the donations online, but we've included mail addresses here for the non-computer savvy.

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Russia-made sedan. Maybe you ought to buy him a new car. Just sayin'.

That rifle may have an American scope on it, or even a thermal sight that you all bought from the Taliban after the Americans unassad Kabul and left a bunch. It's probably already been used in Syria, and has a

ten-round magazine, but the shooter won't need that many. Good news is he won't target Alina and the kids, because the Finns wouldn't do that (see above, Vlad.) Your successor will just say that you shot yourself.

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Litigation Update...

by John Boch

(GSL) - We're all getting a college level education in how slowly the courts work.

FOID challenge (Guns Save Life v. Kelly): Originally scheduled for oral arguments on April 19th, that got cancelled for a medical emergency with the judge. We now have a June 20th date at 10:30 (at the Sangamon County Courthouse). Come join us if you want.

We've only been at this four four years now, so what's two more months? I'll tell you what: for people who have lost their FOIDs over vexatious complaints or the weakest of "Clear and Present Danger" reports, two months of sleepless nights can lead to more health problems and victimization by bad guys.

Federal challenges to gun ban: We got an injunction from Judge Stephen McGlynn that lasted all of six days. Then a rogue, rabidly gun-hating judge named Frank Easterbrook ignored rules and procedures to stay our hard-fought injunction.

If "Easterbrook" sounds familiar, he's the very narcissistic judge who wrote the *Friedman* gun ban decision some years ago using the two-step interest-balancing test that the US Supreme Court struck down in *Bruen*.

Easterbrook still believes not only that he should have been appointed to the US Supreme Court, but that his precious *Friedman* decision remains valid precedent. In reality, it is now dead letter law thanks to *Bruen*.

Amy Coney Barrett took up an emergency appeal in the Naperville case. In a highly unusual and extraordinary turn of events, she asked Naperville for a rebuttal.

Two months isn't my idea of expedited, especially when people who need the best and most effective defensive firearms are debarred from purchasing them.

This is all about the preliminary injunction as I understand it. We still have to litigate the case.

While some federal courts are faithfully applying *Bruen*, many others are not. As I wrote on the website, the 7th can follow *Bruen* and get their heads out of their asses, or they can double down on Easterbrook stupid. If they go with Easterbrook's version of cray-cray, then that all but guarantees the US Supreme Court will take this case to decide once and for all about gun and magazine bans. Assuming another case doesn't make it there first.

Some federal judges (cough Kendall cough) twisting themselves into a pretzel to rewrite *Bruen*. Others like Easterbrook are ignoring it.

On top of all that, Illinois and some other states' attorneys general are trying to rewrite the *Heller* decision saying that the 2nd Amendment only applies to firearms in common use for self-defense.

The *Heller* decision said that the Second Amendment protects all guns in common use for lawful purposes, SUCH AS self-defense. Big difference there. Interestingly, nobody's even talking about hunting deer.

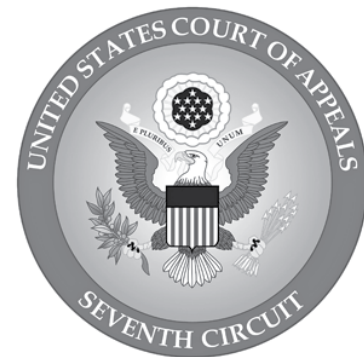
In state court, Dan Caulkin's case is set for Oral Arguments as *GunNews* goes to press.

If you recall from April, the two new justices on the Land of Lincoln's Supreme Court declined to recuse themselves from hearing the Caulkins gun case. This only months after Gov. J.B. Pritzker, a named defendant in the very high-profile, very political case donated \$1M to each of their campaigns for the Illinois Senate seats. And how House Speaker Chris Welch and Senate President Don Harmon - also named defendants - donated a half-million to Justice O'Brien and about 750k to Justice Rochford's campaigns last year.

Guns Save Life is encouraging GSL members and other civic-minded individuals to do some guerilla advocacy when it comes to the Illinois Supreme Court.

On page 9 we share information on how the little people can **help hold these judges accountable** to the IL Code of Judicial Conduct and the Canons by which judges are supposed to live (and campaign).

Take a few minutes to complete a complaint form and submit it to the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board. Then cook up some popcorn and watch the fun begin.

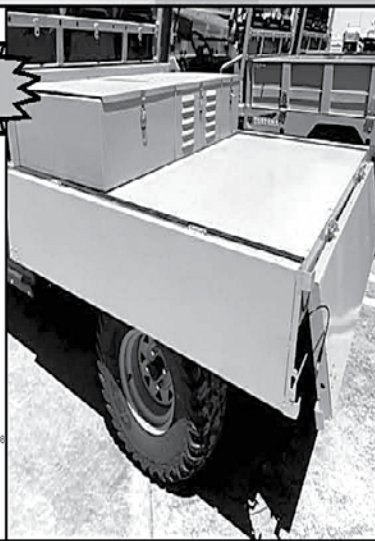


Barrett's order has put some heat on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Trying to head off a hard spanking from the US Supreme Court, the 7th has consolidated a bunch of the challenges to the new gun ban (including the Naperville case as well as the four from the Southern District of Illinois) and put them on a "super expedited" briefing schedule and a June 29th date for oral arguments.



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Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board

The two newest IL Supreme Court justices declined to recuse themselves from the Caulkins gun case despite obvious conflicts of interest. So it's time to file some complaints.

Are you disgusted by how IL Supreme Court justices can take a million dollars from Gov. J.B. Pritzker last year for their campaigns and then months later pretend they can maintain impartiality in a high profile case where he's the defendant?

Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals* Rule #4 reads "Make the enemy live up to its own book of rules."

How would you, as an individual, like to make an impact helping to protect and defend the public's perception of an independent, fair, and impartial judiciary? Or in this case the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct and the Canons therein? Here's your chance.

The obscure Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board (IJIB) handles complaints against judges. The little known board evaluates complaints and investigates as necessary before delivering a determination. The board has the power to sanction or even remove the jurist as they did with one in 2020.

Regardless of the outcome of the investigation into the complaint, the complaint and its allegations remains a matter of public record in the judge's file and is prominently listed on the IJIB website.

Since 1972, only 102 complaints are listed against judges. So imagine if there were multiple complaints filed against Justices Rochford and O'Brien? Or maybe 102 complaints?

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One judge told us that even a single complaint poses headaches for the respondent judges (the jurist named in the complaint). A slew of complaints would create a massive headache for political leaders and news of the complaints might even break into the mainstream media.

On the IL Judicial Inquiry Board's website, the complaint form is located under "More" in the upper right-hand corner of the board's website at jib.illinois.gov.

Alternatively, you may write a letter (follow the template on the right side of the page).

Once you've completed your complaint, either by form or by written letter, you should mail it to:

**Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board
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Chicago, Illinois 60661**

Retaliation against complainants is strictly prohibited and could result in removal of the judge.

Sample complaint

You can use the information below, *but put it in your own words:*

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John Doe
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Savoy, IL 61874
tel: 217-351-2121

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Rochford Springfield, IL
Case No. 129453 – *Dan Caulkins et al., etc., appellants, v. Governor Jay Robert Pritzker, etc., et al.*
This case is currently under consideration. I am not a named party in the matter.

Complaint #1: Violation of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 1, Rule 1.2
Under the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 1.2, "A judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.

Furthermore, under comments: [3] Conduct that compromises or appears to compromise the independence, integrity, and impartiality of a judge undermines public confidence in the judiciary.

In the case of Justice Rochford, during her campaign for her seat on the Illinois Supreme Court in 2022, Governor J.B. Pritzker personally or through trusts controlled by him donated \$1M to her campaign. Not only

that, by House Speaker Chris Welch donated \$350,000 to Justice Rochford's campaign. This doesn't count \$700,000 Senate President Don Harmon contributed directly from his campaign fund or the Illinois Senate Democratic Fund to "All for Justice" which spent \$3.7M on Justice Rochford's campaign and \$3.6M on Justice O'Brien's campaign. Those three funding sources accounted for almost 20% of Justice Rochford's campaign donation totals.

Now just a few months later, all three men are named as defendants in this politically high-profile case appearing before the Illinois Supreme Court and Justice Rochford. Remarkably, Justice Rochford turned away a motion to recuse herself from this case.

Receiving nearly 20% of one's total campaign spending from three individuals named in a high-profile, politically sensitive case being adjudicated in front of that same judge a few months later would cause a reasonable person to believe those donations might taint that judge's impartiality. Frankly, it creates the appearance of impropriety. And Justice Rochford's refusal to recuse herself does nothing but erode the public confidence in the independence, integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.

Complaint #2. Violation of Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 2, Rule 2.1
RULE 2.1: ... (B) A judge shall not, in connection with cases, controversies, or issues that are likely to come before the court, make pledges, promises, or commitments that are

inconsistent with the impartial performance of the adjudicative duties of judicial office.

During last year's campaign, Justice Rochford received an endorsement from G-PAC, a gun control organization in IL. To receive that endorsement, candidates had to voice their support for G-PAC's top legislative priority: banning so-called "assault weapons" and the magazines that feed them in Illinois.

<https://gpacillinois.com/2022-generalendorsements/>

Additionally, then judge Rochford posed for a photo with a number of Moms Demand Action gun control activists while holding a cookie that read, "Moms Demand Action."

Again, a reasonable person would believe that a judicial candidate pledging a position on an issue likely to appear in front of them in court - such as this - would taint that judge's appearance of impartiality. Hence why Rule 2.1 exists.

For these reasons, I've submitted this complaint to the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board. I would urge you to take the appropriate action to protect and defend the public's perception of an independent, fair, and impartial judiciary that is so indispensable to our system of justice.

[Editor's note: Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Kay O'Brien received only \$150,000 from Speaker Welch... and did not appear in that photo with Moms Demand Action, so make those changes in a similar complaint against her.]

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A triple shooting on State Street in downtown Chicago on May 14th.



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Brazen bad guys robbed for the thrill, with little concern for getting caught

Four young thugs kill Chicago cop during robbery spree to get money for a barbecue

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — Three men and a 16-year-old boy, all with significant juvenile criminal backgrounds, went on a nighttime robbery spree that culminated in the murder of off-duty Chicago Police Officer Areannah Preston because one of their girlfriends wanted money for a barbecue, prosecutors said.

hearing. The girlfriend and another female picked up the four accused late Friday night, and Buchanan took the wheel, driving the six of them around looking for people to rob, officials said.



Chicago Police Officer Areannah Preston, killed in the line of duty.

Judge David Kelly held all four without bail during a bond hearing on Wednesday afternoon.

Jakwon Buchanan, 18, Jaylen Frazier, 16, and 19-year-olds Trevell Breeland and Joseph Brooks are each charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery, burglary, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, and other felonies.

Buchanan, who has a carjacking case pending in juvenile court, was contacted by his girlfriend because she wanted money for a barbecue, Assistant State's Attorney Anne McCord-Rodgers said during the bail

All four of the males carried guns, wore black clothing, and had face coverings that covered everything except their eyes and the bridges of their noses.

AVOID CHICAGO. TO HAVE A CHANCE IF YOU CAN'T AVOID IT...

CARRY YOUR GUN!

Chicago police make arrests in just 3.7% of non-fatal shootings

Chicago (GSL) - CWB Chicago posted a story and a video about a triple shooting that occurred in what used to pass as a "safe neighborhood" on the North end of the city. The three victims were innocent bystanders hit by a spray of gunfire from a rolling gun battle between two tow trucks. We'll let CWB take it from here:

"People feel it's OK to shoot anyone," the business owner said Sunday night. "No one is afraid to use a gun. No consequences."

It is, in fact, quite rare for someone to face consequences for shooting another person in Chicago.

The city's data portal shows police filed 2,603 non-fatal shooting cases between January 1, 2022, and May 6 this year. But only 96 cases indicate an arrest has been made. That's 3.7%.

CPD logged 887 murder cases during the same period with 275 arrests, a 31% success rate.

Does this sound like a place where you want to live?

HALF of Chicagoans will witness a shooting by age 40

(The Center Square) — A new Journal of the American Medical Association study finds that more than half of all Chicagoans will witness a shooting by age 40.

racial barriers, with over half of all Black and Latino study participants by that age having already witnessed such an occurrence, compared to one-fourth of all white participants.

Researchers found the numbers are even more stark when broken down along



POLICE

LAPD's not happy about Chicago gang violence in LA

LA (AP) — Three men associated with a gang have been arrested in connection with two deadly Los Angeles shootings in a case in which all suspects and victims were from the Chicago area, police said Friday.

"We can't discuss the motive but we can say that it's associated with Chicago," Capt. Jonathan L. Tippet, commanding officer of the Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division, told a headquarters press conference.

"One thing that can be said is that the violence that occurs in Chicago today is having an effect on all of us," he said.

[Editor: Welcome to the party, pal.]

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Crime without consequence

Prolific robbery crew does 10 holdups in 30 minutes on Mother's Day morning

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — A group of armed robbers committed ten holdups in 30 minutes on the West and Northwest Sides, according to Chicago police. At least one of the terrifying robberies was caught on video.

In a community alert issued Sunday evening, CPD said four men committed all the crimes. Wearing ski masks and black hoodies, they bolted from one victim to the next in a gray Hyundai Elantra.



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Before COVID came along, the NRA Youth Shooting Clinic at Darnall's in Bloomington was the nation's longest-running shooting camp in the nation.

This year the camp returns as two one-day clinics on Saturday, June 24th and Sunday, June 25th 7am - 5pm both days.

Each day provides an opportunity for young people ages 8-16 to learn firearm safety and the fundamentals of multiple shooting disciplines under the close supervision of experienced NRA- and Illinois Department of Natural Resources-certified instructors and shooting coaches.

Kids can sign up for either day or both days, depending on their interest. Tuition is \$55 for a day or \$80 for both days and covers a light breakfast and lunch. Firearms and ammunition are provided.

Included both days is the perennial favorite of campers, the Pistol station. The GSL DT crew bring music, shade and make it a fun, interactive experience for campers of all ages.



GSL Defense Training has run that station for a number of years now with our instructor team volunteering to teach the fundamentals of shooting rimfire (.22) handguns.



The best shooters in each relay on the pistol line have an opportunity to shoot centerfire handguns including some really

fun guns like "The Giggler" - a gun that makes grown men giggle when it's fired.



Other stations Saturday include Archery, Cowboy Action Shooting and Rifle.



Sunday's events besides Pistol are Shotgun, Ruger Steel Challenge (basically Cowboy Action with modern .22 semi-auto guns) and Rifle.



Download the application from **Darnalls.com** or call Alison Darnall at 309-830-4052 or Sue Darnall at 309-379-4331. Adult volunteers are also wanted. Applications and waivers for those slots are also available at Darnalls.com.



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Membership application on back page.

SEEDS SPROUT: The Conversion of a Karen

By John Naese

(GSL) - The following story was related to me by the employee manning the gun counter at a large retailer. He was 60ish, and in our conversation, I told him that what he was doing - selling guns and talking to gun people all day - is what I wanted to do when I retired. He related that he recently retired as a nurse, and that's what he was doing - working a job he enjoyed during his retirement.

Our gun seller (let's call him Joe) said he moved with his wife to Illinois from Texas a few years ago, for her job. He was moving into their new house in a nice local suburb. When the first gun safe came off the truck, his neighbor (let's call her Karen) saw it and came over to question him about it.

"Is that a gun safe?"

"Why, yes it is."

"You have guns in there?"

"Well, that what a gun safe is for."

Karen then proceeded to tell him that she didn't like guns and she didn't like being around them. He said he told her not to worry, that if someone was attacking her at her

house, he would be sure to keep his guns in the safe. He then asked her politely to leave so he could finish unloading.

Karen continued to watch from her house. When the second gun safe came off the truck (keep in mind, he was moving from Texas) she disappeared into her house. A few minutes later a sheriff's deputy showed up at Joe's house. Joe said Mr. Deputy was very professional, and explained he was here because a neighbor complained via Illinois' recently enacted red flag law. The caller said two gun safes full of guns in the house near her made her feel unsafe.

The deputy asked, "Do you have guns in the house or in those safes?" Joe said yes, that he was moving in from Texas. The deputy then started to explain to Joe about the Firearms Owner's ID card (FOID card), and Joe said, "Oh, you mean this permission slip?" and pulled his newly received FOID card out and showed it to the deputy. The deputy was impressed that Joe already had a FOID, as he was just moving in. Joe explained that he had bought the house two months previously, and his Realtor, a very conscientious and

knowledgeable Realtor, had advised him at that time to get his FOID as soon as possible. After checking out the FOID, the deputy apologized to Joe for having to bother him and was on his way.

The deputy moved over to Karen's house and proceeded to politely tell her not to call the Sheriff's Office about Joe anymore, as he was doing nothing illegal or threatening.

That could be the end of our story, but it's not.

About a year later, the riots associated with the George Floyd "protests" were spreading across the US, and Karen and her husband knocked on Joe's door. "We think it's time to buy a gun, and we want you to teach us." They paid Joe for shooting lessons; he got them into a couple of revolvers, and ever since then they have been, if not close friends, at least friendly acquaintances.

So be polite to the Karens in your life. You never know when something might change their mind, and you may be the only gun person they know. What appears at first glance to be a lost cause can be turned around, in the right circumstances.

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Confessions of a retired police officer: Young cops can be downright dangerous

By Bud Harton

(TTAG) - I became a cop in the spring of 1969 after returning home from Vietnam. It's hard to imagine now, but returning Vietnam veterans weren't really appreciated by the American public at the time. I quickly learned that I should avoid the subject of Vietnam altogether and if questioned whether I had been there, mumbling an answer and walking away was usually a good idea.

If there was any profession more intensely disliked than returning combat veterans, it was probably law enforcement. So already being an outcast, I decided to become double-shunned by joining a suburban Chicago police department as their newest probationary patrolman.

So I traded one uniform for another. But, wow, what a uniform! My department wore dark blue pants with a light blue shirt and a sheriff's hat. Ohmigosh, I loved that hat. It wasn't quite as cool as a drill sergeant's flat brimmed style, but it really added to the swagger.

You used the strap across the back of your head and that meant you could cock the brim of the hat down over your eyes. Coupled with cool dark sunglasses, I was really something.

But even cooler was the fact that our uniform included carrying our duty weapon cross draw. It was supposedly to facilitate drawing the weapon while seated in a patrol car, but I didn't pay any attention to that because when I saw myself fully uniformed in a mirror for the first time, I almost couldn't breathe. I just looked so cool.



My firearm of choice at the time, was a Colt Trooper.

So six months later, fully trained at the police academy and finally released by my field training officer, I was out on my own. There wasn't a lot of crime in our town. It was primarily a 'bedroom' community without many businesses or industry.

The very first homicide in 25 years of the town's existence had just happened after I was hired and while there were frequent burglaries, I didn't see one single armed robbery while on duty the entire time I was employed there.

But I didn't care. I consciously patrolled my assigned patrol area with strict attention to detail. I stopped and helped kids and old ladies across busy intersections, rounded up stray dogs and took them home and wrote a lot of traffic tickets. I liked working traffic because I got to turn the 'reds' on and there was always a chance that a pursuit might ensue.

When stopping a violator, I recorded his license number on my note pad in case something happened, advised my dispatcher of the location and the vehicle description and usually had most of that done just as the offender slowed his vehicle to a stop.

I carefully pulled up behind just a little to the left of his bumper so that I had a protected zone to approach him. Keeping my eye on the vehicle I would pop my door open and carefully step out to approach the car.

After a while I got so good at this I was able to carefully position my chrome plated spotlight mounted on the pillar of the door frame so that I could check the angle of my hat and make sure that I was looking good. I really liked how I looked in that uniform.

One bright, sunny Saturday afternoon, I got a radar clock on a car doing 10 miles over the posted limit. That was enough to trigger my predatory instincts and I quickly pulled out from where I had concealed my car, flipped the reds on, and hauled after him. He must have noticed me pulling out because he pulled over almost right away.

I quickly notified my dispatcher of my location and the vehicle description and popped the door open with my left hand as I grabbed my Sheriff's Stetson and quickly tipped it on with the chin strap firmly across the back of my head.



I stepped out on the pavement while carefully checking my appearance in my cleverly positioned spotlight and looked up at the offending car...only to find that the driver was already out of his car and approaching me. And he had a pistol in his hand.

Time stood still as I started to back myself behind my car door, but I decided I didn't have time, so as my left hand released the restraining strap on my holster, my right hand found the grip of the Colt Trooper and I ripped it out of the holster. Then, as I drew, I proceeded to throw it across the hood of my squad car, into the ditch on the other side of the car.

As often happened when I was terrified in Vietnam, time stood still and all of my senses were focused on what was in front of me. I could see my gun sailing through the air and the driver quickly approaching.

As my vision and hearing seemed to clear and refocus, I could hear him saying, "Officer, I was just on my way to the station, my son just found this gun behind my house."

It took me a moment and I'm pretty sure I was able to conceal the violent tremors in my knees and he probably thought that I was doing a pretty good job of controlling my stutter as I said, "Great, sir. I'll follow you to the station and take your report. I'll just block traffic here for a moment so you can get back safely on your way."

He nodded his understanding and said he'd go straight there.

I have often wondered if he saw me in his rear view mirror as I frantically groped and splashed around in the ditch trying to find my Trooper. I'm pretty sure he was too far away to see me holding it up to let the ditchwater drain out of it.

HONOR FLIGHT!

Interested? Submit your application to go on this flight or another!

GSL 'Honor Flight' group to fly on Sept. 19th!

Guns Save Life and its members have worked to identify eligible Vietnam era and earlier veterans to take a Land of Lincoln Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C. The stars have come into perfect alignment and our group will fly on Tuesday, September 19th out of Land of Lincoln Airport in Springfield!

We still have room for a handful of additional eligible veterans who served in the Vietnam era and earlier. People flying with the "Guns Save Life" group do not have to be GSL members. It's open to everyone, although most are members, family members, friends or neighbors.



LandofLincolnHonorFlight.org



If you miss this flight, GSL anticipates identifying more eligible veterans to fly in 2024. Get your applications in as time permits and indicate they are for a GSL group.

If you, dear reader, aren't a GSL member, that's okay. We welcome you, or a family member, friend, neighbor or anyone else to join our group or to fly as part of another flight with the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight family. Or an Honor Flight from elsewhere in Illinois or in your state. It is the ultimate 'thank you' for your service to our nation and it's completely free to you as an eligible veteran!



Interested in joining us as either a vet or a guardian? Don't be bashful or worried about the trip. Grab an application from the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight page and get it back to them within the next couple of weeks and make sure you flag it as for the GSL group.



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IDNR: When hunting public lands, if it was legal last year, you can use it this year...

Good news for sportsmen across Illinois. The State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources legal division has put out a directive that IDNR police should not take action on prohibited firearms and magazines used for hunting on public lands.



Trent Reeves.

IDNR Conservation Police Officer Trent Reeves spoke in Decatur in May and he mentioned this new plot twist. He said he couldn't forward the directive to us, but he did put GSL in touch with their legal counsel and provided a FAQ page from the IDNR website.

14. How does the Protect Illinois Communities Act affect hunting in Illinois?

The Protect Illinois Communities Act banning assault weapons creates an exemption for possession of weapons used for hunting as permitted by the Wildlife Code. To determine whether it is legal to bring a weapon onto public lands to hunt, you must be in full compliance with the Wildlife Code and administrative rules for the hunting activity that you are engaged in. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is working with the Illinois State Police to put together a list of weapons permitted to be used under the Wildlife Code. Under the Protect Illinois Communities Act, this list must be finished by Oct. 1, 2023. Even though the list is not completed at this time, it is important to emphasize that the exemption from the assault weapons law is tied to the Wildlife Code and that code has not been changed by this Act. If it was legal under the Wildlife Code to use a specific type of weapon last year to hunt snow geese or turkeys, for example, then it is currently legal to use that weapon this year.



'Liberty' has her gun and a request!

Member Janice Beasley, aka Liberty Walsh in the Cowboy world, sent a great photo of her working the targets at a Cowboy Action shoot. With it, she sent a letter asking if we could run a female on the front cover that isn't holding a semi-auto rifle. And who isn't 30-years-old.

Admittedly I chuckled upon receipt of her letter displaying outstanding penmanship. First, a couple of things: We look for "vertically" oriented photos on our cover. Also, the AR-15 is America's favorite rifle for a reason, in that almost everyone wants one. As for the ladies, the last time I put a guy on the cover I caught a lot of razzing about it. In fact, I still hear about that from time to time today.

So while I'm not opposed to more mature ladies with great non-semi-auto hardware, we'll need a charming, high-resolution photo (digital, *por favor*) of the vertical sort. In the meantime, here's Liberty's photo of her doing her thing. Very nice.



Novice men, women and kids encouraged to sign up!

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/WingshootingClinics>.



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, Vermillion County Pheasants Forever, Guns Save Life and Gordon Farms Seed Company, Penfield.

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Foreign Travel & Self-Defense

By Michael Keleher

Yes, I know this is Guns Save Life, but here is some info about travelling to places where no guns are allowed, particularly overseas. Here is some travel advice, and everyday items you may have with you for self-defense.

Succinct foreign travel advice:

1. Don't try to smuggle weapons onto airplanes, through x-ray machines or into foreign countries!
2. Don't commit bad acts or do dumb things while on the road, and you won't suffer bad consequences. Foreign jails are notorious for having poor wi-fi signal and the breakfast buffets have relatively few choices.
3. Your status as a rich and privileged American does not elevate you above the local people.
4. Avoid bad areas and desperate people. Avoid being drunk or high in bad places.
5. Research local laws before you go.
6. Keep the U.S. Embassy contact info with you in case of trouble.

Take the old Vaudeville doctor's advice:

Patient: Doctor, Doctor! I broke my arm in two places, what should I do?
 Doctor: Stay outta dem places.

Rarely do you just stumble into really bad areas abroad. The signs are all around, and you just weren't paying attention. Security barred windows, lots of graffiti, a plethora of poor people present (some with graffiti on them) and the presence of razor wire should all tip you off to pay attention to your surroundings.

Most tourist destinations have pretty strict "Don't Mess With the Tourists" attitudes in

place between the police and local miscreants. Having travelled in a couple dozen foreign countries, I have rarely felt unsafe to the point where I had to really worry about fighting someone or getting robbed. Now that doesn't say I didn't plan for such, many times, it just never physically came to blows or street crime.



Robbery Notes: Cooperate and give up the money. Never give up the body. If some bandit wants you to go other places as part of the robbery, it is fight or flight time. You never give up control of your body to the mercies of some thug who will do any damn thing they want with you until they are tired of doing it. Your chances of surviving unharmed plummet if you surrender control. Run, fight, make noise.

If you have too much money to lose in an overseas street robbery, then move some of it now. Same goes for wallet contents. Thin out

your wallet items and credit cards. Keep one card at the hotel in a safe location in case you lose your other card(s). Put money and things in multiple pockets or even in your sock/shoe or leave them in a hotel safe. A money clip is perfect for robbery bait money. It adds heft if you choose to toss your small amount of money one direction while you exit stage left rapido while yelling about a local fire or lack of Policia.

The obvious best unarmed self-defense weapon is your fabulous brain. It is legal to possess almost everywhere. Try to carry it with you at all times, switched on and fully charged. My brain and I aren't always on good terms, but when the lights go down, I try to keep some of the more stringent voices at bay and have a heightened mental awareness of the areas and people around me.

I am writing this while on a trip in Brazil, (which may be the razor wire capitol of the planet) and I find the people here to be marvelous and food delicious. I am also aware they have a world class robbery ethic stretching back generations and had to prepare a bit for this trip.

Preparations included making color copies of my passport and DL (leave the original in hotel safe and carrying the copy in the street) and getting a front pocket wallet to make pick pocketing tougher.

A plain black Casio is my only visible accessory. I don't wear earbuds or stare at my phone in public, as poor people may be looking to have a nice set of their own. I wear plain colored shirts with no logo. I also get on the State Dept. website before I go, and review crime conditions, and if you sign up online, they will send you emails when dangerous conditions or events occur, like a recent takeover of the national legislature in Brasilia by political protestors. Good to know, when you aren't getting news in English anywhere else!

I also researched the laws in this country and found they don't want me to bring a knife... one of my fave pocket items. I can buy one here, they just don't want my quality one imported, I guess! I would gladly fork out for some Made in China or Pakistan piece of crap knife made out of an old chrome car bumper and impossible to sharpen...but I can't find a store!

Travel item number one is available everywhere and allowed everywhere. A small tactical flashlight. It travels in bags, clipped to jeans and sits on the nightstand overnight everywhere I travel.

It has Damn Bright, Just Bright and Strobe settings. Bringing bright blinding light to any dark situation changes things dramatically and can

prevent further escalation. Nighttime robbers and sneaky thieves want no muss, no fuss. Lighting them up interrupts their oh so elaborate Machiavelli level plans and dramatically indicates things are not going to go their way.

If the fight is on, then grasp the flashlight in your fist, like holding a roll of nickels in the old days. Turns your hand into a rock...note: If you hit a hard target with your rock-like teeth or a skull, you may fracture your own hand bones... but they can heal up later. Hint #2: Use a hammer fist strike.

I am also never without one or two carabiners on the outside of my travel stuff. They can grab and hold lots of stuff for you, and in a pinch can slip nicely over fingers into kind of...oh, how do they say it...like a metal, knuckley thing. No, silly. Not the brass kind. The really big carabiner has a million uses, least of which is hauling large bottles of filtered water around foreign countries...a necessary practice.

Prior to departure I packed my favorite metal pen, a S&W M&P, which is not only made of aircraft aluminum, it even has a small but bright flashlight in the tail cap. As an added bonus it even writes!

I have several "Tactical" pens, and most are just too silly for me to carry. They are either too fat or have pointy things on the end caps preventing me from putting my thumb over the top in an ice pick type grip. They look like weapons, and I am not trying to carry weapons into restricted spaces...

I carry smaller metal pens which look like, well, uh, pens. A stiff metal pen can be carried all over the world because it is after all, just a pen. The only time I had anyone pay attention to this S&W pen, was at an airport when a TSA screener wanted to look at it, and I thought "Oh well, there goes that one." Turns out he didn't think of it as a stabby or pokey kind of weapon, he just had never seen a pen with a light on it!

I read a couple books by a guy who worked somewhere in the CIA (he never said he was a field agent or a janitor) and he swore by these pens as a defense item. I have no illusions about the lethality of a metal pen in a melee...but having something in hand can be a handy thing and may convince opportunistic bad guy from continuing to think you are going to be a push over...and in the end after all it is just a metal pen.

Another item I always have at hand while on travel, is of course my belt. I continue to wear my every day double thick, metal buckle, pistol grade belt even when I can't carry a gun. It's just a thick heavy belt. But in an emergency, with a sharp tug it can become three feet of GET BACK with a metal buckle flailing around on the far end. A big old American flat metal rodeo buckle would be even better, but I don't wear them OCONUS as it marks you as an American right along with your baseball hat, gold jewelry and American logo t-shirts, and everyone knows Americans are rich beyond measure. You are not going to injure someone badly with a belt, but maybe they don't want to get hit with one by an American whose pants are sagging. That guy is nuts!

I have a rather nifty coin purse in inventory given to my friend Steve (Amazon available) that has about a quarter pound of my laundry money in it. Funny it is all in quarters, but that is my story, laundry money. I had not seen a coin purse since the 1970s, but this one is leather and a strap wraps around my belt to hold it in place, and wouldn't you know it, if you grab the strap end and hit something



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Doggie gets last laugh

Murfreesboro, TN (WTVF) — A Murfreesboro homeowner will not face charges after shooting two people attempting to invade his home, leaving one invader dead.

Murfreesboro police...found one man in a mask with multiple gunshot wounds near the home's front door. 52-year-old Kevin Ford was pronounced dead at the scene.

The other intruder was later found in front of the Salvation Army building on Main Street suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. 42-year-old Clifford Wright was taken to the hospital, treated, and arrested upon release.

Wright is charged with aggravated burglary, attempted aggravated robbery, convicted felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent felony...

A preliminary investigation says two masked intruders broke into the home, tased the family's dog, and held the homeowner's son at gunpoint. The homeowner retrieved his gun and shot the two intruders.

"It was either them or me - that's how I was looking at it and I was making sure it wasn't me or my family," said the homeowner.



*'Why did you shoot him 8 times?'
'Because that's all I had!'*

CCW holder ends two-state police chase by shooting suspect eight times

Kingsland, GA (CNN/WJXT) — A police chase spanning two states and five counties came to a dramatic end when a store clerk shot the suspect [Quintavus Jordan] eight times...

Jordan went to the Friendly Express and demanded the clerk's car keys. He then took their car and started to flee but crashed it through the front of the store.

Jordan got out of the car and got into a fight with the clerk. The clerk then shot the suspect... [Editor: The suspect survived!]

*Heart of a lion!
Buy that kid an AR-15!*

Slingshot-wielding boy saves his 8YO sister from being abducted after shooting man with 'black mohawk' in the head and chest

Alpena Township, MI (UK Daily Mail) - An eight-year-old girl was rescued after her brother shot a 17-year-old kidnapper with a sling shot in Michigan.

The girl, who has not been identified, was on a mushroom hunt near the woods just outside of Alpena Township in the northern part of the state, police say.

The victim's uncle posted on Facebook that the 17-year-old male suspect had a 'black mohawk' and had come out of the woods, covered the young girl's mouth and then tried to drag her away.



Her 13-year-old brother saw the tussle from inside the family's home and took action, grabbing his slingshot and firing objects at the would-be kidnapper's head and chest.

'That caused him to let go,' said Lieutenant John Grimshaw, commander of the local post of the Michigan State Troopers. The victim's brother was credited for his heroism and making it easier for police to identify the suspect.

'What he did also helped us to identify who the suspect was, because obviously he had injuries from getting hit with a slingshot,' Grimshaw said.



Dallas carjacking thwarted thanks to good guy's gun

Dallas (GSL) - A trio of hoodlums picked the wrong victim while trying to carjack his Dodge Charger at a Quick Trip gas station in Dallas. At least one of the three would-be robbers fired his "switch" equipped Glock, but with little effect. The victim shot back, hitting at least two of the three.

The would-be carjackers then hastily fled the scene. According to witnesses, they drove off with one of the wounded thugs' feet still hanging out a partially open door.

Cops caught up with the aspiring carjackers at a nearby hospital and arrested the survivors.

NATIONWIDE: In schools where teachers are permitted to carry, not one student has been wounded or killed during school hours

(Townhall) - With six murdered at the Covenant School in Nashville at the end of March, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee proposed over \$200 million in new measures to protect schools and prevent more such attacks. One of his proposals is to put "an armed security guard in every school in Tennessee." Both Republican Senators from Tennessee have offered similar legislation in the form of the federal Safe Schools Act.

Governor Lee understandably wants to do something to prevent this type of violence from ever happening again. But allowing teachers to carry firearms in their classrooms is a much more effective and less costly solution. A bill advanced by a Tennessee state House committee last week would do just that...

Unfortunately, no one at the Covenant school had a gun to fight back with.

These murderers count on gun-free zones to ensure they will be the only armed person. Last year, the Buffalo, NY shooter wrote in his manifesto: "Areas where CCW permits are outlawed or prohibited may be good areas of attack."

Unfortunately, national media refuses to report such explicit statements by attackers. Nor do they report that 94% of mass public shootings occur in places where civilians are banned from having guns.

Violating gun-free school zones in Tennessee means a six-year prison term. While that is a severe penalty for law-abiding citizens, an additional six years

for someone such as the Covenant school mass murderer is irrelevant, even if they had lived. The murderer would already be facing six life sentences or the death penalty.



Twenty states already allow teachers and staff to carry concealed handguns. Any teacher with a concealed handgun permit can carry in Utah and New Hampshire. In other states, school boards or superintendents decide the policy.

In the thousands of schools where teachers are permitted to carry, no one has been wounded or killed in an attack during school hours. Only at schools where guns are banned have people been hurt or killed in school shootings...

President Biden is right that we shouldn't impose security measures which make schools resemble prisons. There is another alternative. Instead of posting gun-free zone signs in front of schools, let's post signs which warn attackers that there are teachers with concealed handguns.

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Freedom's Forum

Support for the police will fall with gun ban enforcement, gun seizure raids and gun owner deaths

(Guns Save Life) - Most normal Americans support the police. It's how a dozen or fifteen on-duty cops can police a county of 100,000 people. What's more, if a lone cop is losing a struggle for his life, good Samaritans will often step in to help, especially outside of bigger cities.

For instance, recall when a motorist attacked an Illinois State Trooper near Chenoa last summer. Things didn't look so good for the Trooper. The man tackled the lawman then savagely beat and pepper sprayed him. It wasn't until a concealed carry holder intervened with his gun that the Trooper's attacker stopped his felonious assault and ran off.



Today, the Illinois State Police are already poisoning goodwill they enjoy among many Land of Lincoln gun owners by administering the new PICA gun and magazine ban. "Emptying the goodwill bucket" as the teachers say at my kids' school. Just look at the comments at some of the stories on the GSL website. The goodwill bucket will leak even faster when Pritzker's state cops start knocking on doors about guns and mags purchased after January 10th.

Then there's the matter of HB-676. When it becomes law and mandatory gun seizures take place for those named in *ex parte* restraining orders issued without any due process, that will further erode goodwill towards police. Sure most folks will just chalk it up to "he had it coming" until they learn of someone they know getting their guns seized over vexatious or unfounded complaints. It'll only get worse when the guns don't get returned after a preliminary order gets thrown out at a formal hearing.

Even worse, when news gets out about gun owners getting killed for resisting seizure of their guns, the gun grabbers will cheer. The only problem is people like Bozo Bob Morgan and his Moms Demand Action ladies aren't the people who will ever stop and meaningfully help cops on the losing end of a fight on the street.

Meanwhile, gun owners will quietly just make mental notes of the news of the arrests, seizures and gun owner deaths. Their bucket of goodwill will soon be replaced by a bucket of animus.

If public sentiment continues a swing from general goodwill towards cops to outright hostility, policing will suffer even more. Good cops will take Florida and Texas up on their offers of signing bonuses and leave our state.

As for the cops who remain? It'll take a lot more than a dozen on-duty cops to work that same county of 100,000 safely.



SOMETHING'S WRONG: Turning away America's homeless veterans to make room for criminal illegal aliens

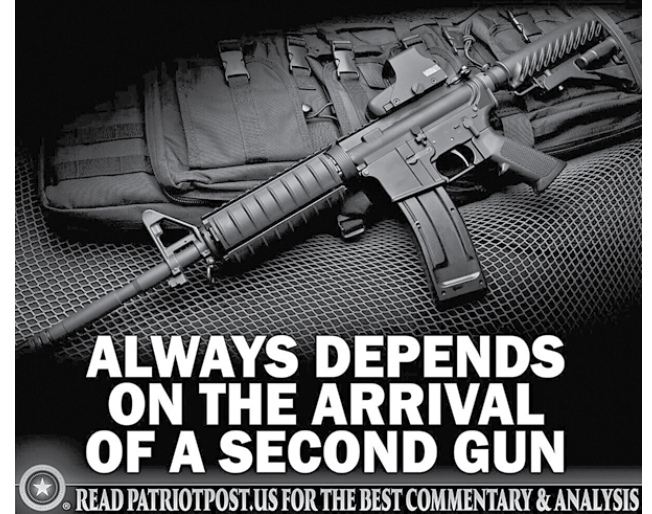
by Karen Townsend

(TownHall) - I ponder what Jill Biden must think about homeless veterans getting kicked out of hotel rooms in New York State so that illegal aliens can have their rooms. There are only so many rooms available, right? What does the first lady think about those

who broke our laws and entered our country illegally being given priority over those who served the United States in the military? I ask this question because she has not publicly spoken about it since the *New York Post* published the story.

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THE DURATION OF A MASS SHOOTING



MAIL CALL



John's got questions:

I hope this letter finds you in good health. I'm writing to ask a question!

On the front cover of GunNews is a young lady holding an AR-. What I want to know is that a suppressor on her rifle and is she in Illinois? I ask because isn't it illegal to own one of these in our great state?

Also, does GSL take questions from readers and/or members?

John Hennessey
Shumway, IL

[Editor: Yes, it's a suppressor and I believe the image was from Tennessee where such items are very legal. They're legal in Illinois - if you have a shelf full of licenses and permits. For us mere mortals, they are not legal. What is lost upon our state's leaders is that in many nations, not using a suppressor is considered the height of rudeness while shooting. Well, maybe that and shooting your neighbor's target.]

Yes, we answer questions. Email correspondence to jboch@gunssavelife.com or to the members of the board (page 22.)

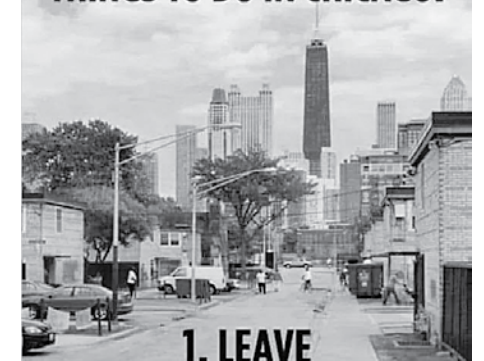
Glad you're here

I moved here from Indiana where I had a concealed carry license since the early 1980s.

I can't believe this state. Glad there's an organization to help us!

Millard Gross
Unknown city.

THINGS TO DO IN CHICAGO:



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We must defend self-defense

Kurt Schlichter (Townhall) - There's a war going on against our sacred right to self-defense, and we need to defend that right, ruthlessly and vigorously against the communists who want us living in fear. And they do want us living in fear – sheep are easier to shear than sheepdogs. If you look what happened in New York City, where some mutant bum decided to threaten a bunch of people on a subway car, and then some heroes subdued him, and then he vapor-locked, and then the usual cast of liars and race-pimps screeched, you can see what they are doing – not merely trying to disarm us but trying to make us fear to defend ourselves at all. They want you terrified and impotent in the face of their unofficial militia, the criminals. The right to keep and bear arms means nothing if you are going to get jammed up whenever you have to use hot lead to stop the latest trans shooter, or junkie with a knife, or carjacker, or schizo hobo, or whatever. Which is the idea.

So, it is the guys defending the citizens on the train who are being treated as criminals and the terminated criminal who is being treated as a hero. The message is clear – accept that you must accept abuse. Understand that this moral inversion is all a lie – the stiff was a scumbag who was a fugitive for attacking a 67-year-old woman; they just want to exploit his justified death. This is happening all over the country in the blue cities thanks to the Soros prosecutor conspiracy – and if you don't like me criticizing Soros, shove it. Time to stop this madness, at least where we can at the moment. Time to clearly

side with the normals over the criminals who the ruling caste is using as tyrannical catspaws.



Image via NPR.

Their wicked plan is perfectly obvious – to criminalize normal people and normalize criminals. Thieves, bums, losers, junkies, whores, and other trash – they are the heroes in this morally bankrupt morality play, and we normals are the villains...

The hell with that. No one wants you disarmed so you can protect yourself more. They want you to be vulnerable. The hell with that. Buy guns and ammunition. Right now, it is open season for normal people. I say we make it open season on criminals...

Democrat voters in the Democrat cities can suffer the consequences that the policies the Democrats voted for inflict upon them. You chose to swim in the cesspool when you elected Dems, so don't cry that you are dripping with Schiff...

The blue inhabitants elect Soros prosecutors and tolerate this degeneracy, but it infects us in the red. Unacceptable. We must ruthlessly use our power to break them and force them to suppress crime

and other social pathologies. Among other things, that means firing the Sorosians where possible (Ron DeSantis did this) or driving them to resign through investigations, as in St. Louis recently.

First, we must reiterate in the law the guiding principle that self-defense is not merely tolerated but encouraged. We should clarify that self-defense can be used to protect people, pets, and property. And that the risk of unexpected or excessive harm is on the criminal, not the citizen. Certain situations should be presumed self-defense – like when a citizen is surrounded by a mob on foot or in a car. We need to stop acting as if you need an excuse for taking down a criminal. You shouldn't be penalized or persecuted – you should be getting a medal...

Self-defense is often treated as something society tolerates. It should be celebrated...

We're sick of criminals. We must fight back. And we must stop the left from preventing us from canceling self-defense. Right now, we have the power in red states to create the proper relationship between criminals and citizens – criminals should live in fear, not citizens.



No country for BRAVE men

by Peachy Keenan (The Federalist) - This week, a brave Marine acted when no one else would to restrain a deranged homeless schizophrenic on a New York City F train who was, by all accounts, terrorizing people and shouting "I'll hurt anyone on this train."

"I don't mind going to jail and getting life in prison," screamed the 30-year-old Jordan Neely, who had 44 arrests under his belt and an outstanding warrant for felony assault (he punched an old woman in the face), as he flailed around throwing items of his clothing. "I'm ready to die!" In response, a 24-year-old Marine Corps veteran put Neely in a chokehold, incapacitating him and releasing him after he stopped struggling and passed out," Inez Stepman wrote.

When Neely died at the hospital, all hell broke loose.

This is not the first time a courageous man minding his own business has put himself in danger to protect others. It's happened many times, in fact. Toxic masculinity has saved more lives than penicillin.

But in this case, the erratic lunatic was black, the courageous restrainer was not just white but blond and handsome, and worst of all: the lunatic shuffled off this mortal coil when he arrived at the hospital.

Inevitably, the left's muscle memory of how politically lucrative George Floyd's 2020 death was for them kicked in. The Floyd Playbook could be run!

Weakness is strength. Courage is hatred.

In the aftermath, I tweeted this: "Strong men brave enough to intervene publicly when a deranged lunatic is terrifying people are going to be rounded up first; this is brilliant strategy for the Regime. Pick off the bravest and most selfless heroes first. Leave the cowards behind, who will fall in line fast."

The worse the subway Viking's fate is, the less likely any of us, the sane ones, will be tempted to lift a finger when they come for us, our friends, or our neighbors. If the Viking gets 20 years on Riker's Island, plus some prison rapes and beatings for good measure as the guards look the other way — that'll teach you boys a lesson.

Since literally the morning the first European settlers set foot in the new country, the ethos drilled into American men is to be strong, be brave, and be prepared to protect and defend your family, your homestead, and your fellow man. This is what men are for, after all. This is why God made them stronger than women. Those biceps are not just for deadlifting. Their main purpose is twofold: wielding a spear for

the hunt, and wielding your fists or a sword for defense...

You won't get in trouble for being a coward

As an avid Twitter user, I probably see a dozen graphic videos a week of men doing the opposite: standing idly by, shouting approval and laughing, cameras out, as violent individuals assault, beat, rape, and shoot innocent strangers. This violence is almost exclusively black-on-white, or black-on-Asian.

In April, such a video made national news: a terrified young woman in downtown Chicago is knocked down and stomped on by a large mob during a "teen takeover" of the city. Where are all the videos showing the white-on-black and white-on-Asian stompings? I'm sure if they existed, AOC herself would be tweeting them out 24/7.

In this terrible, ugly, upside-down, zero-trust society I've been forced to raise a family in, I have developed new survival rules. I have instructed my husband and son to be cowards. That's right: to do nothing if they are in a situation where a dangerous psycho is threatening violence to a stranger...

My teenage son informed me he won't go along with my surrender monkey ethos and is prepared to defend himself and others if he has to. This is a dangerous virtue for a boy to have in a blue city in 2023! Does he want his mother to get gray hair? Doesn't he know how much good hair colorists cost these days?...

Podcaster Aimee Terese tweeted: "A man threatening the safety of everyone else in a tiny, highly populated, contained space, is a liability to himself and to others. The marine is a hero, and we need more men like him, which is why the left is wetting the bed about it. They don't want that ethos to catch on."

Courage and nobility will be punished.

Neely was lynched by a racist and this racist will be made an example of. This is a teaching moment for Democrats — young American men will be taught the hard way that nobility, selflessness, courage, and their masculine instinct to defend the innocent are bad. Don't be like this former Marine!

Mohammed Atta's immortal words to the doomed passengers of American Airlines Flight 11 were "Just stay quiet and you'll be okay." Of course, it only applies to some of us. The raving maniacs on our subways, in our parks, and on our buses are free to live their best lives.

Democrat politicians have made forced passivity the new rule for normal people out in public. We are all cuckolds now. After all, what other sane choice do we have?

Meeting summaries

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and before to Washington DC as the ultimate “thank you” for their service.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight is a committed, all-volunteer 501c3 where 99% of donations go to the program. Through a lot of hard work and dedication, they've now done 65 flights with about 90+ vets per plane.

For **Tech Time**, **Robert Taylor** brought his **World War I Colt 1911** pistol and the ammunition headstamped 1918.

Terry Z. won the gun, a **Smith & Wesson M&P EZ** from **RP Home and Harvest** (soon to be “Runnings”).

Decatur

Our **Decatur Regional Director Dave Randolph** took his last turn on the microphone as he's retiring from his role as R.D. Interested in helping lead the meetings and the Decatur Region? Contact Rich Goodall or John Boch. Dave has a great steering committee behind him so it's not like you would be jumping into shark-infested waters!

Dan Cooley from the Bullet Trap in Macon shared his **Industry Update**. In the world of guns and ammo, life is good. Well, except for the gun ban, that is. He even reported that we're seeing pistol primers for the first time in years.

He also works closely with ISP on FOID issues and he said application processing is happening in a timely manner and that there is a lot of interest in FOIDs from first-time applicants.

IDNR Conservation Officer Trent Reeves came to us as our main speaker. He was very charismatic and down-to-earth as most of the CPOs are. He's in his dream job, one he's wanted to do since he was a boy who met a CPO at a Ducks Unlimited dinner.



IDNR CPO Trent Reeves answers questions after the meeting in Decatur.

His main purpose for the visit was to bring folks up to speed on the new centerfire rifle deer hunting rules. All of your classic mil surplus single-shot rifles as well as more modern straight-walled cartridge guns (and a few others) are now allowed in firearm deer season.

Cartridges must be at least .30 caliber and have 500 ft-lbs of muzzle energy. Full metal jacket rounds are not permitted, but everything else is fair game. Break out your .45-70 trapdoors, falling blocks and similar guns, folks.

Also worth noting, thanks to a recent change in the law, you may carry your CCW piece while whitetail deer hunting. Carrying while hunting other game animals is generally prohibited.

Reeves also spoke about his work with IDNR and how it changes with the seasons along with some war stories including his love of catching night-time poachers hunting from cars. In one incident, a poacher's passenger

had a negligent discharge through the side door of his work van when Reeves suprised him, blowing out the window. Reeves said he let the guy tell his employer what happened.

Tech Time was pocket knives and abbreviated because of time.

“Beefy” won the **.350 Legend** this night. Congrats to him for winning his first gun from a GSL meeting.

Peoria

Our **Peoria RD Richard Parks** called the evening's festivities to order and led us in our customary opening routine.

John Boch joined us with his **Executive Director's Report** and took questions afterward.

Our first speaker **Pastor Steve Holden** serves as an **Illinois State Police Chaplain**. As this day marked the May 1st “National Day of Prayer” he had great timing. He reiterated that while the leadership of ISP does some things we don't always approve of, the rank and file people are generally some pretty outstanding people. Certainly deserving of our thoughts and prayers for their safety and well-being.

It wasn't a religious speech, but more of how to be better people. “You want to be a hero?” he asked rhetorically. “Live your life so the preacher doesn't have to lie at your funeral. It's the little things you do everyday that can and do make a difference.”

Doing little things to help others on a regular basis in addition to big things as opportunity arises is how you become a great person and a hero. And we can all start with “small beginnings” at any time. After all, most of us won't be known (for good or bad) about how we rise to the occasion in a huge event.

Chaplain Holden talked a little about his humble beginnings temporarily working in a nursing home as a volunteer pastor, and from there he's gone on to become a nationally known among first responder chaplains.

He kept circling around to those small things you can do to help others that will be remembered, appreciated and make the world a better place. Give the best you have to others. Those little Godly things you do will make you a hero.

Next up, our **Peoria County State's Attorney Jodi Hoos** (rhymes with moose) addressed our audience. She discussed growing up in a small town in Nebraska and working through some family issues after her father died in a car accident when she was still a girl. She admired the attorneys who worked to help her family.

Fast forward, she went to law school and ended up with a job as a prosecutor here in Peoria. Well regarded, she was appointed to a vacant judge's position and worked that side of the bench for five years before running for State's Attorney and winning.

While some Democrat state's attorneys lean towards George Soros “decarceration” philosophies, Hoos certainly didn't hit those notes at all during her presentation. She's got no problems sending bad people upriver, and she's a big believer of concealed carry for good guys and gals. Like many, she likes parts of the SAFE-T Act - particularly the bodycams - while she worked to help clean up the “No Cash Bail” aspects currently being considered by the Illinois Supreme Court.



Peoria County State's Attorney Jodi Hoos joined us and charmed the audience in Peoria.

The only gun restriction she voiced support for was continuing restrictions on Glock “switches” which turn the guns into full auto bullet hoses. As for the new gun ban, she says she won't be prosecuting anything from that law until all the courts have had their say on it. And she took questions for quite a while.

From there we did our drawings and **Dennis C.** won the **PSA Dagger** package including the gun, ten mags and more. Congrats to him!

Rantoul.

Our **Champaign County Regional Director Dick Brandt** opened the meeting with our customary traditons. **Lois Morton** shared an invocation.

John Boch delivered his **Executive Director's** report and took questions bring people up to speed.

Terry Doyle, a senior Illinois Department of Natural Resources wingshooting instructor

joined us as our main speaker. GSL is sponsoring an **Introductory Wingshooting Clinic on June 24 & 25 near Collison**.



IDNR Wingshooting instructor Terry Doyle.

“I teach because I like to hit what I shoot at,” she said with a grin. And hitting targets, no matter if clay birds or real birds, is all about the fundamentals that they teach in these clinics.

Safety remains first and foremost but the instructor crew makes it fun for everyone. The “Introductory” Clinic is tailored to women and kids but novice guys are welcome as well. They shoot Beretta A400 shotguns in 28 gauge (7/8ths oz. loads of #7 1/2 or #8 shot). “Yes, the shells are pricey, but the recoil is minimal which makes it more enjoyable for all, but especially the women and kids.

[Editor: I took one of these last year and had a great time and learned the fundamentals of hitting clay birds from various presentations. I wish I'd done it years earlier!]

Space remains available but it will likely fill up soon. See the story on page 14 and the ad on page 7.

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For **Tech Time**, **John Barham** brought out some of his father's stuff from World War II, along with some of the stories behind the gear and photos. Howard Barham served as a First Lieutenant in the US Army Rangers and saw plenty of combat in Europe including six major battles. Among the highlights of his service was capturing German Field Marshal Paul Von Kleist and bringing home his sword.



John Barham with memorabilia from his father's service as an officer in the Army Rangers in World War II.

Barham senior was also with Patton as they crossed the Rhine River. Patton reportedly stopped the convoy to take a leak into the river before driving onward. Mr. Barham said his father didn't care for or trust the Russians, who he said drank far too much vodka and they "wanted to kiss you all the time."

Later in life, Howard Barham used the .45 on the table this night to hold a pair of home invaders from his neighbor's place at gunpoint until the Lee County Florida deputies could arrive.

Ron Beatty asked for donations for WCIA-TV's "**Operation Honor Guard**" program to raise money for local VFWs and Legions to help them buy uniforms and pay transportation costs for military rights at funerals. We collected \$587.

Retired cop and martial arts master **Joe Tharp** cautioned folks about using empty-hand tactics above the shoulders after that Marine was charged in the death of a career criminal on a NY subway car.

David W. won the "gun" - in this case, about 2500 rounds of .22 long rifle ammo.

Northwest Chicagoland

Our **NW Chicagoland Regional Director Marcus Melnick** led the faithful in our new meeting location. With the nice weather we held the meeting on the patio out back.



Jay Swidler from **Above Biometrics** spoke first. He does the LiveScan prints as well as applications. He brought up some important info about changing rules with the end of the COVID emergency. **After May 12th, you must keep your FOID & CCW license current. If it expires, you are now re-applying, not renewing. NOTE: Only a 3 hr renewal cert is needed for CCL. You only take the full 8/16-hour class once ever.**

Medical Marijuana users will effectively be banned from purchasing firearms in IL. Federal law prohibits users of marijuana from buying guns at dealers.

Nicole Sanders from the **John Birch Society**. She's got an interesting story about her conservative advocacy on campus and achieved fame when her college administration tried to curtail her Second Amendment advocacy on campus "without their permission." Unfortunately for them, she recorded the interaction, posted it online and it went viral. It led to a lawsuit, national publicity and doing some jobs promoting conservative values in general and gun rights in particular.

Rachel LaRue from **US Law Shield** shared a presentation as well.

Larry J. won the **PSA Dagger pistol**. Congrats to him!

Charleston.

Our **Charleston Regional Co-Directors Keith Pippin and Justin Bawcum** called things to order.

Mr. Boch shared his update and analysis of the world.

Our main speaker **Paul Toth** gave a very superficial primer on communications and its importance if more traditional things like cell phones, landline phones and the internet fail. Decent Baofeng radios for neighborhood use (couple of miles or so) can be had for \$30 and better ones aren't much more expensive. Paul explained how a better antenna yields better results in terms of range and clarity than brute power in signals.

For "**Tech Time**" **Dr. Richard Hummel** paid tribute to his old friend **Bill Wylde** who passed away last month.

"Bill was obsessed with shooting one-hole groups, even at 200 yards and beyond," Dr. Hummel recalled. And while Dick didn't have those skills, he explained that Mr. Wylde "never gave up on me."

Wylde is legendary among many AR- owners for his .223 Wylde chambering. It allows both 5.56x45 NATO and .223 Remington rounds to be fired fairly well and interchangeably.

In addition to a brilliant engineer, Wylde was also a self-taught accomplished gunsmith, an amateur radio enthusiast, aviator and in his spare time he refurbished motorcycles. In addition to all that Hummel praised Wylde for his selfless willingness, even eagerness, to help others excel at all things shooting related. Including Hummel.

Dr. Hummel brought a published story he and Bill Wylde co-wrote for *Rifle Magazine* back in 1983, detailing the various guns at Connaught Ranges in Ottawa at their centennial marksmanship competition.

Ed M. won the 1000-round case of .223 ammo.

LaSalle

LaSalle County Regional Director Glenn Pratt called the meeting to order.

Among our speakers were **LaSalle County State's Attorney Joe Navarro** (and his daughter).

Police chief **Larry Langston** filled in for GSL Executive Director John Boch who was in Charleston this night. Larry shared John's abbreviated notes of the latest in news, legis-



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Foreign travel & self-defense

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with the heavy end it makes a kind of unique impact when it arrives.

Another field expedient in foreign countries is to just buy one or two screwdrivers. Easy to carry, easy to dispose of, and even easier to explain to authorities about how you bought it to fix your window lock or door screws. Can't carry it on an airplane? Put it in your checked bags or toss it in the garbage. It is just a screwdriver. In foreign countries people still get stabbed with screwdrivers when poor thieves can't afford a knife.

A cheap-o pair of locally obtained pliers would be good if you can't get a multitool into your area. Obviously, you can't carry on a multi-tool through an airport in carry-on baggage, why you could disassemble an entire airplane with one if you had enough time! Meanwhile, just get the pliers and use the pointy-parts extended down from the bottom of your fist. Much quicker and meaner.

Another universally accepted travel item is a plain old padlock and a piece of cord. Trim to your preferred length. A heavy metal padlock, swung on a string will break or mash almost anything and I always have one hanging off a travel pack on a carabiner in foreign countries. Oh, and strangely, you can even use them to lock things up. Weird.

In a pinch, don't overlook the availability of field expedient and locally obtained free products like chunks of asphalt, rocks or even handfuls of dirt. Drop something heavy into a bag and spin it. There is generally something at hand if you don't wait till the last second to look for it. I really like construction areas where odd scraps of rebar are lying around

for souvenirs.

I will also talk to you a bit about fiberglass items for self-defense. They are nontraditional and just happen to pass X-Ray inspection. Please know, if you try to bring disguised items onto public transit or government buildings like airplanes, trains, and court houses where weapons are strictly prohibited you may commit a federal or state felony. Don't do it. No matter how they are labelled on internet sales, they look cute but are weapons.

I'll also add that American TSA scanners will sniff out a piece of paper in your pocket. Don't play John McClane and try to tape your titanium or fiberglass stabby things to your back or leg. You'll light up their scanner like a Christmas tree.

A number of manufacturers make fiberglass items which are super cheap, lightweight and easy to carry. Cold Steel used to make a variety to include exact copies of some of their metal knives along with nasty triangular darts and ice scrapers. Plastic letter openers, key chain striking devices and other similar items available via the internet can be sharpened with a file, but they remain primarily stabby stabby things. I have a polymer folding knife that is kind of cute with a Beryllium spring assist, but in no-knife countries like England you would go to prison for even a plastic "knife."

Be smart. Be safe and know before you go. With the internet there is no reason to not know foreign self-defense laws before you travel internationally.

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Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.: It looks like almost every mass shooter is on SSRI drugs

From the Mark Steyn show, May 8, 2023
 "With all these shootings, nobody is looking at the pharmaceutical contribution to that. Though anecdotally it appears that almost every one of these shooters were on SSRIs or some other psychiatrist drug. This is only happening in America, where all these people are taking these psychiatric drugs -- we take four times as many as any other country. And there's no time in history, we've always had guns in this country, Switzerland has more guns per capita than we do and you don't see that happening. I'm not defending all the guns everywhere, I'm just saying something happened.

Prior to the introduction of Prozac, those shootings were just almost not known, and now they're an everyday event. NIH will not study that because it will not offend the pharmaceutical industry. It's something we ought to be studying."

LIAR, LIAR: 'Witness' to Texas mall shooting now pushing gun control deemed not credible by PD

(FoxNews) - A witness to the Allen, Texas, mall shooting who has called for gun control in the aftermath of the tragedy has had his account disputed by Texas police, who say he has spread "misinformation" in multiple media interviews.

Steven Spainhouer, who has identified himself as a former Army officer, gave multiple media outlets a dramatic account of the Texas mall shooting earlier this month, saying he showed up at the mall before police and first responders to begin administering aid to shooting victims.



Steven Spainhouer.

However, Spainhouer's dramatic retelling of the events has been disputed by the Allen Police Department, who released a statement on Friday claiming that he was not a "credible" witness...

The police response comes after Spainhouer made multiple appearances not only recounting his version of events, but calling for gun control legislation in response to the shooting. In an interview with MSNBC, Spainhouer said that he is a "someone who loves" guns but believed there needed to be "federal and state level" gun control.



Do you know the real ASPCA?

(Center for the Environment & Welfare) - Most people think the ASPCA is about dogs and cats. But the ASPCA has increasingly become a radical animal liberation organization. Hiding behind its undeserved reputation, the organization has utilized unethical financial schemes to boost its bottom line and pay its executives huge salaries.

Hoarding money while shelter pets die
 While nearly 1 million animals are euthanized each year in the U.S., the ASPCA is paying its executives huge salaries and sitting on hundreds of millions of dollars—including millions socked away in the Caribbean. According to its most recent tax filings, in 2021 the ASPCA had \$390 million in revenue and \$575 million in assets, including \$310 million in investments and \$105 million in savings. The ASPCA has about \$11 million in offshore accounts in the Caribbean.

The same filings show that only about 2% of the ASPCA's budget is given as grants to community pet shelters. The ASPCA's grants to pet shelters in 2021 are only about half of the money the ASPCA reported keeping in the Caribbean.

ASPCA CEO "Million Dollar Matt" Bershadker makes \$856,785 in base salary and another \$108,740 in benefits. In total, 259 people at the ASPCA make six figures. In 2021, CBS News investigation found that "Since 2008, the ASPCA has raised more than \$2 billion for animal welfare. In that time, it has spent \$146 million, or about 7% of the total money raised, in grants to local animal welfare groups. But during that same time period it spent nearly three times that, at least \$421 million, on fundraising."



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DeWitt County Sportsman's Club

Breakfast returns in October.

Sullivan Gun Club LLC.

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Oak Park Sportsmen's Club.

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

Crete Gun Club.

Monthly meetings at 7pm on the **First Monday**. 1962 W. Exchange, Crete, IL. Open to all. Contact Howard Kaye at fxrt1984@gmail.com or 708 921-6768.



Civil unrest and rising crime help fuel gun sales

AMERICANS VOTED WITH THEIR WALLETS

20% of households bought guns during pandemic
15M new gun owners across America
60M guns purchased between 2020 & 2022

(The Hill) - One-fifth of U.S. households purchased guns during the pandemic, a national arming that exposed more than 15 million Americans to firearms in the home for the first time, academic studies show.

Americans purchased nearly 60 million guns between 2020 and 2022, according to an analysis by *The Trace*...

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The Armed Women of America

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Last Saturday of month
Kankakee County
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Last Sunday (3:00-5:00p)
Metro East St. Louis
Town and Country Gun Club, Maryville, IL

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

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

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

3rd Thursday (6:00-8:00p)
Pocahontas
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2nd Sunday (2:00-4:00p)
Little Egypt
Tombstone Gun Range & Training Center,
Marion, IL

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

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McHenry County NORTH
Second Amendment Sports in McHenry, IL
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Winnebago County
KAP Guns, Lovespark, IL

First Tuesday 6-8p
Fox Valley
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Quad Cities
Milan Rifle Club in Milan



Benefits include all the crime you can't avoid

WANTED: Everytown seeks Senior Legal Counsel paying \$105k to work in NYC or DC

(GSL) - Everytown for Gun Safety is advertising a job opening for a Constitutional Law Counsel / Senior Counsel in either Washington, DC or New York City. This attorney will "participate in the development of constitutional doctrine at this pivotal [post-Bruen] moment."



"Second Amendment experience a plus but not required." However, they expect the candidate to have at least three years experience in litigation.

The position will have a salary range of \$105k - \$130k plus benefits including all the crime you can't avoid. That works out to about the equivalent of \$15-16/hour in fly-over country.



SF Democratic Socialist wants to disarm security guards too

(ZeroHedge) - San Francisco Supervisor Dean Preston introduced new draft legislation earlier this week that would prevent security officers in the crime-ridden progressive metro area from using their firearms to protect property.

"We must amend local law to prohibit guards from drawing weapons just to protect property," Preston tweeted on Tuesday.

Everything's racist. Or so they say.

Biden Justice Department: Crime rates are racist

(Liberty Unyielding) - A draft Justice Department policy would forbid federal law enforcement officers from taking into account crime rates in "making decisions about where and how to focus their activities." It would treat such decisions as a proxy for racial discrimination, based on the false assertion that crime states are "inherently biased" against black people and "unreliable" because "higher rates of arrest in...African American communities" are due to "discriminatory law enforcement."

Racists in the 1950s likely said the same about desegregation of schools

Democratic senator warns of 'popular revolt' if Supreme Court stands in the way of gun control

(UK Daily Mail) - Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy said Sunday that attempts by the Supreme Court to block gun control could trigger a 'popular revolt.'



Sen. Chris Murphy.

You DON'T have mail because of crime

USPS stops mail delivery for one Seattle zip code

Seattle (My Northwest) - Some south Seattle residents are claiming a significant 'mail fail' is occurring as the United States Postal Service (USPS) has halted mail delivery due to a rise in recent vandalism and theft.

A sign at a nearby U.S. Postal Service office in Columbia City is telling residents in the "98118" zip code to pick up their mail in person at an annex office, located at 5920 Martin Luther King Jr Way South. The zip code covers around 49,000 people...

T-Mobile quietly folds flagship store in SF due to crime

San Francisco (ZeroHedge) - T-Mobile has joined the increasing number of businesses that have closed up shop in downtown San Francisco. This is due to the progressive city leadership's inability to restore law and order amid skyrocketing crime...

A spokesperson for Westfield told SFGATE that "a growing number of retailers and businesses are leaving the area due to the unsafe conditions for customers, retailers, and employees, coupled with the fact that these significant issues are preventing an economic recovery of the area."



Activism made easy (& cheap)

(GSL) - AliExpress has "Let's Go Brandon" stickers available for \$1.17 for a ten-pack. Help cheer on Chicago's new mayor by leaving stickers in public locations across Chicago and the suburbs. Let's go Brandon!

Life in the Blue zones is full of crime & violence

Alarming surge in gun shop robberies in Democrat-run cities across America

(ZeroHedge) - Progressive district attorneys' failure to enforce law and order has resulted in a surge of smash-and-grab thefts across American cities run by Democrats. The rise in thefts, particularly at retail stores, has become a significant problem for the retail industry, amounting to \$100 billion in shrinkage in 2022. Even more concerning is that organized criminal gangs now target gun stores instead of clothing, jewelry, and pharmacy stores.

Diving into Bloomberg data, the story count for "gun shop robbery" in all US news media stories soared to a record high in the fourth quarter of 2022, with data going back to 2013. The surge even surpassed levels during the early virus pandemic.

As of late, a series of gun store robberies in the Mid-Atlantic area have alarmed gun shop owners, local police, state police, and federal agencies. These shops are located in the Washington-Baltimore metro area, where Democrats have been in control for decades...



When accountability for bad behavior is removed from society, it emboldens criminals. And now these criminals are robbing gun stores and arming themselves with guns while the Biden administration is adamant about disarming law-abiding citizens.

Soros-funded prosecutor Alvin Bragg strikes again!

Marine charged over Jordan Neely subway incident

(Victory Girls Blog) - Daniel Penny is the young man, a retired Marine, who subdued Jordan Neely on a NYC subway in early May is now facing manslaughter charges from District Attorney Alvin Bragg.

was dealing with zero consequences for his actions and was left free to roam. Is anyone surprised that there wasn't any consequences? It's New York, so it's essentially par for the course.

The case is murky and is a political hot potato on a number of fronts. If you believe Jordan Neely's family, Democrat politicians, and all the protestors, Jordan Neely was just a sweet guy who loved to imitate Michael Jackson.



Daniel Penny restraining career criminal Jordan Neely.

So, what happened? According to media reports, Neely was not only causing a disruption, he was menacing subway riders.

As other news reports show, Neely wasn't just screaming and throwing a fit. No, he was physically menacing other subway riders.

Of course, Democrats have jumped all over this case. AOC in particular.

And, this wasn't the first time either. Neely has a major history of not only menacing people, but physically attacking them.

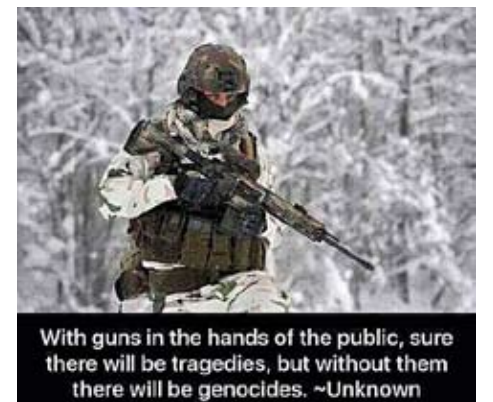
What none of them are showing is any concern for the safety of New York citizens. As we've noted here several times, New York along with other Democrat-led cities is now in the business of coddling criminals.

Yet that case and the others were dismissed in February due to a plea deal. So Neely, who has a record of over 42 arrests,



#27: Nebraska gets Constitutional Carry

Lincoln, NE (Office of the Governor) - Governor Jim Pillen signed LB77 Constitutional Carry into Nebraska law. LB77 allows law-abiding Nebraskans who are 21 years or older to carry a concealed handgun without a permit.



With guns in the hands of the public, sure there will be tragedies, but without them there will be genocides. ~Unknown



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

Food for thought...



When they defund the police and you have to start shooting intruders, remember to call 811 before you dig. It's the law.



Leaving you with a smile...

The old woman and the mule

An old woman walked up and tied her old mule to the hitching post.

As she stood there, brushing some of the dust from her face and clothes, a young, drunken gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other.

He looked at the woman and laughed. "Hey old woman, have you ever danced?"

The woman looked up at the gunslinger and said, "No ... I never did dance ... Never really wanted to"

A crowd has gathered as the young gunslinger grinned and sneered, "Well, you old bag, you're gonna dance now!" He started shooting at the old woman's feet.

The old woman prospector - not wanting to have her toes blown off - started

hopping around. Many were laughing.

When his last bullet was fired, the gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.



The old woman turned to her pack mule, pulled out a double-barreled shotgun and cocked both hammers.

The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air, and the crowd immediately stopped laughing.

The gunslinger heard the sounds too, and turned around very slowly. The silence was almost deafening. The crowd watched tensely as he stared at the woman and the large gaping holes of those twin barrels.

The barrels never wavered as she quietly told the young man, "Son, have you ever kissed a mule's ass?"

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "No ma'am, but I've always wanted to."

There are five lessons for all of us:

- 1 - Never be arrogant.
- 2 - Don't waste ammunition.
- 3 - Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.
- 4 - Always make sure you know who has the power.
- 5 - Don't mess with old people; they didn't get old by being stupid.

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