



"Shortcake" on her dance floor.

COURT BLOCKS ATF'S NEW 'GUN DEALER' RULE

(The Western Journal) - A Biden administration rule that would have vastly expanded background check requirements for people who sell guns has been shot down by a federal judge.

U.S. District Court Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk granted an injunction to Texas and several gun rights groups preventing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives from implementing the rule in Texas, according to The Hill.

Kacsmaryk, an appointee of former President Donald Trump, ruled that Louisiana, Mississippi and Utah, which joined Texas in the suit, did not have standing to sue.

However, members of several gun rights groups, including the 2-million-member strong Gun Owners of America, are covered by the ruling.

Other groups covered by the ruling

were the Gun Owners Foundation, the Tennessee Firearms Association and the Virginia Citizens Defense League, according to the ruling.

The [ATF's 'engaged in the business] rule was scheduled to take effect Monday. It required anyone who sells a gun to be licensed and conduct the same background checks as gun stores.

The suit argued the rule violated the Second Amendment and the 2022 Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. [District Court Judge Matthew] Kacsmaryk's ruling did not address the Second Amendment claim, but said the rule proposed by ATF was in violation of the law.

He found the ATF rule unjustly applied to those who buy and sell guns for their "personal collection."

The ruling said that the presumptions upon which the final ATF rule

was based "are highly problematic for at least two reasons. First, they flip the statute on its head by requiring that firearm owners prove innocence rather than the government prove guilt."

The ruling also found conflicts between the rule in question and the law it was supposedly enforcing.

"Plaintiffs understandably fear that these presumptions will trigger civil or criminal penalties for conduct deemed lawful just yesterday. Nevertheless, ATF avers that its 'knowledge of existing case law' and 'subject-matter expertise' will prevent misuse or abuse of the presumptions. ... In other words, 'just trust us,'" the ruling said.

"The absurdity that the statute's safe harbor provision provides no safe harbor at all for the majority of gun owners," Kacsmaryk wrote.

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June 2024

- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **May 29, June 26**, July 31
Eagles Club, 3535 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: *No May Meeting*, **June 30**, July 28
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights
Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **June 3**, July 1
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **June 4**, July 2
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **June 5**, July CANCELLED
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion *(Program at 6:45pm)*
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **June 6**, July 11 *(moved to 2nd Thursday in July)*
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Danville:** Second Monday **June 10**, July 8
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **June 11**, July 9
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **June 12**, July 10
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.
- **Mattoon/Charleston:** Second Thursday: **June 13**, July 11 ****New Location****
The American Legion Post 88, 1903 Maple Ave, Mattoon
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **June 20**, July 18, August 15
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St. Utica
- **Geneseo:** Last Tuesday: **Inaugural meeting June 25**, July 30
VFW Post 5083, 223 S. State St, Geneseo

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 6 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.
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Charleston: Doug Peterson

Building relationships to thrive in difficult times

Doug Peterson, a career military man with most of those years as a US Army Special Forces Medic, discussed the importance planning and networking for emergencies. It's a message we've heard before but Peterson did an exceptional job putting his spin on it.

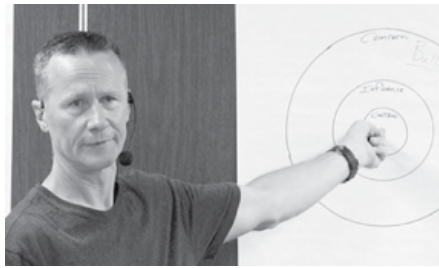
"Men who think of themselves as an island die lonely, bitter and sad." This goes directly to those preparing for emergencies by buying guns, ammo, food and supplies without building relationships with others. Without working together and helping like-minded folks, you will die alone. "Because you've gotta sleep sometime."

As a guy who has lived and served in a lot of foreign nations, Mr. Peterson told us nothing compares to America. At the same time the world can change in an instant.

He coached people not to spend a lot of life energy worrying about stuff outside of their control or influence. Instead, work on things you can control to make things better there, be that financially, self-improvement (to include health and fitness), socially and emotionally. Around that, work on people/organizations/things you can influence through your leadership, integrity, training and character development. If you do this well, your sphere of influence will grow dramatically.

For things beyond your influence or control, you may have concerns about them, but don't put a lot of energy into that aside from per-

haps trying to direct influence upon decision-makers where you can.



Doug Peterson.

The former Green Beret also recommended an accountability partner to keep you honest and motivated about hitting goals.

For the really bad times, you can survive, thrive... or become food for someone else. That ammo fort you painstakingly created, food stores, etc. will be the "food" for someone else. By networking and building a "community" of like-minded friends, family and neighbors, you and they can thrive in really bad times. With good friends you can turn life-threatening adversity into an inconvenience. But this requires some effort.

He closed by saying when the zombies come "you got what you got."

[Editor: *GSL meetings are one of the great places to meet outstanding people and build those relationships.*]

Rantoul: Jon Shrock

The Globalists' War on Civilization

You will own nothing - especially guns - and be happy.

If Paul Revere rode his horse today, his message wouldn't be "The Redcoats are coming." Instead it would be that the Globalists are already here.



Modern day Paul Revere Jon Schrock doing his mad scientist impression.

They are everywhere. They control much of our society and government today. And frankly, they are at war with civilization as Americans know it.

It's not a conspiracy theory. Jon Schrock showed us how these groups proudly publish their plans for all to see. And if you think for a moment that allowing you to keep your guns, boy have we got a bucket full of dead crickets to sell you for fresh protein in place of real meat - or maybe you would you prefer mealworm grubs?

Don't forget their war on CO2 - you know, the stuff that makes plants grow and crops produce food. What's more, not only do they want to remove CO2 but they want to inject it under the nation's biggest aquifers. What happens when CO2 under high pressure meets water? It makes carbonic acid

which eats right through the stone formations that big government says will keep the stuff underground while the acid poisons the aquifers.

These lunatics are at war with our reliable and affordable fossil fuel energy sources, shutting them down in favor of unreliable, super expensive "renewables." Don't have enough electricity to run your house or charge your electric car? That's okay. They don't really want you to have those either.

They have plans for your city - they call them "sustainable development" or "Agenda 30." In some cases, they even have plans down to the neighborhood level. Everyone will live in apartment buildings, sans cars, where they can walk or borrow a bike to get where they need to go within a 15 minute walk.

Sound great? We don't think so either.

The John Birch Society is fighting these globalist control schemes. They've got a great recipe to bring key people together to throw sand in the gears of globalism by educating local officials and turning out at key meetings. By joining JBS, they will keep you apprised if skulduggery is afoot in your region and give you the talking points, tools and other information for you to gum up the works for the globalists. JBS.org for more information.

MEETING UPDATES!

Last Tuesday meeting at VFW Post 5083 in Geneseo

Coming in June: GSL Geneseo!

Gun Valley is the home to multiple gun manufacturers, including Springfield Armory and Rock River Arms. Coming in June GSL will launch the Geneseo meeting chapter. It will become our newest chapter.

Regional Director Paul Pardo will lead the charge at the VFW on the LAST TUESDAY of the month starting June 25, 2024.

We've got a team of great people eager to share the fun and excitement of GSL meetings with people in Northwestern Illinois.

It should be a great time with great people. Join us!



No May Chicagoland meeting

We will not meet over the Memorial Day weekend. We'll see you back on the last Sunday in June where we have a Tisas 1911 .45 ACP that's our drawing gun.

Decatur's July 3rd meeting is cancelled

We're cancelling the July 3rd Decatur meeting because of local fireworks and some other factors ahead of the Independence Day holiday. Have a great holiday!

GSL Mattoon/Charleston new meeting location

With the abrupt closure of the U Hotel's Convention Center space, we've moved to the American Legion Post 88 in Mattoon, IL. The newly-minted "Mattoon/Charleston" regional meeting will still take place on the Second Thursday of each month, just at a new location at Post 88.

We thank the U Hotel's Convention Center for their years of faithful service.

Peoria's July meeting will take place after all!

Peoria's meeting fell on July 4th. Our Regional Director Richard Parks made the executive decision to move the meeting back one week to July 11th. We will attempt to live-stream Mr. Boch's Executive Director's Report from the Mattoon/Charleston chapter meeting. This is the 21st Century, after all.

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.

Attn: Drawings
Guns Save Life
PO Box 8
Clinton, IL 61727

GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

See the "Great Guns 2024"
M1A Scout Squad on page 4.

Chicago June: Tisas 1911 .45

Chicago July: Taurus TX22 compact

Peoria June: Canik subcompact 9mm

Pontiac June: Henry Lever-Action .22

Pontiac July: 1000rds Fiocchi 9mm

Decatur May: Walther 1911A1 .22

Rantoul June: Beretta APX Carry 9mm

Rantoul July: PSA Dagger Compact 9mm

Rantoul August: Ermo Defense 12 ga pump (a PAIR)

Rantoul September: Ruger LCP Max
Rantoul October: PSA Dagger Compact 9mm (FDE)

Charleston June: Ruger 10-22 black polymer stock.

Executive Director's Report

Waiting with baited breath on SCOTUS...

by John Boch
Executive Director

The US Supreme Court.

Obviously we are waiting for an order from the US Supreme Court on our federal court challenge to the so-called "Protect Illinois Communities Act" gun and magazine ban. We remain cautiously optimistic for a favorable order, which will restore your ability and mine to buy and possess the most effective self-defense firearms to protect ourselves and our families.

No matter how it goes we should step back and take a look at where we have come. We as Guns Save Life are part of a case in Conference at US Supreme Court. We're there on a case that has national implications to defend the right of Americans in every state to own the most effective guns for self-defense.

That's pretty incredibly impressive for a group that started with a half-dozen or eight people in the basement of an Urbana restaurant three decades ago. Nobody would have ever dreamed of that sort of success trajectory thirty years ago.



GSL's John Boch.

Let's go Brandon.

Joe Biden's approval numbers keep setting new record lows with each passing month. The media sometimes reports those, but fails to note that his "record low" is only "so far." He's got nine months to go.



The good news for Joe is that he's still more popular than anal warts. For now.

Supposedly there will be a debate in June. Two things are almost certain if it does happen: It will set records for viewership and secondly, Joe Biden will not agree to any drug tests.

The Democratic National Convention.

The DNC event in Chicago will take place between August 19-22. Folks, you don't want to be within a quarter tank of gas of the United Center. Scores of organizations comprised of malcontents, kooks, communists and Antifa types (sorry for repeating myself) will swarm the DNC attempting to cause the maximum amount of anarchy and disruption.

Given how Mayor Moron Johnson has

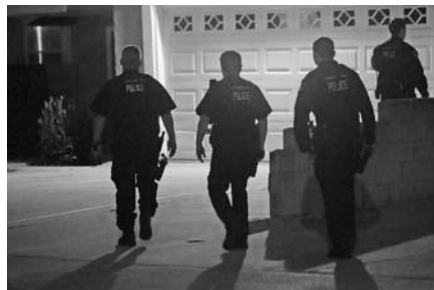
come down in interviews doubling down on his support for the "mostly peaceful" protests-to-be (and not law-and-order) I think it's a pretty safe bet there will be bedlam. Parts of Chicago may even burn.

Again, don't be anywhere near that. If you live, work or (foolishly) play nearby, that would be a great week to take a vacation to get the heck outta Dodge.

The bad idea factory.

The Illinois General Assembly, known as the Bad Idea Factory, continues to work at full production. Fortunately, they only have so much plate at the bad idea buffet and gun control generally isn't what they're hungering for. Instead, they seem to be working hard to rig elections and protect illegals' right to vote. You probably saw that Pritzker signed a "gut and replace" amendment that kept the Parents' Notification Referendum off the ballot along with a bunch of candidates Republicans planned to slate prior to the November elections. And the Dems brazenly called it an "ethics reform" bill. Only in Illinois. And they wonder why Illinois continues to lose productive residents to other states.

When it comes to gun control, they'll probably pass Karina's Law which would give cops warrants to search the homes of those hit with Red Flag or Emergency Orders of Protection.



It is *ex parte*, meaning you don't have a right to confront your accuser until *after they've taken your stuff for a couple of weeks...* and even if the allegations are determined to be unfounded, you will still have to fight for weeks or even months to get your FOID and CCW back.

In fact getting your guns back might require court action in some jurisdictions.

The bill would also expand who can file for an OP to include anyone who even claims they've been "intimate" with you. Call this the "Bad Tinder Date" expansion. It also includes your ex-spouses.

How out of step is Illinois?

Did you know...

- 29 States have Permitless Carry.
- 24 States allow concealed carry in their state capitol buildings (some require a CCW license).
- 14 states allow folks to open carry loaded long guns in the galleries overlooking their legislative chambers.

Now, no doubt some people will be aghast at the lack of gun control schemes in those states, but those states don't have Chicago style violent crime... or corruption.



LAST CALL! M1A Scout Squad Drawing June 13th

GREAT GUNS 2024

(GSL) - Guns Save Life will hold the drawing for our "Great Guns 2024"- a Springfield Armory M1A Scout Squad at the Charleston GSL meeting on June 13th.

Our thanks to Zancha's Guns & Ammo in Lovington, IL for furnishing this

outstanding rifle to GSL.

And this (*barely*) Illinois-legal rifle can be yours. Tickets are \$10 each or 5/\$40. You can pick them up at meetings.

Can't make it to a meeting? Send a check to the address below and GSL's

Treasurer Joanne Chandler will send you back your stubs if you include a SASE. If you're late, we'll return your check.

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'Anti-violence' activists lobby for \$140M additional 'violence intervention' funds to pay gang members and ex-cons \$52,000/year to 'prevent violence'

(The Center Square) – The Reimagine Public Safety Act calls for a comprehensive approach to reducing violent crime through targeted community investments. Advocates and violence prevention groups gathered in Springfield recently to push for \$140 million.

Target Area Development Director of Research and Re-entry Edward McBride said the reduction of crime in Chicago can be attributed to the Reimagine Public Safety Act and peacekeepers, who receive about \$200 a day in taxpayer dollars...

Despite instances where so-called peacekeepers in Chicago have been charged with beating and robbing people, advocates and state Rep. Justin Slaughter, D-Chicago, pushed for more funding to be given to violence prevention programs that work with the peacekeepers.

Peacekeepers can be ex-convicts like Oscar Montes who was on tape in his yellow peacekeeper vest last year, with about six other men, and was beating and robbing a victim they had pulled from a car stopped

at a red light in Chicago. Montes, prior to becoming a peacekeeper, served over 10 years for aggravated discharge of a firearm into an occupied vehicle.



Still from video of Oscar Montes carjacking and beating a motorist while "working" as a "violence interrupter."

Hundreds of violence prevention advocates in orange shirts and yellow peacekeeper vest were at the Capitol last week. McBride said his organization works with peacekeepers.

"The peacekeepers are the ones who are actually out there in the streets and they can keep the peace amongst everyone in the hot spots," said McBride.



Elementary school tour of Rock Island PD uncovers gun in holding cell

Rock Island, IL (ShootingNewsWeekly) - "Stop. Don't touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult." Those are the four gun safety steps all young people should learn in dealing with any firearm they may inadvertently encounter "in the wild." Fifth graders on a field trip to the Rock Island, Illinois police department never dreamed they'd come across a gun in the course of their tour of the facility. Their parents probably didn't either.

Yet it happened. Inside the pillow of a holding cell cot, a precocious fifth grader felt the distinctive outline of a handgun hidden within. The kid who found the gun notified staffers and the rest of the gaggle of kids were quickly ushered away as officers recovered an unloaded handgun stuffed in the pillow.



From left, Senate President Don Harmon, Gov. JB Pritzker and House Speaker Chris Welch.

Dems refuse to call bill to protect off-duty, retired cops on school property

(GSL) - The Illinois Attorney General issued an informal opinion earlier this year that off-duty and retired police officers possessing firearms on school property are committing a Class 3 felony punishable by 5 to 10 years in prison.

A bill to partially protect these individuals missed the committee deadline in late April as the Democrats leading the committee refused to call the bill.

Events are frowned upon by those who live in the cities and suburbs who are not adversely affected by coyotes

Illinois House passes bill to end predator killing contests

The Illinois House, spurred on by animal rights groups spending as much as a million dollars or more to lobby for a ban on predator and varmint hunting contests, narrowly passed a measure to end the practice 62-45. Five Democrats, Anthony DeLuca, Jay Hoffman, Dave Vella, Larry Walsh and Lance Yednock, joined the Republicans to vote 'No' on the bill.

The bill bans anyone from organizing, sponsoring, promoting, conducting, or participating in "any contest, organized competition, tournament, or derby that has the objective of taking any fur-bearing mammal" for cash or prizes. Violators could be fined.



Cats are Scooby Snacks for coyotes.

Rep. Wayne Rosenthal (R-Morrisonville) noted the problem of rural farmers and ranches

have with coyotes killing their livestock.

"Hunting competitions help control the overpopulation of coyotes and raccoons, but HB2900 labels these competitions as inhumane," Rosenthal said. "Hunting coyotes is legal year-round in Illinois, yet holding competitions that raise funds for local charities is frowned upon by those who live in the suburbs who are not adversely affected by coyotes."



Coyotes bring down livestock routinely.

He also notes the Annual Squirrel Bowl, held in his district, has raised \$200,000 for local charities. The hunting contest in Carlinville would be directly impacted by the bill, Rosenthal said.

The bill now heads to the Senate, where it will be sponsored by Sen. Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago).



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IL Dems change election rules - halfway through 2024 election cycle

by Nancy Hayes
Illinois Freedom Alliance Election Integrity Chair

The insanity of Illinois legislators really doesn't surprise too many these days, unless of course you're just paying attention to what's reported as "real" news. Talk about a real shell game.

Only in Illinois can legislation that started out in the Senate as a bill related to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services pass and then become something entirely new in the House after it's gutted, shelled and replaced with legislation *entirely* different.

We have radical Dems including Rep. Jay Hoffman (D-Swansea) to thank for this new monstrosity of a bill. Within hours the House voted on and passed SB2412. Thanks to the "gut and replace" language, it didn't need the normal three readings in each chamber. Republicans in both house refused to even vote on the bill.

Within hours, the rules on "slating" candidates to give voters choices in the November elections had been changed to eliminate the long-standing practice. No more!



Illinois' government has come down to Democrats changing rules in the middle of an election cycle to favor Democrat incumbents. And they called it an "ethics" bill!

Dems also added three non-biding ballot referendums to further insult voters. As if the voters needed a question about raising income taxes in one of the highest taxed states in the nation. Seriously?

What's more, the Dems blocked the Parents Matter Coalition's efforts to put a ballot question on Parents' Rights on the November ballot.

I guess having all those voices speak out about Parent's Rights were just too much for them to handle. Silly us... to think that our voices really mattered in Illinois!

So, as we enter the second half of the election cycle prior to the November election, remember who wants to take away your choices on the ballot and your guns. It's certainly NOT Republicans in Illinois.

While sometimes I wonder if somebody should point out the real crime stats to Gov. Pritzker and the radical Dems leading our state into the abyss. Their so-called "gun violence prevention" spending is nothing but a gift to gang members and criminals. The so-called Protect Illinois Community Act only protects the criminals brazenly robbing, raping and killing our fellow Americans. And don't forget the Safe-T Act which releases violent offenders without them needing to post a nickel for bail.

Obviously crime has only gotten worse in Chicago since they defunded the police. But woke apparently gets votes among the low-information voters in Chicagoland.

What's that leave us?



Continue to encourage your friends, family and co-workers to get their FOID cards. Find good firearm classes and instructors (including those affiliated with Guns Save Life). Encourage them to apply for their Concealed Carry licenses, even if they don't intend to carry for now.

Stay inspired and stay armed. Unfortunately, you're on your own too much of the time in Illinois.

#ElectionsMatter #GOTV2024



Our legal team needs your help

by John Boch
Our legal bills have started to mount up in our case to block the Illinois gun and magazine ban. We need your help...

Our challenge to the so-called Protect Illinois Communities Act is currently running two parallel tracks.

The appeal to the US Supreme Court remains pending. It's likely to be reviewed again in conference this week as we go to press. We'll be watching the US Supreme Court website next Monday or Tuesday for their orders to see what the high court justices want to do with our case and the other Land of Lincoln appeals.

At the same time we're moving ahead quickly at the federal district court to argue the case on its merits. We're looking at a September trial date, give or take a month. In the meantime, dealing with expert witnesses is running up the billable hours for our attorneys.

We're not asking folks to give to Guns Save Life, but to instead donate directly to organizations that have set up tax-deductible 501c3 charities to accept monies used to pay our attorney fees.



Send your check directly to them to get your tax deduction if you itemize your deductions at tax time. The SADEC fund from the Aurora Sportsmen's Club can and does donate to both our Illinois barristers as well as the CD Michel law firm that's backstopping our local team. Meanwhile the Second Amendment Law Center is dedicated to funding our national firm that's doing most of the heavy lifting on crafting our briefs.



What else are we going to do?
At our next board meeting, we'll probably look into holding a second "Great Guns 2024" gun drawing, perhaps with the another great M1A Scout Squad as the featured firearm.

We may earmark the profits from a second Great Guns drawing towards our legal team. In fact, we may do just that with the first drawing net proceeds. Our board meeting takes place on the fourth Thursday of the month at CI Shooting Sports in Normal if you would like to attend as a GSL member and offer your thoughts. Or you can email our board members (see the Leadership Directory on page 22).

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Legal Defense Fund Donations...

Folks, it looks like we're going to the US Supreme Court to fight for our right to purchase, possess and transport the most effective firearms for personal defense.

We're urging people to donate directly to our legal teams to help make all of this possible.

To fund our Illinois litigation team:
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2nd Amendment Defense and Education Coalition (SADEC)
P.O. Box 300
Waterman, IL 60556
(tax deductible)

To help the national firm backstopping our IL team:
2ALC.org
Second Amendment Law Center
284C East Lake Mead Parkway
Suite 530
Henderson NV 89015
(tax deductible)

We still absolutely endorse and support FFL-IL and their fund for our Illinois attorneys, however donations to them are not tax deductible. Aurora Sportsmen's Club's SADEC gets 100% of donations to the same place only in a tax deductible fashion.

We would prefer folks send donations directly to the above funds. The easiest way for everyone involved is to make the donations online, but we've included mail addresses here for the non-computer savvy.



In regione caecorum rex est luscus

In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is King
by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member

TikTok: Give the enemy the smell he likes

In examining military history throughout the ages, it becomes clear that deception is a big component in success. The most formidable generals were skilled at concealing where, and in what strength, they were going to attack – often taking actions so that the “real” attack would occur somewhere else. When the enemy redeployed their own forces to meet that expected threat, they found that they had been tricked again – and went down to defeat.

Years ago, an Israeli army colonel made the whole concept of deception really clear for me in just one sentence: “You have to give the enemy the smell he likes.” What he meant by that was that your deception plan must reinforce what the enemy “wants” to believe is ground truth, because that gets them halfway to believing it before you even start, plus it will not require every little facet in the deception plan to be perfect.

Here’s a great example: the 1944 Invasion of Normandy. The Allies could have invaded anywhere on the French coast, but their analysis showed that the beaches in Normandy were excellent, and the sea route from southern British ports, near which the American army was based in England, was away from enemy air assets in northern France, as well as Germany, just in case the Germans brought in reinforcements from Russia. However, a big problem was that too many German units were still near Normandy, and might be able to quickly counterattack the invasion in the first few hours, driving it back into the sea. Somehow, the Germans had to be convinced that the invasion would occur somewhere else.

So General Eisenhower, with the full support of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, a man who loved the intrigue of deception operations, gave the Germans “the smell they liked.” In 1940, as the German army defeated France and drove the British army off the continent at Dunkirk, the German High Command planned for Operation Sealion, an invasion across the English Channel to the southeast coast of Great Britain, generally landing between Brighton and Dover. Why

here? Because the English Channel between Calais, France and Dover, England is just over 20 miles wide; thus the Germans felt they could cross quickly before the powerful British Royal Navy could stop them. The invasion never happened, but the German generals and Hitler, thought it was a sound plan, based on correct military logic.



Four years later, the Allies knew that. They knew that the distance to Normandy from the English ports was between 90 and 120 miles, and that the Germans had raised that as an issue in 1940. So the Allies developed a deception plan that portrayed that they would land – not at Normandy – but at Calais, the same place that the Germans would have invaded from! It was a monumental deception effort, but the Germans bought it – hook, line, and sinker – in part because they loved the “smell” of the Calais-Dover invasion route.

Fast forward to now. Our most-significant enemy today is not Nazi Germany, but Communist China. The Chinese no doubt have a sophisticated military that could probably whip all but one country in the world, but they know that our military is superior to their own; they know that the US still has a large industrial base; they know that our education system turns out scientists, engineers and other skilled graduates vastly superior to theirs – which is why they send tens and tens of thousands of students every year to college here: about 5,000 just to the U of I at Champaign. In fact, one U.S.-based journalist recently headlined it the “University of China at Illinois.”

Unfortunately for the U.S., Chinese military leaders, from Sun Tzu to sunrise today, have taken deception operations past anything that Eisenhower or Churchill

could imagine.

For example, TikTok. Immensely popular, available in 40 languages, features user-submitted videos ranging from three seconds to about ten minutes (perfect for attention-challenged viewers), accessed with a smart phone app, downloaded billions of times (estimates are there will be 1.8 billion monthly active users by the end of 2024). And, by the way, it was developed by Beijing Microlive Vision Technology, and owned by the Chinese internet company ByteDance.

TikTok could be benign. But a good argument can be made that TikTok has characteristics of a psychological operation (Psyop), that is centered on a deception plan featuring “giving the enemy the smell he likes.” Let’s face it, a whole lot of people in our country are disillusioned, disheartened, dislike their country’s history, distrust their country’s leaders, displeased with our Constitution, discontented with the prospects for their future, dissatisfied with their current life – and yearn for a quick, easy, click on a short video that reinforces their beliefs that they live in a miserable time, in a miserable place, and that they are not alone. Once viewers start accessing these videos, they get more and more, because TikTok knows what they like.

So what could be the Chinese goal to be advanced by TikTok? Let’s just take some guesses: don’t enlist in the military; portray everyone in the US as racist; drop out of school; attack law enforcement; go on welfare rather than work; use alcohol and drugs to take your mind off how bad you have it; get rich quick by gambling; commit suicide; hurt yourself, such as undergoing drastic sex-change operations that can never fully be reversed.

The Chinese don’t even have to create the videos; the foolish, depressed Americans are doing that for free, so they can be Internet “Influencers.”

Hey China! Invent a cellphone that smells like a pizza and you’re home free! Just give the Americans the smell they like.

TERRY DOYLE:

IDNR Introductory Wingshooting Clinic June 22 & 23 near Collison, IL

Terry Doyle, a long-time IDNR Wingshooting instructor, made the rounds at GSL meetings to promote the upcoming Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Wingshooting Clinic. GSL is proud to sponsor and endorse this event to be held at Middle Fork Fish and Wildlife Area near Collison (about 20 miles northwest of Danville) on June 22 & 23.



We’ve sponsored this worthwhile event for novice shotgun shooters for several years. We’ve taken one of their Wingshooting Clinics and they are awesome!

The all-volunteer IDNR instructor teams provide light Beretta A400 28-gauge

shotguns and shells to feed them. Everything provided is ideally suited to recoil-sensitive women and children.

Minimum age for kiddos is about 10-11, depending on maturity and physical size. “You’ve gotta be bigger than the gun,” Doyle says with a smile.



For the guys new to shotguns, they’ve now opened up the “Introductory” class to novice adult men as well.

They have a good instructor to student ratio, so there’s a lot of coaching for both technique and safety.

They even provide lunch for the \$10 registration fee.

Seriously, unless you like missing your targets with a shotgun, sign the young men and women in your life up for this class. You don’t need a gun or a FOID card to participate.



Other Hunter Clinics

If you visit the IDNR’s Wingshooting clinics webpage (google it), there are also clinics for hunters and more experienced shooters. In those you’ll fire upwards of 200+ rounds under the coaching of great instructors.

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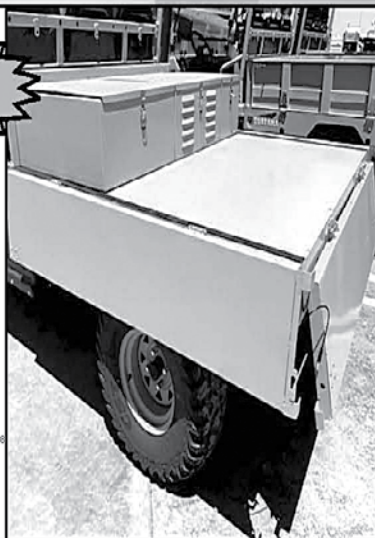
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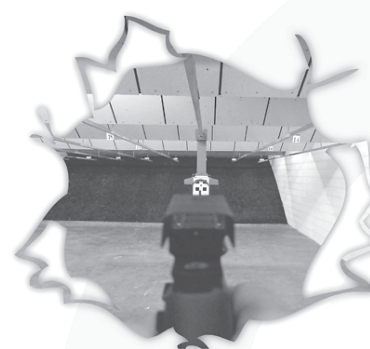
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LaSalle: Luke & Kshe from Perfectly Flawed Foundation Naloxone (Narcan) Training

Luke and Kshe from the Perfectly Flawed Foundation in LaSalle joined us. Luke, a former IV narcotic user, shared his personal story of triumph over addiction and founding the PFF. Today, he's making the world a better place through the foundation's work empowering those battling addiction through "SMART Recovery." Basically, he replicated a training program that worked for him and it's been very successful.

They now have eight staffers and have contributed to a roughly 75% drop in narcotic overdoses in LaSalle County in the past few years. They offer a wide range of services from support groups, social service navigation, transportation assistance, OD prevention, Naloxone training & distribution and more.



Kshe (pronounced K-She).

The highlight of the evening was Kshe (Kay-She) training the audience on the administration of Naloxone, better known as Narcan. Like Luke, she had plenty of lived experience as an addict who managed to overcome it. She's worked as an EMT and in ERs and has racked up scores of lives saved from overdoses.

Why do they do this public outreach, as gun owners aren't your typical drug abusers? You may come across friends, coworkers of family members who for whatever reason inadvertently have an overdose of those powerful medications. And yes, than include environmental exposure for non-abusers.

The first sign of an OD is loss of consciousness and slowed breathing. How do you know if someone's sleeping versus unconscious? Give them an aggressive sternum rub. If you don't see a reaction to the pain, they're unconscious. If they are in respiratory arrest, give them two rescue breaths and then hit them with the nasal applicator.



Be sure to call 911 while the medication does its thing to get help on the way. If it's a heavy OD, the first dose usually doesn't work, so hit them with a second dose about two minutes after the first one. Why not two right away? You may have yourself a very unhappy and aggressive patient who may then go into withdrawals (if your editor understood what she said correctly).

If they aren't ODing, the drug won't hurt them. However, if they are ODing on something besides narcotics, then it won't help them either.

The nasal applicators are almost idiot proof. Stick in either nostril and push plunger.

Don't worry if the packaging is expired or the drug has been stored in less-than-ideal conditions. Give it to them anyway. It won't hurt them and will likely retain most of its effectiveness.

Gun Review:

The Palmetto State Armory Dagger

By Damon Williams

Like many, I get the daily emails from Palmetto State Armory (PSA). I hadn't been in the market for PSA's Glock 19 clone known as the Dagger. Well, until my buddy showed up with his PSA Dagger and let me shoot it.

When I held my buddy's gun, I liked it. Although it was a compact, it balanced well, filled my hand comfortably, and still had enough mass to tame the recoil. After that day at the range, I simply could not pass up the value for the price.



If you watch carefully, you can obtain a PSA Dagger in a Lord Pritzker-approved configuration for under \$300 - or half the price of a Glock. Sure, you can get the lower receiver and order Glock parts, but why? It's just more convenient to have the whole thing shipped in one ordered-and-delivered to your FFL.

So what do you get for the lower price? In short, Gaston isn't getting his cut. And frankly, it's arguably a better product. When PSA went to design their idea of what a Glock clone should be, they had the advantage of hindsight and integrated many of the aftermarket modifications and upgrades available for the G19, some optional, some standard. Then they packaged it into a platform at a (much) lower price point than the original.

PSA even has the optional slide with a red dot cutout in the Shield RMSc pattern.

The Dagger is offered in a variety of colors; standard black, grey, olive drab, flat dark earth, robin egg blue, and burnt orange. If you order your slide and frame separately, you can create any color combination listed above. It also comes in a zipper soft sided case.

So how does it shoot? I've had the opportunity to shoot at least three PSA Daggers now. Not a single one has exhibited a failure to feed or any functioning issues. My buddy, who can't stop buying them, and now owns three, has had dead-on accuracy out-of-box. I won't even begin to say how many I haven't yet lost in boating accidents.

So what are the cons? I have been spoiled with a pretty good factory triggers. The PSA Dagger's trigger is similar to a factory Glock. I mean, it's okay, but it's not what I've grown accustomed to shooting. But that's okay because there are a variety of affordable aftermarket triggers out there to upgrade it.

The controls are not ambidextrous. Sorry Southpaws. Like a Canik, you can get the Dagger in any caliber you want so long as it is 9mm Luger.

The rule of thumb is that the Dagger will fit most G19 leather holsters, but it may not be quite as happy nestled in some Kydex rigs. Your mileage may vary.

Many consumers looking for a first pistol are steered towards the world-famous Glock 19. Let's face it, the ubiquitous Glock platform is not a bad choice for an entry-level handgun. In Illinois, the land behind the Second Amendment iron curtain, the G19 remains a legal option for now.

So, my recommendation is to save yourself a few bucks and buy a better value in a Dagger. Use those savings to take a good defensive shooting course.

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Kim Foxx has an affinity for the criminals, not the law-abiding folks

Kim Foxx: Will not prosecute charges stemming from traffic stops

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — A Chicago alderman blasted Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx as "the biggest pro-criminal advocate in the nation" after Foxx revealed plans not to prosecute crimes based on evidence police discover during most traffic stops.

Foxx said her office would refuse to file charges in most cases if evidence was found during a traffic stop for missing license plates, expired registrations, and other minor infractions. She called the anticipated change "a public safety enhancement effort."

Gun and drug charges are among the kinds of cases Foxx would not pursue under the plan. And the draft policy states she would not prosecute cases even if the driver gave police permission to search their car, unless police had other probable cause to conduct the search.

War on women? Or just war on civilized society?

Under Kim Foxx, few sex offenders get arrested & charged; Half of those convicted get no prison time

Chicago (NBC Chicago) - Beginning May 20, NBC 5 Chicago & Telemundo Chicago will deliver a new, unprecedented series — "Dismissed" / "Buscando Justicia" — uncovering the startling details behind a six-month investigation on the minimal number of sexual assault arrests and convictions in the City of Chicago over the past six years...



NBC 5 Investigates reporter Bennett Haeber-

le, along with Telemundo Investiga reporter Jorge DeSantiago, examined the details of every sexual assault case reported to the Chicago Police Department over the last six years (over 21,000 from 2018 to 2023), uncovering the following facts:

- In most cases, reported sex crimes never lead to an actual arrest.
- Of the 21,000 reports, police made fewer than 1,600 arrests (approx. 7%).
- Of the 1,600 arrests, hundreds of those cases were dismissed before they ever made it to court.
- Of the few offenders who are convicted, nearly half [49%] walk out of court with no prison sentence or are convicted of a lesser charge such as battery or disorderly conduct.

Imagine paying to visit Chicago, or worse, paying big money to live in downtown Chicago

Open-air knife fight in downtown Chicago among 'migrants'

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — No injuries were reported and no arrests were made after at least three men armed with large kitchen knives fought on the streets of downtown Chicago on Sunday evening. A bystander recorded part of the altercation on their phone...

A Streeterville resident who spoke with CWBChicago recognized two of the men as residents of the Inn of Chicago migrant shelter, 162 East Ohio, home of more than 1,200 new arrivals.



When seconds count, Chicago police may be just hours away...

Chicago mom unhappy about 4-hour police response to break-in

Chicago (NBC Chicago) - A Chicago mom is raising questions about the police response after two men broke into her Wicker Park home, with four hours elapsing before officers arrived after her 911 call.



Cook Co. Sheriff wants \$10M more to grab guns door-to-door

Springfield, IL (AP) — In Illinois, 114,000 people are banned from owning guns because of legal tangles or mental health issues — three-quarters of them haven't surrendered their firearms, according to data the Cook County sheriff will present Thursday.

Sheriff Tom Dart is seeking \$10 million from state lawmakers to tackle what he calls in naming the report "A Firearm Regulation Crisis." The money would

train and equip more door-knocking officers to retrieve or ensure the safe storage of weapons from those who have had their state Firearm Owners Identification cards rescinded.

The aim would be reducing the chance potentially volatile people would exhibit the type of violence seen when a shooter who wasn't allowed to own a firearm carried out a massacre at Henry Pratt Co. in a Chicago suburb.

CCW holder shoots 13-year-old female carjacker

Chicago (GSL/TTAG) - Local residents, indeed people nationwide, were distressed to learn that a 13-year-old girl was shot in Chicago last Tuesday morning just before school. How could such a thing happen to a young child on her way to school?

Then, days later, we learned that the young woman and her 14-year-old male accomplice weren't on their way

to school. Or maybe they were on the way to school. One thing is more certain. Cops say that at 7:49 am, the team tried to carjack a woman of her SUV on Chicago's south side.

Their victim, however, also had a vote in the matter. Using her CCW, she fired at the youthful carjackers, striking the 13-year-old girl.



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Personal Defense Tip: Make 'malfunction clearing' part of your regular range routine

by John Boch

It seems as though almost everyone loves semi-auto pistols these days, particularly for self-defense applications. Greater carry capacity and faster, less complicated reloads have made them very appealing to average people defending themselves from bad people with evil in their hearts.

Of course, Hollywood has done their part as well. If you doubt that, when was the last major motion picture you saw where the protagonist carried anything except a semi-auto?

Along those lines, most people who carry a semi-auto handgun have spent precious little time learning and drilling in how to fix stoppages.

"My gun never malfunctions," many of them will say. Except that it does. Especially if you run with something...lower priced. Even top-shelf brands will malfunction, especially if you're shooting it from non-conventional firing positions while fighting for your life.

The solution for most stoppages remains the tried and true Tap – Rack – Ready method.

Safety first! Keep your trigger finger off the bang switch as you're completing your malfunction clearing, and keep your muzzle pointed down-range towards the threat, not towards your soft body parts of those of your friends.

Retain your firing grip on the pistol with your strong side hand. Why? You don't want to waste precious tenths of a second reacquiring the proper firing grip after clearing the problem.



Tap...

While holding your gat with a good firing grip, tap the

magazine firmly to ensure that it's properly seated in the gun. Don't be gentle with it. Don't hold back. Smack it like you mean it.

Then reach over the top of the slide and rack it like you're trying to rip it off the frame of the gun. Don't baby it and don't "ride" it forward. It's not made of glass.



Rack...

Then you're ready to re-engage your target and engage the bang switch as needed.

Done well, a proficient shooter should be able to diagnose a stoppage, tap that mag, rack the slide and return to action within two to three seconds. Big time bonus points for doing so from behind cover and/or

while moving. Yes, it's like walking, chewing gum, doing a choreographed task while maintaining awareness for a potential threat – all at once.



Ready...

For the record, revolvers have fewer malfunctions. Moreover, when revolvers "malfunction" by giving a click when it should go bang, the solution is far simpler: Simply pull the trigger again.



Malfunction clearing, revolver-style.

Your local gun shop probably has orange Safe-T-Trainers plastic "dummy cartridges" that can be inserted randomly into magazines to create stoppages. If they don't put your google skills to use. Order a package of 50 as the plastic rims will break off in places over time if you use these religiously. They will set you back about the cost of a box of traditional ammo but they'll prove priceless to help train you how to handle a stoppage in a gunfight.

Once in hand, put two or three in a magazine along with 5 to 10 live rounds and have at it. Remember, slow is smooth and smooth will become quicker as you eliminate wasted movement. Not only that, but even after you complete the "tap-rack-ready" drill to clear a stoppage, you must still keep your wits about you to execute good hits on target afterwards.

If you're really serious about learning unconscious competence for dealing with malfunctions, go to your favorite reloading company and ask them to make you a case of "light" loads for your Roscoe. Then mix those randomly amongst your range ammo. By the time you've gone through a thousand truly

random tap-rack-readies, you'll be well-equipped not to freeze when your gun doesn't perform as expected.

This will solve most of the common stoppages.

For double-feeds, you'll need to lock the slide back, remove the magazine and stow it somewhere (armpit, pocket, mag pouch or using your teeth) while you cycle the slide two or three times or until the offending case comes out of the chamber.

At that point, reinsert the magazine, drop the slide and engage as appropriate.

Happy malfunction clearing, folks.



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Firearm review: Springfield Armory M1A Scout Squad

BARELY LEGAL POSITIVELY AWESOME

Yes, you can thank Gov. Jelly Bean for prodding me to replace my weaker .223 dispenser with a .308 for two-legged pest control, especially for swarms. Consider it the unintended consequence of gun control... driving people to (far) more powerful defensive tools.

By John Boch

Thanks to the crypto currency Solana's meteoric rise earlier this year, I could afford my own copy of the "great gun" GSL selected for our Great Guns 2024 drawing.

Why would I buy something with wooden furniture? Admittedly that's outside of my usual lane. However, after Land o' Lincoln's Governor signed a bill banning America's favorite rifle and many like it last year, that limited my defensive choices.

Enter the Springfield Armory M1A Scout Squad. It's barely legal thanks to shipping with a muzzle brake instead of a flash suppressor.

But don't look at it as a neutered doggie. It fires a very potent 7.62x51 NATO round in a tried and true rifle design that's put down a lot of commies and bad actors over its 50+ years of service.

I expected good things based upon my limited experience shooting more traditional M1As over the years.

I got more than I expected.

First Shots & First Impressions.

At the DeWitt County Sportsman's Club, I set up some targets and stuffed some magazines. My M1A now has a proper rifleman's sling, one that can be fashioned into a loop sling for precision long-range work or use as a hasty sling for, well, hasty use.



Not the best group of the day with 40-year-old milsurp rounds, but adequate at 25 meters.



The trigger proved very good for a factory product, breaking cleanly. The long sight radius helped provide precision in aiming. Then, when you do your part with a nice trigger squeeze, that's when the magic happens and the M1A puts rounds on target.

The biggest surprise? That muzzle brake worked better than I expected, taming the recoil down to sometime similar to an AR-15. Even better, it did so without the addition of obnoxious noise like AR-muzzle brakes I've worked around as a rifle instructor.

The only negative experienced involved the mechanical safety. In previous M1As I've handled, the safety worked as if lubricated with butter. This one required real work to put the safety on - and required pushing firmly with the thumb to get the safety "off." I'm told that this difficulty will disappear with use. However, I think I'd rather go have another colonoscopy than sit around for a few hours working that safety on and off a few thousand times.



Four rounds of 150gr soft-point defensive rounds. I quit while I was ahead after two clicks to the right.

Accuracy, even with non-match ammo proved excellent. Reliability was perfect. Fit and finish, outside of the safety actuation, was great. Springfield's machines also crafted a great piece of lumber for the stock - probably walnut, but I'm not an arborist.

With a street price of about \$2000 with tax and 7.62/.308 ammo going for about a buck a round, this isn't a rifle for those on a budget. Unless of course you hold the winning ticket at the Great Guns 2024 drawing, of course. (With odds a whole lot better than the lottery.)

Remember how gun control is racist, classist and sexist? Welcome to the "classist" aspect of that trifecta.

Since taking it out and putting it through its paces, it my M1A has become my go-to tool for commies and criminals who might want to visit harm to me, my family or my community.

Yes, you can thank Gov. Jelly Bean for prodding me to replace my .223 with a .308 for two-legged pest control, especially for swarms. Consider it the unintended consequence of gun control... driving people to (far) more powerful defensive tools.

Given our state's onerous new gun ban, perhaps the best part of owning this particular boomstick is not needing to look over one's shoulder when taking it out for some range therapy.

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Course Review: John Murphy / FPF Training Street Encounter Skills and Tactics

by John Boch

GSL (Condensed. For the full review, visit GunsSaveLife.com) - Chicago has an armed robbery and carjacking problem. We all know that.

"But I don't live in that urban hellscape known as Chicago, so I don't have to worry about that so much," most readers might say.

That mental denial response has no survival value. Bigger cities see more bad guys, but perps work in every locale. And why not? Many see little worry of arrest, prosecution or incarceration in the Land of Lincoln for committing serious crimes. Why even if they get caught, word is out that they don't even have to post bail now to get released following arrest thanks to Illinois' new "No Cash Bail" law!



John Murphy.

Enter John Murphy's Street Encounter Skills and Tactics from FPF Training. Murphy cut his teeth as an analyst with one of those alphabet intelligence agencies in Washington. He brings that same analytical process to his other love: helping good guys and gals mentally prepare for a potential attack, and to identify bad guy behaviors and avoid potential threats.

Several of our GSL Defense Training team signed up for this course held at the Illinois State Rifle Association range in Bonfield, IL near Kankakee.

We have seen Mr. Murphy in action at the annual "Polite Society" Tactical Conference which derives its name from the skilled and well-armed participants there to study the art of self-defense. Instructors from across the nation attend this event each year.

In the Street Encounter two-day class, Murphy supplements the classroom content with six-plus hours of required videos. Among those video lectures, he emphasizes conflict avoidance and de-escalation, stopping bleeding, interacting with law enforcement, pepper spray deployment along with street encounter skills.

To reinforce those points, he incorporates real-life videos of what happens when people let their egos and/or mouths buy themselves a ticket to a very bad outcome. The numer-

ous crime videos also illustrated pre-violence indicators that bad guys "leak" before attacking, including the big one: the straight-line approach immediately before the attack.



Basically, it's mostly a class on how to recognize and avoid trouble and potential conflict. If those fail, he teaches de-escalation. And if that fails too, he teaches how to end an attack decisively.

Frankly, more of us could use training like this. The best way to win a gunfight is to avoid it/not be there.

The course tuition is \$525. Plan on adding range fees. Plus hotel and ammo (about 350 rounds should do it and then some).

Is it worth the coin? If you have not had any formal training in situational awareness, conflict avoidance and de-escalation, then *absolutely* this course belongs on your bucket list sooner rather than later. How high on the bucket list of must-have training besides a couple on fundamentals of how to run the gun? Probably in the top five alongside Mas Ayoob's MAG-40 and a force-on-force class or two. The medical component and the pepper spray stuff in *Street Skills* is all just gravy.

He also makes himself available if students want to join him over dinner to pick his brain with other questions and observations. He's easily approachable and easy to like.

I have attended classes from nearly three dozen schools / instructors over the years, both local but many nationally known. John Murphy might not have the most widely known name but he has a solid reputation for solid coursework. I didn't go away disappointed and you shouldn't either. Better yet, in today's urban and not-so-urban environments, the topics he covers may help you avoid conflict or a gunfight. Those are solid wins even if you don't realize it. He'll also help you decisively win the fight if attackers decide to press the issue.

For more information on classes, visit Murphy's website at FPFTraining.com.



The Illinois State Rifle Association Range...

by John Boch

My trip to the ISRA range for the John Murphy class was probably the first time I've been back since taking Mas Ayoob's LFI-I class there early in my training career. A lot has happened in 25+ years there.

The first thing I noticed were scads of cheerful, smiling, upbeat volunteers doing chores or acting as safety officers on the ranges. Yes, it was a work day, but their dedication and friendliness was *impossible* to miss.

Next up, I noticed a lot more ranges (now at a dozen) and a nice new clubhouse. Gone is the old portable classroom that baked in the sun. The new clubhouse featured a big classroom / airgun range with air conditioning, kitchen facilities and modern restrooms kept impeccably clean. Those things matter, especially to the ladies.

It's a five-star range according to the NSSF, for what that's worth. It's not a five-star hotel, but they've got lots of ranges from everything from high-power rifles to archery with room to shoot without tripping over a


lot of other people. It can get busy on the weekends I'm told, especially if there are a lot of classes or range activities/shoots. The calendar is pretty full, but again, there are a lot of ranges.


Kelly Cavanaugh, one of the directors of ISRA acted as our gracious host for the John Murphy Street Skills course. He tagged along as a gopher for Mr. Murphy and to ensure we didn't have any issues with the facilities. He added a lot with this presence and we all were glad he came along for the ride.

Aside from pesky ticks (they have signs to remind you to douse yourself with bug repellent and they've sprayed for them), it was a nice place to shoot.

The range runs \$350/year with a couple of work days which can be bought out. Discounts are available for seniors, etc. There's also a \$100 initiation fee.

They currently have openings for memberships if you live in the Kankakee region.





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David McDermott

America's Self-Defense Lawyer

by John Boch

At our Chicagoland meeting in April, we welcomed David McDermott, the nationally known self-defense attorney based out of Homewood, IL. He looks young, but he's already amassed decades of court experience behind him both in criminal law and civil cases.

In his presentation, you could see and hear his passion and dedication for criminal defense work. He describes his criminal defense clients as "good people in bad situations."

And today, he's known for travelling the nation taking tough self-defense cases and helping good people navigate the criminal justice system's attempt to victimize them after they've defended themselves against criminals doing the same. He's one of USCCA's favored attorneys but he does work for other groups as well as private pay clients.

McDermott strongly recommended signing up for self-defense coverage. "My rate is \$650 an hour," he said. Suddenly, spending \$150-200 per year for legal defense "insurance" doesn't seem so expensive, now does it?

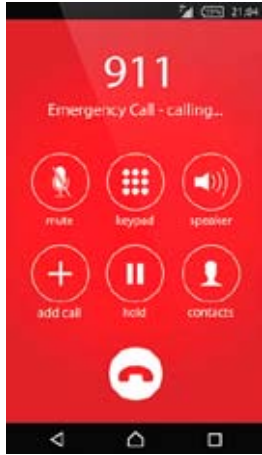
He enjoys coaching good people how to understand the judicious use of deadly force to help keep them out of trouble. And like a good criminal defense attorney, he explained many of the ways an ordinary traffic stop can go very poorly for an otherwise good guy or gal.

He admits some people are rightfully reluctant to admit they have a CCW in the car on a traffic stop. Why is that a big deal? Well, if cops search and find controlled substances that don't belong to the occupant(s) of the car, the CCW holder could be charged with Armed Violence which is good for up to 15 years in prison. This includes your spouse's ADD or pain meds, for example.

Whether or not a police officer jams someone up on something like his is purely an officer discretion issue.

On Warning Shots.

In a word: don't. It's reckless exposure at best and maybe a far more serious charge. Don't do it.



On calling 9-1-1

In short, if at all possible, have someone else do it. That solves a lot of potential problems and opportunities for malicious prosecutors to attribute all manner of attacks based upon your voice's tone, your demeanor, the words you speak and your emotional state. Remember it's all recorded. The more you say, the more investigating cops and prosecutors have to pick apart.

What's more, 911 operators are trained to get additional information. If you stay on the line they are getting information. And anything that you say can be used against you in a court of law.

If you do have to call 911 yourself, "less is better." For instance: "We need police and paramedics at XYZ address." Then hang up. If you can't hang up, you've got an open line that's being recorded so shut up. If you can safely call your attorney before police show up, that's fine.

Rendering aid?

If you or a loved one are injured, by all means, render

aid. Depending on the size of your heart, you might do the same for innocent third parties. As for the bad guy who just tried to kill you? McDermott cautioned against it for liability reasons as well as exposing yourself to follow-up attacks.

Two ambulances?

Some "experts" recommend asking for two ambulances and the police when calling 911 in the aftermath of using deadly force. McDermott called that "not smart."

"Don't invite problems if you don't have to," he cautioned. Paramedics will ask questions. Cops will be nearby with bodycams running. Paramedics write reports too and you're opening yourself up to additional interpretive scrutiny with everyone you're exposed to... paramedics, medical staff at the hospital, etc. If you don't need to go to the hospital, don't go. And be very careful what you say to those folks.

Wallet cards?

There are some CCW insurance companies that have wallet cards for what to say to police or 911 operators. "Those sound terrible on recordings," McDermott warned. "Both the judges and juries."

Miranda warnings.

Miranda is very real and Hollywood depictions are very accurate. If you're getting Mirandized, shut up. Nothing you say can be used to exonerate you but it all can be used to convict you. Anything you say, how you say it and how it could be interpreted is all in play if you talk to police. So keep your mouth shut. Let your attorney do your talking.

The Bottom Line

Pray you have access to an attorney with the skills and charisma of David McDermott if you're ever criminally charged following a defensive use of force incident. Or you can just call him at 708-747-4500 or online at mcdermottlawgroup.com.

Some miscellaneous notes and sights



From Decatur.



Annette Parchert from the Illinois Freedom Alliance with GSL's John Boch in Peoria.



Good times in Peoria.



We had a ".357 Maximum" revolver make an appearance at our Decatur meeting.



From Charleston.



Dave and Gayla Seth shared their dreams of offering bunnies as emotional support animals at our Danville chapter. They are ideal for vets who can't have dogs where the live. The bunnies, including Flemish Giants, bond like dogs, are cleaner than cats. And they're a lot cheaper to train than a dog.



John Boch won Ruger LCP Max in LaSalle.



From left, our guest speakers Kshe and Luke from Perfectly Flawed Foundation in LaSalle, with Crystal Loughran.



From Sangamon County's meeting at SCHEELS.



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Church security team thwarts would-be mass murderer in Louisiana

Abbeville, LA (NBC News) - Congregants at a Louisiana church banded together to prevent a mass shooting over the weekend, and it was all caught on a livestream.

The chaos erupted Saturday at Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Abbeville during a first communion ceremony for 60 second graders. According to police, a 16-year-old boy carrying a gun opened the back door of the packed church and was immediately confronted and escorted away by parishioners.

Panic can be seen sweeping over the crowd in the ceremony's livestream. Altar servers ran for cover and clergy ducked behind the altar, all while the priest tried to calm everyone by asking them to recite a prayer.

Officers in tactical gear showed up moments later to make sure the church was safe. Nobody was hurt, and the 16-year-old was arrested and taken for a mental health evaluation.

Chase played the 'bully' card one too many times

Vermillion, SD (KELO) — Authorities have released the name of the man killed in Tuesday night's shooting in Vermillion.

Police say 38-year-old Chase Kinchen violated a protection order by forcing his way into a home armed with a handgun and threatening the two people inside. He was shot and killed by a guest in the home, in an apparent act of self-defense.

Intruder shot in 4am break-in

Castle Point, MO (Fox2) — St. Louis County Police are investigating an early morning home invasion where a homeowner shot at the suspect, who was trying to break in.

The incident occurred in the 2200 block of Empress Dr. in north St. Louis County around 4:30 a.m.

Two residents were inside the home at the time. The homeowner shot the intruder once.

"I hate he got shot but he was wrong, I probably would do the same thing," neighbor Napoleon Lattimore said. "All he was doing was trying to protect his home."



Dynamic duo in Willow Springs, IL Kawann Moore and bad sinner Richard Pegue.

Manhunt in Willow Springs ends after homeowner holds suspect at gunpoint in backyard: prosecutors

Willow Springs, IL (GSL) - Two Chicago burglary perps led police on a high speed chase before ditching their ride adjacent to a school with children playing outside during recess.

Cops caught one pretty quickly, but the second fled into some woods before emerging in the backyard of a local gun owner whose 9-year-old was playing outside. That resident held Kawann Moore at gunpoint, effectively ending the man-hunt.



Homeowner returns fire from brazen burglars

Jackson, MS (GSL) — On May 1st, Jackson, MS Police arrested one member of a burglarizing trio who broke into a woman's home after nobody answered the door. The hoodie-wearing posse then fired shots at the homeowner when she arrived home on Daniel Circle.

The homeowner did the only polite thing: she fired back. The burglars then fled with great haste but cops nabbed one. The other two remain on the run.



Amazon driver delivers hot lead to would-be carjacker

Cleveland (Gray News/WOIO) - Authorities in Ohio say an Amazon driver shot and killed an armed carjacker Saturday evening.

WOIO reports the shooting happened near West 48th Street and Franklin Boulevard.

Cleveland police said the Amazon driver was working in the area just after 4 p.m. when he was approached by a person with a gun...

Authorities said the Amazon driver ended up shooting the carjacker during the ordeal. That person was pronounced dead at the scene.



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How's 'Cashless Bail' going in Illinois?

(Daily Herald) - About seven months after Illinois ended cash bail as a key provision of the much-debated SAFE-T Act, fears that it would lead to a surge in freed criminal suspects committing more offenses or skipping court so far haven't materialized, at least in Cook County.


[...] According to the latest data — which spans from the end of cash bail on Sept. 18, 2023, through

April 13 — 30,012 defendants have been granted pretrial release in Cook County, while 1,970 have been detained.

Of those released, 26,930 of them — about 90% — have appeared in court as required, including 88% of felony defendants. That's an improvement from three years ago, when about 80.4% of those charged with felonies and released on bond attended their scheduled court hear-

ings, according to a report from the Civic Federation.

The data shows that among defendants released while awaiting trial, 89% of them have not incurred additional charges. Among the 11% who had, 4% of them were violent offenses. That's again an improvement over 2021, when 18.2% faced new charges, according to the Civic Federation report.



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Potential fallout from Chicago suing Glock

by Damon Williams

(GSL) - If you are reading this publication, then you must be aware that the City of Chicago has filed a lawsuit against Glock for being "too readily converted" to full-auto through the already federally banned Glock auto sears, a.k.a. "Glock switches."

Instead of detailing the faulty arguments of the lawsuit, it stands to reason that the mere existence of the allegations in the lawsuit might be used to further infringe on our individual Second Amendment rights.

Here is the view from my saddle... Chicago's arguments will be brought forward into the debate in our state legislature to not only ban the sale of Glocks in Illinois, but to add America's favorite pistol (sorry 1911 lovers) to the list of banned and subsequently registered items under PICA.

The so-called "Protect Illinois Communities Act" has a provision that allows the Illinois State Police to review the regulated items and add to them as they see fit. Unlike the items frivolously placed on the list initially because they merely look scary while ignoring that long guns consistently account for only 500 homicides in America annually, criminals use Glocks in a significant percentage of the crimes that they perpetrate. Moreover, those "Glock switches" are the must-have fashion accessory for any self-respecting gang member not only here in Illinois but nationwide.

If the troglodytes in Springfield are willing to ban America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, as well as .50 BMGs, accessories, magazines and so forth without any factual crime statistics, what happens when they do have a statistic or two to justify taking action to ban America's favorite defensive pistol, the Glock?

The PICA list accounts for an estimated 20% of firearms owned by previously law-abiding gun owners. Is it too far to speculate that Glocks, Glock clones, and other

striker fired pistols, whose design could allegedly be "readily converted" by criminals, constitute an even higher percentage of handguns which are currently owned by law abiding citizens?



Remember, PICA has nothing to do with protecting Illinois communities. Instead, it protects Illinois criminals for law-abiding gun owners. The end goal, obvious to all, is first a comprehensive gun registry. Then after a few short years, mandatory "buy-backs" and confiscations will follow.

I hear the counter-argument that many of our hypocrite "statesmen" will not tolerate the outright ban on their own personal firearms. I accept this contention with serious consideration and find it credible. This argument is exemplified as to why we have a 15 round magazine ban for pistols but 10 rounds for rifles.

But please consider this, any public official who is willing to betray his own oath to the US and Illinois Constitutions has already demonstrated a lack of moral character. These people will toe their party line for the sake of personal or political gain rather than to hold true to their oath. Good Socialists put the party first. It is my belief that they will comply, or pretend to comply, or carve out some form of exceptions for themselves, in exchange for the another incremental step toward complete civilian disarmament. Because on a long enough timeline, registration *always* leads to confiscation.

The evolving face of GunNews.

by John Boch

Long-time readers of *GunNews* and members of Guns Save Life will notice changes in the past few months within our monthly journal. Our number of advertisers continues to grow, as does our cadre of contributors. With each issue we continue to improve, or at least that's the goal.

At the same time some things have fallen by the wayside, some for space considerations, others for time considerations. Frankly, I don't have the time to do meeting summaries any longer. It was the most grueling part of *GunNews*. And frankly, it is competing with growing family obligations and the fact that I'm getting paid real money to write for *The Truth About Guns* and *Shooting News Weekly* - and they want (a lot) more of my content. While I receive a small stipend for laying out *GunNews*, if I spent that time writing for those national publications, I'd be at least a couple thousand dollars ahead each and every month.

Thankfully, we're welcoming some excellent contributors. They bring fresh perspectives and some great content. Frankly though, given our space constraints, if they weren't excellent, they wouldn't make the cut. And candidly, some don't. It's not personal. It's just that GSL isn't going to grow *GunNews* to 32 pages over the current 24.

If there's anyone out there with experience (professional or pro-am) with design and layout with Adobe InDesign, feel free to contact me if you would like to take over the *GunNews* project over the course of a few month transition period. Expect it to take about 40 hours per month, especially if you factor in keeping up with news stories for possible inclusion. Layout itself is a solid 25 hours each month, for me at least. JBoch@GunsSaveLife.com



RFK, Jr. called the NRA a 'terrorist group'

Top Democrat Pollster: RFK Jr.'s support among Republicans will collapse if they learn his real views

(Daily Wire) - A top Democrat pollster said this week that the support presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has from Republicans will collapse if Republicans learn his real views on the issues.



Mark Penn, a former adviser to former President Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton, made the remarks during a Fox News interview with Sean Hannity.

Speaking on the support that RFK Jr. enjoys from some on the political right, Penn said: "I think that it will drop in half if Republicans learn the views, right now they don't know these things."

"And there's a group of Republicans that don't like anybody and he's now the alter-

native to the alternative," he continued. "So he's got some votes, but I agree with you, he would lose a lot of Republican votes if this screen that you're putting up there really got out and got broadcast."

As Penn spoke, Hannity's show listed RFK's most extreme left-wing positions, including: "Supports push to clean energy and zero emissions, supports eliminating fracking, endorsed Bernie's climate plan, supports divesting from fossil fuels, supports carbon tax, supports Paris Climate Accords, called the NRA a 'terror group,' supports affirmative action, supports reparations, supports amnesty for non-violent drug offenders, wants to 'transform the police,' called Louis Farrakhan a 'truly great partner,'... repeatedly praised Bernie Sanders, a 'sin' for people to not address global warming, blamed America for causing 9/11, supports ESG," and "called Fidel Castro 'incredibly charming.'"

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Gun control politicians don't just hate guns, they hate you

by Mark Olivia

(NSSF) - Today's gun control politicians are making it clear. It's not just guns they despise. There are two other primary obstacles to civil disarmament that they loathe.

One is the Second Amendment itself. The other, well, it's you – the gun owner.

It wasn't that long ago when President Barack Obama lambasted gun owners who refused to roll over to his gun control agenda. Stumping for his first election to The White House, he told fundraisers at a San Francisco event of smalltown Pennsylvania voters that were left behind, especially by the political elites.

"And it's not surprising then they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy toward people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations," President Obama said in 2008. Interestingly, it was former U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.), later Secretary of State, who rebuked him.



Hillary Clinton.

"I was taken aback by the demeaning remarks Senator Obama made about people in small-town America," she said. "His remarks are elitist and out of touch."

Of course, that was before she labeled half of America "a basket of deplorables" in 2016 when she was making her second run for the Oval Office.

"You know, to just be grossly generalistic, you could put half of Trump's supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables. Right?" former Secretary Clinton said. "The racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic – you name it. And unfortunately there are people like that. And he has lifted them up..."

'Poor Souls'

Fast forward to 2024 and senior Democratic Members of Congress are repeating the same epithets. These were also same politicians who were the vanguard of President Obama's, Secretary Clinton's and President Joe Biden's gun control agendas. Turns out, insulting and dismissing gun owners as "less-er" Americans is a popular attitude among Blue State elites.

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) was rebuked as an "elite" at an Oxford Union debate on April 25 when she said that certain Americans are "poor souls who are looking for some answers." Their biggest sin, according to the Speaker Emeritus, is not bowing to the orthodoxy of the gun control elite.

"These poor souls... are looking for some answers," Rep. Pelosi said. "We've given them to them, but they're blocked by some of their views on guns... they have the three Gs: Guns, Gays, and God."

Rep. Pelosi didn't think that was enough. She said, "cultural issues cloud some of their reception of an argument that really is in their interest."

Did you catch that? Gun owners who reject a politically-driven gun control agenda aren't thinking in their own self-interests. After all, every other gun control idea – especially the most recent overreaching of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to run roughshod on the separation of powers to write criminal law in the place of Congress – isn't a bad idea in her mind. She believes President Biden's big government abuse of the rulemaking process is good for voters. They're just not bright enough to see it for themselves...

Forgot "the People"

That's rare air for a former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. She's not alone in her ideas. Rep. Jerry Nadler (R-N.Y.) last week thought he was a tad smarter than the Founding Fathers, including James Madison, who wrote the Second Amendment, and the U.S. Supreme Court in the landmark *Heller* decision, that upheld the Second Amendment as a right belonging to the people, not the government.

"The Second Amendment reads – quote – 'A well-regulated militia being necessary for the security of a free State, the right to bear arms shall not be infringed,' Rep. Nadler said during a hearing last week. "It is clearly a right, the Founding Fathers, the Framers were opposed to standing armies. They thought that those were instruments of tyranny and that, militia what should be had and the Second Amendment was the guarantee – was framed as a guarantee that you could have a militia, a well-regulated militia, being safe in the security of a free state."

"That was the understanding for 200 years until the radical Supreme Court in the *Heller* decision upended 200 years of Constitutional interpretation and said that Second Amendment has nothing to do with militias," he continued. "It's a personal and basically unlimited right. The Supreme Court was wrong in that decision."

Except, that's not what the Second Amendment says. He cherry-picked the parts that support his big-government and gun control agendas...

It's insulting to American citizens when Members of Congress intentionally leave "the people" out of the rights they are endowed with by their Creator. It's insulting to voters when elite politicians disregard them as "bitter clingers," "deplorables" or "poor souls" who can't be trusted to think, act and vote for themselves. Worse than that, it is breaking faith with the very "people" these elites are elected to represent and protect their rights from an overreaching government.

Those poor souls – the more than 100-plus million gun owning homes in America – and the industry that provides the means for exercising their Second Amendment rights know that no one is buying the gun control they're selling.



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Is a repeat of Chicago '68 coming in August?

On the Violent Left, Eternal Recurrence

By Jack Dunphy

(The Pipeline) - Have we learned nothing from the past? It's not as though we need to explore antiquity for lessons in how to confront today's issues. While such an exploration would no doubt be helpful, any effort in that direction is beyond - far, far beyond - the stunted intellectual capacities of our current crop of ruling elites, certainly to include our degreed betters running our so-called institutions of higher learning.

But is 2020 so shrouded in the mists of history as to be inaccessible to the people who hold themselves out as arbiters of all that is good and just? Apparently so. Consider: it was a mere four years ago that every major city in America was convulsed in the paroxysms of violence that followed the death of George Floyd. We must, said these lettered sophisticates, allow the oppressed to vent their outrage at the death of one of their own at the hands of state oppressors. To deter them in any way would only deepen their pain. And never mind that our hero of the moment had lived a life of depredation and was found to have consumed a fatal dose of fentanyl. Such trivial details need not dim the luster of the man's memory.

A result of the ensuing anti-police hysteria, one that was easily foreseeable in nature if not necessarily in its horrifying scale, was that the number of homicides in the U.S. rose by nearly 5,000 from 2019 to 2020, and that nearly 3,400 of these added victims, 68 percent, were black. But there must be martyrs to the cause, after all, and who is to say how many of those 5,000 people wouldn't willingly have sacrificed

themselves in the name of a more just society? Eggs and omelets, right, comrades?

Still, one prays for more wisdom in those we've entrusted with authority. For the most part, we pray in vain. Witness the chaos this week on display on college campuses across the country, where we find that the protesters who brought so much death and disorder in 2020 have swapped their BLM T-shirts for kaffiyehs and adopted the Gazans as their Cause of the Season. Same clowns, different circus...

And where will these itinerant bands of Hamas admirers go next? Unburdened by such mundane obligations as family or employment, they are free to roam the land and encamp anywhere the siren call summons them in the name of bringing down capitalism, ending colonialism, freeing violent criminals from confinement, or, as in the current fashion, shouting support for Mohammedan savagery. Put a few extra scoops of kibble in the bowl and Che the cat will be just fine while you're away, and if the litter box is overflowing when you return, isn't that a small price to pay for global justice?

I'm old enough to remember the mayhem on the streets during the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago, which will again host the event this coming August. The mayor of Chicago is Brandon Johnson, as dim a man as ever crossed the threshold at City Hall. I'm sure the Hamasniks, for whom the convention will be their Super Bowl, have already made their travel plans.



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Should you believe faulty U.S. crime stats or your own lying eyes?

by James Varney
(Real Clear Investigations) - In recent weeks the Biden administration and many news outlets, including USA Today and The Hill, have touted declines in violent crime statistics to argue that America is becoming a safer place.

"Right now, with 2023 figures and early 2024, the trends are all pointing down, in a positive direction," Jeff Asher, whose New Orleans-based AH Datalytics is developing his own "Real-Time Crime Index," told RealClearInvestigations.

Conservative outlets, including City Journal and the editorial page of the Wall Street Journal, assert that minor declines in headline grabbers like homicides fail to capture what is really happening in the U.S...

For decades, the traditional gold standard for criminologists was the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, annual compilations by the Bureau of stats provided to it by state and local law enforcement agencies...

But the FBI statistics aren't what they used to be, according to several criminologists who pointed to gaps in coverage and apparent errors....

But the transition proved to be a herculean task, so much so that the FBI allowed departments to delay their full adherence to the program even after the feds doled out \$120 million to agencies to assist with compliance. Still, in 2020, 2021 and 2022, either all or some of the biggest police forces in the U.S. -- New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles -- did not provide data...

A Sharp Decline in Arrests
Some criminologists say there is another, hidden dynamic within the crime statistics that helps explain why most Americans think crime is on the rise – the dramatic decline in arrests. Scouring FBI data, John Lott, the founder of the Crime Prevention Research Center, found that arrests for reported violent crimes in major cities fell 20 percent in 2022, from 42.5 percent in 2019 – the year before the COVID pandemic and BLM protests in response to George Floyd's death while in police custody.


The percentage of murder and rapes cleared by arrests fell to 40.6 percent from 67.3 percent in those years; for rapes from 33.8 percent to 17.4 percent, and arrests for reported property crimes in major cities dropped to 4.5 percent in 2022 from 11.6 percent in 2019.

It is not clear how much of this decline is due to reductions in the size of many departments – New Orleans, for example, reportedly lost 20% of its force between 2020 and 2022.

Calling the Cops ... and Then Waiting
The plummeting arrest rates contribute to the general sense of lawlessness, a feeling compounded by surging increases in response times to calls. Comparing data for 15 law enforcement agencies from 2019-2022, Asher found only one city – Cincinnati – that reduced its response time, and that by 0.7 minutes. In New Orleans, the average response time nearly doubled, from 50.8 to 145.8 minutes, while Nashville saw a rise from 44.2 minutes to 73.8 minutes and New York City a 33-minute increase.

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Rylie, Jadon both bring home gold in Under-18s at Junior Olympics

(GSL) - The 2024 men's and women's Junior Olympics took place the first two weeks of April. Central Illinois Precision Shooting was well represented by two competitors: Rylie Passmore (McLean) and Jadon Nafziger (Mackinaw) both qualified in Air Rifle and Smallbore.

This was 17-year-old Rylie Passmore's 5th Junior Olympics and her best performance yet. Consistency in this sport is key. Each discipline consists of two days of matches. Top 8 competitors with the highest two-day combined scores advance to the final where the overall top three are determined. Rylie had to work through some issues in her first day of air rifle and shot 616.5. But she came back and shot a new personal record on day two of 626.5. That placed her 19th out of 178 women.

Rylie had two consistent days of smallbore. 581 on day one and 580 on day two. She just missed making the finals by a single point and there was a 4-way tie for 9th so after tie breakers were determined she placed 11th out of 89 overall and won gold in the Under 18 category.

Rylie is honored to be joining the TCU rifle team in the fall.

Due to an arm injury during birth, 15-year-old Jadon Nafziger competes as a Para shooter. This was his third time competing in the Junior Olympics. He has had a lot of success in past years and his performance this year did not disappoint.

His first two matches were smallbore prone. Match 1 he shot 591.6 which was

a new personal record. Match 2 he shot 591.3.

His next two matches were prone air rifle. He set a goal for himself to hit 630 in at least one of his prone position air rifle matches. This requires an average 10.5 per shot in a 60 shot match and he has only done it once in practice. He was just short of his goal after the first match shooting 628.8 (so close and still incredible) but came back with determination in the second match and shot a 632.3! That score puts him at the same shooting level as some of the top para shooters in the U.S. right now and earned him the Gold medal.

Standing Air was his final set of events. Match 1 he shot 617.7 and match 2 he shot 620.5.

Congratulations to both shooters and keep up the good work!



NRA Board of Directors Election results

In the April 2024 issue of GunNews, we made some recommendations for the NRA Board of Directors election. We're pleased to share that the "reform" slate of Philly Journey, Rocky Marshall, Dennis Fusaro and Jeff Knox were all among the very top in the number of votes received. What's more, we also recommended Jim Tomes from Indiana based upon an earlier relationship and he too was elected.

But wait! That's not all! We recommended voting "YES" for the creation of a Chief Compliance Officer and that measure passed overwhelmingly as well.

Here is the press release announcing the winners. Individuals are listed in order based upon the number of votes received.



The National Rifle Association is pleased to announce the results of the 2024 elections for the NRA Board of Directors.

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In addition, the members voted overwhelmingly to amend the bylaws to create a Chief Compliance Officer position, to be filled by the Board.

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DeWitt County Sportsman's Club

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Saturday, July 6: Patriot Shoot. 10am.

Wednesday, August 14: Rifle Shoot. 6:30pm.

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Monday, August 19: Tristate. The Pink Tavern in Lomax, IL.

For more info, visit FriendsOfNRA.org.



Billionaires, Including JB Pritzker's family, funding anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian protests; also donating millions to House Dems

(Real Clear Politics) - For President Biden and congressional Democrats, the fierce party division over the campus protests and the war in Gaza is full of warning signs during the 2024 election year. The unrest is unlikely to stop when universities break for the summer; protesters are pledging to disrupt the August Democratic National Convention planned to be held in Chicago.

Most House Democrats have been reticent on the antisemitic protests and

encampments roiling college graduations this month, while a handful have vocally defended or even celebrated the student protests as displays of protected free speech...

A RealClearPolitics analysis of Federal Election Commission data shows one possible reason most Democrats are trying to avoid the campus fray: House Democrats' reelection campaigns have accepted \$6.5 million from three major political families, which have helped bankroll several

student groups participating in the protests. The family members cut most of those checks over the last two years, although some of the donations to longstanding House members came over the last decade.

The names are well-known among Democratic funding circles: Soros, Rockefeller, and Pritzker. Yet before the anti-Jewish protests swept college campuses over the last few months, their financial ties to the student groups were not widely known.

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The Aussie cop who shot down the killer like a rabid dog then performed CPR on one of the victims.

Muslim terrorist kills six, wounds eight in Australian knife attack

Sydney, Australia (GSL/TTAG) - When seconds count, police are just minutes away. And in the land Down Under, outside of the police, the good guys have been thoroughly disarmed. Which is why a rampaging terrorist armed with a large knife or small machete was able to slaughter six and maim at least eight others - including an infant - in a crowded shopping mall before an armed female cop finally showed up and punched his ticket...

Meanwhile the civilized peoples of Australia, who magically (in their minds at least) became more sophisticated and erudite after surrendering their guns many years ago, could only watch in horror as the attack played out over several minutes for the officer arrived.

Knuckle-dragging Neanderthals in America recognize the obvious: The only thing that stops bad people with evil in their hearts is a good guy (or gal) with a gun.



Attorney General Merrick Garland.

Merrick Garland admits gangs and repeat offenders drive America's "gun violence"

(GSL/TTAG) - We've written about it repeatedly. It's *gang* violence that's rampant across America, not so-called "gun violence." The problem has become so bad that even full-time partisan political hack and part-time Attorney General Merrick Garland admitted as much at an ATF "summit" just days ago. Of course, the mainstream media ignored it. What's more, his comment even escaped most of the alternative news outlets as well.

Garland abandoned his "Christian Nationalist" and "White Supremacist" bogeymen to admit that gangs members and repeat offenders are driving the gun violence problem in America.



Biden: I'll do gun control in 2nd term, Idea 'Liberty is watered with the blood of patriots' is 'bunch of crap'

(Breitbart) - During an interview with the "SmartLess" podcast that was recorded on March 28 and released on Monday, President Joe Biden stated that he will "make sure that we do something about gun violence in this country" in his second term, the 2nd Amendment isn't an absolute and remarked, "this — the [tree of] liberty is watered with the blood of patriots, I mean, that's a bunch of crap."



Nicole Mitchell, center.

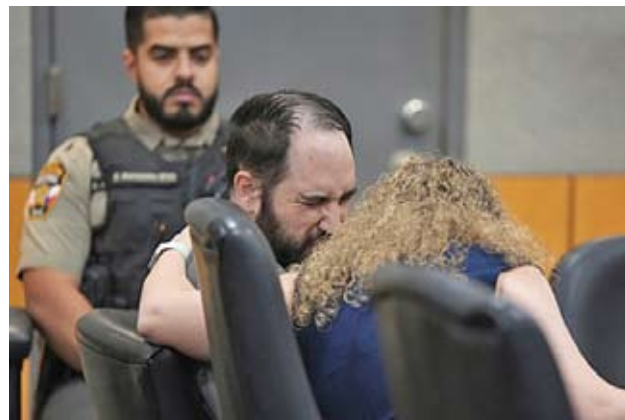
MN State Senator Nicole Mitchell (D), a top ally of Moms Demand Action, arrested for burglary

(The Hill) - A Minnesota state senator has been charged with first-degree burglary after being arrested in the city of Detroit Lakes early Monday morning.

Democratic state Sen. Nicole Mitchell, 49, was arrested at a residence after police responded to a 911 call around 4:45 a.m. Monday, Detroit Lakes Police Chief Steven Todd told The Hill.

Mitchell was formally charged with one count of first-degree burglary, according to a complaint shared with The Hill and filed Tuesday...

The police found Mitchell, who was dressed in all black clothing and a black hat, in the basement of the house, according to the complaint. The complaint states Mitchell told officers the victim was her stepmother, who cut off contact from her and her family after Mitchell's father died.



Daniel Perry reacts after being sentenced to 25 years for the murder of Garrett Foster in Austin, Texas, on Wednesday May 10, 2023

Texas governor pardons Daniel Perry following murder conviction, restores his gun rights

(KXAN) - Texas Gov. Greg Abbott announced he granted a full pardon to the man convicted of shooting and killing a Black Lives Matter protester following a recommendation issued Thursday.

Abbott quickly signed a proclamation after the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles voted unanimously to grant a full pardon and restore gun rights to Daniel Perry, a former Army sergeant found guilty of murder by a jury in April 2023 and later sentenced to 25 years in prison.

In a statement Thursday, Abbott said, "The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles conducted an exhaustive review

of U.S. Army Sergeant Daniel Perry's personal history and the facts surrounding the July 2020 incident and recommended a Full Pardon and Restoration of Full Civil Rights of Citizenship. Among the voluminous files reviewed by the Board, they considered information provided by the Travis County District Attorney, the full investigative report on Daniel Perry, plus a review of all the testimony provided at trial. Texas has one of the strongest 'Stand Your Ground' laws of self-defense that cannot be nullified by a jury or a progressive District Attorney. I thank the Board for its thorough investigation, and I approve their pardon recommendation."

Ex-Marine charged with planning to kill White people in mass shooting: 'Erase them'

The Marines kicked Joshua Cobb, 23, out of the Corps just days ago. Now the FBI has arrested him for a plot to commit a murder spree targeting white Americans. Moreover, the US Attorney's office claims Cobb planned to do it in "gun-free" venues where he knew he'd face little to no likelihood of facing a good guy with a gun.

The former Marine wrote that he wanted to create "mayhem" in the white community close to an "important holiday to their race." It seems he was a particularly thoughtful lunatic. And while the

mainstream media have reported the story, few have keyed in on Cobb's intent to specifically target gun-free venues.





In Decatur, we had a Greener Harpoon Gun with a complete kit. A similar set up sold for \$8,050 at the Rock Island Auction house in 2017.

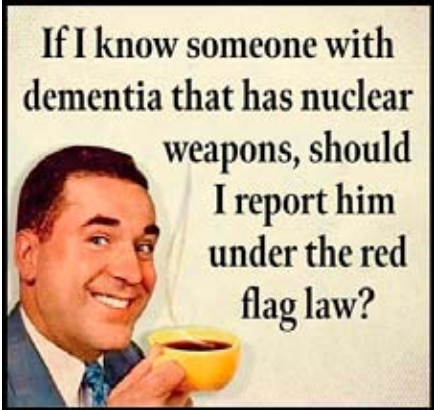
Apparently they've found enough gullible gun owners to pay for the mailings...
'Illinois Firearms Association' monthly fundraiser mailings don't miss a beat in April



(GSL) - The Dorr Brothers' "Illinois Firearms Association" continues to send out their monthly fundraising letters. Without missing a beat, their April letters joined the earlier ones trumpeting the danger of a mythical bill that we have yet to see. The only change? They're growing their database of gun own-

ers. Maybe they bought another list or three. We won't call them a scam or a bogus organization. We'll leave that to others. The Illinois Firearms Association is registered with the state. Whether they've actually set foot in the Illinois capitol complex is up for debate. They do have a burner phone, a website and a Facebook page. Oh, and a private mailbox at a UPS store in Peoria, IL.

PRO-TIP: Their mailings make good kindling. However, if you don't want to clutter up your wood-burning stove or fireplace over the summer, the landfill would make an appropriate resting place for these solicitations.



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