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Nicole Taylor, reigning Miss Quincy 2024.

Image by Isabelle Marie Photography in Quincy (soon to be Bloomington, IN).

New GSL Chapter!

Geneseo launches June 25th!

More on page 3.

CHICAGO MAYHEM

- 10 dead, 62 shot over Father's Day weekend in gang violence.
- Will it peak during the DNC Convention in August?
- Mayor wants another \$100M for failed 'violence prevention' programs

Chicago (GSL) - With summer weather finally here, Chicago celebrated Father's Day weekend with an impressive orgy of gang violence and mayhem. The final tally, per HeyJackass.com: 10 homicides, and a whopping 62 more maimed by gunfire.

Included among the many incidents were multiple "mass shootings" - all gang-related.

Gangs drive much of the so-called "gun violence" in America, particularly in urban areas. Even US Attorney General Merrick Garland acknowledged this back in May that gangs and repeat offenders drive the "gun

violence" in America.

But Chicago's Mayor doesn't want to talk about gang violence or repeat offenders.

Instead, he wants more "investments" in the same failed policies and programs that have given his city the moniker Murder City, USA.

The Johnson "plan" calls for \$100 million more for violence prevention, massive youth employment and 400 new civilian police positions. Of course, arresting, prosecuting and incarcerating gang members shooting up the city is nowhere to be found in his so-called "plan."

Moreover, the media doesn't report that "violence prevention" programs include paying gang members and other "justice-impacted individuals" \$200 per day to "interrupt" violence before it happens. Yes, \$52,000 per year for those "working" five-day workweeks, to supposedly mediate gang beefs before they turn violent.

Illinois already pays between \$200M and \$300 million annually on so-called "violence prevention" programs.

Clearly they're working so well.

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July 2024

- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **June 26**, July 31, August 28
Eagles Club, 3535 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **June 30**, July 28, No August Meeting (Labor Day)
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights
Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **July 1**, August 5, No Sept. meeting (Labor Day)
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **July 2**, August 6, September 3
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **July CANCELLED**, August 7, September 4
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (*Program at 6:45pm*)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **July 11** (*moved to 2nd Thursday in July*), August 1, Sept. 5
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Danville:** Second Monday **July 8**, August 12, September 9
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **July 9**, August 13, September 10
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **July 10**, August 14, September 11
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.
- **Mattoon:** Second Thursday: **July 11**, Aug. 8, Sept. 12 ****New Location****
The American Legion Post 88, 1903 Maple Ave, Mattoon
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **July 18**, August 15, September 19
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St. Utica
- **Geneseo:** Last Tuesday: **Inaugural meeting June 25**, July 30, August 27
VFW Post 5083, 223 S. State St, Geneseo

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 6 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.
Come on out and join us. Good food, good fun and good friends.
Dinner is optional but we encourage attendees to eat to support the venue.

Meetings are free and open to all.



Longtime IDNR Wingshooting instructor Terry Doyle talks wingshooting skills in Rantoul. She was joined by Chuck and Mary Ellen Stites.



Eddie Kimble from the EDK Training Center near Pawnee spoke at SCHEELS.



Scopes: Night vision, IR, and Thermal

Chad Berck: Owning the night

Chad Berck shared presentations on owning the night at our Pontiac and Danville locations, complete with images and videos. He also brought a number of scopes and setups on a couple of rifles that work quite nicely for him.

Right now in Illinois, if you're hunting coyotes or other animals that might be hunting you back, some sort of optic that allows you to see in the dark makes a huge difference in making effective hits.

What's more, technology keeps improving by leaps and bounds, while prices continue to plummet as more and more gun owners embrace these sights. Chad made the analogy that twenty years ago, these scopes were like your old CRT TV sets. Then the newer digital ones came along, and then HD TVs and their resolution and now we're at the 4K level of resolution and detail at prices mere mortals can afford.

He also said that feral hogs will soon be migrating into Illinois, so there will be even more opportunities to have fun putting one of these gizmos to use while having a whole lot of recreational fun.

These sights come in three flavors.

There's the old IR scopes that rely in infrared spotlights to see the intended targets. These work just fine for four-legged varmints but if you're using the gun defensively against two-legged predators, especially those who might have some sort of nightvision, your IR emitter will stand out like a beacon in the night - as well as anyone using an IR scope in passive mode (without emitting an IR source).

Then there's night vision that relies on starlight and/or moonlight to "see" in the dark. These are very nice and have come a long way in sensitivity.



Thermal scopes see heat.

The newer type are the thermal scopes that "see" heat signatures. These truly are cutting edge. They don't reveal your position yet they allow you to see even the smallest of animals at quite a long distance away with the better (more modern) units. The higher the resolution of the scope, the greater its effective range at identifying a potential target.



The latest units to hit the market, based upon Chinese intellectual property theft of America's newest military sights are the hybrid sights. They incorporate nightvision and thermal in addition to a "red dot" type scope.

Holosun has one out right now. It was released earlier this year at \$1600 and is now already selling for \$1200 or less.

Berck noted how we reported on it in a recent issue of *GunNews*. The downside to it is the relatively poor resolution which

limits its effective range to a couple of hundred yards. For hogs and 'yotes, that's probably plenty.



However, if you're patient, there will be a higher resolution version coming out very soon priced at about \$2300.

Entry level versions of the IR, night vision and thermal are available for \$600-800. These will usually have options to change your color schemes to green or red to keep you from wrecking your eyeball's "night vision" while using the scope. Chad says walking with only one functional eye may lead to disorientation.

Bluetooth, wifi, lasers and other tech add-ons will do some really neat stuff for you, including interfacing with your phones and other gadgets but they will bump your out-of-pocket cost to \$1500-2000 for lower end units (which are still pretty darn respectable).



Higher resolutions enable target identification at greater distances, but that comes at a price, like everything. Also, pricier units come in smaller packages (see the \$15000 X-27 above). You can spend \$5k - 25k on one of these scopes depending on how fancy you want to make it.



Keith P. won a 10/22 in Mattoon and Larry P. won the 50/50. Congrats to both.



From left, Gregg won the Beretta APX pistol, another Greg won the 50/50 and Dick Brandt our Champaign Co. Regional Director.



Larry P. won the gun in Danville.



John won the gun in Peoria. He's pictured with Richard Parks, our Peoria Regional Director.



Wayward Son Custom Guns Youtube personality John Drummond spoke in Decatur.



Decatur.



Mike won in Pontiac. Congrats!



Norm and the "Can Cannon" in Springfield.



REMAIN VIGILANT

Terror attacks will happen in America again... maybe sooner than later... and they may be large, coordinated attacks.

by John Boch

Biden's wide-open border policy has left America wide open to infiltration by our nation's enemies. While most illegals just show up and say the magic words to get in, plenty more are the "gotaways" - the ones we don't know who they are or their backgrounds. We also don't know what they brought with them.

There's no shortage of surveillance videos showing border-crossers armed with rifles and backpacks loaded to the gills. While we don't know if that's fentanyl, coke or hand grenades inside the pack, we probably don't want whatever it is.

Estimates put the number of Hamas and Hezbollah sleeper cell terrorists living in America at between 3800 and 38,000 depending on the source. If even 10% of the cells actually heed the orders to attack, that represents a whole lot of 4-man teams.

These sleeper cells, if activated will attack America's most vulnerable. Given the paucity of good guys with guns in Illinois (and the bevy of "gun free" zones), it stands to reason the Land of Lincoln could serve as ground zero. So don't think because you live in America's heartland that "someone else, somewhere else" will have to deal with these attacks.

They will strike soft targets like schools, day-cares, hospitals and shopping centers. They will likely live-stream the carnage just as they did in the October 7th attacks in Israel, attempting to terrorize most Americans and shutting down our economy.



A video Hamas live-streamed on October 7th shows an Israeli girl hiding under a desk before they shot her to death, live on air.

That's right: they'll broadcast their terror attacks as they massacre innocents and rape and sodomize boys, girls and adult women. If that's not scary enough, just wait until they hit hotels and apartment complexes, and maybe even sporting events.

Attacks upon infrastructure will probably plunge large swaths of America into darkness. Other strikes may leave people without internet, phones or even clean running water. Fuel and food may become in short supply if trucks can't or won't run because of terror threats or damaged bridges and railways.

How do you prepare for this? Aside from having basic supplies for your family, you can't, really. Maintain your situational awareness in public. If you find yourself in a Walmart and the shooting starts, don't follow the herd towards the front door where those emerging may be shot down like fish in a barrel. Go out a fire exit with your family. If you're at a mall, use the service exits at the back of the stores. If you see something or someone suspicious, call 911 right away. And lastly, always be carrying. Always. Be. Carrying. The life you save can be your own.

Cartels.

And then there are the thugs from the drug cartels.

One of my friends, a travelling nurse, is working a gig in Arizona at the moment. He's been to the border and he's treated cartel members getting the specialized treatment that this fellow provides.



The border wall in Arizona.

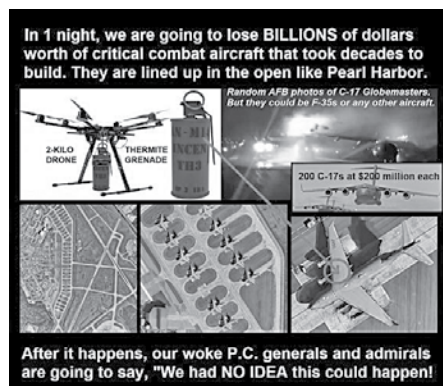
The cartel guys he knows have bragged about the toys they play with on both sides of the border. While my friend dismissed the guy's claims initially, the guy pulled up the videos of him and his cartel buddies playing with their toys. Full auto guns, fragmentation grenades, .50 caliber Browning Machine Guns, and a couple of AT-4 anti-tank munitions. While they have the AT-4s for taking out the competition's up-armored vehicles, they wouldn't hesitate to use them against American law enforcement.



Moral of the story: give cartel boys a wide berth. They're probably not going to be attacking innocents for the fun of it but if they are and you have a chance, shoot 'em in the face and expect more to show up.

State-sponsored attacks.

We know there are no shortage of Chinese spies and agents here. They're going to be more interested in US military facilities than infrastructure... initially at least.



Off-the-shelf drone tech would allow bad guys to fly weaponized drones onto America's air bases and take out large, expensive aircraft. Hence why some folks are raising alarm bells at the Chinese purchasing land near American Air Force bases.

The bottom line... keep your eyes and ears open when you're out in public. And *always* be carrying.

MEETING UPDATES!

Last Tuesday meeting at VFW Post 5083 in Geneseo

Join us in 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!



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.

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!

Peoria's July meeting will take place after all!

Ordinarily, Peoria's meeting would happen on the first Thursday of the month - or July 4th this year. 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. See you there!

Sangamon County's September meeting cancelled

Looking way ahead, the September Sangamon County GSL meeting will not take place as the first Monday falls on the Labor Day holiday.

Can't make it to a meeting? Still want to win a gun?

Tickets are available!



GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

Chicago June: Tisas 1911 .45
Chicago July: Taurus TX22 compact
Peoria July: TBD
Peoria August: Fiocchi 9mm FMJ 1000 rounds
Decatur August: Taurus 605 Poly .357
Decatur September: Winchester 9mm 1000 rounds FMJ
Pontiac July: 1000rds Fiocchi 9mm
Pontiac August: Ruger 10-22 synthetic
Pontiac September: Tisas 1911 .45 ACP
Pontiac October: Sig P365 bonus pack
Rantoul July: PSA Dagger Compact 9mm
Rantoul August: Ermox Defense 12 ga pump (a PAIR)
Rantoul September: Ruger LCP Max
Rantoul October: PSA Dagger Compact 9mm (FDE)
Charleston June: Ruger Max 9
Charleston June: TBD
Charleston September: 1000 rounds Scorpio .223 FMJ
Sangamon July: Taurus 605 .357

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
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Clinton, IL 61727

Executive Director's Report

We've come a long way

by John Boch
GSL Executive Director

Guns Save Life's predecessor organization began 31 years ago with eight people meeting in the basement of a restaurant in Urbana.

That organization focused primarily on Champaign County. The founding members attracted other quality people and the group grew and expanded its influence. Today we have thousands of members in over three dozen states and we meet in a dozen cities.

As one of those who participated in some of those basement meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, I can attest that we did it not with grand designs of changing the world, but simply to push back locally against those who advocate for victim disarmament and gun control schemes.

None of those present would have ever dreamed that Guns Save Life would, in thirty years, have a landmark legal challenge sitting in conference in front of the US Supreme Court. If it's accepted and we get the decision we anticipate, it would end the practice of gun and magazine bans by anti-gun politicians across the nation.

Just ponder that for a moment. GSL has enjoyed an incredible success trajectory. There are groups who have been around for a hundred years who haven't achieved those sorts of results defending your right to acquire and possess the most effective self-defense tools on the market for you to defend you and your family.

We partnered with Gun Owners of America, the Illinois gun dealers group FFL-IL, the Aurora Sportsman's Club (the largest range in Illinois) and others to give Governor JB Pritzker a massive, humiliating setback for his elitist, globalist agenda.

But wait! That's not all!



In state court, we as GSL have a July 30th date for oral arguments in our challenge to Illinois' FOID scheme. No matter who wins this one, I can all but guarantee it will be appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court.

Unfortunately, given how JB Pritzker effectively owns the state's highest court, my Magic 8-Ball doesn't have high hopes for them getting it right. I look for Pritzker's political hack jurists to engage in legal gymnastics to come up with a weak sauce reason why the FOID scheme is compatible with "Shall NOT be infringed."

I'm pretty sure the US Supreme Court would disagree with that tortured logic.

And that's why we must elect the only candidate running for President who will defend our gun rights, instead of the guy who pledges to take our guns when he's not threatening to kill us with F-15s.

Chicago's descent

The Windy City continues its decline under the so-called "leadership" and failed policies of Mayor "Let's Go" Brandon Johnson, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, Chief Judge Timothy Evans and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. These political clowns do their level best every day to help the formerly great and beautiful Chicago devolve into a third-world hellhole of violent crime and chaos. Twenty years ago, there were "safer" neighborhoods in Chicago. Safer neighborhoods are now a thing of the past.



The Democratic National Convention is coming to town August 19-22. Despite the best efforts of many, I join the multitude who predict it will become a poop show worthy of extra popcorn. Will the media be able to "cover" the crime and chaos story? Or will they cover it with a pillow until it stops moving? Or will some of the media find themselves on the wrong end of Chicago's crime culture and actually report on it?

Will the radical lunatics from every fringe lunatic group you can think of (and plenty more you've never heard of) be successful maximizing disruption, chaos and anarchy during the DNC? Will the media capture some memorable images or video that will go viral? Will the media beclown themselves with headlines about "mostly peaceful" riots, looting and arson? Time will tell.

One thing is certain: make sure you watch from afar. Common sense demands prudent people will not to travel anywhere near the event or your safety will be very much at risk. If you live or work nearby, that's a great week to go on vacation far away.

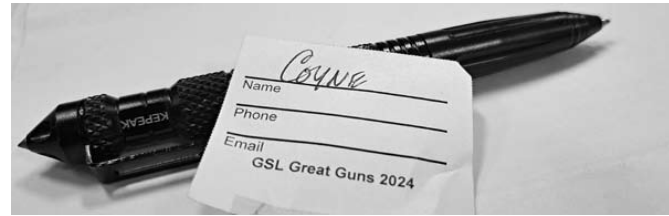
Given the potential for mayhem and chaos, I'm encouraging people not to get within a quarter tank of gas of the United Center during that period of time. Okay, maybe an eighth of a tank, but you get the idea.

Along the same lines, those flirting with attending July's RNC event in Milwaukee would be wise to reconsider. There's obviously an elevated risk of attacks upon the RNC's delegates and others given how Biden's Secret Service is limiting the security buffer there to a single block.

The General Assembly

The Bad Idea Factory in Springfield (credit to Chris Miller for the term) has left for the summer. Praise the Lord. Even better, save some sort of crisis, they won't return until after the election in November.

Gun owners escaped mostly unscathed, but look for the radical gun haters to revisit some gun control bills in either the veto session or more likely in the lame duck session when the lame ducks will face zero consequences for their votes.



Congratulations to John Coyne!

Coyne wins Great Guns 2024 M1A Scout Squad

We held the drawing for Great Guns 2024 at the Mattoon-Charleston GSL regional meeting in June. We met at our new home, the American Legion Post 88. One of our regulars volunteered to draw the winning ticket from a massive drum chock full of stubs. He pulled the ticket pictured above belonging to John Coyne.



Congrats to Mr. Coyne from our Northwest Chicagoland region. He bought the winning ticket the night before at that meeting.

At May's Board of Director's meeting, GSL's board voted unanimously to send the entirety of profits from Great Guns 2024 to our legal team fighting the Pritzker gun and magazine ban.

Furthermore, the board voted to hold a second Great Guns 2024 drawing with all of the net proceeds from that also going to the attorneys. We have yet to finalize our selection of a gun but the leading contender is another M1A Scout Squad to further poke the governor in the eye over his arbitrary gun ban.



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See Calendar for Shoots & Events (p. 22)

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Great news! Everyone gets three free traffic violations per year!

Traffic violation bill goes to governor

(The Center Square) – A bill that passed the Illinois General Assembly will allow traffic violators to get three unpaid traffic tickets per year before they have their license suspended.

After backlash earlier this year, state Rep. Justin Slaughter didn't move forward with a controversial traffic stop bill that would have prohibited officers from pulling over individuals caught speeding up to 25 miles per hour over the posted speed

limit. However, Slaughter pushed through a different, more watered down, traffic bill in House Bill 277. Slaughter, D-Chicago, said the current law is unfair to violators and causes problems for them keeping their jobs.

State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Harrisburg, warned if the proposed bill becomes law, there's no incentive for violators to pay their tickets and that will be problematic for local governments.

'Transparency? We don't need no stinkin' transparency!'

Illinois State Police spent a whopping \$237,316.47 settling FOIA lawsuits

(Edgar County Watchdogs) – After our recent settlement of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), case against the Illinois State Police resulted in our obtaining the requested records and over \$20,600.00 being paid to our attorney, I was curious how many other FOIA cases resulted in settlements for attorney fees. (\$20,622.93 Settlement)

I submitted a FOIA to the ISP for all settlement agreements for FOIA cases in the last 5 years. The results are astonishing:



Sixteen FOIA case settlements in the last 5 years costing the taxpayers \$237,316.47.

Six of those settlements were with our organization

in the last 5 years accounting for \$82,016.78 being paid to our attorney.

The average expense to the taxpayer per case – \$14,832.27.

While we understand each case may have different facts, it's clear the ISP needs to rethink how it handles requests for public records as there are no excuses for this amount of money being spent in efforts to withhold public records.

Do you think she ever had the best interests of the little people back home at heart?

Top Democrat Cheri Bustos registers to lobby for Chinese Communist Party-tied Gotion

(Washington Free Beacon) - Former top Democratic Rep. Cheri Bustos quietly registered as a lobbyist to represent a controversial Chinese Communist Party-tied green energy company rapidly expanding in Michigan and her home state of Illinois, state and federal lobbying disclosures reviewed by the Washington Free Beacon reveal. Bustos registered to lobby on behalf of Gotion Inc.

Awaiting the governor's signature

Criminals in Illinois to be rebranded as 'Justice-impacted individuals'

Chicago (NewsNation) — Illinois lawmakers passed a bill to change the term "offender" in state law to "justice-impacted individual."

While it's unclear when or if the bill will be signed into law by Gov. JB Pritzker, House Bill 4409 passed by a 34-20 vote Tuesday.

What is Illinois House Bill 4409?

HB 4409 would amend the Illinois Crime Reduction Act of 2009 to change "references from 'offenders' to 'justice-impacted individuals,'" according to a summary of the bill...

After the Illinois State House of Representatives passed the bill 68-40 in April, Illinois State Rep. Kelly Cassidy, D-Chicago, said people shouldn't be defined by their worst day.

"So, carrying a label of offender for life does not seem appropriate for a system in which we intend to return people to full participation in society," Cassidy said.

[Editor: If she only cared so much about the victims of these violent-offenders justice-impacted individuals.]

UWU changed to 'Unlawful Possession', 'Persistent Unlawful Possession of a Weapon' changed to 'unlawful possession of a firearm by a repeat felony-offender justice impacted individual'

More de-stigmatizing from the General Assembly

(The Center Square) – The Illinois Legislature continues to change the definitions of things in the context of criminal charges by approving a measure Saturday changing the name of the charge for illegal possession of a firearm.

In January, state Rep. Kam Buckner, D-Chicago, filed

House Bill 4500 to change various firearm possession charges to get away from being labeled unlawful use of a firearm charges. He argued in a committee earlier this year that some of those who are charged and convicted with being illegally in possession of a firearm but not using it in the commission of another crime were charged with

unlawful use which carries a negative stigma.

In the Senate, another amendment was approved that changes the name of the offense of "persistent unlawful possession of a weapon" to "unlawful possession of a firearm by a repeat felony offender." It passed unanimously in the Senate Wednesday.

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Don't let illegals vote your gun rights away
Save our elections: Pass the SAVE Act!

By Nancy Hayes
 Illinois Freedom Alliance Election Integrity Chair

Illegals voting in elections. And by extension, they are casting ballots imperiling your right to keep and bear arms. How did we get here, you ask?

We got here with a series of well-meaning laws, passed by Congress. As people sometimes say, the road to Hell is paved with good intentions. And good intentions in this case started with the NVRA – National Voter Registration Act in 1993 supposedly to “enhance voting opportunities for EVERY American.”

After that came the HAVA – Help America Voter Act followed by the HAVV – Help America Voter Verification system. While they did verify ID, neither verified citizenship.

In 2013, our U.S. Supreme Court voted 7-2, states could NOT reject a federal form for voter registration that does not require documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC) in order to vote in a federal election. It only requires a box to be checked under penalty of perjury attesting that the applicant is a citizen. What could possibly go wrong? Especially when it comes to people already committing a felony merely coming into the USA without going through our immigration system.

Meanwhile in Illinois we had “Automatic Voter Registration” signed into law in 2017 by then Governor Bruce Rauner. It automatically registered people to vote when they applied for or renewed a state driver’s license of state ID.

Our illustrious Governor Pritzker then made the Prairieland State the first state in the Midwest to enact the Immigrant Tenant Protection Act. Pritzker claimed, “We’re making Illinois the first state in the Midwest to protect our immigrant tenants.” He went on to add, “Here in Illinois we are, and always will be, a welcoming state.”

Isn't it nice to know Pritzker has set our priorities straight? He's welcoming criminals, not productive citizens!

And despite claims that it could never happen, they are already getting registered to vote. For instance, in 2020, our then Secretary of State Jesse White admitted that at just a single one of his driver’s facility offices, hundreds of noncitizens were “accidentally” registered as voters due to a “programming error.” Accidentally? Seriously? Get REAL!

How many were registered at the 40+ other facilities during this time or since then?

No worries though. The same people who told us to “trust the science” about masking and vaccinations during COVID are now telling us to trust them that voter registration “problems” have been fixed for the upcoming November election.

Then we have the data from HAVV from this year in the SAVE (Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements). If you followed the data for Illinois for just this year, it showed between January and March, about 9,000 voters registered whose IDs didn't match what was in the system. Oops.

Of course, when various conservatives started questioning the data, the data was removed and no longer reported on the SAVE website. How convenient!

In addition, in 2021 Pritzker signed legislation which replaced “Temporary Visitor’s DL” with 4-year licenses. Fantastic! Now all illegals will get a permanent driver’s license. Those DLs could certainly be used to “help” illegal aliens in registering to vote *and* to apply for a FOID card to later buy a gun. What could possibly go wrong?



In 2022 alone, our state lost 364,000 voters. That's 364,000 American citizens who moved emigrated to “friendlier” states for employment opportunities, lower taxes and/or better schools.

But no worries! Pritzker had done his best to replace those productive Americans with as many illegal aliens as possible. What's more, Democrats like Pritzker welcome these illegal immigrants with open arms and benefits like free housing, free healthcare, free phones, free food, free legal services, free education and much more. Why wouldn't these illegals then vote for the political party that gives them everything for free?

To pay for it, Team Pritzker passed the biggest ever budget - \$53 billion (with a “b”)! No worries though - only \$1 billion goes directly to illegals... so far. That works out to \$197 per household in taxes. Think about that as you're writing your next check to the Illinois Department of Revenue. Billions more indirectly will go to supporting the illegals.

It's time to pass the SAVE ACT - Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act! As Americans who want to preserve our Constitution and our principles that our country was founded on, we should require documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote and to put an end to this voter replacement program that radical Democrats continue to nurture.



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DON'T BE WITHIN A QUARTER TANK OF GAS OF THE DNC

Despite \$75M in taxpayer-funded security, violence is coming to DNC, officials fear

(Daily Caller) - A chaotic confluence during the upcoming Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Chicago is imminent, potentially leading to serious violence that could spill out into the suburbs, officials told the Daily Caller.

Over 70 organizations have joined a coalition called “March on the DNC” and plan to protest President Joe Biden for being “complicit in the genocide” of Palestinians, a spokesperson for the group told Time Magazine. Despite the federal government granting \$75 million to the city for security measures, Democratic Chicago Alderman Raymond Lopez told the Daily Caller that the incoming gatherings are “raising some serious

concerns.”

“Individuals are not coming here to peacefully protest. They’re coming here so that they can take home the badge of honor being pelted by a police officer’s weapon, or some sort of mark of shame to take home and say, ‘Look, this is my bruise. This is my broken arm. This is my cracked head from Chicago because I was there fighting and leading the resistance,’” Lopez said.

“When you have Democratic Socialist members of the city council and other individuals openly advocating for people to organize without permits, to organize protests and counter protests and to be prepared to make this greater than 1968, which

was one of the darkest chapters in our city’s history, politically, we have to be prepared for anything.”

The 1968 DNC in Chicago saw tens of thousands of demonstrators sweep the city’s streets to protest the Vietnam War.

Police and protesters clashed at a scene that History described as “unrestrained bloodshed and chaos.” At the time, only one of the many protest groups who applied for a permit to rally in the city’s Lincoln Park was given one. Thousands showed up anyway.

This year’s convention could be marred by similar defiance.

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

by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member



Put a DOT on it

For years I was reluctant to put a red dot optic on a pistol. There were just too many downsides, real and potential, I thought. The battery wouldn't last long enough. And when it did run out, it would be at precisely the moment I truly needed it to function – not at the range, but in a self-defense situation.

Then there was the optic itself. Everyone's eyes are different. And when I tried red dot equipped pistols owned by friends, my particular eyes just didn't pick up the red, plus the dot was either too small or too large. Finally, the cost was just too high, often easily half the cost of a modern defensive firearm – or more.

But I've now opened my eyes to recent developments. The phrase "optics ready" has become almost as prevalent on new pistols as the phrase "Picatinny rail" is on rifles. And even an old guy, like me, can see their major advantage – they are so easy to use. Just put the dot on the target and pull the trigger. That's faster than iron sights that require you to line up the target, the front sight, and the rear sight. (For those of you that put Wyatt Earp to shame, and you really don't need any stinkin' sights to hit your intended target at any range, skip the rest of this. For the other 99.7%, including me, keep reading.)

But there's another key advantage. Front sights can be pretty big. Even the smaller ones can still obscure targets, more so at greater distances. A smaller dot makes it easier to see the target, and if a target is easier to see, it is easier to hit.

Or not to hit! The truly great shooter knows when not to shoot. Like if the perp coming toward you wasn't really a perp, but you couldn't see enough of him before you

pulled the trigger and it was some truly innocent person. Individual citizens don't get to claim collateral damage.



Take the Holosun HE 307C-GR X2 (pictured above) for example. It weighs almost nothing. 1.5 ounces. It's a green optic, not a red, and for me I see green much, much better. It's actually three optics. You can go with just the 2 MOA green dot. Or press a little button and change that to a 32 MOA green circle with four small tics on it at the 12, 3, 6 and 9 o'clock positions. Or press the little button again and your third option is the green dot in the center of the green circle. You'll find the one you like, and you might like different options for various types of shooting you do. You can also change optic brightness to one of 12 settings.

The sight uses a CR1632 battery that you can get almost anywhere, Walmart, CVS, etc., for just a few bucks. Battery life is claimed at 50,000 hours, which seems incredibly high, some 5.9185 years! Perhaps it's that long, as you can have it go into sleep mode if it isn't moving. And it has a feature called shake-awake, which turns it on by movement, so you don't have to fumble around in a tense situation.

There's one more failsafe, too. In natural light, or bright artificial light, it's tiny "solar panels" will power up the optic! But always have a spare battery.

Using the dot inside the circle, because it has up-down and left-right zeroing screws, with a HYSKORE sighting rest I could shoot

all rounds of Speer 40-grain Gold Dot Personal Protection ammunition inside a one-inch circle. At 50 feet. Magnification is 1. So that means no enlargement. That's good. Many shooters starting with red/green dots believe they need to focus on the dot when in reality, they need to focus on the target. You must look through the optic. Shooting with both eyes open, your binocular vision allows you to use this shooting method.

I turned the optic off and shot the pistol just looking through the sight window, in case of a catastrophic failure. It wasn't nearly as accurate, but could do in a pinch. For me and this particular Walther, I tilted the barrel up and down until I could see the top of the front sight, because the rear sight is blocked. Put the top of the front sight on the center of the target and all rounds hit 4-6 inches straight up but not in a tight group.

It's still expensive. Generally half the price of a Trijicon RMR.



Trijicon RMR.

Bullet Trap can order easy. Box says it has a 3 year warranty. Not being a lawyer, can't comment on how easy, or not, it is to return if you have problems. What weapon will you mount the optic on? Many gun manufacturers now include several different adapter plates – as did the Walther mentioned above – to ensure that you can mount most mainstream red/green dot options. But what about mounting it on something you already have? That may take a gunsmith to at least give you some cost options. And maybe do the work, so you don't butcher it up.

Regardless of how compact, for concealed carriers, optics make the gun a bit larger and bulkier. So you have to plan ahead. But that's the fun part – getting smart on the tools you have or plan to acquire. Because the best tool you have in your toolbox is not your pistol, or any type of sight. It is your brain and your ability to think.

Mattoon American Legion Post 88

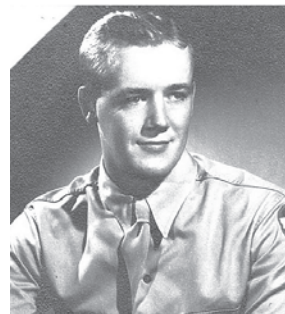
American heroes then and now

Guns Save Life's Charleston region found itself homeless after the abrupt closure of the Unique Conference Center that we had called home for many years. Mattoon's American Legion Post 88 didn't hesitate to welcome us. Located next to the Eagles Club, the Legion boasts a modern facility dedicated to our nation's servicemen and women. On the night of our first meeting, we learned of how a former post commander there was a foxhole buddy of the father of one of our GSL members. Here's the story.

by Col. French MacLean, USA retired

For almost 250 years, millions of American heroes have fought at home and overseas to defend America, Americans and the ideals of the Constitution.

This is one of them, Private First Class Kenny Seaman from Mattoon, IL.



Kenny Seaman.

A rifleman in World War II, he fought in the hell of the Hürtgen Forest (where 33,000 American soldiers became casualties), Merode Castle, and the Battle of the Bulge.

Wounded in the hand, he spent six weeks in a hospital and then returned to his unit at the front for the rest of the war. They made 'em tough in those days.

After the war, he returned to Mattoon

and later became the post commander of American Legion Post 88 there; Ken passed away in 2007.



Today, other American heroes in Guns Save Life, also supporting the ideals of the Constitution, now hold a monthly meeting at this post. And in one of those strange incidents of fate, a GSL member from Decatur and who has attended those meetings in Mattoon, has just written a book about Kenny's unit, called *Dying Hard: Company B, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th US Infantry Division in WWII*.

In the last eleven months of the war, that small unit received 453 Purple Hearts and won 26 Silver Stars. And why did he write about Kenny?

Because Kenny was the foxhole buddy of the author's father, Mac. While their fight was then, our fight is now.

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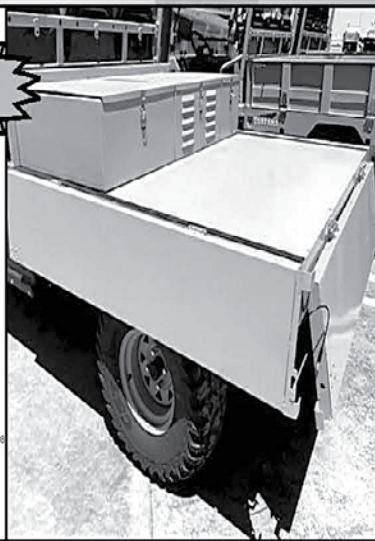
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This is my rifle, this is my gun

Study debunks stereotype that gun owners are compensating... for something

(GSL/TTAG) - It remains a sad, bigoted trope that men dissatisfied with the size of their sex organs tend to own guns to compensate. We know that's BS. After all, why would any guy buy or carry a snubnosed revolver if he was compensating for short-penis syndrome? A new study debunks that long-held myth – primarily held by those who don't understand or appreciate the proven benefits of firearm ownership.



The academics conducting the study found evidence that not only failed to support small-minded stereotypes, but just the opposite. Men happy and satisfied with their "equipment" tend to like to own guns. And men unhappy or dissatisfied with their twig tend not to own guns.



What makes the study's results even more delicious has to do with the anti-gun snowflakes who funded it. "Change the Ref" paid for the study. Change the Ref reportedly "uses urban art and nonviolent creative confrontation to expose the disastrous effects of the mass shooting pandemic."

So, you have a study paid for by people who dislike gun ownership and presumably gun owners as well trying to tie bigoted old tropes to reality. How sad and pathetic.

How big was the difference between happy and dissatisfied? Roughly 11% less probability of owning a gun for each step lower in penis size satisfaction.

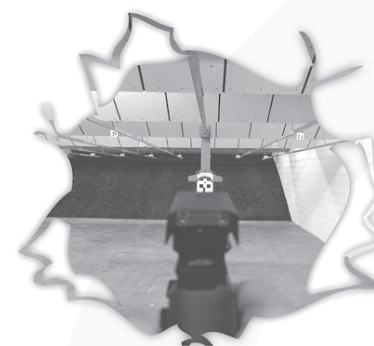
So ladies, as if you needed another reason to seek out good men who can act as protectors of their loved ones with something more effective than a stern word and a carton of soy milk, see this study in the *American Journal of Men's Health*. Then go seek out men who appreciate the many proven benefits of firearm ownership.

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Litigation update

by John Boch



The PICA gun ban challenge

The GSL/GOA/FFL-IL/ASC et al case challenging Pritzker's gun and magazine ban has been consolidated with a number of other similar lawsuits in the Southern District of Illinois. It looks as though we have a court date of September 16th for the oral arguments.

Given that Judge McGlynn has shown a favorable view of our case when he granted injunctive relief last summer, I anticipate a similar ruling this time through, especially after SCOTUS dropped the *Cargill* decision that clarifies that AR-15s are not machine guns and cannot be treated as such arbitrarily.

Either way, the losing party will appeal to the

Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and we will appear in front of the same three judge panel thanks to "judicial economy" practiced by the courts.

Writ of Certiorari appeal to SCOTUS

At the same time we've have a *writ of certiorari* application pending with the US Supreme Court asking them to review the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals decision from last fall. SCOTUS has had that one in conference for about six weeks now and has not taken any action. Some speculate they are waiting for the *Rahimi* case to drop. I'm not convinced of any grand strategy, but I do know we are running out of the month of June and the end of this term.

The SCOTUS crew will not return until the first Monday in October for the next term. I'm not sure if our pending appeal will carry over if it's not acted upon by the end of this term at the end of June.

Our current appeal, or *writ of certiorari* has four potential outcomes.

The vast, overwhelming majority of cert apps are **denied** without comment.

They could **relist** our case after discussing it in conference. Or maybe not discussing it, nobody knows. But every week our case isn't dismissed is a good sign.

SCOTUS could "**GVR**" our case... *grant certiorari*, *vacate* the lower court decision and *remand* it back to the lower court for a "re do." Unfortunately, there are some really big egos on that Seventh Circuit panel that ruled against us. There's nothing to keep them from running up our legal bills then sitting on the case for months or even years before rendering a decision.

The best case outcome for us would be granting our petition and **putting us on the docket for next term**. That would give us a ruling by the end of June next year at the latest.

As much as I'd like to be optimistic, the federal courts have disappointed us time and time again.



Our FOID Challenge

Meanwhile, Guns Save Life's challenge to the FOIA Act, a suit that's been pending for five (?) years now, has a court date for July 30th for oral arguments.

That will be available to livestream or you can listen to it afterwards. Put your google skills to work searching for the link online.

This one will be appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court no matter who loses. Of course, JB Pritzker is owed millions of favors by two of the justices whose campaigns he largely funded during the last election cycle. If they do get stupid we will submit another *certiorari* application to SCOTUS on that case as well.

After all, how many states had FOIA cards in 1791?



Illinois Supreme Court hears case involving FOID card revocations following arrests

Springfield, IL (GSL) - The Illinois Supreme Court heard oral arguments in an appeal of a lower court decision that banned the Illinois State Police from revoking FOID cards merely for arrests. They have taken the case under advisement.

Thomas Maag scored the win for all FOID holders earlier this year in the case where the ISP revoked two mens' FOID cards following their arrest. They later pleaded guilty to a trivial misdemeanor and eventually their FOID cards were reinstated. However their case continued after the judge in the case struck down the policy of ISP as unconstitutional under the *Bruen* decision.

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ShotSpotter is racist? Not-so-organic 'protest' in Chicago.

Second City Cop weighs in on Brandon Johnson's opposition to ShotSpotter

(Second City Cop) - Conehead and the "progressives" issue isn't ShotSpotter itself, but rather that ShotSpotter is too good at pointing out that it's the minority criminals who are being outed by the technology. Numbers don't lie (though they can be manipulated) and the numbers in Chicago show that 95% of shooters are either black or brown.

Rather than address the social ills that lead to these horrendous numbers, "progressives" and lib-tards want the technology that shows they're constantly lying to be removed, even if that technology enables medical assistance to get to victims faster.

Gang violence, not gun violence. And why does Kim Foxx refuse to prosecute?

Feds take murder case after Kim Foxx refused to charge gang leader in killing

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — Nearly three years ago, Chicago police detectives asked the Cook County State's Attorney's Office to charge a high-ranking gang member with the murder of Chrys Carvajal, a 19-year-old National Guardsman who was visiting his family for a Fourth of July barbecue on the Northwest Side.

The prosecutors refused to sign off on the charges, citing insufficient evidence...

Federal prosecutors are now doing what their state counterparts would not. On Friday, the Chicago U.S. Attorney's Office announced that they have charged two Milwaukee Kings gang members with racketeering and murder in connection with Carvajal's death. One of the men charged is the same man Chicago police tried to charge with murder in 2021, according to a source...

Federal prosecutors said Matos and Roberson killed Carvajal to maintain and increase their positions within the street gang. If convicted of murder in aid of racketeering, they face mandatory life in prison, with the death penalty also being an option, federal officials said Friday.



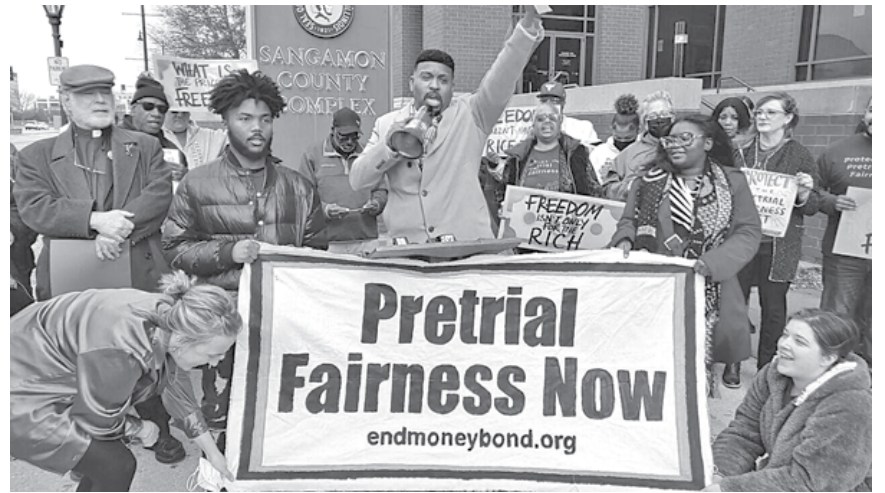
Chrys Carvajal, Soros-funded Kim Foxx.

'Incarceration' and 'street gangs' isn't mentioned More failed policies & programs to buy votes, not prevent crime

Mayor Johnson advocates for long-term 'investments' to tackle gun violence

Chicago (WGNTV) — Mayor Brandon Johnson says he's focused on long-term investments to help solve the city's ongoing issue with gun violence...

The Johnson administration safety plan includes \$100 million for violence prevention, massive youth employment and 400 new civilian police positions. But as the mayor implements his strategy, some city leaders have grown restless.

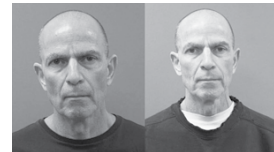


How's crime looking in Chicago?

Story #1 - Man charged with having a gun in an Uber — while on an ankle monitor for carjacking and gun possession Chicago (CWB Chicago)

- Late last year, we told you about Cedric Johnson, a man accused of carjacking and gun possession, after Judge William Fahy rejected the state's detention request and sent him home on electronic monitoring.

Last week, Johnson once again appeared before Fahy. Prosecutors said, still on electronic monitoring, he got caught with a gun while riding in an Uber. That still wasn't enough to convince Fahy to keep him in jail on the new allegations. Although the judge did agree to detain Johnson until the judge handling the carjacking case had a chance to review the matter.



John Kastanes. Shot the same man a second time after 'Pretrial Fairness' turned him loose with no bail after the first shooting.

Story #2 - Chicago man charged with shooting 69-year-old in October shot the victim again this week: prosecutors Chicago (CWB Chicago)

- A Northwest Side man charged last October with shooting a 69-year-old man was detained by a judge on Friday after prosecutors accused him of shooting the same man again this week.

John Kastanes, 64, is charged with attempted first-degree murder, aggravated battery by discharging a firearm, and aggravated battery in connection with the latest shooting.

Story #3 - Man shot 3 people outside Chicago bar while on felony pretrial release Chicago (CWB Chicago)

— Prosecutors have charged a Chicago man with shooting three people at a South Side bar in April while he was on pretrial release for a felony driving case. Marshone Copeland, 52, is the 13th person accused of shooting, killing, or trying to shoot or kill someone this year while on pretrial release. He is the third to be charged while on release under the SAFE-T Act's cashless bail system.

Copeland got into an argument with a 53-year-old man outside Odyssey II, 211 East Garfield, around 11:38 p.m. on April 5, officials said. During the altercation, Copeland allegedly pulled out a gun and shot the other man multiple times. Two other people were also shot, according to court records that detail the allegations.



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Reloading Steel

What? Reloading steel cases? Inaccurate? Unreliable? 'Impossible!' you say? Well hold my beer and watch this.

by Nick Klementzos

I've written before about the cost-effectiveness of shooting steel-cased ammo for fun and practice. In short, it makes practice and training a bit more affordable and has some other tremendous benefits.

Normally, this less expensive steel cased ammo comes from the former Eastern Bloc nations. They use Berdan priming which has two flash holes for the primer to ignite the powder. In the freedom-loving West, we have standardized the Boxer priming's simplicity of a single, central flash hole at the base of the cartridge.

Think of the primers as the spark plug that ignites the gun powder, creating extremely high pressure gas which pushes the bullet from the case, down the barrel to its target.

During the COVID fiasco, Winchester started making steel-cased, Boxer-primed 9mm Luger ammo domestically under the name USA Forged. I believe they started using steel as it is more abundant, less expensive and easier to get than traditional brass cartridge cases during the raw material shortages during COVID.

One huge advantage to shooting steel cartridge cases: they pick up very nicely with a magnet. And if you're like me, the older you get, the less you like bending over to pick up spent shell casings. Absent obedient friends named Rose, Florio and John, using a magnet to pick up spent cases is pretty sweet.

Why else? Steel is cheaper and stronger than brass. Then as an added bonus, you're embracing those insufferable woke tree-huggers

who demand recycling compliance.

Until USA Forged came along, reloading steel cartridge cases has never caught on and I'll tell you why: There was no easy way of dislodging a spend Berdan primer and replacing it.

Now that I have secured a supply of Boxer-primed steel cases, I decided to reload them and test the results for accuracy, reliability and convenience.

Here's my process for optimal results. I wash the cases with a touch of soap and give it a quick stir. After soaking for 15 minutes I stir once more for a few minutes. Then once draining off the water and rinsing, I spread them out a sheet pan to dry in my powder-coating electric oven. I bake my "cookies" at 275 degrees for 30 minutes to ensure they are nice and dry. It also prevents them from sitting wet and allowing rust to gain a foothold.

Once cooled, I spray them with a mixture of 10% lanolin and 90% alcohol. This protects from oxidation (rust) and aids resizing while the reloading process. From there, me and my jiggly buddies headed to my safe space (also known as my reloading room).

Using powder-coated 125 grain lead round nose bullets (cast in .357 diameter), I load them with Hodgdon Clays (3.4 grains).

Once reloaded it was time to have a range session for evaluation of the final product.

Using a multitude of common handguns that haven't been lost in boating accidents, I found all the pistols shot the steel cased reloaded ammunition without fail. Feeding, firing and ejection were

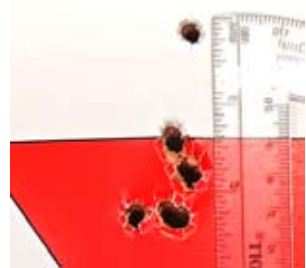
non-eventful when it came to reliability.



Accuracy came in on par with other brass factory and reloads.

So when all is said and done, the steel cases worked just as well as the brass.

Now will I be reloading steel cases in the future?



Steel reloads do just fine.

That depends, I don't see a shortage of empty brass 9mm cases for now but things may change. Rose, Florio & John may wise up.

Will commercial ammunition manufacturers switch to steel? I drought it for the foreseeable future.

My take away from this experiment is to not worry about old wives' tales of steel cased ammo being unreliable or inaccurate.

It's far more important that you continue to practice your shooting skills with whatever ammunition you can afford and have available.

Hope to see you on the range in the future.

SCOTUS strikes down 'Bump Stock' ban in Cargill case

(TTAG) - In another giant blow to gross executive overreach, the U.S. Supreme court earlier this morning struck down the bump stock ban instituted by the Department of Justice under the Trump Administration.

The vote on the matter was 6-to-3 in determining that the federal government was wrong to classify bump stocks as "machine guns."

In his opinion for the majority, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote what most people who understand and are familiar with firearms have been thinking all along.

"Semi-automatic firearms, which require shooters to reengage the trigger for every shot, are not machine guns," Justice Thomas wrote. "This case asks whether a bump stock—an accessory for a semi-automatic rifle that allows the shooter to rapidly reengage the trigger (and therefore achieve a high rate of fire)—converts the rifle into a 'machine gun.' We hold that it does not.

"A bump stock does not convert a semi-automatic rifle into a machine gun any more than a shooter with a lightning-fast trigger finger does."

Thomas further wrote: "We hold that a semi-automatic rifle equipped with

a bump stock is not a 'machine gun' because it cannot fire more than one shot 'by a single function of the trigger.' And, even if it could, it would not do so 'automatically. ATF therefore exceeded its statutory authority by issuing a Rule that classifies bump stocks as machine-guns."



Michael Cargill, an American hero!

The case, *Garland v. Cargill*, revolved around the bump stock ban instituted by the DOJ and ATF after a horrible mass murder in Las Vegas in 2017. While instituted by the Trump Administration, the Biden Administration has been defending the ban in court.

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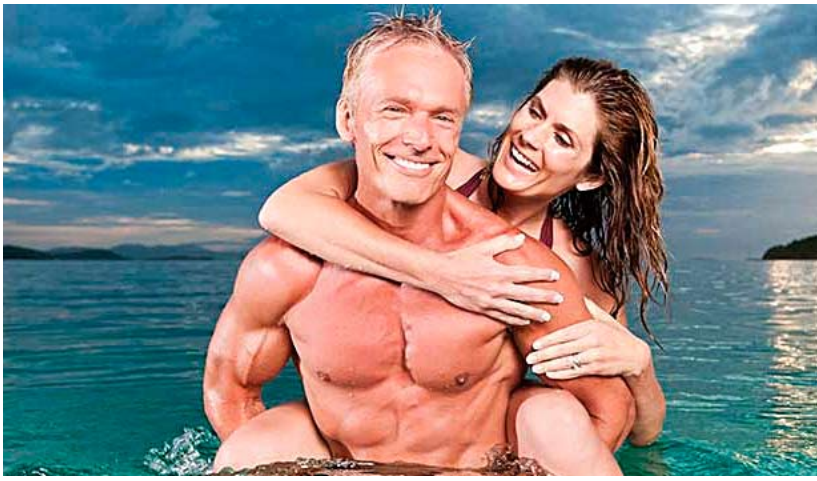
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Self-improvement

Testosterone Replacement Therapy UPDATE

Unhappy with loss of muscle, declining strength, a pear-shaped upper body, trouble concentrating, and inability to lose weight made me seek help. I'm so glad I did.

by John Boch

Three months ago, I wrote about my Testosterone Replacement Therapy treatment experience. I would characterize it as both incredibly positive and transformative for me.

It has potential for many men as they age and their bodies produce less and less testosterone with each passing year.

Moreover, when coupled with a moderately healthier diet and that dirty word called exercise, the results quickly compound. While I don't look like the guy in the featured photo above (yet), I'm well on my way. In short, I no longer feel like an old man. I'm stronger than ever before and feel like I'm in my 20s again, not the guy getting a senior citizen's discount at the local meat shop on Wednesdays. Side effects have been effectively non-existent, too.

Symptoms and treatment

For years, I have struggled with the effects of age - and I don't mean hair loss. Diminishing muscle tone and strength increasingly concerned me, as did the ever-growing pear-shaped upper body. I battled weight gain and chronic fatigue too.

My primary care physician tested me and my "T" came back the low end of "normal." As such my health insurance wasn't going to pay for treatments despite my symptoms.

So I went private pay and settled on Life Plus MD in Bloomington. They provide medical supervision, blood testing and guidance. On my end, I self-administer a single shot each week. The initial testing and consult was \$299 and the drugs, testing and medical supervision comes in at about \$175/month.

Nine months into it, I'm down 36 pounds and a pair of man-boobs. I now wear 32" pants, down from popping buttons open on 34" pants. My body fat has fallen from 28% before I started this to about 17% currently.

As far as diet goes, initially I slashed my calories by ditching fast food, sodas, candies and booze. My trainer (more on him in a moment) prodded me to start using the "My Fitness Pal" smart phone app to track my intake of food and calories. It's easier than it sounds and allowed me to refine my food intake appropriately.

I supplement my dietary proteins with soy-free protein powder mixes. Why soy-free? That soy in cheap protein powders metabolizes into estrogen. If you're a guy, the last thing you want is a lot of extra estrogen unless you want to kill your sperm, grow boobs and get all weepy watching the *Hallmark Channel*.

That dirty word: Exercise.

TRT doesn't magically create a better you. Just like eating better, you have to do some exercise to maximize your outcome!

For me that happens at the local Crunch gym four to six days a week. Around the first of April I started seeing a new personal trainer and he's proven incredible. Not only has he balanced me out by hitting muscle groups I didn't even know I had (and long neglected), he's steered me away from bad habits and a few older exercises to help me avoid injuries.

Turns out weight training is like shooting... people don't even know what they don't know. And personal trainers are like firearms instructors... some barely competent, most are average and a few are exceptionally skilled and can communicate well. I've had a half-dozen trainers over the last dozen years and this one puts the rest to shame.

In ten weeks of his help, not only has he helped greatly improve my range-of-motion but he's *dramatically* improved my posture with corrective routines, something I never dreamed exercise could do.

Under his tutelage I'm increasing "time under tension" in my reps while dramatically reducing the weight moved. I trusted that he knew what he was doing. The stunning results in the past ten weeks have proven far more impressive than what I'd done in all of the six months prior. If you're in or near Bloomington, his name is Kyle Seibert. He's worth the drive to Crunch in Normal.

Good technique with less weight builds muscle faster than you would ever think possible when you're on TRT. And no, moving more weight with poor technique doesn't build *more* muscle... it builds injuries.

Is this TRT for you?

It depends. If you're a guy in your 30s, 40s or older and you feel chronically fatigued, unable to lose weight or gain muscle tone, and/or have other "male" issues, talk with your health care provider about TRT. Get tested. You may have to go private pay and spend a couple hundred bucks a month but if you get even half the results I've gotten out of it, *you'll love the payoff*.

A stronger and healthier you will make you happier. It will allow you to more confidently navigate the world with greater strength, agility and productivity. It'll also help you live longer and make you harder to kill.

What are you waiting for?

Home Invasion 101

Your home is your castle. Act like it.

by Sheriff Jim Wilson
(Shooting Illustrated) - The simple fact is that most home invasions can be defeated. Why, then, you might ask, are so many occurring all across the country? The primary reason is because too many people are uninformed and unprepared. As with other aspects of the defensive lifestyle, what is needed is a few changes in procedures and the forming of some defensive habits.



Speaking of habits, one of the best is to ensure that all exterior doors are locked. That is, you lock up when you leave and you lock up when you enter. Yes, that's right, lock the door behind you when you come home. Doors and locks can be defeated, but it takes time

and noise to get that done. The noise alerts you and the time lets you prepare your defense.

And while we are on doors, you simply don't open the door to people that you don't know. There is no law that requires you to throw your door open to everyone who rings the doorbell. That door should stay shut and locked until you are satisfied that there is no threat. The stranger who claims to be badly in need of help or the use of a phone can just sit on the porch while you call the police department. Don't be suckered into opening your door to strangers.

Another mistake that often proves fatal is that the family's defensive firearm is somewhere in the bedroom when, in fact, you spend very few of your waking hours in the bedroom. It is a far better idea to have the firearm on your person while in the home, just as you do while out on the street.

Another option requires having a separate defensive firearm safely located in

the various places about the home where you spend your waking hours, the kitchen, your living room, etc. Wherever you put them, they should be close enough that you can quickly get your hands on them because you won't have a lot of time to react once the attack begins.

Finally, you actually sit down with your family members and discuss home invasions. How do they occur and how do you prevent them? What security weaknesses are present in your particular home and how can you strengthen those areas? What role will various family members play during an attack on the home?

The worst mistake to make is to take the attitude that home invasions just haven't occurred in your neighborhood and so it not really necessary to get all tactical about the whole thing. That's a recipe for disaster. Get realistic and develop some defensive habits that will make you, your family, and your home a harder target.



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EVIL LURKS AMONG US

Evil woman stabs 3-year-old to death at Ohio grocery store parking lot in 'random' attack

North Olmstead, OH (GSL) – A woman grocery shopping with her 3-year-old son was attacked by a lunatic armed with a large kitchen knife. The attack resulted in the death of the toddler and the mom's hospitalization for stab wounds.

Meanwhile, the attacker, 32-year-old Bionca Ellis grinned and laughed during her arraignment on the charges. It seemed as though Ellis was possessed by evil.

There are a multitude of lessons for all of us in this instance.

First and foremost, pay attention to who is around you. Watch for behaviors or circumstances that are outside of the baseline of normalcy.

For instance, anyone aimlessly carrying around a large kitchen knife, unsheathed in public as Bionca Ellis did, is someone to avoid. Anyone acting like they have mental health issues likewise is someone to avoid. Put distance and obstacles between the potentially problematic individual and yourself and your family. Leave the area as quickly as possible, potentially while calling for police.

Evil exists in our world, whether you would like to deny its existence or not. Denial has no survival value. Neither does a failure to maintain even a rudimentary situational awareness in your daily life.

Also, always be carrying. You never know when you might cross paths with evil in your daily life.

US Law Shield attorney saves the day for law-abiding good guy in righteous shoot

Chicago CCW holder attacked by neighbors, shoots three, arrested. Then released.

Chicago (GSL/TTAG) - Imagine asking your rowdy neighbors to hold down the music at almost midnight as your 11-year-old daughter is trying to sleep in your home. But instead of toning down the noise and rowdy behavior, the neighbors offer up a frenzied attack.

The group attacked the 43-year-old father and homeowner, beating him with objects, fists and even a metal pole or rod of some sort. At that point, the homeowner (we'll call him Roberto) pulled his carry piece and shot his primary attacker not once, not twice, but five times to get him to stop his attack.

But others kept up the attack, so Roberto shot another one, a 22-year-old striking him in the chest and leaving the bullet in his spine. Another guy, 55 and old enough to know better, also wanted some ballistic therapy as well, so Roberto gave it to him - in the throat.

By now the mob attacking Roberto decided they had other places to be. Cops and medical crews rolled up a few minutes later.

Roberto was treated for his injuries and assessed for brain bleeds and a concussion. When the hospital finally released him, cops arrested him. Why? Because the State's Attorney told detectives that it was a "heater" case and three people were shot.

What saved Roberto was that he was a US Law Shield member. He had his wife call their emergency number and within minutes she was speaking to Michael Johnson, the Illinois US Law Shield criminal defense attorney.

Johnson worked with detectives, which he described as supremely professional gentlemen who honestly wanted to help clear Roberto. Within a few hours, the detectives were provided a doorbell camera video and a neighbor who witnessed the attack.

The assistant state's attorney and his or her supervisor went back and forth in a series of calls, looking for anything to charge Roberto with. In the end, they had nothing and cut him loose in the middle of the night.

Frankly, without a skilled attorney, Roberto might still be in jail awaiting trial.

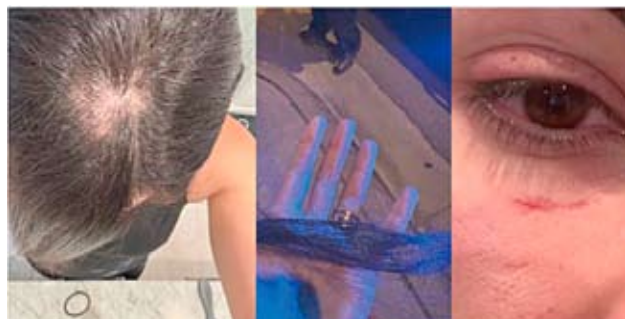
And Team Soros over at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office might still be trying to imprison him for having the audacity to defend himself against a violent mob intent on beating him to death.

Make sure YOU have self-defense legal coverage. Find the best plan for you and sign up yesterday.

Should Have Been a Defensive Gun Use

Chicago woman miscarries after couple attacked by feral mob in Streeterville neighborhood

Chicago (GSL/SNW) - In what should have been a defensive gun use, a married couple on a date night walking home crossed paths with a group of young black teens. It happened in one of the city's formerly "nice" neighborhoods, Streeterville, where the average apartment rents for \$3,454 per month.



In an instant, the thugs attacked the couple, beating the husband senseless. Then they went for the wife.

The mob, comprised of both teen boys and girls, attacked the woman, dragging her by the hair to the ground after pepper spraying her in the face. They told her, "We own the street" as they tried to curb stomp her head, along with punches and kicks to her body. They ripped out a handful of her hair and beat her so badly she miscarried.

The woman, who wishes to remain unidentified, recalls one of the group telling her, "You can't just walk around prancing in your little dress."

Imagine how differently this might have turned out if the couple had been armed with the proper tools to protect

themselves – particularly on the streets of Chicago. Imagine what center mass shots to one or two of the first two attackers would have done for the attitudes of the rest of the feral yoots who claimed to own the streets

Against all odds, cops identified and arrested two of the members of the juvenile mob, and the Cook County State's Attorney actually charged them...with *misdemeanors*. This despite the death of the unborn child and the savage, public nature of the attack.

When it was all said and done, the thugs were right. They do own the street in Chicago. They can act however they damn well please and the so-called "progressives" who run the city won't hold them accountable for


savage attacks on others.

"Restorative" criminal justice, decarceration, progressive prosecutors who don't prosecute and the Land of Lincoln's "no cash Bail" law are working out fabulously.

The bottom line: You have to be prepared to defend yourself in the city of Chicago. You have to have the tools at hand to protect yourself and your family. Literally no one is coming to save you, never mind putting thugs like these in jail. And no one gives a damn if you lose your pregnancy after a feral mob attacks and beats you senseless.

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A Vice News reporter firing his own 3D printed Glock-style "ghost" gun in 2021 with Rob Pincus (right) providing technical consulting. Via YouTube.

3D Printing Guns

Where the 1st Amendment meets the 2nd Amendment & why the statist politicians are terrified

by Damon Williams (GSL) - In debating the sensationalized gun control hot button issue of so-called "ghost guns," our side will argue, factually, that the right for Americans to build their own firearms dates back to the days prior to the founding of our Republic.

So why, over 250 years later, is an individual building his own firearm a "scourge of modern society" as it relates to gang violence?

In the 18th century gun making, the trade skills took years to master, and required expensive tools and equipment to do well.

However, even in the 21st century, while CNC machining has made production of components faster than any human can accomplish, but these machines are big, expensive, and highly specialized. But they still take skilled hands to put the finishing touches on the final product to make them work well.

Enter a company called Defense Distributed. This revolutionary company introduced a table-top CNC machine pre-programmed to take a block of steel or aluminum and carves out a 1911 frame or an AR-15 lower.



Ghost Gunner 3.

In the mean-time, firearm technology has evolved to where non-pressure structural parts can be made with a lighter cheaper polymer materials which are much more easily shaped than steel or aluminum; i.e., Glock.

In recent years, a group of innovators (aka computer

nerds) developed machines that can take computer drafted images and turn them into a three dimensional plastic reality.

With that 3D printing was born.

For those unfamiliar with the way 3D printing works, picture trying to build a sculpture with a hot glue gun. Start on a table and build your sculpture layer by layer. Now picture that same process with the precision of a computer navigated head melting a thread of plastic, layer by layer. The table moves front to back, the heated plastic nozzle moves side to side, as the nozzle is moved vertically after each 0.2mm layer. The plastic cools quickly after being deposited as it melts, or welds, itself to the previous layer.



Creality Ender.

Today, the most popular entry level machine is the Creality Ender 3 with a price around \$200. The filament comes in 1kg (2.2lbs) rolls for under \$25 in any color imaginable.

Obviously that's affordable. So what about the designs?

Defense Distributed and other websites like DEF-CAD, provide gun related 3D printable files readily available for download. Some of these designs fall well outside of the boundaries of the National Firearms Act. However, these sites are only sharing information. Information is protected by our First Amendment.

The free exchange of ideas and information cannot be restricted. Believe me, they have tried and failed in court cases against Defense Distributed. Should big government try to shut files down, and they will pop up on another server in an endless governmental game of "Whack-a-Mole".

The slogan of 3D printers worldwide is simple: "You Can't Stop the Signal."



The FGC-9.

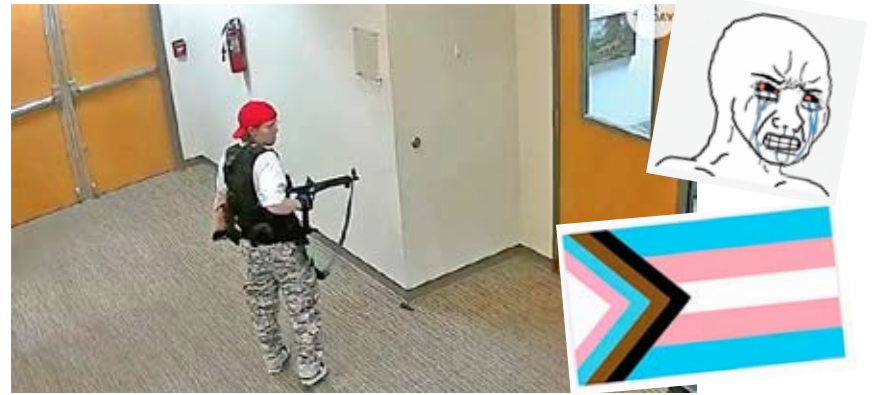
The parts themselves? They are cheap plastic. For instance, I'm travelling out of state and want to print a "plus two" extension for my Glock magazine. Let's say I want to be a good citizen and not bring it back behind Pritzker's Second Amendment Iron Curtain. Toss it in the trash; what is my loss? A little bit of time and a couple of bucks?

I concede, that the reliability of 3D printed firearms currently will never equal the quality of commercially manufactured components. But there is no question that they are functional, durable, and the designs are improving every day.

Meanwhile, the Illinois political climate is overtly attempting to compile a firearms registry of all firearms, including all private transfers disclosing make, model, and serial numbers. Then transfers can happen only under the permission of the crown.

We all know what follows gun registration.

Is it any wonder why these would-be political tyrants fear home built guns?



THEY LIED

Covenant school killer cited transgender 'rights,' hatred of white Christians in manifesto, contradicting official government claims

(Daily Wire) - Portions of the so-called manifesto of the school shooter who targeted The Covenant School last year show that contrary to claims by police, the shooter appears to have been motivated by gender ideology and other political issues.

"So now in America, it makes one a criminal to have a gun or, be transgender, or non-binary," the shooter wrote in documents that were in her car at the time of the shooting, according to the Tennessee Star, which obtained copies of dozens of handwritten diaries. "God I hate those s—head politicians," the entry continued.

The diary entry was called "My Imaginary Penis" and said, "I finally found the answer — that changing one's gender is possible." She raged that her mother was raised "conservatively" and did not support her gender transitioning, saying, "I'd kill to have those resources."

The discrepancy could explain why the FBI sought to suppress the manifesto, given that its contents raise issues about why the FBI did not count the shooting as domestic terrorism. Authorities have worked relentlessly to prevent the transgender killer's writings from becoming public, while also suggesting that they do not contain political motives.

The FBI told The Daily Wire shortly after the shooting that it was not considering it domestic terrorism.

The FBI's definition of domestic terrorism is "violent, criminal acts committed by individuals and/or groups to further ideological goals stemming from domestic influences, such as those of a political, religious, social, racial, or environmental nature."

Joe Biden's DOJ officials have said that right-wing terrorism is the biggest threat to the country, and the FBI has been accused of coming to that conclusion by juking the stats, falsely putting unrelated

cases in the category of right-wing terrorism while not counting left-wing terrorism as such.

She wrote that she used stuffed animals to pretend to be a boy having sex with a girl, saying "God, I am such a pervert." The diary entry was dated 16 days before the March 27, 2023 attack, The Star reported.

In another entry dated a month before the shooting, she wrote

"So now [because] of you, I wish death on myself cause of the pure hatred of my female gender... with no rights, anyone's country is a s— dictatorship," The Star reported.

The Star also uncovered a document this week showing that the FBI pressured the Nashville police not to release the manifesto. Nashville Metro Police Department chief John Drake promised Gov. Bill Lee he would, before breaking his promise.

The uncovered documents also suggest that the head of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation also may have misrepresented their contents.

Nashville's News Channel 5 reported in April that TBI director David Rausch "said what police found isn't so much a manifesto spelling out a target but a series of rambling writings indicating no clear motive. From what Raush said, the material finds that the killer did not write about specific political, religious or social issues."

Two separate leaks have now undermined that claim, with documents obtained by Steven Crowder also showing the shooter — who was killed by police and who The Daily Wire is not naming — was fueled by hatred against left-wing targets like "white privilege" and "crackers."

"Wanna kill all you little crackers," she wrote.



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Big, Bad Wolf learns the hard way

Little Red Riding Hood's new boyfriend is no soyboy

Sacramento, CA (Breitbart) - An alleged intruder was killed Sunday morning just before 2:00 a.m. after forcing entry into his ex-girlfriend's apartment and being shot by her boyfriend.

The Sacramento Bee reported the deceased suspect allegedly beat on the door of the residence for upwards of 20 minutes before finally making entry and confronting the boyfriend, allegedly choking him.

The boyfriend allegedly then retrieved a firearm and shot the suspect, killing him, and called 911, alleging that the suspect had "choked" him.



Thugs thought they had an easy mark Homeowner thwarts armed robbery crew

Winnetka, IL (WLS) -- Nearby residents said they mistook the gunshots for fireworks early on Memorial Day.

The homeowner who fired his gun said he did what had to be done, in his own words. Although he didn't want to speak on camera late Monday afternoon, he shared haunting details of exactly what happened.

Shortly before 5 a.m., a man woke up to hearing sounds of his car starting outside. He ran out to find three thieves trying to steal two of his cars, a Range Rover and a Maserati...

The homeowner said he took cover behind a tree and returned fire. Dozens of shell casings riddled the street and sidewalk.

Chicago carjacking crew runs from armed would-be victim

Chicago (CBS) — A concealed carry license holder fired shots at a group who attempted to carjack him on the Northwest Side early Saturday morning.

Chicago police said around 3:30 a.m., a 34-year-old man was walking to his car in the 3700 block of North Spaulding Avenue when a black sedan pulled up, and three armed offenders exited and demanded the keys to his vehicle.

The man then pulled out his handgun and fired at the group, who returned to the sedan and left the scene, police said.

Home invasion quartet meets armed homeowner, make a hasty retreat with two leaking

DeLand, FL (ClickOrlando) – Four men have been charged in connection to an armed home invasion robbery in DeLand that left two of them shot by their intended target, according to the Volusia Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's officials said deputies responded around 5:45 p.m. Wednesday to 931 Clark Ave. following reports of several shots fired during a home invasion robbery.

Deputies said the intruders fled the scene when their intended target pulled out a gun and fired 17 shots, with several rounds striking the suspects' vehicle. Two of the men were taken to a hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds, deputies said.



Tow truck driver tries to bully wrong driver

Crestwood, IL (GSL) - Media reports from multiple sources outline how a road raging tow truck driver used his tow truck to smash another driver's Buick on the South Side of Chicago.

Eventually, the two vehicles stopped in the Rivercrest Mall parking lot where the tow truck driver got out with a pistol in an attempt to either intimidate or murder the driver of the Buick.

Meanwhile, the Buick's driver - a licensed CCW holder - pulled his own firearm and joined the "one shot, one kill" club.

No charges have been filed.

NOT TODAY SATAN NOT TODAY

Just-released jailbird tries to steal truck with a wife and baby inside...

Lufkin, TX (Fox4 Beaumont) — A man was shot and killed last night in Lufkin after attempting to steal a truck with a woman and her baby inside.

The man identified as Jarvis Houston, 47, of Lufkin died later in the hospital.

Police discovered that Houston was released from the Angelina County jail less than an hour prior to the shooting. Houston was released after serving time for a charge of assault on family causing bodily injury.



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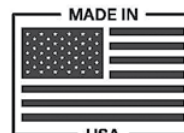
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The Pursuit of Excellence

Amazon's Blue Angels reminds us that there are still places in America where excellence is the rule, rather than the exception.

by George MF Washington

These days, it's very easy to become disillusioned as an American citizen. Spend any time at all watching what passes for "the news" and it quickly becomes clear that this country is facing an acute crisis of competency...

Which is why I think it's important for every American to watch the new JJ Abrams-produced Amazon documentary THE BLUE ANGELS. It is a fine reminder that there are still institutions in this Nation where the bare minimum standard is excellence, and where perfection is pursued relentlessly, even though it may be an unattainable goal.

There are 141 men and women in the Blue Angels unit, but only 6 of them fly the iconic blue and yellow F-18s. The rest are support staff... everything from the Doctor to the Crew Chiefs who make sure the jets are ready and safe to fly, to the mechanics and the supply officers who load the unit's gear onto the C-130 Hercules nicknamed "Fat Albert." These latter are not the stars of the show, but you wouldn't know it to watch them work. The pride of being part of an elite unit where success depends on everyone... everyone... pursuing excellence in everything they do is evident in the smiles on their faces, the exuberant high-fives and the choreographed celebrations that come with the completion of even the smallest tasks.

Watch the men and women in the unit as they say goodbye to one another at the end of a successful season and you'll see what being a part of an institution where excellence is the minimum acceptable standard does to the human spirit. Everyone, from the "Boss" to the most junior supply officer seems to radiate joy.

In The Blue Angels, we see a world where corrosive concepts like Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) have not been able to gain a foothold, because they are unnecessary. Institutions like The Blue Angels, where the only thing that stands between the pilots and death is everyone on the team performing at the absolute top of their game, don't

need DEI because when you take only the very best, you wind up with a team that "looks like America." Because that's what America is and that's who Americans are.

DEI would destroy the Blue Angels because it creates distrust, that is its very nature. And as the Blue Angels' Commander points out during a segment on crew selection, when you're flying a cluster of fighter aircraft at near supersonic speeds only twelve inches apart, no one cares about gender or skin color... they only care about two things... "are you the best?" and "can I trust you?"



As you look at the Blue Angels crew you quickly notice that men and women of color are, if anything, over-represented relative to their raw population numbers. It's tempting to conclude that this is what happens to "marginalized" populations when you raise standards and expectations, rather than lower them. To take it a step further, it may be that within this small microcosm of military readiness are the solutions to many of the worst problems currently plaguing our culture.

JJ Abram's movies have always left me cold. Emotional content has never been his strong suit. But with "Blue Angels", he reminds you that there are still places in America where excellence is a core value, where perfection is the ideal, where smart and talented people deliver results at a high level each and every day. To be reminded of that fact carries a heavy emotional weight, and in that sense, this is the best thing Abrams has ever produced.

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Here we go again: Biden and his F-15s

I can't say I'm sad to hear about America's first crackhead Hunter Biden and his felony convictions. I supposed that makes him a "justice impacted individual."

At the same time I believe any requirement to complete government forms to purchase firearms is a violation of our civil rights on many levels. We don't fill out government forms for the rest of our constitutional rights, nor should we.

And wouldn't you know it, the conviction came on the very same day President Let's Go Brandon told us little people that we don't need standard capacity magazines or semi-auto firearms. According to him, if we do need these popular self-defense tools and accessories, we must be terrible shots. I can't argue that point, I may very well be a rotten marksman.

What i fail to understand is how needs have anything to do with our rights.



Perhaps Brandon knows what is best for us. Maybe he thinks of himself as a dictator.

Brandon further states that the use of standard capacity magazines and semi auto weapons won't help us against his far superior F-15s. Is he really threatening to use F-15s against American citizens? Try and wrap your head around that statement. Its frightening.

I must say, I'm curious

though. Why were Biden's mighty F-15s not able to put down with a bunch of semi-literate, third-world goat herders in Afghanistan? Another question: if Americans stand up to a despot named Brandon, will he abandon billions of dollars of military equipment for us to have? Wouldn't that be a kick in the pants!

God Bless the U.S. A.

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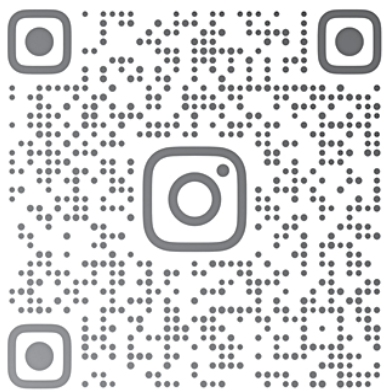
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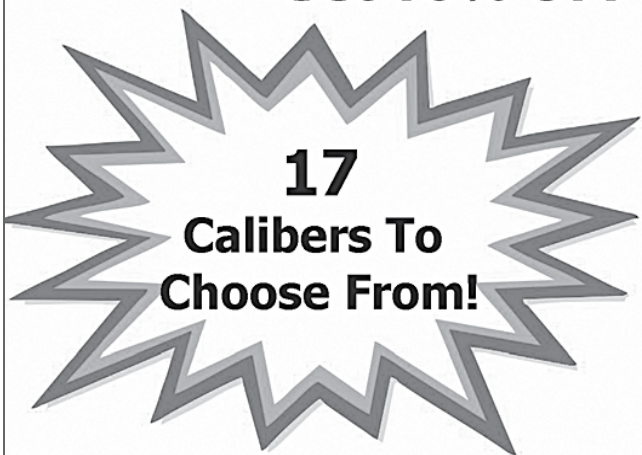
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

College students have lots of opinions but little or no real-world experience

(GSL) - The fact you are a college student probably puts you in your late teens or early 20s. This means you have not been on your own outside of college. In contrast, I'm in my 70s, meaning I've got almost four times more life experiences in the real world.

What's more, as I was a police officer for half my life, and before that I served in the military. It is most likely I have witnessed and experienced exponentially more than you.

Hopefully you will take a US History class. Maybe you'll get a decent professor who will teach you about the history of our country.

The bottom line: citizens with guns founded this nation, and the freedoms they protected with our Constitution allows you to freely broadcast your ignorance and uninformed opinions to the world.



You nor most others have ever held and tried to comfort a woman or young girl that has just been raped. You have probably never tended to the injuries of a 70-year-old home invasion victim, or

worse yet, an 82-year-old woman whose home invasion turned into a rape. I'd bet you've never tried to comfort a family as their husband/father lay dead in the driveway, killed by an armed robber.

Tell me about how you've helped treat the injuries and console convenience store clerks, beaten, slashed or stabbed over less than \$20 in the register. Or two men beaten by a street gang because of the color of their skin.



You've never helped a couple with two small children targeted by a Columbian drug dealer navigate Illinois laws on how to legally buy a gun for home defense. Later, that same dealer invaded their home, shot at them and their children *after* he set their house ablaze. Mr. Drug Dealer met Mr. 12 Gauge and against the odds, survived. He's now in prison.

Mr. College student, you haven't buried five fellow police officers over the years, one of whom was your closest friend at the time of his murder, all killed in the line of duty. You have yet to learn about the volumes of legal books filled with gun laws ignored by criminals.

The liberal utopia that naive college kids and other do-gooders have chased for generations now does not exist and it never has.

I realize you are young. When I was your age, I too felt that I knew everything about everything. With age and experience comes wisdom and knowledge. Perhaps someday you will learn that if you prepare for the worst and it doesn't happen you're way ahead of the game. If it does happen, you've taken steps to lessen its impact upon your life.

However, if you don't prepare, you risk death or great bodily injury. You may even be big time screwed. Maybe with luck you'll only be injured. If not, the coroner's people will haul your dead stupid butt off to the morgue.

All of you college students should keep in mind that the 2nd Amendment protects the rest of the Bill of Rights. Without it, we wouldn't have the freedoms we all enjoy today.

Joe Tharp
Champaign County, IL



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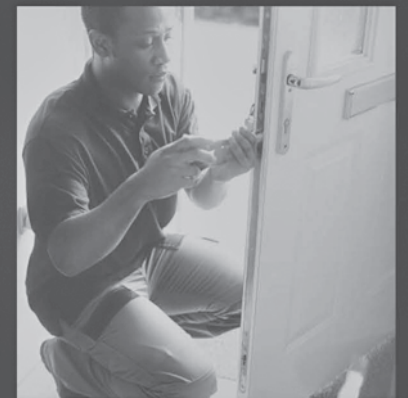
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POLITICAL CRIMES will be vigorously prosecuted

by Daniel Greenfield (Front Page Magazine) - On Wednesday, three teens were arrested for riding e-scooters over an LGBTQ 'Pride' mural painted on a crosswalk in Spokane, Washington. One of the teens was charged with a first degree felony and bail was set at \$15,000.



On Saturday, in another Washington thousands of miles away, Hamas supporters rioted near the White House. They threw bottles at a park ranger and vandalized national monuments with graffiti reading "Death to America". Islamic terrorist supporters waved banners and held up signs in support of Hamas. One man in a Hamas headband brandished a bloody Biden mask.

Two Park Police officers were injured in the pro-Hamas violence, but not one arrest was made.

Not a single arrest for the assault on a federal employee (1-20 years in prison), the vandalism of national monuments (10 years in prison) or the support for a terrorist organization (20 years in prison). If only they had done some donuts on a 'Pride' mural, they might be in jail now.

But as we already learned during the BLM riots and the subsequent eco-riots and Hamas riots, vandalism and even assaulting law enforcement officers is not a crime when done by the right people for the right reasons. Even assaulting Capitol police officers, which up until now has been the only as-

sault on a law enforcement officer that Democrats would condemn, became a victimless crime when Hamas supporters fought police outside Democrat headquarters forcing the evacuation of members of Congress. One of the men slammed a female police officer against a garage door and punched her in the face only to get 48 hours of community service...

The notion of what a crime is has been radically redefined in a matter of years.



Alvin Bragg, George Soros.

At the height of BLM madness, violent offenders were set loose while people could be arrested and tried for new crimes like calling the police on a person of the wrong race. DA Bragg in Manhattan, who prosecuted Trump, came into office with a memo not to prosecute armed robbers. Crimes with clear offenses and punishment were no longer prosecuted, but instead convoluted chains of legal reasoning were used by DA Bragg to criminalize Trump's opposition.

In Washington D.C., whose city council at one point tried to legalize carjacking, the only people who seem to face serious charges anymore are murderers and Republicans...

Political segregation effectively means that **half the country no longer enjoys civil rights** in places like Washington D.C., Los Angeles and New York City. **Attacks on them go unpunished while any offense by them, even in self-defense, will mean the harshest possible prison sentences.**

Abuses of power that harken back to the worst days of the early Civil Rights era have become routine. Law enforcement knows whom to arrest and whom not to bother arresting. Cops only intervene when the leftist violence is severe enough that it will reflect badly on them. Faced with individual assaults, they rarely bother intervening, collecting evidence or upholding the law. Even when the assaults lead to serious injury, or as in the case of Paul Kessler, a Jewish man assaulted by a terrorist supporter during a pro-Israel rally in California, death.

Prosecutors, many of them progressives or harboring political ambitions, drop cases against leftists while currying favor with the new establishment by throwing the book at their opponents. Judges, especially in areas where they are elected, are just as bad, and jurors are responding to social pressure to punish political and cultural enemies, and spare their own political allies.

Crimes in free countries primarily punish assaults on property and persons while in totalitarian states they primarily punish crimes against the state. Pro-crime policies effectively decriminalized drug offenses, shoplifting and even some violent assaults because punishing crimes against persons and property was seen as upholding a racist and capitalist system.

But the police were never going to be truly defunded and crime was never going to go away. Instead in the last 5 years, crime has come to be defined as a political and social offense, an act of hate, a threat to democracy and an insult to the values and views of the ruling elite.

America's justice system is being replaced by kangaroo

THIS IS WHAT A JUDICIAL SPANKING LOOKS LIKE

Arkansas Supreme Court spans circuit judge, orders training over anti-gun ruling

(Arkansas Democrat-Gazette) - The Arkansas Supreme Court on Friday rebuked Pulaski County Circuit Judge Morgan "Chip" Welch for violating rules of the Code of Judicial Conduct that require judges to promote confidence in the judiciary, demonstrate impartiality and act without bias.



The written admonishment comes in the form of an unsigned order that requires Welch to take a six-week online judicial ethics course by the end of July plus complete another three hours of ethics training before October. . . .

"Labeling and referring to an opinion by the Supreme Court of Arkansas as 'LOCO' erodes public confidence. His written opinion stating that the Supreme Court's opinion 'creates a new class of unlicensed, heretofore untrained, armed lawyers in courthouses of the State' also erodes public confidence. To suggest that this court created a class of armed lawyers is dangerous, and it undermines the public's understanding of the judiciary's role," the order states. "We interpret laws, we do not make them, and Judge Welch's suggestion to the contrary damages the public's view of the separation of powers and the role of the judiciary."

The LOCO label was found to be a violation of Rule 2.3, a prohibition against showing bias or prejudice. The order invokes a ban on negative stereotyping while noting his duties include conducting commitment hearings in mental-health court.

"[We] think he should be more circumspect with his word choice. Using the Spanish word loco, meaning crazy, cavalierly referring to another court's judicial order in a joking manner exceeds the bounds of appropriate judicial behavior. And when given an opportunity to respond, to admit only that he should have had better editing skills, suggests a lack of judicial maturity and reflection," the order states.

Further, judicial code Rule 2.2 regarding impartiality and fairness was violated when Welch "made it clear in his written order that he disagreed with this court's interpretation of the statute and with the statute itself. His opinion was sprinkled with disparaging remarks about the court's interpretation of the statute." . . .

The gun issue was before the high court as a result of a 2022 lawsuit by three lawyers, Chris Corbitt, Ben Motal and Robert Steinbuch, who argued that Act 1087 of 2017, codified as Arkansas Code 5-73-122, allowed lawyers as "officers of the court" to carry handguns into the state's courthouses and courtrooms. Welch dismissed the suit in March 2023, leading to the appeal that brought the issue to the Supreme Court this year.

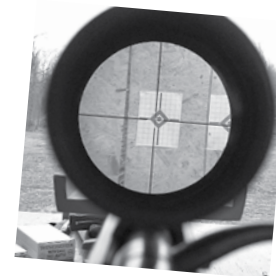
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Bump stocks lost in boating accidents miraculously wash ashore

(Babylon Bee) — In one of the most remarkable miracles in human history, the thousands of bump stocks that went missing seven years ago in boating accidents all simultaneously washed ashore and have been reunited with their owners.

“Wow, my bump stock washed ashore! And just a day after the Supreme Court ruling overturning the ban!” said local man Omar Gonzales. “What’s even crazier, my neighbor Bill also lost his in a boating accident in 2017, and his bump stock also washed ashore this morning. It’s a miracle!”

Across the nation, tens of thousands of Americans reported similar shocking experiences. “It’s the darndest thing,” said local man John Robinson. “Every single one of my buddies at the gun club said their bump stock washed ashore today, still in great condition. What kind of natural phenomenon does that? It’s almost as weird as when everyone I knew lost their bump stocks in boating accidents back in 2017. What an amazing coincidence.”



Hunter Biden convicted in federal gun case

(USA Today) - A federal jury convicted Hunter Biden of federal gun charges, a historic first for the offspring of a sitting president, after a trial featuring wrenching emotional testimony about his drug use from his ex-wife and sister-in-law.

President Joe Biden’s son faces up to 25 years in prison for three charges – lying on a federal screening form about his drug use, lying to a gun dealer and possessing the gun – although first-time, nonviolent offenders typically get shorter sentences. U.S. District Judge Maryellen Noreika will soon set Hunter Biden’s sentencing date.



JUNK SCIENCE: Academic publisher retracts over 11,000 papers due to fraud

(RedState) - Academic fraud is forcing Wiley, a major publisher of scientific journals, to close 19 journals after some were overwhelmed by industrial-scale research fraud. In the last two years, Wiley has retracted over 11,300 papers containing some fraudulent content.

While articles in scientific journals are supposed to disseminate scientific information, it has devolved into self-promotion. Scientific publishing is how scientists let their peer group know how brilliant they are. It has also become a proxy for productivity. The more papers you are listed as an author on, the better your chances of advancement. While the first and last authors on a paper are the most important, buying your way in as a fourth or fifth author does have value.

None of this could exist without the current publish-or-perish system and if there were concrete, career-ending consequences for publishing false research results or participating in a “paper mill” scam.

The next time someone tells you to “trust the science,” just remember that you are being asked to rely upon a deeply corrupted system that hosts a lot of people who are much more interested in moving their careers forward than in the cause of science.



Killed after (legally) answering door with gun in his hand

Okaaloosa County deputy who shot and killed Airman Roger Fortson has been fired

Okaaloosa County, FL (WKRG) — The Okaaloosa County Sheriff’s Office announced on Facebook Friday it has terminated the deputy who shot and killed Senior Airman Roger Fortson.

Deputy Eddie Duran was terminated following the completion of OCSO’s administrative internal affairs investigation into the death of Roger Fortson on May 3.



FBI director met with Hamas supporters asking him to lock up Jews

The FBI has gone from fighting Islamic terrorists to taking orders from them.

Islamic pro-terror groups reacted to the Hamas terror attacks of Oct 7 not only with riots and public pressure campaigns aimed at politicians, but also by privately meeting with top federal and state law enforcement officials to demand that they lock up Jewish political opponents.

The David Horowitz Freedom Center’s investigative arm exclusively reported last month that the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), an Islamist group whose leader had celebrated Oct 7, had

been meeting with attorney generals around the country trying to convince them to arrest journalists and activists who had been investigating and exposing Hamas supporters.

Based on our past history with CAIR, the Freedom Center could be one of their targets.

Now, the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), has been caught meeting with Attorney General Merrick Garland and senior Department of Justice (DOJ) officials, including

FBI Director Christopher Wray and Associate Attorney General Lisa Monaco, to also discuss targeting Jews.

The meeting, originally reported by Militant Islam Monitor, represents another part of what appears to be a larger effort by Islamist groups to weaponize prosecutors against their critics.

Whoopsie!

Maine’s ‘Gun Safety Coalition’ negligently discharges black powder rifle during gun ‘turn-in’

Old Orchard, ME (Maine Wire) - One of Maine’s primary gun control advocate groups, the Maine Gun Safety Coalition, oversaw a gun-giveback program on Saturday at local police departments throughout southern Maine.



Despite the focus on gun safety, contractors working with MGSC and the Old Orchard Beach Police Department failed to practice basic gun safety when they attempted to saw a loaded blackpowder rifle, which led to the negligent discharge of the firearm.

Luckily, instead of injuring any bystanders, the musket round instead damaged two vehicles.

“As one of the firearms was being cut the weapon discharged expelling a round through the barrel. The round was found to have struck two unoccupied vehicles within the parking lot,” the Old Orchard Beach Police Department told the *Maine Wire*.



Why is Alec Baldwin forgiven but Louis CK isn’t?

(Instapundit) - Why is Alec Baldwin forgiven but Louis CK isn’t?

That’s the question that Fox News anchor Kennedy is asking in the *London Daily Mail*: Will Alec Baldwin’s fake-Spanish baby-factory Hilaria drag their seven bambinos to meet him in JAIL to film this revolting new reality show?

As Kennedy rhetorically asks, “You know who won’t have their own family reality show? Halyna Hutchins, the cinematographer and young mom who Baldwin accidentally [Ed.: NEGLIGENTLY] shot and killed on the set of ‘Rust’ in 2021.”

MELTDOWN: SPLC terminates a 25% of staff



(Daily Signal) - The far-left smear factory the Southern Poverty Law Center reportedly terminated a quarter of its staff Wednesday, weakening and perhaps eliminating two of its departments amid a restructure that heavily hit its union members.



The SPLC “gutted its staff by a quarter,” the organization’s union posted on X. (Yes, this nonprofit organization has its own labor union. If staff get tired of protesting Alliance Defending Freedom, they can protest management, instead.) The SPLC told more than 60 union members, including five union stewards and the union’s chair, that they would be losing their jobs.

Pretty sure gun rights for the little people also qualifies as a cancer to this guy too

Terrorist-loving Muslim Students Association denounces America, democracy as ‘cancer’ at the University of Illinois Chicago

Chicago (Breitbart) - During a sermon at the University of Illinois Chicago, a speaker for the campus’s Muslim Students Association denounced America and democracy, describing them as a “cancer” spreading worldwide, while advocating for the adoption of Islam as the “new way of life” for humanity.

Illinois Chicago (UIC) student, declared that America and its values are a “cancer...”

In December, UIC student Sadik Froukh delivered a sermon for the campus’s MSA, lauding the “courageous” Hamas terror group’s October 7 massacre — the deadliest attack against Jewish people since the Nazi Holocaust — claiming the brutal attacks “brought pride to the Islamic nation.



Mohammad Nusairat at the University of Illinois Chicago.

In a sermon delivered at the campus’s Muslim Students Association (MSA) last month, Mohammad Nusairat, a University of



From the body cam of a Hamas terrorist on October 7. A little girl hides under a table in her home before being shot to death.



Biden drops first bomb on Normandy in 80 years

France (Babylon Bee) — In a solemn and moving ceremony of remembrance on the 80th anniversary of the D-Day invasion, President Biden marked the occasion by dropping the first bomb on Normandy in 80 years.

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