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Look at those big smiles. Priceless. GSL Defense Training instructor Rosie Delgado with first time shooter, 8-year-old Ruby Jean. GSL Defense Training photo by John Boch.

GROWING AMERICA'S GUN CULTURE: An 8-year-old's first shots

by John Boch
(GSL) - In July, our GSL Defense Training crew had a unique opportunity to grow America's gun culture beyond the students enrolled in an Essential Carry CCW class. One student, a public school teacher, brought her well-behaved 8-year-old daughter named Ruby Jean to class. We noticed the young lady's interest

in guns and shooting, along with how well she listened and behaved. Toward the end of the day Saturday, our instructor team asked mom if we could let Ruby Jean do some shooting while the students were in a lecture segment. Mom enthusiastically gave her blessing and

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CRIME WAVE

Don't believe the hype and 'misinformation' — Violent crime has surged under Biden/Harris

by Awr Hawkins (Breitbart) - Crime Prevention Research Center president John Lott penned an op-ed Tuesday in which he explained that despite establishment claims, violent crime actually rose under Biden and fell under Trump.

In the op-ed, published by the *New York Post*, Lott explained that there are two ways of examining occurrences of violent crime: One is the measure of those crimes reported to police and the other is the measure of those crimes which were not reported.

Lott wrote:

There are two measures of crime: One, the FBI's NIBRS, counts the number of crimes reported to police yearly.



Photo by WTTW.

The other, the Bureau of Justice Statistics' National Crime Victimization Survey,

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- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **August 28**, September 25
Eagles Club, 3535 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **No August Meeting**, September 29
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights
Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **No September Meeting**, October 7
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **September 3**, October 1
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **September 4**, October 2
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (*Program at 6:45pm*)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **September 5**, October 3
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Danville:** Second Monday **September 9**, October 7
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **September 10**, October 8
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **September 11**, October 9
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.
- **Mattoon:** Second Thursday: **September 12**, October 10
The American Legion Post 88, 1903 Maple Ave, Mattoon
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **September 19**, October 17
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St. Utica
- **Geneseo:** Last Tuesday: **August 27**, September 24
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.



Jim Brown talked up all the great reasons to participate in IDPA events, not the least of which involves meeting great people and learning how to run your gun better under pressure.



Dr. Lisa Smith is running for the Illinois House against Sue Scherer who cast the deciding vote to pass the "No Cash Bail" fiasco. Scherer is in lock step with the Chicago Dems running Illinois.



Senator Chapin Rose in Mattoon, talking about his "Come to Jesus" moment involving guns for self-defense and where he sees things headed with the upcoming election.



Randy H., left, has a whole case of 9mm from Peoria!



Congrats to Dave in Quincy who won a Hellcat!



From left, Waylena won a pair of social shotguns, Libby won the 50/50 and our Rantoul Regional Director Dick Brandt.



All ages are welcome!



Art Leach, the WWII fighter pilot, says hi. He's working on making it to his 106th birthday. Congrats to him and we're glad to hear he's still alive and well.



Ms. B won the Taurus Judge. She's photographed with Hank Judd who won it last month and donated it back to GSL. Thank you sir!



Guess who won a Taurus .357 in Decatur...



STFU. DON'T TALK WITH THE POLICE.

Natalia Ogurkiewicz on post-use-of-force interactions with police

by John Boch

Nobody wakes up wanting to use force in self-defense. However bad guys sometimes force the hand of good guys and gals. Natalia Ogurkiewicz from the McDermott Law Group addressed the GSL audience at SCHEELS in Springfield in August. She discussed what happens in the immediate aftermath of a use-of-force incident and how to minimize your legal jeopardy.

First she described herself as a former prosecutor for St. Louis County. Yes, the office of Kimberly Gardner, the Team Soros prosecutor. Ultimately, she landed with David McDermott's law firm based in Homewood, IL.

The McDermott Group handles self-defense cases nationwide and has a well-deserved reputation for winning in court.

Natalia brought the perspective of both a prosecutor and a criminal defense attorney to her presentation. She lamented the increasing application of "headline first" prosecution of people who decades earlier might not have been charged. Racial considerations, politics and the legacy media all increasingly drive charging decisions today, especially with Team Soros prosecutors. Law-abiding folks pay the price for that. Add to that the jurisdictions where (Team Soros) prosecutors have an "antagonistic" view of self-defense and/or the Second Amendment.

"They will twist anything you've said," she explained of your statements immediately after a use-of-force incident - and that includes "how" you said what you said. Were you mad? Angry? Vengeful? Flippant? Take most of that away by keeping your words to the absolute minimum. When it comes to the police, say NOTHING after asking to speak to your attorney.

Ogurkiewicz warned that you have to ask for an attorney for police questions to stop. Otherwise officers can continue to badger question you to elicit incriminating statements.

Furthermore, nothing you say can be used towards your exoneration in court - so there's literally NO REASON to answer police questions or make any statements. Even if you think you're 100% in the right, beyond a shadow of a doubt, do NOT talk with the police before you have your attorney present. (For example: See page 13 for the story of a GSL member stabbed 19 times in his own front yard then arrested by Normal, IL police.)

Witnesses and first responders will write in their reports what you say, and those include medical personnel. So if you need a ride to the hospital to get checked out, say the absolute minimum to the fewest people. Remember pretty much all cops wear bodycams now, too. "Heat of the moment" excited utterances

are presumed to be more accurate than later statements. So again, don't talk to anyone except your attorneys.

She recommended avoiding making the 911 call if at all possible. Let someone else call. So long as someone has called for help it's okay to go ahead and call your attorney, even before police arrive. If you have to call 911 yourself, she recommended just giving the address and then ask for emergency services and hang up. Yes, they'll call back. No, you don't have to answer. The 911 dispatchers are trained to gather information, and it's all recorded. And you and the jury will hear it again if things go to trial.

What's more, if it's a problem in progress, you want to focus on dealing with the situation and not on answering an endless stream of questions from a dispatcher sitting in a comfy chair in a safe office.



Avoiding jail costs big bucks.

If you have self-defense legal coverage, like with US Concealed Carry Association or Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network, you won't have to write big checks for your criminal defense attorneys. If you don't, then to hire a top tier firm like Team McDermott, \$100,000 in billing on a criminal defense case is routine and they want to be paid up front. David McDermott himself is \$650 per hour.

Attorneys, if you have them ahead of time, can help influence whether or not prosecutors move forward with charges prior to any arraignment hearings. In Illinois that's crucial as with "No Cash Bail," if you're held, you're stuck in jail until trial. Expect that to take months. With self-defense legal coverage, with one phone call you can have your own criminal defense attorney or a recommended attorney on your case within minutes, not days or weeks. And you won't have to write a \$50,000 check for a retainer.

[Editor: Quick reminder... if you sign up for USCCA through group sales, they will knock 15% off your membership for GSL members.

Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network will also allow you to bring your favorite law firm - including the McDermott Law Group - or they can recommend counsel. Mention GSL when you call to sign up and they'll knock \$25 off your first year's dues and treat you like family.

We don't get any commissions for sending people their way. Our recommendations aren't and have never been for sale.]



Owning a gun means you no longer have to fear the night.

MEETING UPDATES

Chicagoland August meeting cancelled

The August Chicagoland meeting will not take place as the last Sunday falls over Labor Day Weekend. Have a happy holiday and we'll see you on the last Sunday in September.

Sangamon County's September meeting cancelled

The September Sangamon County GSL meeting will not take place as the first Monday falls on the Labor Day holiday. Have a happy holiday!



Danville

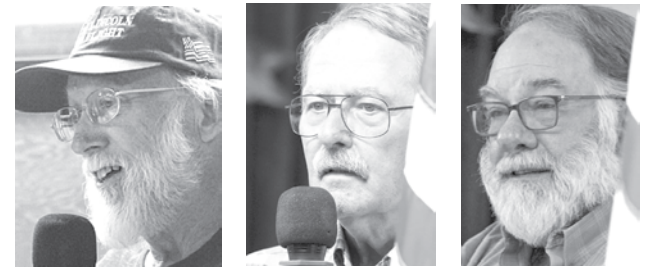
Bring some extra cash to the September Danville meeting as we'll have an auction at the meeting. Got gently used gun gear you don't use? Ammo for a gun you no longer have? Considering bringing it to put on the auction block to help raise money for GSL. And Chapin Rose will join us to share his "Come to Jesus" moment which made him a true believer on the role of guns for self-defense.

Pontiac October

We have David McDermott slated as our main speaker. He's arguably the best self-defense attorney in the state. Bring your questions.



Rave reviews for Project Appleseed



From left, David Randolph, Terry Zeiters and Eldon Mau.

At the Pontiac GSL meeting, we had three who attended the Project Appleseed shoot near McLean, IL the previous weekend speak about their experience.

David Randolph raved about the beautiful facilities and how much of a good time everyone enjoyed. Yes, it was hot, but organizers made sure there were plenty of water breaks and water.

As usual, he enjoyed the stories of April 19, 1775 and credited Steve Davis as one of the very best presenters of the Three Strikes retelling of the events of that first day of the American Revolution.

Terry Zeiters, a veteran of between seventy and eighty Appleseeds over the last 15 years observed that participants are competing against themselves to do better.

They improve by listening to the instructors,

who he described as very good and very dedicated to their mission.

Zeiters also has taken the Project Appleseed "Pistolseed" program and described it as very good as well.

Eldon Mau took some of the younger members of his family and between them and some other 10 or 11-year-old kids present, the youngsters all had a magnificent time.

"You would have thought we were at a frat house by how much we were drinking though," he quipped about the water consumption. Organizers had plenty of water and gallons of Gatorade for participants to stay hydrated and alert.

"I highly recommend it. You will learn a lot," Mau said.

For more info, visit AppleseedInfo.org.



Don't believe the hype and 'misinformation' — Violent crime has surged under Biden/Harris

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asks about 240,000 people each year whether they have been victims of crime, in an attempt to measure both reported and unreported crimes.

He continued, "Since 2020, [the] two measures have been highly negatively correlated: The FBI has been finding fewer instances of crime, but people are simultaneously answering in greater numbers that they have been victims."

As for the FBI stats, which are based on police precincts/departments reporting crime, on June 24, 2024, Breitbart News reported that thousands of police precincts had not been reporting crime data to the FBI.

The Marshall Project explained that in 2020 "almost every law enforcement agency was included in the FBI's database." However, in 2021, the FBI went to a new system for compiling data and would only accept police precinct reports through the new system.

The result? "Thousands of police

agencies fell through the cracks because they didn't catch up with the changes on time." Thus, in 2022 there were far fewer police precincts turning in crime data; the Marshall Project reported in 2023 that "more than 6,000 law enforcement agencies were missing from the FBI's national crime data last year, representing nearly one-third of the nation's 18,000 police agencies."

The point: Establishment media can report a decline in reported violent crime instances by relying on the FBI stats. So Lott looked at the unreported figures to see what was really going on and found, "For instance, in 2022, the FBI reported a 2.1% drop in violent crime, but the NCVS showed an alarming increase of 42.4% — the largest one-year percentage increase in violent crime ever reported by that measure."

Near the end of the op-ed Lott pointed out, "Murder rates did drop by 13% in 2023, although the preliminary 2023 murder rate is still 7% above 2019



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



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

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

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

GSL's Treasurer Joanne Chandler will electronically notify the Regional Directors of the mail-in tickets sold for their meetings so they can get them into the drawing. If you're late, we'll return your check.

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

GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

Chicago Sept: Taurus 905 9mm revolver
Chicago Oct: SIG P365

Decatur September: Winchester 9mm
1000 rounds FMJ

Pontiac September: Tisas 1911 .45 ACP
Pontiac October: Sig P365 bonus pack

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

Charleston September: Savage .223 bolt-action rifle with scope.
Charleston October: 1000 rounds Scorpion .223 FMJ

Executive Director's Report

Anti-gunners don't want you to vote. . .and that your vote doesn't matter.

'Operation Demoralize' in full swing

by John Boch
GSL Executive Director

Guns Save Life is one of several groups in the Land of Lincoln at the tip of the spear to overturn Governor JB Pritzker's beloved Protect Illinois Communities Act (PICA) gun and magazine ban. We can see from the growing violent crime in Chicago that gang members busy with rape, robbery, carjackings and murder (when not slinging fentanyl and sex trafficking women) don't really care about gun laws like the PICA gun ban.

Our first round appeal to the US Supreme Court was turned away but we have a September 16th trial date to argue the case in federal court. The case in the Southern District of Illinois is expected to take about a week and from there the losing side will undoubtedly appeal to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.



GSL's John Boch.

Because of something known as "judicial economy" we'll no doubt land in front of the same three-judge panel that erroneously ruled against us last fall. Despite the warning from Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas not to relegate the Second Amendment to a second class right, I have little faith that the unhealthy oversized egos of Judges Easterbook and Wood will allow them to follow the rule of law.

When that happens, we anticipate another bite at the Supreme Court apple.

The Left's "Operation Demoralize" in full swing.

Have you noticed how the purveyors of fake news feed a narrative of doom for Republicans in general and conservatives in particular in the weeks leading up to elections? They do this every election season. Clearly it's not in your best interest. Shake out of it and get yourself together. Help your friends shake off the effects of "Operation Demoralize" too!

This year, these propagandists have their narrative machine running on all cylinders, painting a picture of despair and doom for normal Americans. With a straight face, they trumpet junk polling that vastly oversamples radical Leftists with loaded questions. Remember how Jimmy Carter was gonna beat Ronald Reagan by 8 points just two weeks before the 1980 election? We all know how that worked out.



Newsweek, purveyors of junk polling.

These political activist media types bury stories bad for their fellow Democrat radicals. Instead of coverage of the open borders invasion, inflation, rampant crime and Biden's mental incompetence, we get endless "Orange man bad" propaganda.



These media skills label truth as "misinformation" and "conspiracy theories." They tell people not to trust their own lying eyes and to instead "follow the science."

If your main source of news and information is newspaper, television and social media, then you're getting a triple dose of "Operation Demoralize." These purveyors of doom want normal Americans to believe all hope is lost. Your opinion doesn't matter and neither does your vote according to them. Voting is a waste of time.



Election Day is your day. So as this year's Election Day nears, rest assured you do have a voice.

You matter. Your vote matters.

But you have to vote for your voice to count. Go vote. Even if the race for president seems like a lost cause here in Illinois, we have lots of other outstanding pro-gun candidates running for lesser offices that need your vote. Remember, local political leaders have the biggest impact on your daily life, including your right to defend yourself from Biden's illegals and violent gang bangers.

Also, big time bonus points if you volunteer as an Election Judge or a Poll Watcher to help ensure election integrity in your neighborhood.

Again, shake out of media-driven pessimism and get yourself together. Help your friends to do the same. Don't let the U.S. become Venezuela or worse. It won't matter if Harris wins Illinois by two million votes (or twenty million). Vote anyway. There are plenty of down-ballot races of great importance to you and your family.

There are low-information voters who can vote us into socialism with their ignorance of the history. The problem is that freedom loving patriots may then have to shoot our way out of socialism. And that won't be pretty.

Dick Fairburn seeking a director position with the NRA Board of Directors

by John Boch
(GSL) - Dick Fairburn, a GSL member and a Benefactor member of the NRA, has begun circulating petitions to run for the NRA Board of Directors for next year's NRA election. I personally endorse his candidacy and have proudly signed his petition.



Dick Fairburn.

As a "reform"-minded candidate he would like to improve the organization and move it away from the LaPierre cronies still on the board. These folks continue to make what Mr. Fairburn sees as poor strategic decisions.

Among the biggest: The NRA is still using the Brewer Law Firm out of Dallas. This is the same firm that Wayne LaPierre spent \$200 million (two hundred million dollars) of NRA donations in an effort to keep himself

at the helm in the face of the corruption investigation. LaPierre and several others were convicted in that case and ordered to pay millions in restitution.

I asked Mr. Fairburn to write a few words about his candidacy. Here they are:

I am a 50 year NRA member at the Benefactor level. I retired after more than 40 years of public safety experience in both law enforcement and the fire service. I feel the recent change in the NRA Executive VP position shows the organization has turned a corner since the recent corrupt behavior by senior management. But, the Board of Directors needs many new faces to continue these positive steps.

I would work to streamline the NRA bureaucracy to make it more cost efficient and user friendly. In particular, the Board of Directors, which currently consists of 76 members, should be drastically reduced to save costs. In my opinion both Directors and the Executive VP should be term limited.

As a career trainer I feel the NRA should re-dedicate itself to training, especially for youth shooting to perpetuate our 2nd Amendment culture. Lastly, the NRA must retake the lead in litigation to secure our 2nd Amendment rights.

Reportedly Todd Vandermyde and others are also circulating petitions as "reform" candidates. If you're a voting member of the NRA, please consider signing the petitions for these men. We'll have the petitions at our meetings.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SHOOT?

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See Calendar for Shoots & Events (p. 22)

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



What could possibly go wrong?

Proposed law would cut all IL prison sentences in half

(Northwest Herald) - A proposed bill could grant JoAnn Cunningham – who is serving 35 years for killing her 5-year-old son AJ in their Crystal Lake home – freedom after completing only half her sentence.



Should the measure become law, it also could free the child's father, AJ Freund Sr., who was sentenced to 30 years for crimes tied to his son's murder, after serving 15. His term currently is ordered to be served at 85%, which would keep him in prison for about 25 years.

Those are only two examples of what would happen should House Bill 5219,

sponsored by state Rep. Barbara Hernandez, a Democrat from Aurora, and co-sponsors Kevin John Olickal and Lilian Jiminez, becomes law. The measure, if passed during the so-called lame-duck session in January, would allow incarcerated people who've been convicted of even the most egregious felonies – including first-degree murder, aggravated predatory criminal sexual assault of a child and driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance resulting in death – to serve only half the imposed sentence...

This new proposed law would require that all prison terms – regardless of the crime – be served at 50%, including murder, except where a term of natural life is imposed. The law would work retroactively, reducing sentences of those already serving time in prison, lawmakers said.

He's just paying lip-service to the Supreme Court's Bruen precedent

Illinois' AG recognizes challenges in defending gun control laws

(The Center Square) – In defending gun control laws in Illinois and other states, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul recognizes the challenges posed by recent U.S. Supreme Court precedent on the right to keep and bear arms.

Minnesota and beyond.

"I spend a lot of time with my colleagues, my attorney general colleagues in other states, both Republican and Democrat, and we try to work collectively on issues," Raoul told *The Center Square*.

Raoul's office is defending the state's gun ban in federal court. Illinois is not the only place Raoul is defending gun control laws. He's filed friends of the court briefs in other federal courts supporting gun control laws in Massachusetts,

"There's always a balancing act that we need to do and certainly public safety is important in that balance," Raoul said.

But recent U.S. Supreme Court precedent on the Second Amendment right

to keep and bear arms in the 2022 *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen* case says gun laws must comply with the text, history and tradition of gun rights, not a balancing of interests...

A bench trial in the case challenging Illinois' gun ban is set for Sept. 16 in East St. Louis. Plaintiffs there argue Illinois' ban violates the right to keep and bear commonly owned firearms protected by the Second Amendment.

In reversal, Kim Foxx says she won't prosecute lawbreaking convention protesters if 'peaceful'

Chicago (WirePoints) - Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx now says she will not prosecute protesters who break the law at this week's Democratic National Convention in Chicago as long as they are "peaceful." That's a reversal of what she said in April about arrests of protesters violating the law during the convention.



THE SOFT BIGOTRY OF LOW EXPECTATIONS: How dare we expect blacks and Latinos to pay their fines in a timely manner!

'Three free traffic citations' bill signed into law

(GSL) - Effective New Year's Day 2025, you won't have to worry about getting your license suspending for failure to pay your first three traffic tickets.

That's right: If you get pulled over by police or get a ticket in the mail from one of those traffic enforcement cameras, you can effectively ignore it without penalty.

The State of Illinois will no longer suspend your license for non-payment and the cops won't cart you off to jail on your next traffic stop. Moreover, those who had their licenses suspended over non-payment since 2020 will have their suspensions lifted.

Sure, the new law will be a drag on jurisdictions that prey upon motorists for traffic fine money. Ditto for those photo enforcement companies. But for the rest of us, life will get just a little better. Moreover, you get a fresh three free violations in each subsequent year before the state will suspend your license for non-payment! In ten years you could accumulate 30 citations without consequences.

The bad news of course is that this will embolden idiot drivers to, well, drive like idiots. This will result in increased traffic fatalities.

But Rep. Justin Slaughter (D-Chicago) says that's all worth it because the current law requiring payment of fines was "unfair" to black and Latino drivers.



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Were your voter documents leaked?

EVERYTHING ONE NEEDS FOR FRAUDULENT REGISTRATIONS

Data for 4.6 Million Voters leaked by Illinois tech vendor

By Nancy Hayes
 Illinois Freedom Alliance
 Election Integrity Chair

Did you know that voter information for 4.6 million Illinois residents, along with a slew of election document data was leaked online by Platinum Technology Resource (PTR).

PTR provides election services for 23 Illinois counties and the City of Rockford. Their "services" include ballot printing, election management and voter registration software.

The following counties exposed or at-risk included: **Adams, Boone, Champaign, Clinton, DeKalb, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Henry, Jersey, Kankakee, Marion, Monroe, Ogle, Pike, Pulaski, Randolph, Sangamon, St. Clair, Union, Wayne, Williamson, Winnebago** and last but not least, the **City of Rockford**.

What specific concerns are there for voters in these counties?

Databases contained documents for lists of active voters, absentee, early voters, and duplicate voters. In addition, there were records with very sensitive and personal information of voters which included voters' names, physical addresses, email addresses, birthdates, social security numbers or driver's license numbers and voter's history, as well as voter registration applications. Even signature scans!

HOLY COW, BATMAN!

In addition, there were documents such as candidate petitions with voter signatures and addresses.

What's the possible danger of the exposure of these databases and exposure of all this voter information?

What does it take to register to vote in Illinois?

Pretty much the voter information exposed.

What if someone were to use this information to temporarily change your registered address and request a mail-in ballot. Then, a day or two later, change the address back to your original address to cover their tracks. That could be a REAL problem!

SPOILER ALERT: Exactly this has happened in other states.

To vote in the Land of Lincoln you must be a citizen, but citizenship is not verified.

Again, no proof of citizenship is required to register to vote in Illinois. This goes for those signed up as part of issuing driver's licenses to "new Americans" and it also goes for people signed up as voters by left-leaning groups "registering voters."

Does anyone else see a problem with the databases from 23 counties and the City of Rockford exposing voter information for Illinois citizen voters coupled with illegal aliens voting?

We all know "our" elections are the "safest and most secure elections" in history.

That's sarcasm.

Wake up, everyone! It's "GO" time! It's time to save our Republic!

If you are not signed up to be a poll watcher or election judge in your county or precinct, what are you waiting for? You can make a big difference for election integrity. With training, you'll learn how.

Get involved TODAY! It's not too late!

Contact the Illinois Freedom Alliance (www.illinoisfreedomalliance.us or call 309-377-1776).



IllinoisFreedomAlliance.us

Scan this QR code to visit the Illinois Freedom Alliance website:



30% of Americans live under Team Soros prosecutors

(Media Research Center) - Controversial leftist billionaire George Soros and his son Alex have worked tirelessly to undermine law and order in America. The Media Research Center has obtained thousands of never-before-seen internal communications from dozens of Soros prosecutors in response to public records requests. These documents reveal how the Soros machine effectively employs an army of radicalized government lawyers to tear apart the justice system. The result is a crumbling legal system where laws are openly defied by the very people who are paid to enforce them.

The Soros machine sets their policies and priorities, staffs their offices with hand-picked leftists, dictates media narratives, lobbies government officials and perverts the American justice system.

126 radicalized prosecutors for just \$117M

The Soros empire spent at least \$40 million to elect its prosecutors. It then invested an additional \$77,663,316 to 20 leftist nonprofits to coordinate and control the prosecutors, bringing the total Soros spending to at least \$117,663,316.

U.S. population currently lives under the boot of the Soros prosecutors who were pressured to sign pledges vowing to adhere to various Soros priorities. The Soros machine orchestrated 33 of these "joint statements" and pledges, which were signed by 123 of the 126 Soros prosecutors.

The Soros Machine sets policies and priorities, including colluding to break the law

Soros-funded groups set the political agenda for the prosecutors, incentivizing them to target police and the left's political opponents while pushing them not to enforce certain laws, constituting an unlawful "prosecutorial veto" of duly established laws.

The Soros Machine held at least 51 meetings with prosecutors

Soros-funded groups like Fair and Just Prosecution (FJP), the Vera Institute, the Prosecutors Alliance of California and the Anti-Defamation League organized at least 51 meetings (sometimes making them "mandatory") to coordinate the Soros prosecutors.



Alex and George Soros.



Cook County Team Soros prosecutor Kim Foxx.

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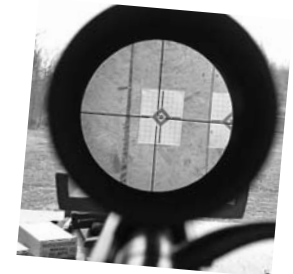
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In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is King
by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member

The Eyes of a Killer

If you are unlucky, the eyes of this man are the last you will see on this earth. He's Russian – a contract killer, or an assassin if you choose – Vadim Krasikov. Vlad Putin called him a "patriot" and said that he was serving a life sentence for "liquidating a bandit" in "one of the European capitals." We'll get to that in a moment. "Liquidating" is often – but not exclusively – associated with Russian assassinations of political opponents. You can just use terms like whack, waste, terminate, snuff, off, erase, pop, cap, or ice, depending on your own writing and speaking style.



Nice guy Vadim Krasikov.

Vad, not Vlad, is a bad dude, born either in Russia in 1970 or in Kazakhstan, then a Soviet territory, in 1965. We don't know which, because guys like this are not found on Ancestry.com. He apparently once worked at the Federal Security Service (FSB), the Russian internal security/counterintelligence service created in 1994 as one of the successor agencies of the Soviet-era KGB. It is responsible for antiterrorism, surveillance of the military, and counterintelligence; its headquarters is in Lubyanka Square in downtown Moscow. I've driven past Lubyanka in 1969 in the bad old days – obviously from the outside – because too many visitors entering inside never come out. Except with a bullet to the back of the neck. The Germans called that a Genickschuss; the Russians, I believe, call it a Выстрел в шею.

FSB assassins often use a Sniperskaya Vintovka Chukavin sniper rifle, and that bad boy has a maximum range of more than 1,600 yards. The Chukavin, mostly chambered in 7.62x54R, also comes in .308 Winchester and the high-powered .338 Lapua Magnum; all can make the back of your neck really sore. Or a pistol like their PSS-2, firing noiseless 7.62x43mm ammunition.



The nearly silent PSS-2.

In August 2019, a Russian by the name of Vadim Sokolov traveled to Berlin; his reason tourism. His real purpose was to liquidate Zelimkhan "Tornike" Khangoshvili, a 40-year-old Georgian citizen of Chechen descent, who had fought the Russians in the Second Chechen War and the Russo-Georgian War, and later claimed asylum in Germany. Once in Berlin, because it would have been too risky to go through customs with a PSS-2, which just screams "assassin", he likely

got the weapon from a Russian sleeper cell, hopped on an electric scooter, located Tornike, drove up behind him at the Kleiner Tiergarten park in the Moabit area of Berlin, and delivered a Выстрел в шею. I've visited Moabit; a really nasty Nazi prison was there back in the day. But "Sokolov" screwed up; he did it in broad daylight. Witnesses saw the suspect throw the scooter, a pistol, and a dark wig into the River Spree two blocks away, while going over the Lessingstrasse bridge, and police quickly arrested him.

Over the next two years, the Germans found that this Vadim Sokolov never existed. But pieces of information did. Analyzing telephone metadata, it appears that one Vadim Krasikov had been communicating intensively with members of something called Vypmel, which is either SBA Vypmel, developers and manufacturers of intellectual measurement and automation systems – which may, or may not, have some former FSB Spetsnaz officers employed, or the original Vypmel – Directorate "V" of the FSB Special Purpose Center, often referred to as Spetsgruppa "V" Vypmel. One of Directorate V's missions is "manhunting." In any case, he visited secure FSB training facilities immediately eve of his trip.

It looks like Berlin turned to Kyiv, and the Ukrainians found a 2010 wedding album in Kharkiv of Vadim Krasikov and his current wife. It also includes a marriage certificate, showing the husband's name as "Vadim Krasikov". Comparing these photographs with ones in Berlin yielded a reported match factor for Krasikov and Sokolov of 0.88902, with 1.0 being perfect. They also found photos showing the same complex tattoos that appear at the same location on both men.

But tracking technology went even further. Following the arrest of Vadim Krasikov, metadata of the telephone previously used by him shows that this number continued communicating with a burner number, until turned off on December 6, 2019 near Domodedovo airport outside Moscow. Later the same day, the number appeared again at Simferopol airport in the Crimea, controlled since 2014 by the Russians. Investigators also obtained the Domodedovo-Simferopol flight passenger manifest, which included a man named Evgeny Eroshkin. Two other passengers, a woman and her daughter, had first names matching those of Krasikov's wife and daughter, with a different last name. The birthdate of the woman was exactly one year to the day later than the birth date of Mrs. Krasikov. The child's birth date? An exact match with that of Krasikov's daughter.

Evgeny Eroshkin, born 1963, is an employee of Vypmel Sodeystvie, one of the many Vypmel-named companies. He's probably Krasikov's handler. Why does any of this matter? Vlad Putin said last February that *Wall Street Journal* reporter Evan Gershkovich, detained in Russia on espionage charges, could be swapped for Krasikov. Recently, in a multi-prisoner swap, Russia released Evan Gershkovich and others. In return, Moscow got Krasikov, who is now back in Russia. What's Vad up to now?

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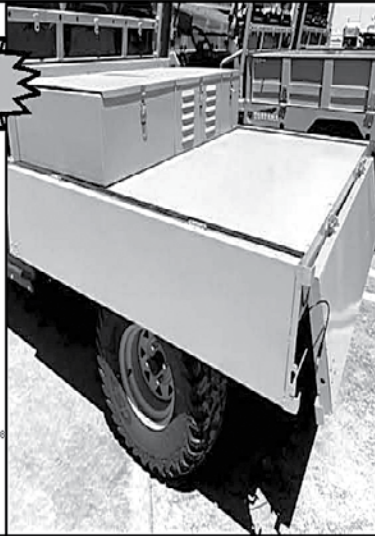
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Litigation update

GSL's challenge to the PICA gun and magazine ban.

We have a court date set for September 16th for the trial in federal court challenging the so-called "Protect Illinois Communities Act" gun and magazine ban. The trial will likely take about a week and Judge Stephen McGlynn will issue his decision in the weeks that follow.

We anticipate he will rule in our favor. After all, he issued a preliminary injunction last year in our favor indicating that we had a high likelihood to prevailing on the merits.

Because of something known as "judicial economy" we'll no doubt land in front of the same three-judge panel that erroneously ruled against us last fall. Despite the warning from Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas not to relegate the Second Amendment to a second class right, I predict their egos won't allow that.

Instead, we anticipate they will instead side with the *Bianchi* decision from the Fourth District Court of Appeals, even though that isn't controlling like a SCOTUS decision. This will likely take until mid- to late-next year as anti-gun judges love (l - o - v - e) to drag these cases out, hoping for the death or retirement of conservative justices on the US Supreme Court.

Assuming the US Supreme Court doesn't accept the almost certain appeal by the good guy plaintiffs in *Bianchi* and then gut these gun and magazine bans (and regulations) nationwide, we will ultimately likely appeal our case to SCOTUS.

FOID challenge.

We had a court date for the end of August at the state's Fourth District Court of Appeals but that was pulled and they asked for briefs on how the *Rahimi* decision from SCOTUS impacts our case. Those briefs have been submitted and we're awaiting them to schedule a new oral arguments date.

This one will undoubtedly end up in front of the Illinois Supreme Court. We don't have a lot of confidence in them striking down the FOID Act, so we'll likely be filing a writ of certiorari with the US Supreme Court to hear that one as well. That will likely be in the 2027 time frame.

We wish we had better news sooner, but the court system moves at the speed of smell on a good day. Overall we remain very optimistic for favorable decisions. It's just that we have to remain patient and keep the faith.

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'Mind your own damn business' applies to guns as well...

A Democrat's take on the Democratic Party's re-branding in progress

by Jennifer Sensiba
(The Truth About Guns) - Instead of doing what Democrats have done for decades and telling voters it's time to take their Euro-socialist medicine, they're wrapping their platform in the flag. On issues where the Democratic Party is offering people more freedom (abortion is the big one), they're adopting a slogan of "mind your own damn business." Whether that proves to be genuine or not, we'll see.

If you can't stand her voice, I'll quote something she said in the video above:

We just want fairness, we want dignity for all people, we want to recognize the right all

people have to freedom and liberty to make choices, especially those that are about heart and home, and not have their government telling them what to do!

If you didn't know anything about the Democratic Party, you might confuse this for something Ronald Reagan would have said. Saying that the government should trust citizens to know what's best for themselves is basically a 180-degree turn from what Democrats usually stand for.

This rebrand of the Democratic Party works because many people are sick of what they're seeing the Republican Party do. They were also sick of what they were seeing

the Democratic Party do and fortunately or unfortunately, depending on where you stand politically, the public typically has a short memory and tends to believe what they last heard. Overreaching abortion bans, calls for restrictions on the LGBT community (especially the T), and some of the more extreme ideas from Project 2025 have a number of Americans feeling like the Republicans are the anti-freedom party now, while half of America still feels that way about the Democrats. Undercutting Republicans on their own ground, liberty and freedom, is proving to be a successful strategy in the polls for Harris right now.

But, there's one big fly in the Democratic Party ointment. Specifically Kamala Harris (from X):

Across the nation, we are witnessing a full-on attack on hard-won, hard-fought freedoms.

Extremists attack the freedom to vote, our freedom to live safe from gun violence, and our reproductive freedom.

I say, bring it on—because we're not going back.

Just because you call something "freedom" doesn't mean it's actually freedom. To sup-

port this rebrand of the party, Democrats aren't actually changing their policy positions. They're just using different rhetoric to sell it. Instead of selling gun control as something good on its own, they're calling it "freedom to live safe from gun violence."

But, the same old failed policies are being pushed. Universal background checks, which amount to de facto registration which could enable future confiscation is a big one. Red flag laws that deny both the Second and Fifth Amendments are on the list. And, as usual, they're calling for an "assault weapon" ban.

What they aren't telling voters about all of this is that if anyone doesn't wish to comply, they'll send men with guns to enforce it. They'd gladly send someone else's father or son to kick down your door and (assuming you don't give up), shoot you to enforce these laws. I don't know about you, but in my book this is literally the opposite of "mind your own damn business."

If Harris and Walz really want to prove that they're serious about freedom, trusting the public and minding their own damned business, they'd better walk back the gun control talk. Anything short of that, and it's just another form of tyranny wrapped in the flag.

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The WSJ forgot mention Chicago's antagonism towards the 2nd Amendment

The Chicago Model for Democrats

Delegates to the Democratic National Convention this week can see progressivism in action, from crime to schools...

(Wall Street Journal) - Welcome to Chicago, esteemed delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention, and please look around while you're here, but maybe not too long after dark. The city hasn't had a Republican mayor in nearly a century, making it a showcase for progressive governance. So how do Democrats explain its high crime, fiscal woes, and failing public schools?

These problems are interrelated, but start with the crime rate, which would spook Al Capone. Chicago led the U.S. in homicides for the 12th year in a row in 2023, and this year violent crime is at a six-year high. Changes to the city's policing strategies, including engaging in fewer foot chases, have contributed to a rise in petty crimes and a growing sense of disorder.

This has afflicted the city's businesses and retail, from vacancies on Michigan Avenue to drugstore chains that now lock up shampoo to keep it from walking out the door. Shoplifting is at a 22-year high, according to CWB Chicago, which makes it hard to run a business profit-

ably. On the city's South and West sides, major retailers and grocers have closed.

Rather than call law enforcement to action, Mayor Brandon Johnson sees another progressive opportunity. This month Mr. Johnson proposed to open three city-owned grocery stores to "tackle food inequity" and "lead the way with a new approach to fighting food insecurity." This boondoggle could cost \$27 million upfront, a consultancy report says. Why not simply fix what's driving out private retailers?

The Chicago metro area's unemployment rate, 6.2%, is the highest of any big city in the country, according to the Illinois Policy Institute. Boeing and Citadel have fled. "The truth is, it's more difficult today for me to convince a promising McDonald's executive to relocate to Chicago," the burger chain's CEO said in 2022.

The city budget has a \$538 million hole, and there's a \$51 billion pension debt that siphons off municipal revenue. Chicago has a boat-mooring tax, a fountain-drink tax, a parking tax and an

amusement tax, on top of a 10.25% combined state and local sales tax. Mr. Johnson has called for adding another \$800 million in new levies. In a March referendum, voters rejected a hike to the real-estate transfer tax for properties over \$1 million, a defeat for the Mayor.

Driving the fiscal imbalance is an alliance between politicians and government unions. Chicago schools are notoriously awful, and only 21% of 8th graders in 2022 were proficient in reading. Yet the Chicago Teachers Union runs the schools and politicians. CTU was a top donor to Mr. Johnson, and in current contract negotiations it's asking for 9% annual raises, plus other benefits.

Chicago Schools CEO Pedro Martinez has resisted, and a district official recently argued that CTU's proposals would drive the deficit to new heights. Local media now say Mr. Johnson is "working to oust" Mr. Martinez. This is the Chicago public union political machine at work. Oh, and Mr. Johnson's approval rating is under 30%, among the lowest in city history. Enjoy your visit, delegates.

What could possibly go wrong with this idea?

Chicago mayor proposes eliminating 833 police positions

Chicago (WirePoints) - Mayor Johnson's proposed 2024 budget would eliminate 833 police positions.

Crime without consequences: Team Soros Cook Co. State's Attorney isn't prosecuting thefts under \$1000 as felonies

Shoplifting reports soar 45% this year

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — Shoplifting reports in Chicago have soared 45% this year, making 2024 the worst year for retail theft in the city since at least 2003. There could be a couple of reasons for the spike.

worst year for shoplifting since 2003, the first year with complete retail theft data in the city's online crime database.

So, what's causing the increase?

CWBChicago decided to look into the city's shoplifting rate after our team, while working on neighborhood crime rate reports for our subscribers, discovered that retail theft reports were driving crime rates substantially higher in parts of the city. For example, in Avondale, shoplifting reports spiked from 87 during the first half of 2023 to 240 through June of this year.

Some might argue that shoplifters have become emboldened since Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, in her first major policy move after taking office in 2016, eased enforcement of the state's retail theft laws.

We discovered that, as of July 29, Chicago police had taken 7,584 shoplifting reports this year, up from 5,275 during the same period last year. That makes 2024 the

Under Illinois law, shoplifting merchandise worth more than \$500 is a felony. But Foxx ordered prosecutors not to pursue felony charges unless the value exceeds \$1,000 or the defendant has ten or more felony convictions in their background...




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GROWING AMERICA'S GUN CULTURE:

An 8-year-old's first shots

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consent – along with her precious little girl.

Ten minutes later, we had Ruby Jean all set up and started with a quick review of the gun safety rules and how to make a little Ruger Wrangler cowboy-style single-action pistol go bang.

While she understood the “Keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction” right out of the gate, the “Keep your finger off the trigger” part of things took a couple of minutes, but Ruby Jean proved herself a quick learner.

Minutes later, we had her almost ready to fire her first shot.



Ruby Jean holds up the spent cartridge from her first shot.

Then Sunday, while mom sat in on a deadly force lecture, we had Ruby Jean back out shooting a Savage Rascal rifle and more trigger time with the Wrangler. Only this time, she barked commands at the target before firing.

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In addition to gun safety and how to hold and fire a handgun, she had also learned all about the role of guns in self-defense both in the home and for personal defense. She made us all proud.



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It didn't stop there. Ruby spent the better part of an hour shooting.



She might identify as a black woman, but she's no friend of your guns

Kamala Harris' radical positions

(GSL) - Kamala Harris remains the presumptive Democrat candidate for President, despite not having run a primary campaign at all or receiving a single vote for the nomination. Most don't know of some of her more radical positions on controversial issues.

In the past she's articulated support for not only banning the most popular self-defense firearms in America and the magazines that feed them, but also mandatory “buy backs.” In fact, there's not a single gun control proposal out there that Kamala Harris believes goes too far.

She also supports causes like these: Allowing death row inmates to vote, elimination of private health insurance, promoting funds to bail out violent protesters, abolishing ICE, and decriminalizing illegal border crossings, cutting funding for

police and slavery reparations. She also co-sponsored the Green New Deal which will continue to drive energy prices higher.

And her latest: Price controls on food. Yes, price controls like in communist Russia and Venezuela that quickly lead to empty shelves, rationing and black markets. Most Americans could stand to lose a few pounds, but a national diet based upon scarcity would not be popular no matter how hard the media tried to sell it as a good thing.

Sure, some people including black women are excited that a black woman might be elected President. But since when is a person's skin color the most important reason for voting for or against a candidate? Isn't the content of their character more important?

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by Mandi Ehler

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It felt so incredible to be one of the many trainers from around the country that volunteered to train these eager women. Some participants never touched a gun before and others had limited exposure.

Mr. Ector started this event after watching a news story of a woman who was attacked and killed in his hometown of Detroit; he thought if she knew how to defend herself maybe the outcome could have been different, and this event was born. 2024 will mark the 13th year of the program and it continues to grow each and every year.

The day was an undeniably great success. We trained just over 100 ladies in safe firearm handling and successfully sent around 2,200 rounds down range without incident.

We all shared plenty of hugs, smiles, and high fives the entire day. The women who participated walked away with the confidence of knowing they could safely and effectively use a firearm if the need arises.



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The plans for next year's event are already in full swing! Next year will be a 2-day event and is scheduled for June 21st and 22nd, 2025. Please visit isra.org and click on the range calendar for more information, registration will open on March 1, 2025 for sign up. If you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact academy@ISRA.org.

We are looking forward to training even more women next year and for this event to continue to grow! Sign up early to reserve your seat!



After attending for a couple years, I thought to myself, why don't we do this in other areas of the country? If each of these instructors from around the country did this in their hometown, what a difference we could make! So, I am a believer in putting your money where your mouth is so I got to work planning one for Illinois. Here's what happened at the first Empowering First Shots: Free Women's Shooting Event at the Illinois State Rifle Association Range in Bonfield, IL on June 15th.

Ladies traveled from all over the state to have the opportunity to learn firearm safety and to be trained by a qualified female instructor for FREE. We offered four time slots for a lesson on gun safety and the fundamentals of shooting. From there, we headed to the range to shoot Ruger Mark 2 and Mark 3 pistols, loaned out from the ISRA.

Ten incredibly talented and certified female firearm instructors welcomed the ladies with big grins and a desire to teach them how to handle and shoot a firearm safely - and we even had food available.

GSL-sponsored event

HOOAH program continues to thrive

Local, all-volunteer program now helps hundreds of veterans with disabilities each year
Pontiac, IL (GSL) - The all-volunteer HOOAH Deer Hunt for Heroes helps promote healing for disabled veterans in non-traditional settings, outside of a clinical environment. Guns Save Life stands as one of two "foundational" supporters credited with getting the organization off the ground in its early days when the group helped a dozen or so veterans each year.



GSL has continued its support in every way from financial to publicity to our individual GSL members donating time, talent and treasure to help HOOAH grow in their work helping injured and disabled veterans.



HOOAH now helps several hundred veterans each year, paying transportation costs and equipping them with every-

thing needed to succeed. This includes specialized equipment for those severely disabled like Action Track wheelchairs and handicapped accessible 4-wheelers.



On August 16th, HOOAH held its annual Golfing for Heroes fundraiser, sponsored in part by Guns Save Life. 35 teams participated and nearly two dozen people volunteered behind the scenes to make it run smoothly. Both participants and volunteers made the event a lot of fun.

Monies raised will allow roughly 16 to 20 additional veterans to join the HOOAH family at events in the coming year. Many thanks to all involved.



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Lessons learned in a miscarriage of justice... **DON'T TALK WITH THE POLICE**

Chad Berck: Stabbed 19 times in his front yard, then arrested by Normal, IL PD

(GSL) - In Rantoul, GSL member Chad Berck described an incident from May 2022 where he was attacked in his own front yard, stabbed 19 times and then arrested by the Normal, IL police. He shared his biggest takeaway from the experience was absolutely, positively do not talk with the police. Even if you're attacked and defend yourself in your own front yard - or front living room.



Stab wound went to bone on Berck's leg.

"It all started over a dog," he said. He lives in the affluent Ironwood subdivision in Normal, IL. His neighbor James DeWitt, a man with numerous run-ins with police, wanted Berck to take his dog inside when DeWitt would walk by with his dog.

It went downhill pretty quickly from there when Chad stopped accommodating his neighbor's demand. A pattern of abuse soon formed, including stalking and countless incidents of threats. Berck tried to build a paper trail with multiple police reports, but prosecutors weren't interested in charging DeWitt.

Then in May 2022, DeWitt rode by late at night, revving his motorcycle. That woke Berck's dog who then wanted to go outside to go pee.

The pup, in play mode, was distracted from his duty for long enough for DeWitt to wander down. As DeWitt made a straight line approach to Berck, he pulled his folding knife and flicked it open. At that point, the fight was on. Berck, unarmed, sustained 19 stab wounds trying to avoid getting stabbed to death before neighbors heard the commotion and interceded. Soon after cops arrived. Incredibly, Normal PD arrested Mr. Berck in front of his own home.

From that point forward, DeWitt went full-on lawfare against Berck, filing an order of protection. It took Herculean efforts to get the Emergency Order of Protection thrown out.

As a subscriber to US Concealed Carry Association, Berck said they were great. They paid for the attorney and over the course of about six months the tide turned. Mr. DeWitt didn't take it well, cussing the judge and getting thrown out of court more than once for contempt. At the same time, countless neighbors testified in court to the problems and threats from Mr. DeWitt.

Then, as the case wound through the courts, DeWitt began harassing and threat-

ening Berck's children and others at the bus stop, making a finger gun and pointing at them. Again, more police reports were filed but the local prosecutor wouldn't act upon them.



Chad Berck talks about his arrest after getting stabbed 19 times in his front yard in Normal, IL.

Eventually the special prosecutor dismissed the charges. Ultimately the judge apologized for the legal system failing to protect the real victim.

Of course, the Illinois State Police were still in no hurry to restore the FOID card and carry license. He wouldn't get those back for months.

Now Berck has the order of protection against the neighbor. He also has his carry license again. He thanked GSL for our help and John Boch's for his assistance and guidance which proved very helpful. "John didn't even believe me at first, but I won him over with evidence and persistence. It is a very crazy story."

Lessons learned: **Never, ever give a statement to police without an attorney present, even if you were attacked on your own property.** Have self-defense legal insurance. It's priceless. And find someone who will keep their mouth shut to talk with about your situation and your frustrations.

Looking back, Chad sincerely believes his attacker is an evil man. "He was giggling as he stabbed me that night," he said. What's more, Berck later learned that Mr. DeWitt had a hand axe in his backpack.

DeWitt also had an arrest for stabbing two black male ISU students. DeWitt instigated a fight and stabbed the men because one was with a white girlfriend. Both men left ISU because of their wounds and one died three years later. But prosecutors didn't charge that case either.

It reaffirmed to Berck what he recognized that fateful night: DeWitt had come at him with homicidal intent. And inside his backpack DeWitt carried a hatchet in addition to another knife. Did he intend to kill Berck's family inside? We'll never know for sure because thanks to Chad he never got the chance.



GSL-sponsored event

McLean Appleseed: success, big turnout


McLean, IL (GSL) - Fifteen years ago, Guns Save Life brought the Project Appleseed American heritage and marksmanship program to the state of Illinois. The tradition continues this year as GSL sponsored an event at the Bob Holland farm in McLean, IL. Shooters from pre-teen to post-retirement turned out in the summer heat to learn marksmanship and hear American history often not taught in schools today.

GSL and GSL Defense Training sponsored the event, providing water, Gatorade, fans, shade and much more to help make the weather more bearable. Everyone had a great time thanks to great instructors, a superlative location and additional breaks in the shade.

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Stay away from bad boys, ladies

19YO woman smites abusive bad boy boyfriend

Charleston, WV (GSL) — Chrishawn Perkins, 32, should not have picked up a pistol and threatened to murder his 19-year-old girlfriend multiple times after beating her during a 2:30a.m. "heated" argument. Friends convinced him to chill out and put the gun down. But he couldn't help himself.



Chrishawn Perkins at a hearing following his 2017 arrest in a home invasion.

A few minutes later, Mr. Perkins became enraged again and resumed beating his girlfriend and also another acquaintance. This time the girlfriend picked up the gun and shot Mr. Perkins dead right there.

In 2017, Mr. Chrishawn Perkins was shot and wounded by a police officer while in the commission of a home invasion.



Like a good neighbor, a gun owner is there... Stay away from bad boys, ladies...

Neighbor pulls gun on man who abducted his girlfriend

Albion, MI (mlive.com) — An Albion man was arrested Monday afternoon, a day after he allegedly tied up and beat his girlfriend who escaped from his home and ran to neighbor who scared him off with a gun, police said.

Like a good neighbor, a gun owner is there...

Armed school teacher drives off aspiring child rapist

East Houston, TX (KENS5) — A Houston-area middle school teacher is being hailed as a hero for springing into action to save a young girl who was being attacked [Ed.: sexually assaulted] by a man in east Houston...



Harris County Sheriff's Office investigators said it happened just before midnight on July 28. They said a 15-year-old girl was followed by a man when she got off a METRO bus near an apartment complex on Woodforest Boulevard just north of I-10 between Normandy Street and Uvalde Road on Houston's east side.

David Garza said he didn't think twice when he heard cries for help that night.

"I looked out the window and I saw a man beating up a woman on the ground ... trying to take her clothes off," he said.



ATM robbers run... quickly

Cypress, TX (GSL) - A number of would-be robbers tried to ply their trade against workers servicing an ATM machine outside a Cypress, Texas bank in early August.

One of the workers "might have" fired shots at the bandits who promptly fled. It's unknown if the robbers took any bullets with them.

Should have been a defensive gun use...

Tampa couple shot after bad guys observed them cashing out \$3000 casino winnings and followed them home to rob them



Tampa, FL (Shooting News Weekly) - "People need to understand. They need to be vigilant. They need to be vigilant and aware of their surroundings," said Kim Chambliss. Yes. To say the least. Especially these days. Chambliss and her boyfriend, Val Delacruz, learned that lesson the hard way after a good night at a Tampa casino.

After winning about \$3,000, they cashed out and were followed home by two thugs who attacked them in their

driveway. Chambliss was shot in the leg and managed to make it inside. Delacruz was shot in in both legs and may have only managed to survive thanks to a neighbor who came outside to investigate.

Both attackers have since been arrested. Marcus Jenkins and Tristan Write — who thought nothing of shooting two people over \$3,000 — are now facing charges of armed robbery and attempted murder. A third suspect is still running free.



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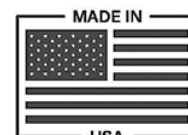
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Our gun rights hang in the balance with November's elections... gun control advocates can't beat us with native-born Americans, so they're looking towards low-skilled illegal 'migrants' to vote for their gun control candidates

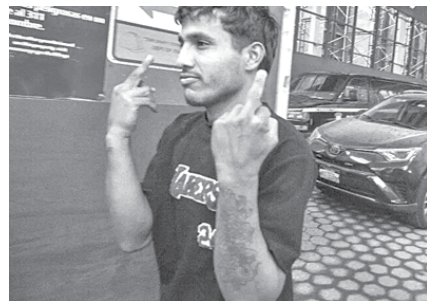
BRITAIN IS PROOF: Globalists plan to use migrants as a mercenary army against the West

by Brandon Smith

(Activist Post) - Why do Western officials insist on gaslighting the public on illegal border crossings? Why do they attempt to destroy anyone that publicly opposes mass immigration from the third world? The laws on the books support the public's majority position on immigration – Come here legally or don't come here at all. In Europe, the UK and the US polls show a majority of citizens want reductions in immigration and better border security. Yet, government officials, who often claim to be "protecting democracy," brazenly ignore these majority concerns. Why?

For many years now I have offered a specific theory on the true agenda behind open border policies in Western countries and I believe this theory answers most of questions surrounding illegal immigration.

The common claim within the Liberty Movement is that this is all part of the "Cloward-Piven Strategy": A social engineering method which uses large scale relocation of migrants into a society in order to destabilize that nation. The goal is to import people with a incompatible or hostile ideology and, eventually, the target culture will break down and be forced to accept a new system of governance (i.e. from free markets and liberty to communism and slavery).



If Western populations are unified in opposing the globalist ideology then the task of deconstruction becomes impossible for them. So, they simply destroy the West from within by introducing millions of people that will NEVER assimilate or unify.

My theory goes beyond the Cloward-Piven explanation, though. I think there is a deeper and even more sinister purpose to the introduction of third world migrants to the US and Europe. I summarized my position in my article 'Cultural Replacement: Why The Immigration Crisis Is Being Deliberately Engineered' published in January. I noted:

"I have mentioned this in previous articles and I continue to believe that one of the main purposes for the establishment to leave borders open and entice illegals to enter is to create a migrant army; a situation in which millions of illegals will be offered easy citizenship in exchange for service. I also believe that this migrant

army will be used against the American public (the real citizenry) to impose martial law measures in the wake of a national disaster..."

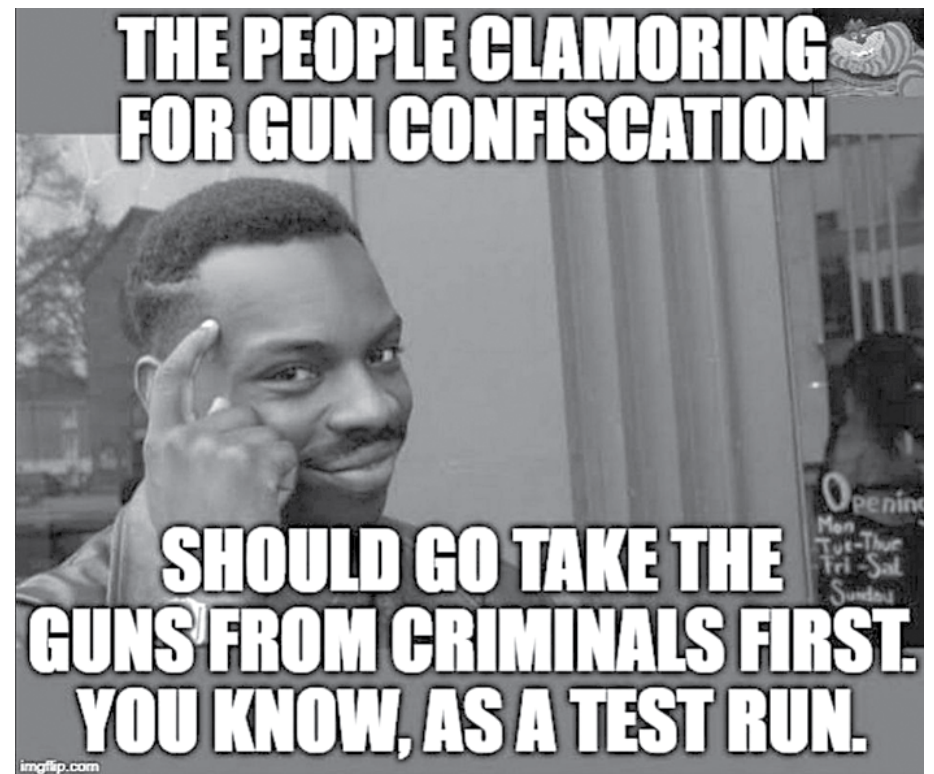


Regardless of the outcome of the US elections in November the illegal immigration crisis will be central to everything we do in the next couple years. If leftists remain in political power then it is likely that we will see a similar attempt at a crackdown on patriots from an arrogant Harris Administration.

I believe Harris will most definitely offer citizenship to every illegal already in the country (many of them in exchange for military service), buying a mercenary force and a progressive voting block at the same time, ending any chance of conservatives ever participating in government again.

In the case of a second Trump Administration the situation changes. The removal of illegal migrants will be the top issue and leftists in the US will try to prevent it. They view the migrants as the key to their kingdom; the way to "destroy capitalism" and bring in woke socialism. Removal of illegals would set them back decades. Leftists will riot rather than lose. It's a certainty.

The difference is, US patriots are armed (50 million strong with over 400 million guns and hundreds of billions of rounds of ammunition). I'm now receiving a lot of emails these days from UK and European readers who say they are desperate for the same firearms rights we have in the US. They all tell me, "never give up your guns." Don't worry, we won't. We know what's coming thanks to the events in the UK.



Is Kamala Drunk?

by David Strom

(HotAir) - Is Kamala drunk most of the time? If you watch her talk with that possibility in mind, so much makes sense all of a sudden. All those word salads, the occasional slurring, the inappropriate laughs... These all tell that her brain is fogged by something, and it may not be stupidity...

Watch clips of Kamala's bizarre moments over the years and see for yourself. I would be very interested to know if others have the same impression.



Kamala Harris is weird to normal Americans

by Scott Pinsker

(PJ Media) - The "Harris Honeymoon" is still in full swing, but eventually, she'll be forced to speak extemporaneously and be interviewed by non-fawning reporters...

And at her core, despite the media's current sugar high, Kamala Harris is still a sheltered, coddled, Left Coast California Liberal whose political beliefs aren't just antithetical to most of the country... they're kinda weird, too.

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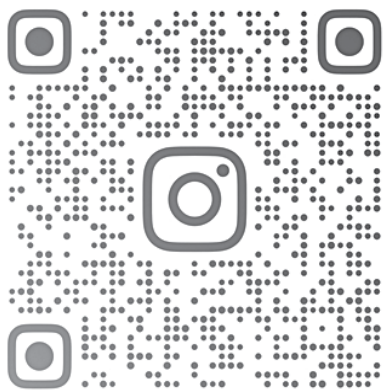
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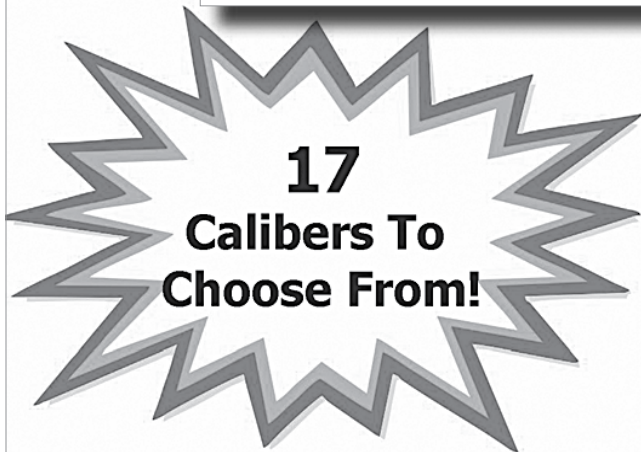
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A gun you can make at home...

The story of the FGC-9

by Damon Williams (GSL) - In the July issue of *GunNews*, we ran a story about 3D printing firearms and how that has become readily available lay persons. A photo of a home-brew "FGC-9" served as an example of what people can make at home today.

It looks impressive and his an equally impressive story behind it.

In 2018, a young average citizen in a western European country decided that he'd had enough of being told that he was not responsible enough, or privileged enough, to own a semi-automatic firearm. Furthermore, should he have possession of such a device, it would be none of the government's business. He was not going to ask permission to exercise what should be a natural right. (Sound familiar? Maybe he was just born on the wrong continent.)

He assumed the alias "J Stark 1809" as a tribute to the American General John Stark. In 1809, Stark was recognized by then President Madison for his patriotism and service to the cause of the American Revolution. John Stark personified, "Live free or die." This young man created the FGC-9 handgun and engraved his alias into the lower receiver of his FGC-9.

What does FGC-9 stand for? Well, the GC stands for Gun Control. 9 represents its 9mm caliber. I will leave the meaning of the F to the imagination of our readers.

In 2018, the 3D printing hobby became mainstream with quality affordable commercial machines for the average lay person. With the goal of building a firearm in mind, J Stark 1809, taught himself computer aided design (CAD) and went to work designing and building a firearm from 3D printed parts, off-the-shelf

hardware items, and a few air-soft accessories.

Not only is his design genius, but it is safe and reliable. J Stark 1809 published an illustrated how-to guide for anyone with minimal mechanical and computer skills to build his creation. The guide is highly detailed with listed tools, materials, part numbers, hardware specifications, 3D files, and websites to obtain parts. It is so detailed that the guide even includes the toothpicks to stir the epoxy used for the completing the firing pin.

The rifled barrel is made from seamless hydraulic tubing machined by a process called electrochemical machining. In short, it involves a battery charger, salt water, and an aquarium pump. Using wire conductors in 3D printed jigs, it causes accelerated corrosion removing steel in order to cut the chamber and rifling.

I do not want to mire you in the build's details. The guide is available on-line at Deterrence Dispensed, and elsewhere, and can be downloaded for free in PDF format.



Even if you have no intention to build such a creation, the guide is a fascinating read. It's about 80 pages and can be read cover to cover in about an hour. One may want a copy for "future reference."

Because this creation had now opened a world-wide Pandora's box to the masses across the globe, Stark's actions caught the ire and attention of Interpol. J Stark was aware of the attention that he had brought onto himself, so when he was interviewed in some video news stories,

he always covered his entire head, wore dark glasses and even wore gloves. Not an inch of flesh was shown on camera; even his voice was altered.

Over the next three years, with the popularity of the FGC-9, J Stark created a Patreon page. With his funds, he made several personal purchases. One such purchase was an article of clothing which was only available on eBay from a limited number of vendors. He made the mistake of wearing this article of clothing in a video. This is where Interpol latched onto him. Having the size, and color of the clothing from the video, Interpol backtracked the customers, and from the financial records forensically matched an identity to the Patreon funds.



In October 2021, Interpol raided the home of a 28 year old Kurdish German citizen named Jacob Duygu. The search turned up no evidence, and Mr. Duygu was never arrested.

Two days later, Jacob was found dead in his automobile of cardiac arrest parked in front of his parent's home. Interpol released a statement speculating that the physical stress of the raid caused his cardiac arrest. Really? Two days later? A 28 year old man with a healthy appearing physique?

Regardless of the circumstances of his demise, the FGC-9 will live for earthly eternity in cyberspace for the entire world to download at their leisure. And with the FGC-9, the legacy of its creator, J Stark 1809, will live as well.



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Saturday, October 26: River Bend. KC in Carrolton.

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Britain has fallen to woke mob Brit gets 18 month prison sentence for chanting “Who the f**k Is Allah”

(ZeroHedge) - A 61-year-old man in the UK was jailed for 18 months for chanting “who the fuck is Allah” and telling police officers “you’re not English anymore” during a protest outside Downing Street...

Another man was imprisoned for 2 months merely for posting the words “coming to a town near you” alongside images of Muslim men on Facebook.

Are you sure a Harris Administration wouldn't honor that extradition request?

UK police commissioner threatens to extradite, jail US citizens over online posts: ‘We’ll come after you’

(NY Post) - London’s Metropolitan Police chief warned that officials will not only be cracking down on British citizens for commentary on the riots in the UK, but on American citizens as well.

“We will throw the full force of the law at people. And whether you’re in this country committing crimes on the streets or committing crimes from further afield online, we will come after you,” Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley told Sky News.



Boating accidents were a lot easier

ATF beginning to return surrendered bump stocks

(Shooting News Weekly) - The ATF has begun the embarrassing process of returning bump stocks to their original owners after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the agency wrongfully determined they were machine-guns, but only if the owners act within 90 days.

The ATF sent letters titled “Notice of Opportunity to Request Return of Bump Stock(s) in ATF Custody” last week. They include an address in Washington, D.C. and an email that the former owners can contact to arrange for the return of their property. Once the requests are processed, the letter states, “you will be contacted by someone from the local ATF field office to arrange retrieval of your bump stock(s).”



Trump: Assassination attempt doesn't change fact Americans ‘Need guns for protection’

(Breitbart) - During a Thursday speech from Mar-a-Lago, Donald Trump pointed out that the July 13, 2024 assassination attempt did not change his conviction that the American “people need guns for protection.”

A reporter asked Trump about the July 13, 2024 assassination attempt, noting that the would-be assassin had used an AR-15.

The reporter went on to ask if the incident had changed his views on gun ownership.

Trump responded by noting that it did not change his views, then continued, “If you take away guns, and [Kamala] wants to take away everyone’s guns, if you want to take away guns, you can’t do it, because people need the guns for protection.”



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Axios laying off 10% of workforce

(Deadline) - Axios has laid off 50 staffers across the company, Deadline has confirmed, or roughly 10% of its 500-person staff, as the company pares down in an increasingly competitive news market.

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals kills California’s gun rationing law

(FPC) - Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) announced that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has issued an order reversing the previously issued stay in FPC’s Nguyen v. Bonta lawsuit, which challenges California’s “one-gun-per-month” gun ban law. With the stay reversed, the final judgment and injunction FPC secured at the district court is now in effect, which prevents the state from enforcing its “1-in-30” ban unless and until further order from the Court. The order, along with other case documents, can be viewed at firearmspolicy.org/nguyen.

Kamala Harris proud of putting hundreds of gun shops out of business

(NY Times) - [Vice President Kamala Harris] was put in charge of or took interest in a variety of subjects, including child care and paid leave, maternal health, artificial intelligence, maritime security, housing, community banks, community health centers and the child tax credit. She helped raise billions of dollars in private and public funds to address poverty and corruption in Central America.

A particular interest was gun violence. Chiraag Bains, then a policy

adviser to the president, recalled walking into the dining room off the Oval Office in June 2021 to find Mr. Biden and Ms. Harris talking about the issue over salads. “I remember the vice president being energetically engaged and sort of advising the president to be as aggressive as possible to take federal action to reduce gun violence,” Mr. Bains said.

When Mr. Biden created the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention last year, he put Ms. Harris in charge of it. She vis-

ited the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., the site of a 2018 mass shooting, to announce the creation of a center to help states enforce red-flag laws to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people.

Gregory Jackson, deputy director of the office and a gun violence survivor, said more than 420 gun stores had been shut down for violations. “We have a vice president that pushes and pushes our team to always think outside the box,” he said.

Biden/Harris regime weaponizing “No-Fly” lists, gun owners could be next

(TTAG) - For America’s gun owners, including the 22.3 million new first-time gun owners since 2020, the latest shocking news about former U.S. Representative and former Democratic presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii) being placed on the U.S. Government’s Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) Quiet Skies “list” should be gravely concerning.

The knowledge that former Congresswoman Gabbard was on the Quiet Skies “list” only came to light because of whistleblowers concerned of political retribution for her outspoken stances against the Biden-Harris administration. The track record of the federal government and watchlists is dismal. Federal agencies have abused these lists which are ripe for

targeting political opposition – including Second Amendment supporters and gun owners...

Government watchlists are ripe for abuse and mistakes. Despite these flaws, Sen. Chris Murphy pushed for these lists to be employed against Americans to deny them their Second Amendment rights. History shown that even the late Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, was mistakenly added to the list in 2004. It took him and his staff weeks to get his name removed.

Now imagine how long it would take a normal, law-abiding American to get removed from the list, all for simply exercising their Constitutional rights. Government agencies creating “lists” of Americans that can be used to target them

for political differences is concerning. For gun owners, they’ve already seen how these can be abused.



Tulsi Gabbard.





Tim Walz hosts pro-Hitler Imam, calls him 'master teacher'

(Townhall) - Last Friday, days after he was selected as Vice President Kamala Harris' running mate, it was reported that Gov. Tim Walz (D-MN) had hosted Asad Zaman, an imam who spoke out against Israel on October 7 and shared pro-Hitler propaganda. While the Harris-Walz campaign claimed that Walz had no personal relationship with Zaman, a new report is out showing otherwise...

The video shows Walz expressing his thanks for the imam as he also notes, "I am a teacher. So when I see a master teacher, I know it. And, um, over the time we've spent together, one of the things, uh, one of the things I've had the privilege of is seeing the things in life through the eye of a master teacher to try and get the understanding."



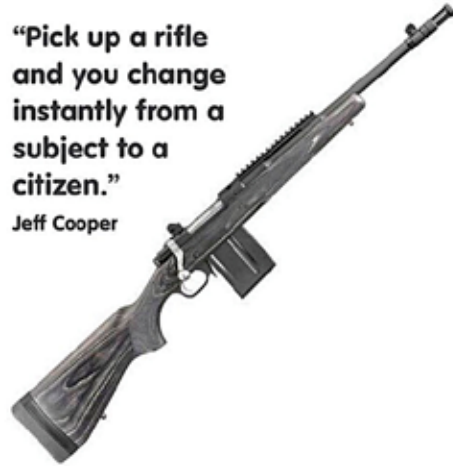
Russia sends troops to liberate oppressed British people from communist tyranny

London (Babylon Bee) — In response to desperate pleas from downtrodden citizens throughout the United Kingdom, Russia announced it was preparing to send troops to liberate oppressed British people from communist rule.

British citizens who had been crushed under a communist reign of terror reportedly rejoiced when hearing the news that the brave, freedom-loving Russian military would soon arrive to set them free from the despotic British government.

"Pick up a rifle and you change instantly from a subject to a citizen."

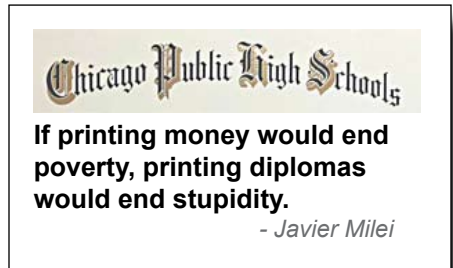
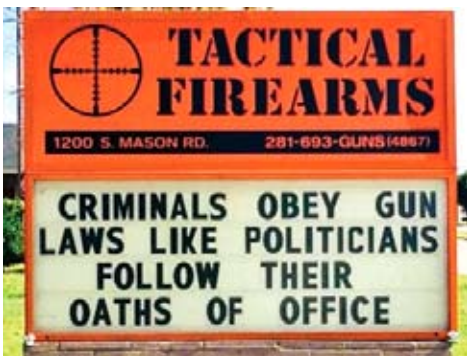
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- Javier Milei



A Tale of Two Crowds

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