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Sure, your vote for president may not matter, but plenty of down-ballot, solid pro-gun candidates need your vote!

VOTE!

(GSL) - Voting remains a fundamental right of all American citizens. Voting allows each of us to have our say in shaping public policy at the local, state and national levels.

While sometimes people overlook local races, local elected officials can impact your life far more than the politicians in Washington.

For instance, local prosecutors can vigorously prosecute crimes large and small fairly and justly. Bad prosecutors, like the Team Soros prosecutor in Cook County, can selectively enforce the laws as part of their social justice activism. As an example, by not prosecuting most retail theft cases under \$1000, the Cook County prosecutor effectively greenlights shoplifters to steal without consequence.

Not only that but a bad local prosecutor can make the act of using force in self-defense very expensive and very risky. Especially prosecutors antagonistic to firearm ownership and self-defense.

At the national level, some anti-gun politicians have threatened to pack the US Supreme

Court to take away the pro-gun majority currently serving. If that happens, you can kiss your guns - and by extension your right to defend yourself - goodbye.

We have a number of very competitive Congressional races in our state this year. Solid, pro-gun candidates can defeat the gun-hating statist currently running for re-election. But the good guys need your vote to win. So go vote. Help your friends do the same. Freedom and firearm rights hang in the balance.



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*This issue dedicated to Glenn Taylor
and Michael Grossman.
May you both rest in peace.*

October 2024

- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **September 25**, October 30, **Nov. 20**, **Dec Cancelled**
Eagles Club, 3535 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **September 29**, October 27
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights
Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **October 7**, November 4
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **October 1**, November 5 ELECTION DAY!
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **October 2**, November 6
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (*Program at 6:45pm*)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **October 3**, November 7
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Danville:** Second Monday **October 14**, November 11
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **October 8**, November 12
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **October 9**, November 13
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.
- **Mattoon:** Second Thursday: **October 10**, November 14
The American Legion Post 88, 1903 Maple Ave, Mattoon
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **October 17**, November 21
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St. Utica
- **Geneseo:** Last Tuesday: October 29, November 26
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.



Quincy's gun winner is all smiles, along with GSL's Quincy Regional Director Kristin Garrett.



Conservation cop Ralph Sievers spoke in Quincy. Among his messages: Hunter Safety is more than gun safety. It's "don't set yourself on fire in a tree stand" safety too.



Trump safe after a second assassination attempt

President Trump spoke with FoxNews after the second attempt on his life...

VILE: NBC, ABC Tie Second Trump Assassination Attempt to 'Rhetoric', and 'Dogs and Cats'

(NewsBusters) - As we exposed earlier, the Regime Media have wasted no time in blaming former President Donald Trump's "rhetoric" for the second assassination attempt against him.

"He believed the rhetoric of Biden and Harris, and he acted on it," Trump said of the gunman in an interview with Fox News Digital. "Their rhetoric is causing me to be shot at, when I am the one who is going to save the country, and they are the ones that are destroying the country — both from the inside and out."

Trump pointed to Biden and Harris' past comments casting Trump as a "threat to democracy," while telling Americans they are "unity" leaders.

"They are the opposite," Trump said. "These are people that want to destroy our country."

He added: "It is called the enemy from within. They are the real threat."



EVEN WORSE: Cincinnati Enquirer: 'Trump brings a lot of this stuff on himself.'

Would-be assassin rejected by Ukraine's army

(UK Telegraph) - "He was called out a number of times by [Ukraine Foreign] Legion people and told to stop his shenanigans, but that didn't seem to stop him. He was mostly quite eccentric. I could smell a mile away that he was full of s---."

Felon with long court history

(NBC News) - The man in custody in connection with what is being described as a second attempt to assassinate former President Donald Trump was vocal about U.S. support for Ukraine and has a long criminal and civil court history, including a conviction for possessing a machine gun.



We have a winner

Tech time in Decatur was bring us your worst barn gun.



John Naese, left, one of the founders of GSL's predecessor group, with John Boch who won a Ruger LCP Max in Rantoul (and then promptly lost it in a boating accident) and our Champaign Co. Regional Director Dick Brandt.



Criminal defense attorney Natalia Ogurkiewicz in Pontiac. See page 8.



Youth trap team joins us in Decatur.



Parrin Voran speaks in Decatur. He's started Prairie State Tactical to organize action shooting matches to improve skill sets and to have a great time. See our Calendar on page 22 for more info.



One of our Pontiac regulars won the Peoria S&W from a ticket purchased in Pontiac.



State Senator Chapin Rose joined us in Danville. He's been with Guns Save Life since he was a prosecutor without a FOID card, at least before his "come to Jesus" moment.



Guess who won in Decatur!



Vote your guns, folks.

Guns Save Life spreads the word at a well-attended "Get Out The Vote" event in Northern Illinois. GSL's LaSalle County Regional Director Glenn Pratt is pictured handing out copies of GunNews and encouraging folks to vote their gun rights in local, state and national races.

Training and planning go a long way to successfully navigating the aftermath of using force

BOCH: Post use-of-force interactions

America's man-card doesn't imbue holders with knowledge about what to do in the aftermath of a use-of-force incident. In fact, a whole lot of concealed carry classes don't spend much time on it either, other than the obligatory, "I wanna talk to my attorney before I answer questions" routine.

Long-time instructor and student of the art of personal defense John Boch shared some strategies for just such a scenario at our Mattoon meeting in September.

He began by cautioning folks that just because they have a gun doesn't mean they need to engage with bad actors, especially in third-party defense. Avoidance is best. And sometimes retreat is the best option, especially if you have youngsters with you - or if you left your gun in the car or at home.

But if things do go down and you can't avoid the use of force, especially deadly force, what do you do? What do you say?

First up, if your situational awareness discerns bad things going down, get behind cover if you're not leaving out the back or elsewhere. If you do eventually decide to let your Roscoe do your talking, don't feel obligated to issue a verbal warning of any form. Let surprise work in your favor.

After shots ring out, Boch suggested putting on your big boy (or girl) pants and using your command voice if others are nearby. "STAY BACK, STAY BACK! HE'S STILL ARMED. LOOK AROUND! IS ANYONE ELSE HURT?"

As a good guy with a gun, you *must* break the

tunnel vision to assess for additional threats. Not just bad guys, but other concealed carry holders who might want to play the hero, as well as off-duty cops.

When people start looking towards you, use your non-dominant hand to point at them (with your finger, not your gun) as you make eye contact. "YOU, YOU and YOU. Call 911. Tell them we need police, an ambulance and I need backup. Do it now, please!" Please is optional. Those calls are your outer ring of safety.

Don't answer any questions. Keep your situational awareness on high alert. As cops are enroute, send someone out to greet the cops, ideally an employee. That's your middle ring of safety.

Lastly, holster up and have your hands in the air if at all possible as police move closer. Your own non-threatening behavior is your inner ring of safety as responding officers take control of the scene.



Expect to get cuffed then questioned. If you can remember to identify the bad guy and let the cops know you'll cooperate with his prosecution if he lives, great. If you can remem-

ber to point out the evidence and describe any fellow bad guys who might have fled, even better. Point out the witnesses. Then ask to speak to your attorney before answering any questions.

Then shut your mouth.



If you can't remember the above rap, then ask for an attorney before you answer any questions. Resist the temptation to say anything more. To anyone. Bodycams will record *everything*.

Feeling ill at having shot down a fellow human being? Ask for an ambo ride to the ER to get checked out. Don't lie and tell them you're feeling like you're having a heart attack (that lie will get used against you later, by the way). Just describe your symptoms and ask for an ambulance ride. Share minimal details outside of medical information with paramedics and hospital staff. Remember, they write reports too.

Hopefully you've got a top tier legal team already in your back pocket. If you have legal insurance, that "insurer" will pay for your legal representation, along with expert witnesses. That will eliminate your anxiety about paying a six-figure bill for a world-class legal defense.

If you don't have an insurance policy or crimi-

nal defense firm in mind, now's a swell time to remedy both. Ask your cop friends who they would hire if their spouse shot some mope outside Walmart. Call that firm, spend a couple hundred bucks for a short consult and if you like them, get an emergency number or cell phone of one of their lawyers.

Get in touch with your preferred legal defense company and spend some bucks to get enrolled and protected. Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network, USCCA and US Law Shield are three of the very best. There might be others that better suit your needs. Just pick one and sign up.

Don't talk with friends and family about what happened. Anything you say to anyone outside of your spouse and your legal team is discoverable to the prosecution. Find a distant friend if you have to vent - a friend who can keep his or her mouth shut.

By the same token, if you have a friend who is involved in something like this, don't ask for details. Just let them know you're glad they survived. Give them a hug. Tell them you're there for them and ask if you can bring them some dinner or watch the kids and/or pets while they enjoy some alone time if that would help.

As for the media? Don't. "No comment." No matter how good lookin' that reporter or reporterette they send to knock on your door to interview you might seem, or how sweet they talk, don't speak with them. They're in the business to sell stories and clicks. Sensationalism sells. Bad guy getting his just desserts does not. They're not going to cast you and your use of force in a favorable light. Nobody's gonna give you the key to the city.

There's more, but you get the idea. Avoidance beats dealing with all this mess. And good situational awareness will help you avoid a whole lot of bad things in life.

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

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

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GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

Chicago Oct: SIG P365

Decatur October: Savage AXIS .350 Legend

Decatur November: Taurus 605 Poly

Pontiac October: Sig P365 bonus pack
Pontiac November: Rock Island 1911 .45

Rantoul October: PSA Dagger Compact 9mm (FDE)

Charleston October: 1000 rounds Scorpio .223 FMJ

Sangamon October: Ruger American .450BM Go wild camo
Sangamon November: Glock 43 Flag motif 9mm

Charleston December: Ruger LCR .38+P

Quincy September: Kimber R7 Mako Optic ready 9mm (with Crimson Trace red dot?)... NICE!

Executive Director's Report

Vote. Vote. Vote.

Savor casting your ballot

by John Boch
GSL Executive Director

Thanks to tax laws, Guns Save Life cannot make formal endorsements of candidates or political parties. However, we can educate people on the stances of political candidates, particularly when it comes to guns, crime and the right of self-defense - and we do so routinely.

In the race for President, in Illinois it really doesn't matter. Kamala (or Que Mala if you prefer) is going to win Illinois with 20 million votes. Yes, I know Illinois has less than ten million eligible voters, but in Chicago they vote early and often. Sometimes even from the grave. Don't sweat the stuff you can't control.



So why is it so darn important to still go vote if the Presidential race is pre-ordained in the Land of Lincoln? Because there are local and state races on the ballot where electing solid, pro-gun candidates remains imperative. It is in your best interest to vote your guns - and to vote smart.



GSL's John Boch.

Help your right minded friends do the same.

The closer the offices are to your local world, the more of an impact those officials can and do have on your life. Your sheriff and state's attorney are a couple of examples. Do you prefer a tough-as-nails, law-and-order prosecutor who respects Constitutional rights and the Second Amendment, or would you prefer a Team Soros criminal justice "reform" type? You know, one that is antagonistic towards guns and self-defense, and prosecutes based upon politics and/or skin color, not fairness?

Ditto for county board races, as well as state reps and senators. These more local officials will have a bigger impact on your life than the person living in the White House.

Not only that, but there are a number of very competitive Congressional races in our state this year. Solid, pro-gun candidates can defeat the gun-hating statist currently running for re-election. But the good guys and gals need your vote. With-

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out your vote, they won't make it.

Vote your guns, folks. By voting for your guns you'll be voting to defend your right to defend yourself - and your family.

Speaking of which, roughly 20% of gun owners aren't registered in our state. Sure, gun owners are not monolithic in their politics, but unless they are very low-information, or self-loathing, they've got to see which candidates want further restrictions - or even outright confiscation of our guns.

For those demoralized by the mainstream media's endless hit pieces attacking pro-gun, America-first candidates, snap out of it. Help your friends get out of the funk too. Aggressively encourage them to join you in savoring the act of casting a ballot for the candidates the mainstream media hates. Ensure that your right-minded friends don't let those bastards in the media gaslight them into surrendering without even a vote.

These races are not hopeless or the leftists with bylines in the media wouldn't continue with the constant drumbeat of hit pieces against their perceived political enemies.

Early voting: think of it as your legacy. Are you in ill health or do you jump out of perfectly good airplanes for fun and excitement? Vote early. Early voting starts very soon. Even if you get hit by a bus before election day, if you've voted early, your vote will count. Think of it as your legacy.

Website.

With the kids back in school I've got some extra time to post news and information at the Guns Save Life website. Come visit everyday. There's local stuff there, state-wide Illinois-centric stuff and plenty of national news and information as well.

Not only that but we analyze stories and share what we can learn from others' mistakes.

GunsSaveLife.com.



Oh yes, please leave comments. Comments provide the engagement that readers like and often add valuable insight and perspective.

As election day nears, keep your head on a swivel for election-related violence. Avoid protests and confrontations. And always be carrying. Stay safe!



Another \$180M in 'violence prevention' funding and Chicago robberies, assaults & batteries at 5-year highs

(*The Center Square*) – Crime is up in Chicago despite city-wide efforts – and more than \$180 million – to reduce violence through a series of programs.

New data shows robbery, aggravated assault and aggravated battery cases across the city are all at five-year highs over the 12 months as the number of violent crimes overall have jumped by 7.2%.

Republican state Rep. John Cabello said Chicago's rising crime rate amounts to an indictment of the state's present legal system and all its recent changes.



A THANK YOU: That medical emergency prior to our meeting in Peoria

One of our semi-regulars at the Peoria meeting was found semi-conscious, collapsed outside his car. He was seriously bloodied and unable to share what happened.

We immediately summoned emergency medical services and did our best to render aid. Police and fire arrived minutes later. Once the ambo arrived, they took him to the hospital, while one of our members parked his car for the man's family to recover without the need to pay a towing fee.

We learned that night that he was diagnosed with a couple of issues and the doc-

tors held him for a few days.



We're hopeful he will be okay. We wish him the best for a full and rapid recovery.

Many thanks to the GSL audience members who found him and helped look after him before fire crews reached the scene. His family thanks you from the bottom of their hearts.

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See Calendar for Shoots & Events (p. 22)

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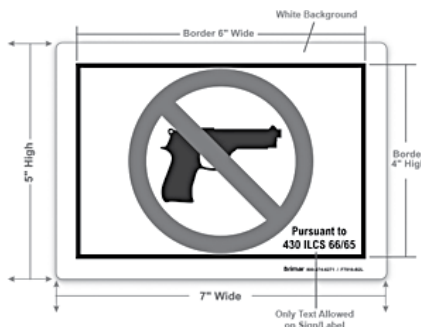
Guns on public transportation case opens door to ending Illinois “gun free” zones on mass transit

Chicago (CBS) -- A federal judge ruled the Illinois law banning people with concealed carry permits from taking guns on public transportation is in violation of the Second Amendment.

They claimed it violated their right to self-defense, and as a result they didn't use public transportation as much as they would have liked.

In a ruling on Friday, U.S. District Judge Iain Johnston ruled that Illinois' ban on carrying concealed weapons on public transit does not meet the U.S. Supreme Court standard set out in its June 2022 ruling in the case known as New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen.

[Editor: This is an “as applied” challenge, and as such applies only to the four plaintiffs. However it does lay the groundwork for a later “facial” challenge to strike the prohibition altogether. Whether or not this decision survives the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals is another matter.]



Four people filed a federal lawsuit in 2022 because they couldn't take a concealed firearm on the CTA or Metra.

If only the good guys could carry too...

CTA rail workers demanding action on safety front

(The Center Square) – Chicago activist Tio Hardiman is urging CTA rail workers to come together in their battle with management aimed at keeping them safe and protected while on the job.

Over the last two weeks, at least five people have been shot, four of them fatally, on or near the rail system, leaving many workers and riders alike shaken and traumatized by the thought of boarding a CTA train.

New indoor range & gun shop coming to Mattoon

Mattoon, IL (Journal Gazette/Times Courier) — Construction has begun on a 21,000-square-foot firearms range and store that the developers anticipate will be a regional destination when it opens early next year.

800N, just south of Illinois Route 121 and an east-west railroad line...



“We had some unforeseen delays on the concrete,

but now we are back on track,” said developer William Bates of the building's concrete floor...

He said the firearms store could potentially be open by as soon as January or February, followed by the range by late spring. He said the only hang up could be in getting a subcontractor working on the range's ventilation.

Workers have been assembling the wall and ceiling framework this week for the planned Defense Depot at 2885 East County Road

NO CASH BAIL ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

LEGACY MEDIA: A year after end of cash bail, early research shows impact less than many hoped or feared

Springfield (Capitol News Illinois) – One year after Illinois became the first state in the nation to eliminate the use of cash bail, the impact on the state's criminal justice system appears to have been far less dramatic than people on either side of the debate had predicted.

by the Center for Criminal Justice at Loyola University in Chicago.

said during an interview this week.

“Jail populations did go down a bit, but nowhere near as much as some people were predicting, and the research suggests that the rate at which people are being released from jail pretrial likely hasn't changed dramatically,” David Olson, a co-director of the center,

“What's changing is that the means of release are changing,” he added. “People don't have to post the money, and rather than being released in a few days when they come up with the money, they're being released in a day or two.”

That, at least, is the early indication from an analysis of data being monitored

ALTERNATIVE MEDIA: In Chicago, nearly 20% of felony arrests are people already out ‘No Cash Bail’ from other arrests, up from 8.5% under old system

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — Nearly 20% of people arrested and charged with felonies in Chicago are already on pretrial release for another pending criminal case, a number that appears to be substantially higher than during a comparable period last summer, when Illinois still operated on a cash bail system.

County court records as the state approaches the one-year anniversary of the cashless bail era.

How does that compare to the cash bail era? To find out, we dusted off copies of Central Bond Court manifests maintained by attorneys from the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender during July and August last year.



Those documents showed that only 8.5% of defendants facing new felony charges were noted as being in violation of bail bond.

That's one finding from a deep dive that CWBChicago conducted into Cook



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Democrat running for Cook County State's Attorney: 'We don't need no free speech!'

By Nancy Hayes
Illinois Freedom Alliance
Election Integrity Chair

The State's Attorney (SA) Office is there to uphold the law. In fact, it's clearly stated in their mission statement: "The State's Attorney Office works to uphold the public safety through the fair and efficient administration of justice."

The mission statement goes on to read their staff is there to "vigorously prosecute crimes committed in the county".

It is the State's Attorney's role to prosecute violations of the criminal law while respecting the Constitutional rights of the accused and the public at large. They even take an oath to that effect!



Eileen O'Neill Burke.

With that in mind, many find it shocking that Eileen O'Neill Burke, the Democrat running for Cook County State's Attorney has touted her mission to create a "Choice Protection Unit."

And as the Democrat candidate in a deeply Democrat county, she's pretty much assured to win - the only question is will it be with a 40% margin or 60% margin?

The Choice Protection Unit (CPU) will be specially trained and ready to launch actions ranging from civil actions to pursuing "municipal ordinance violations" and even misdemeanor and felony charges against those oppose to abortion services across our state.

The fear is that the CPU will chill the free speech rights of people throughout Illinois. Instead of prosecuting bad conduct, Burke's CPU will work to prosecute what it considers "bad speech" - including lawful protests.

In Eileen O'Neill Burke's bizarre weird world, curtailing and prosecuting protected First Amendment speech is justified if it's for the greater good.

Fortunately courts disagree.

Maybe, just maybe the Cook County State's Attorney should endeavor to prosecute violent criminals while recognizing and respecting everyone's Constitutional Rights.

Maybe instead of creating the "Choice Protection Unit", Ms. Burke should review the current data on how almost 20% of those arrested on felony charges in Chicago were released without bail on previous arrests. That is up sharply from about 8.5% of arrestees that were out on bail under the old "Cash Bail" system.

And definitely don't hold your breath waiting for Eileen to complain about the crimes committed by illegal aliens welcomed into the Land of Lincoln with open arms by Democrats.

While it would be nice to have a law-and-order candidate that supports and protects Second Amendment rights (and First Amendment protections as well), that's just not in the cards for Cook County.

Voters keep electing big government, soft-on-crime candidates who look upon Constitutional rights - including the Second Amendment - with derision and contempt. Gun owners and the NRA are the bogeymen these radical political hacks blame for their own failed, destructive public policies.

Until and unless Cook County voters stop electing and re-electing low-information political leaders, they will continue to reap the whirlwind "gooder and harder."

Is it any wonder why Illinois is consistently among the top four or five states for hemorrhaging productive residents?

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It's showtime!

Federal court challenge PICA gun and magazine ban underway

(The Center Square) – The bench trial for the challenge to Illinois' gun and magazine ban continues in East St. Louis.

Illinois enacted a ban on semi-automatic firearms and magazines over certain capacities in January 2023. Lawsuits challenging the law in federal court went all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court on preliminary grounds. Justices denied the request, saying they wanted a full case on final judgment.

Monday began the trial to get to final judgment in the courtroom of federal Judge Stephen McGlynn.

Scott Pulaski, owner of Piasa Armory, was the first to testify for the plaintiffs.

"Plaintiffs would love to show that people use these for all kinds of lawful purposes," Pulaski said after testifying. "The defense would love to show that it's not even fit for anything other than self defense and is more of a military firearm that's not suitable for personal protection or defense."

Pulaski said as a firearms dealer, they've lost up to 30 percent of their business because of the ban.

Plaintiffs argue the state can't ban commonly owned

firearms. The state says such firearms like the AR-15 are too similar to military weapons and must be banned. During the first day of the bench trial for final judgment in East St. Louis Monday, retired Marines Gunner Jeff Eby testified that premise is flawed. He said semi-automatic only firearms are no good for military use...

Eby said he recommends an AR-15 over a handgun or shotgun for home defense as the rifle has the best aim and ease of use.

The trial continues in the Southern District of Illinois federal court Tuesday.

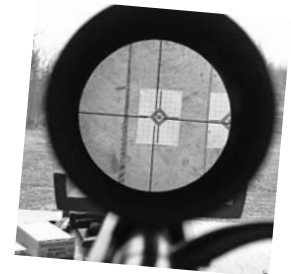
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In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is King
by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member



Civil War Redux?

As the election approaches some pundits proclaim that blood will run in the streets soon in a Civil War. Here's my take on a potential Civil War in the United States that all these so-called experts rave about. Bottom line: It only becomes a Civil War if the left really believes the vote in a national election was rigged against them. Egged on by the media, they might try to burn down a few inner big cities, because only idiots torch their own neighborhoods. That'll kill people in the process, but Conservatives will only defend themselves, not go hunting for libs. But torch enough cities, and we're off to the Civil War races.

If Conservatives really believe again that the election was rigged, instead of looting, stealing, insurrection, or burning, they'll just begin massive civil disobedience, like they did on January 6. Not open warfare, but in the shadows. Start looking for ways not to pay taxes, or at least avoid paying some taxes, maybe by instituting bartering. Or doing work "off the books".

They'll violate onerous gun restrictions. Not by shooting people, but by hoarding ammo, not complying with any registration requirements and obtaining "unpapered" guns that have no records of them buying it. And when they do buy ammunition, they'll pay cash because they don't trust credit card companies that might already be sharing that info. And local police in many areas will become Feldwebel Schulz. Like Hogan's Heroes, the "I know nothing" Schulz. They won't try to find the firearms of "Regular Joe" Americans.

And two can play legal war. I doubt that Conservatives are going to try and go after political opponents and put them in jail so they can't run again, like Liberals are doing. But Conservatives in juries will start using more and more jury nullification – and voting not guilty when a cop or fellow Conservative is on trial. It's all legal, because there's no clear-cut standard on "beyond a reasonable doubt." And they'll be smart about it. Rather than mention nullification after the trial, they'll just say that the prosecutor didn't meet the threshold of proof as they understood it from the judge.

Conservatives will stop giving money to woke colleges, or sending their own kids there. They'll increase home-schooling, private schools, Catholic schools. Then they'll stop hiring people who are libs but do it all legal like. The old "You're over-qualified" stuff. Liberals already do something like this in DEI hiring programs, but diversity to them is not diversity in thought. You're either a True Believer or you don't get the job or get promoted in Lib World.

Then Conservatives will vote with their feet to red states. Oh wait! They already are. They'll start getting serious about not buying

products from woke companies. Disneyland will become a desert, because well-to-do Conservatives won't want to go there and poor Liberals won't be able to afford to. Atmospheres are already changing at Disney, and even on cruise ships. Hardly a week goes by that there isn't some cell-phone video capturing seaboard visitors screaming, punching and kicking fellow passengers over some perceived slight, or verbal gaffe. Even women are acting like Northwestern linebackers – except they're tackling better.

Hollywood will be affected too. Through technology, we have enough classic movies to watch till you're 100. It took weeks just to binge watch all the old TV *Combat!* episodes. Watching *The Sopranos* one after another is a hoot. Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in. You never have to go to a theater, or watch Amazon Prime or Netflix again if you *really* get pissed. For a real treat, don't watch ESPN talk shows. You aren't missing anything except BS.

Same with big blue cities. Why go into a crime-infested, overcrowded, expensive area to spend money? It's dangerous. When you read about crime in a big city, the most frequent sentence in the description is: "No suspect has been arrested."

Red states will pound Blue states concerning professional sports. Not on the field, but in tax advantages. It wasn't that much in the old days before pro salaries went through the roof. But now, who wants to cough up millions of bucks in state and property taxes, when you can play for a team in a state with much-lesser tax rates? Even a punter knows basic economics: It ain't what you make, it's what you keep.

Concerning the pros, if you are Conservative, why watch sports that disrespect your values? Try pro hockey instead. Where they go nuts during the National Anthems, aren't afraid to say something mean to an opponent, and where playoff hockey may be the most exciting team-sporting event in the world, especially in Game 7s. And I've never heard a hockey player or coach try and tell me how I should vote, while the NBA, NFL, and MLB want to jam politics down my throat on a daily basis.

Here's something that could get everyone on edge. The government might have to reinstitute the draft because Liberals don't like their country and won't volunteer, and Conservatives will become so pissed the vote was stolen, and the Army doesn't seem to want "their kind", that they won't let their kids enlist. When Uncle Sam starts drafting Tonya and Suzi, against their will, to go fight for someplace called Chernobyl, their parents and grandparents aren't going to take that sitting down. Civil War? It depends on whose ox is getting gored.

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TWO VIEWS ON POST USE-OF-FORCE INTERACTIONS WITH POLICE

Defense attorney Natalia Ogurkiewicz

STFU. DON'T TALK WITH THE POLICE.

by John Boch

We hosted Natalia Ogurkiewicz from the McDermott Law Group at our Pontiac GSL meeting in September. Her presentation wowed the audience and gave them an idea of what one might expect in the aftermath of a righteous use-of-force incident - at least when it comes to the inevitable interaction with the criminal justice system. Many of us carry a gun to make us harder to kill. Not so many of us know some things to do to make ourselves harder to convict afterwards.



Natalia Ogurkiewicz.

We featured an in-depth report last month about Natalia and her rise from serving as a prosecutor under Kim Gardner in St. Louis before transitioning to criminal defense work for the McDermott Group out of Homewood, IL. They handle self-defense cases nationwide and have a well-deserved reputation for winning in court.

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 towards prosecution today, especially for Team Soros prosecutors. Law-abiding folks pay the price for that.

She strongly recommended saying very little, if anything. Why? "They will twist anything you've said." With the advent of bodycams, those videos will even expose you to attacks based on not only what you say but how you said it. Were you mad? Angry? Vengeful? Flippant? When it comes to the police, say NOTHING after asking to speak to your attorney before answering questions.

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% above reproach for what you did (such as a defensive gun use in your home), do NOT talk with the police before you have your attorney present.

Choose your words carefully with medical personnel too if you're taken to the hospital. Their reports can be used against you as well. And there will likely be police accompanying you as well - with their bodycams running. So keep your pie-hole closed.

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.

Avoiding jail costs big bucks.

If you have self-defense legal coverage you won't have to write big checks for your criminal defense attorneys. If you don't, then break out the checkbook. To hire a top tier firm like Team McDermott, expect them to ask for a \$50,000 retainer up front. What's more, \$100,000 in billing on a big criminal defense case is routine.

Good attorneys, if you have them ahead of time, can even 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 at arraignment, you're pretty much 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.]

When democracy turns to tyranny...



The armed citizen *still* gets to vote.

Peoria County State's Attorney Jodi Hoos

YOU SHOULD TELL POLICE SOMETHING...

by John Boch

(GSL) - At GSL's Peoria meeting, Peoria County State's Attorney Jodi Hoos joined us to talk about her work prosecuting bad actors in Peoria County. She describes herself as a very pro-gun, pro-law-and-order prosecutor.

When asked on her advice for what a card carry good guy or gal should say to police in the aftermath of a righteous use-of-force incident, she offered her perspective. As one might imagine it was a little different than the top tier defense attorneys we've hosted in other cities.



Peoria County State's Attorney Jodi Hoos.

"I'm not a defense attorney," she began. She suggested that common sense would dictate that someone using force in self-defense should at least tell officers in general terms what happened. For example, "He broke into my house" or "he was trying to rob me." You don't have to repeat it a hundred times as police bodycams will record your words. And you certainly don't have to answer a bunch of questions without your attorney's presence. But giving responding

officers at least some idea of what happened will help them make the right call on what to do with you.

Why else should you say at least something? Because if the perp isn't acting alone, his pals are going to have plenty to tell the cops about how their comrade was just minding his own business before you came along. And if cops only have one side of the story, they're going to have to act upon that.



On the flip side, there are cameras almost everywhere and if the victim acted lawfully then that footage will help exonerate them regardless of statements from the bad guy's buddies.

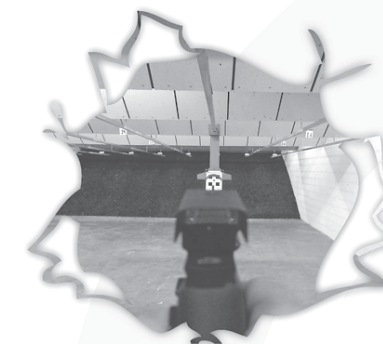
Hoos went on to say that police in Peoria County know she's not going to touch a self-defense use-of-force case, no matter the headlines a refusal to charge might bring. If it's clear-cut self-defense, police in Peoria County are probably not going to make any arrests of the good guy/gal. If they have any doubts, they can call the prosecutor on call, but most of the time responding police at legitimate self-defense incidents just make a report and forward it to her office.

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Knife control not terrorist control. That's a bold strategy, Cotton. Let's see if it pays off for 'em...

Germany vows 'Knife Control' after ISIS refugee slashes throats at 'Diversity Festival'

(*Gatestone Institute*) - After laying a white rose at the site of the Diversity Festival slashing that left three dead and eight wounded, Chancellor Olaf Scholz promised rapid action would be taken against knives.



Firefighters tasked with washing the dried blood from the cobblestones.

Right now, people in Germany can carry knives up to 4.7 inches long. The law will be modified so that they can only carry knives up to 2.4 inches long. No one appears to have considered the

possibility that Muslim terrorists on the way to killing as many infidels as possible might violate the law and carry a concealed knife of 4 inches or longer. Such thoughts are unthinkable.

There were 13,844 "knife crime" incidents in Germany in 2023, which the authorities are blaming on the existence of knives and not the perpetrators, who are reportedly mostly young Muslim men.

But locating the source of the problem is probably "not a very helpful insight." In the UK, people sharing such insights are being locked up even as Islamic terrorists are being freed.

The German government is more moderate than the Marxist lunatics at Whitehall. Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Justice Minister Shabana Mahmood, a sup-

porter of Islamic terrorism, have decided to ruthlessly suppress all British opposition to mass migration with raids and prison sentences.

Much like the American liberal obsession with gun control, literally objectifying the problem, talking about things so that they don't have to talk about people, and then talking about broader social and economic issues, is a useful distraction from seeing what is actually taking place.

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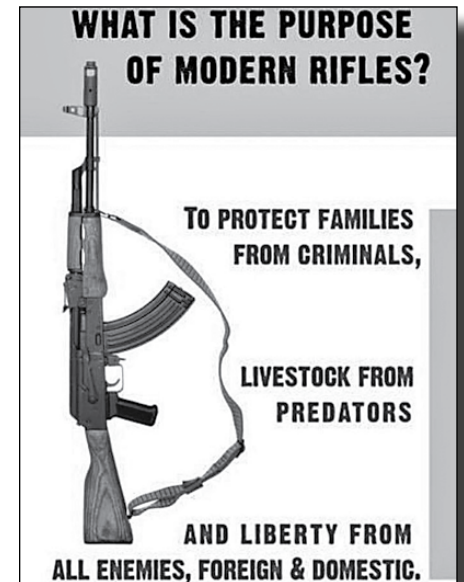
For now, the German authorities are deploring all the stabbings and promising knife control.

Creating "knife-free" zones, limiting the length of knives that can be carried (except for newly purchased knives still in their plastic wrapping) and creating

social media campaigns about the dangers of knives is the sort nonsense that the UK and other governments indulged in as a distraction from the reality of who is actually doing the stabbing (not to mention acid-throwing).

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The Festival of Diversity ended in bloodshed, as it always does, but there will be another one. Much of the West now exists in the throes of an endless diversity festival where no one notices the killers, only the number of rounds in their magazines and the lengths of their blades.



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That's one way to defund the police make sure vacant positions don't get filled

Chicago implements hiring freeze - including police & fire

Chicago (Wirepoints) - Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson's decision to freeze police hiring as part of an overall citywide hiring freeze is sure to be controversial. Violent crimes have been running at a six-year high for most of this year, and overall crimes are still running 40% higher than in base year 2019. The city is also on track to once again be the nation's murder capital, the 13th year in a row.

It's the city's minorities, especially in Chicago's south and west sides, that will be the most affected by the freeze. They suffer the overwhelming majority of the crime, as we've reported in detail, and any decrease in policing will likely hit them first.

Count on Johnson to face significant criticism for the freeze, particularly from the black community, after he spent hundreds of millions of

dollars on illegal immigrants and ran up a budget deficit of more than \$200 million this year. Now the mayor's administration is searching for ways to cut spending and it's the public's safety that's taking the hit.

[Editor: Just more evidence that you are your own first responder in Chicago.]



Cops honored for their response to violent armed robbery in Logan Square

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — A group of Chicago cops who tracked down and arrested two robbers who fired shots while mugging a woman in Logan Square this spring are being honored for their efforts.

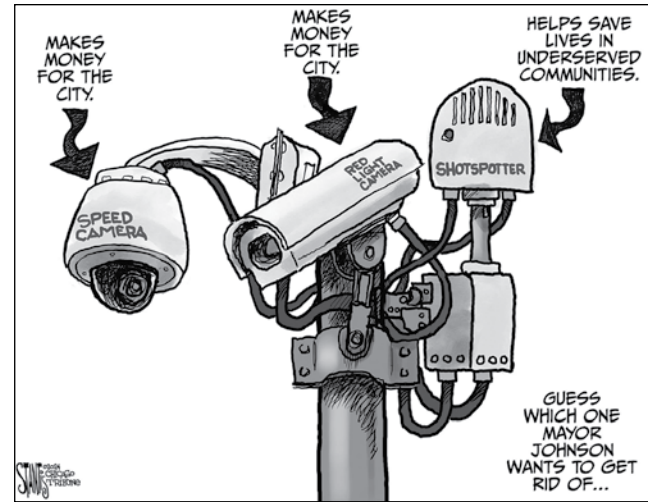
In May, CPD's Shakespeare (14th) District was withering under a double-digit increase in robberies on top of last year's dramatic surge. But, thanks to several key arrests, including those made by the honored officers, Shakespeare is now enjoying a 35% decline in holdups year-to-date.

Guns don't just 'fire' for no reason

Gun fires after 11-year-old finds it lying on North Side

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — A tragedy was narrowly averted when an 11-year-old boy found a loaded firearm lying in the front yard of a West Rogers Park residence, and it fired when he picked it up. The bullet struck the ground, and no injuries were reported. Another neighbor found a loaded ammunition magazine on their lawn Wednesday...

On a neighborhood chat group, a family member reported that their son thought the gun was a toy until he pulled the trigger and the gun shot off a round.



They didn't take into account how Mayor Johnson doesn't want black & brown arrests

ShotSpotter led to hundreds of arrests in Chicago this year. Mayor Johnson is still hell-bent on getting rid of it.

Chicago (National Review) - During the first eight months of 2024, Chicago police arrested hundreds of people and recovered hundreds of guns and nearly 30,000 shell casings in part because of alerts from their ShotSpotter gun-shot detection system, which far-left mayor Brandon Johnson intends to begin phasing out in just over a week.

Police also responded significantly faster to ShotSpotter alerts than 911 calls, according to a Chicago Police Department report released this week that provides a new analysis of ShotSpotter data from January 1 through August 31.



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September is National Preparedness Month

Check your emergency supplies!

by John Boch
(GSL) - September marks National Preparedness Month. This should serve as the impetus for you to check your emergency gear. Inspect and test your batteries in everything battery powered - including (especially) your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Check dates on food and medicines stored for unplanned disruptions and rotate in fresh materials. This goes for your fuels too.

Recently, I'll confess to a more lackadaisical attitude on my propane bottles. I

just assumed these will last a long time without a lot of baby-sitting. I learned first-hand they don't.

Of a couple of dozen bottles I kept stored for emergency cooking and some other incidental uses, less than four had any fuel remaining and even those were mostly empty. Granted I bought most of these pre-Y2k (remember that?), but finding them all empty caused my anxiety to spike. After all, it's kind of hard to cook and heat foods indoors if the natural gas stops flowing to our homes. Of course, I remedied this promptly.

So check your stuff. October is Fire Prevention Month and as our former director and retired firefighter Al Devlin always reminded us: make sure you invert each of your fire extinguishers a few times to listen for the powder inside to break loose from the bottom of the pressure vessel. You should do this at least every year, and for vehicle dry chem extinguishers, every month is better.

So take a few minutes to check your gear to ensure it's ready for emergencies.

Be prepared and stay safe!

Compare and contrast three \$100 super-bright, cutting-edge tactical flashlights

Pocket Rockets

Olight Warrior X Pro, Warrior 3S & Fenix TK20R

by John Boch

My name is John and I'm a "flashaholic." As a kid I felt a lot of anxiety about darkness. Today I enjoy the night and darkness, in part thanks to tools which take away the darkness from those who would exploit it to victimize me or others.

In my world, flashlights get used many times each day to see things or find things as I don't have 18-year-old eyeballs anymore. And then there's the role they play in the use-of-force continuum.

In the 2010s, EagleTac products rode in my pockets, but they repeatedly failed with hard use. Sure, they had a "lifetime" warranty but you had to ship them to China or Taiwan to collect on that. Even then the "repaired" products came back less than marvelous.

Fast forward: I did some research and settled on a Fenix and an Olight. The Fenix did super well. And the Olight Warrior X, although a great light in most respects was just too much to carry in any pocket - even in 5.11s.

In 2022, I wrote a review of those two state-of-the-art lighting tools. After it, the fine folks at Olight contacted me and asked if I'd review a couple of their products if they provided them. "Sure," I said. Of course, they've hounded me for the review, as if having it for a week or two will give me a real sense of a light's utility and function in real life. These are hundred-plus dollar flashlights, after all. They represent "real" expenditures for working class folks and deserve more than a cursory evaluation.

Warrior Pro X3

They sent me the (very substantial) Warrior Pro X3. It sells for about \$120. Yup, it's still way too darn big for comfortable EDC pocket carry. I'm used to carrying capable lights, but nobody I know wants this much bulk clipped in their pocket, especially if you wear jeans. (Ahem, is that a flashlight in your pocket?) Ladies are not going to want to put this monster in their purses, either.

For a tote bag, tac vest (thinking police style) or as a rifle-mounted light (pressure switch about \$40), it's hair-on-fire brilliantly bright. Worth repeating: It cranks out an obnoxious amount of light in a very tight beam. If you need to light up something or someone a hundred (or even a couple of hundred) yards away - and do it well - this is your baby.

It has stood up well to use and abuse, as have my other Olights of the past, something EagleTacs can't say.

It runs on the massive 21700 lithium rechargeable battery and charging comes easy with the O-Light proprietary magnetic tail charger that's used for most O-light products.

Read on for one big, potentially deal-killing shortcoming it shares with the Warrior 3S.

Warrior 3S

The Warrior is a smaller diameter light better suited to everyday carry. It also has a wider beam better suited to general use. A soft touch on the rear switch gives you plenty of light (300 lumens) and a harder press gives an insane 2250 lumens. I've been happy with its performance with the exception that it's prone to sliding out of my back pocket even when "clipped" to my pocket. Swing with the kids or grandkids on a playground? Wrestle

around on the floor? Going on carnival rides? Bottom line: the Warrior 3S is an awfully nice light to leave behind on a playground.

But here's the biggest complaint, one that borders on a deal-killer. If you don't hold your momentary press long enough (about a second) you may enter into the "hard" on mode that requires a second press to extinguish the light. When this failure turn off happens, no matter what you're trying to do, the Olight harshly resets your OODA loop. That would be *no bueno* in a gun fight, both from the distraction angle and how lights act as bullet magnets.

Fenix TK20R. The first thing everyone notices is how the TK20 has two buttons on the tail cap, one large and one small. The small one gives instant access to a 3100 lumen strobe light. This is a "WHOA!" moment the first time you fire this up, especially indoors. It may disorient some aggressors and even allegedly cause seizures. I love having that option instantly available. Remember that use-of-force continuum thing?

The *much* larger button, with a light press serves a momentary activation switch. When conditions require a LOT of light, there's over 3000 lumens inside just waiting for you to set them free. A harder press gets you into a "hard" on/off mode. Loosen the front end of the light a smidgen and you get a more manageable, but still crazy bright reduced output.



Criticism: Yes, it's a little on the large side. It has some heft which can help with DNA core sampling while it dissuades attackers when judiciously applied to a bad guy's noggin, further assisted by the scalloped bezel.

Another criticism: In a small room with light colored walls, you'll blind everyone including yourself with light splashing back if you're not judicious in using it. Or in everyday carry use, if you press the wrong button by mistake, like in a dark restaurant trying to read the menu, you'll become the center of attention. In this case, your temporary blindness will preclude noticing annoyed looks from everyone in your section of the restaurant. Even from a distance it will also really screw with the pitcher in professional baseball games, even when not pointed at them. Ask me how I know. (It probably wouldn't help a kicker in an NFL game either.) Also, one almost needs two hands to switch brightness modes, but it's manageable.

I know a hundred-plus bucks for a flashlight represents big-time money for most of us regular peeps. It's real money. On the other hand, these are real lights, not the alkaline battery toy lights found in big box retail stores. If you have the coin and you don't mind a larger body flashlight, you likely won't be disappointed with the TK20R. You might even be dazzled with it. Literally - just like the kids today like to say. It has earned its spot as my primary carry light now.

As for the Olights: They're relegated to backup status for the time being. They're nice, but that switch problem nags at me.

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Expect the rifle to sell in the \$4000s, maybe as much as five big bills as the initial demand supports premium prices. The "pistol" variants will go for a little more than half that. Yes, SIG is pretty proud of their stuff.

The rifle launches the 150gr ballistic-tipped projectile at over 3000fps, which

gives it a flat-shooting profile. Ammo is available online for \$3-\$4 per round. The standard mags are 20 round units. There is a curved 28-round mag. Extra magazines on the market now are almost unobtainium.

And then there's the glass/electronics on top for sighting. That's readily available, and you might even find something calibrated for the new cartridge.



For now at least, kitting out and fielding one of these new rifles in a social conflict resolution configuration will remain the domain of the very wealthy and connected.

A fellow could easily equip a four-person squad with good rifles, great optics and oodles of mags and defensive ammo for the price of a single, well-dressed SPEAR. And probably still have room for dinner and maybe some armor too.

And now, something for the working man

Shiny Brazilian RP-63 round butts

Rossi's latest 6-shot .357 is affordable (\$350 street), reliable and shoots very nicely

by Luis Valdes

(Shooting News Weekly) - Today we're going to review a Rossi - specifically the RP-63.

So why specifically are we reviewing a Rossi? Simple. Not everyone can afford a \$1,000+ wheel-gun.

That's where Rossi comes in. It's an affordable revolver for the working-class revolver aficionado...



Times change, though, as we've all seen. The revolver market is undergoing a renaissance. And, thankfully, Taurus has dusted off the Rossi brand and they're back in the game, too.

As something of a revolver connoisseur, I was intrigued when I saw their round-butt 3-inch six-shot .357 Magnum chambered RP63.

What really impressed me was fact the fact that the new Rossi revolvers aren't just rebadged Taurus guns. These are their own new designs. Yes, there's a genetic lineage to Taurus, but cracking a Rossi open, this isn't an updated Taurus. It's much closer to a traditional Smith & Wesson (which Taurus was too, back in the day) and that excited me.

The RP63 a clean design. It's literally what one would stereotypically think of when they think "revolver."

Anyways...Rossi's RP63 is pretty much everything that I think is just right for the revolver market at the moment. It's a six-shot .357 Magnum chambered round-butt revolver with a 3-inch barrel. It has a satin stainless finish with simple, but rugged fixed sights. It's the perfect no-frills carry gun for someone who's on a budget. And that's what led me to get one. I wanted to see if this was real and if the juice is worth the squeeze.

In short, it was. Sure it has some minor cosmetic issues but it runs. The gun thus far has been perfectly reliable and it's very affordable. I've seen them hovering around the \$350 retail price point. You can't get gun like this from S&W, Ruger, or Colt for that price. You can't even get a Taurus revolver in this configuration since their Model 605 is a five-shot revolver.

Again, for working class folks who want a concealable six-shot .357 Magnum revolver, the Rossi RP63 right now is the best bang for the buck. It's fifty-state legal and at its price point, the quality is more than there.



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National Faith & Blue Weekend: Oct. 11-14

Events across Illinois, including at Maranatha Church in Decatur on Sat. Oct. 12th

Faith & Blue was inaugurated in 2020 by MovementForward, Inc., working with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) at the U.S. Department of Justice. The idea was a simple but powerful one — the ties that bind officers and residents must be reinforced if we are to build neighborhoods where everyone feels safe and included.



Faith-based organizations are key to building these bonds because they are not only the largest community resource in the nation, with 65 million participants in weekly events, but because they are as diverse as our nation. Moreover, they speak to Americans' shared conviction that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

There will be affiliated events across Illinois.

One community engagement event in Central IL will take place at the Maranatha Church in Decatur on **Saturday, Oct. 12th**. After a 9am breakfast, there will be **presentations by the Illinois State Police and others on Internet crimes against children and human trafficking**. After lunch, there outdoor demonstrations and exhibitions will take place along with fun activities for kids and entire families. It's open to everyone. We encourage our Guns Save Life families to attend, along with friends and neighbors.





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PRODUCT REVIEW:

Onnais Iron SE Biometric gun safe

Store your firearms so they are inaccessible to unauthorized persons

by John Boch

The NRA tells us to store our firearms so they are inaccessible to unauthorized persons. Yes, it's a shame that we need to secure our firearms in our homes and vehicles, but that's the world we live in today.

Having a lock box to secure an extra gun or two in your car is never a bad idea. It keeps the smash and grab artists from absconding with your Roscoe. It also secures your piece against some suburban PDs who reportedly like to walk the parking lots of high end venues looking for a guns plainly visible inside a car.

Formerly, I was a card-carrying member of the "gun under the seat" or "extra gun in the console" club. That was in the BC era - before children. My kiddos love guns now and while they know the rules, when it comes to guns I just don't trust them.



After a modest amount of research, I settled on the Onnais Iron SE biometric safe. \$60 from Onnais or \$66 from Amazon, or about half what I expected to pay for a "safe." It has key access, as well as a numeric code and fingerprint access. Honestly, I didn't have high hopes for the fingerprint feature but it has worked pretty well for me.

I remedied the only problem I had by adding "upside down" fingerprints so I had access no matter the orientation of the box. A quick touch, a reassuring soft beep (which can be silenced) and then it pops open.

It's secured by a cable that goes through the seat mounting bracket. Programming the access code and fingerprints went smoothly without issue once I put in a trio of AA batteries. Read the instruction card.

No, it's probably not bullet-proof nor tool resistant, but it will thwart most car burglars, especially the amateurs.

The metal boxes fit snugly under the front seats in my Explorer. Your mileage may

vary as far as fitting it under the seat in other makes and models of vehicles. You might measure first and order once.



It fits snug as a bug under my front seat.

If you do have a mid- to larger ride that will accommodate this particular unit, I would definitely give this biometric box two thumbs up.

Regardless of car size, this would make a nice storage box for the nightstand, under the bed or elsewhere for safe and secure storage in the home - or (gasp!) in the office.



I liked the first one so much I ordered two more: one for the wife's ride and a second one for me. Why two for me? Because I carry a spare gun in a carry rig, along with a flashlight and ammo in the car. That doesn't leave any room for my carry piece(s) when I visit my kids' school or go to the Post Office. Now, I have a place to secure my carry iron and I worry much less about a little punk stealing my piece or my kiddos or their friends finding it for whatever reason.



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(GSL) - Going golfing and don't want to carry on the course or at places called "Topgolf"? Or stepping out of your car at a non-permissive environment and leaving your piece in the vehicle? Make darn sure you put it completely out of sight in your car.



We've gotten multiple reports of police in the suburbs walking the parking lots looking for guns in plain view, even if they are partially obscured. In fact, in Naperville, the local PD there has arrested fifteen people for having exposed guns in their cars at the "Topgolf" venue.

Sure, plenty of those were bad guys who illegally had guns (and drugs... go figure) with them, but still it's a hassle you don't need even if you have your carry license.

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Bully behavior fails in Florida

Florida man's drunk dialing threats cost him his life

St. Petersburg, FL (GSL) - What happens when you drunk dial your girlfriend's ex-boyfriends and threaten to shoot them? If you're like Florida man Matthew Weisner, 39 of Lakeland, you find someone who calls your bluff and shoots you before you can shoot them.

Weisner didn't find his intended target, but he did find the man's 30-year-old brother who shot Weisner as he racked a pistol after pulling it out of his truck's console. Weisner remains on life support and is not expected to survive.

'I'm gonna rape your mommy.'
*Not today, mother*****. Not today.*

Good Samaritan shoots man attempting to carjack mom and child

Falls Mill, VA (WVVA) - A Good Samaritan shot a wanted man attempting to carjack a woman and her child on Friday.

According to Major Harold Heatley with the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, the incident happened at Lee's Kar-Go when the suspect, identified as Cody Dailey, 30, "attempted to carjack a truck, assaulted the female driver of the vehicle and told her child that was in the vehicle, 'I'm going to rape your mommy.'"

Multiple citizens heard the victim screaming and came to her aid, and one of those citizens was armed with his 9mm handgun.

The armed Good Samaritan approached Dailey and gave commands, but Dailey charged and shoved the man to the ground.

Dailey continued approaching the armed citizen, and that was when the citizen shot the suspect, hitting him in the chest.

Law enforcement responded after hearing the gunshot at approximately 1:15 p.m. while working a nearby separate incident on Mudfork Road.

Dailey was airlifted to Roanoke for his injuries with the last word on his condition being "stable."

No happy endings for him...

Chicago mom pops perv crawling into daughter's bedroom, cops take gun

Chicago (ABC7) -- One mother says she has been a Concealed-Carry License holder for years, but never had to fire her gun until, she said, danger came through her daughter's bedroom window on Saturday night.

Even if their broken outside windshield is fixed, the trauma for one family has already seeped inside of their South Shore apartment...

The mother also hopes to move soon especially since, she said, police confiscated her gun.



Duo becomes a solo

Chicago woman and her gun repels pair of home invaders

Chicago (WGN9) — A home invasion suspect was shot and killed Wednesday morning on the West Side by a woman.

Officers responded to a home in the 700 block of North Laramie just after 6:40 a.m. on the report of a shooting.

Police believe two suspects forced their way into the home and displayed firearms.

A 23-year-old woman in the home, who has a valid FOID card, produced a firearm and there was an exchange of gunfire.

One of the suspects, an unidentified male, was shot in the chest. He was pronounced dead at Mt. Sinai.

PRO-TIP: You can't shoot trespassers without a threat of death or great bodily injury...

(GSL) - A whole lot of people have gross misconceptions on how much latitude they have to legally threaten or use deadly force against trespassers. An AP story from outside of Denver delivers a bevy of lessons for gun owners nationwide about how those misconceptions can land you in prison.

The Colorado case begins with a teen looking for a spot on a lake to take picturesque photos for homecoming. The young man hopped a fence to knock on the front door to ask for permission. Finding nobody home, he returned to his truck with his buddy to write a note. While they wrote, the property owner's boyfriend rolled up, raised a shotgun at the pair in the pickup and fired through the windshield.

The trigger man claims it was an unintended discharge, but that's not going to save his bacon.

The homecoming photo seeker was seriously injured and the property owner's boyfriend got a free tour of the county jail and felony charges. As he should.

Lessons we can all learn:

1. Just because you have a trespasser doesn't mean you can brandish your gun without a darn good, legally justified reason. You can't even blast a trespasser *inside your home* unless you can articulate a threat of death or great bodily injury from the trespasser. Yes, you get a lot of latitude from the law inside the

home, but absent weapons or a violent and tumultuous entry into your home, you're on thin ice if you shoot someone just because they're standing in your living room empty-handed. Shooting an unarmed person in your back yard? Pack your soap on a rope, son.

2. Why would you escalate a trespassing issue into a gun battle? You could lose the gunfight or become permanently disabled. Is wearing a colostomy bag for the rest of your life worth telling someone to get off your lawn?

3. Even if the trespassing issue turns into a burglary of your tool shed or garage, stay in your house. Sure, you might go out and confront them, and it might escalate into a gun battle. How will it look to a jury that you shot some kid over an old Craftsman lawn mower - especially jurors who don't like guns. (And again, you might get shot yourself.)

4. In this case, it seems Mr. Hotshot pointed the gun at two unarmed teens that weren't even on the property and shot. Yeah, he's going to prison and rightly so. What he did was above and beyond the call of brains.

5. Trespassers on your property (or your neighbors' property)? Stay inside and out-of-sight. Let your fingers do the 911 dance and let the police sort things out. If they don't show up in time, fine. Give them a description of the vehicle and its license plate.



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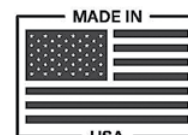
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Gun grabbers knew the black rifle ban failed in 2004 and they know it now

Unintended Consequences: The Clinton gun ban likely made the AR-15 America's most popular rifle

by Kostas Moros

Marking the recent anniversary of the Clinton scary gun ban, I circled back to McWhirter and Elinson's *American Gun: The True Story of the AR-15*. The chapter on the halfhearted efforts to renew the expiring 1994 "black rifle" ban is fascinating.

While the ban probably was never going to be renewed in the 2004 political environment, the book explains that a major reason renewal was DOA was that gun control groups didn't think the ban had worked...and rightly so. More AR-15s and similar rifles were made during the ban than before it. They were just made in ban-compliant formats.

Police groups which had allied with gun control groups to pass the ban in 1994 didn't lend their support to a renewal in 2004 because they saw for themselves that the ban didn't work. Major gun control activists ultimately decided it wasn't worth using their limited resources and political capital to fight for a renewal.

This is all hilarious in hindsight. Today, gun control activists falsely assert the ban totally worked and so we should enact another one. But they knew that wasn't true in 2004 and they know it now.

While mass shootings have become all too common, the surge in mass shootings involving rifles really kicked off after 2010, not after 2004. The gun control industry's arguments also ignore the relative rarity of such events before 1994.

Regardless, even if there were a decrease in murder sprees after 1994, it couldn't have been due to the Clinton ban, because more semi-auto rifles were sold during the ban than before. And in classic case of unintended consequences, the 1994 "evil black rifle" ban is probably what made the AR15 the most popular rifle in the country.

CRACKPOT: Would-be assassin has a lot of resources for an unemployed roofer pretending to be Walter Mitty

by John Boch

I for one have a lot of questions for the kooky left-wing crackpot who tried to assassinate President Trump. How does an unemployed roofer with a felony background afford to maintain at least two residences: one in Hawaii and one in North Carolina? How does he afford airfare to fly to and from Hawaii? How did he afford a pricey SUV rental once in Florida?

Next up, where did he find that rifle? Who paid for it and provided it? Because with his felony background, he couldn't just walk into his local gunshop and walk out with a rifle and a case of ammo.

Who paid for this guy to get to the Ukraine to recruit for the Ukraine Foreign Legion after they rejected his application to join. Unless he's a really good swimmer, he took flights and those aren't

cheap. He even stayed in Ukraine for a number of months. Who bankrolled that.



Let me guess: He's a vegan.

I called his phone number and heard his rambling voicemail message. He says he doesn't do voicemail but that we should contact him on one or more of various media sites like Discord or WhatsApp.

Hopefully this guy was nothing more than a serious men-

tal case with an even worse case of Trump Derangement Syndrome. He might have been better served institutionalized than roaming the streets pretending to be some well-connected military recruiter and cheerleader for Ukraine. Worst case is that our intelligence community / the Deep State recruited this crackpot patsy to do their dirty work to keep Trump out of the White House.

Maybe we'll learn some answers to these questions and others, assuming Mr. Vegan doesn't die suddenly while in jail.



"When I carry a gun, I don't do so because I am looking for a fight, but because I'm looking to be left alone. The gun at my side means that I cannot be forced, only persuaded. It doesn't limit the actions of those who would interact with me through reason, only the actions of those who would do so by force. It removes force from the equation - and that's why carrying a gun is a civilized act."

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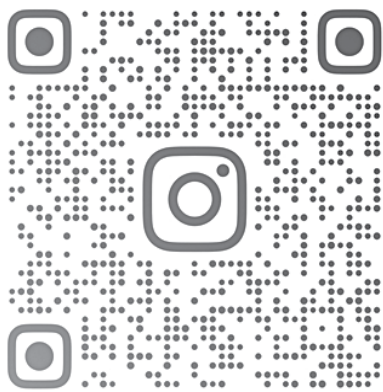
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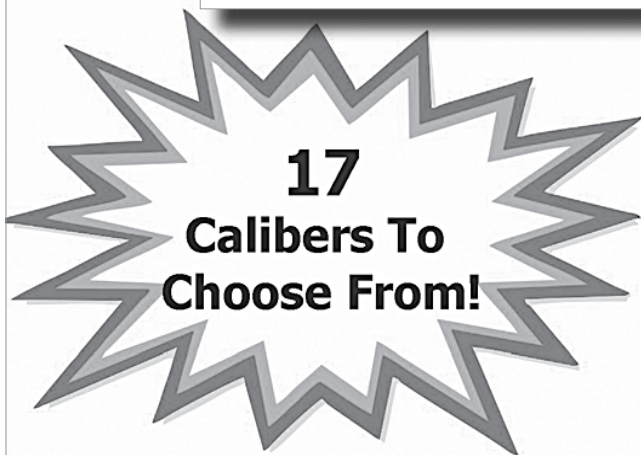
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SPOILER ALERT: It depends... and it's certainly not for everybody

Reloading: Is it right for you?

by Damon Williams (GSL) - I have always been amused at the old reloader's adage, "Reloading doesn't save you money, it just allows you to shoot a lot more ammunition."

If you are considering dipping your toe into reloading, you should dispassionately evaluate if reloading makes sense in your shooting practices. Are you a casual shooter, hunter or plinker? Do you have limited time (or space) in your personal life at home? Do you run through less than a case or two of ammunition in a year? Are you on a tight budget? How old are you - aka how many years of trigger pulling for adventure and recreation do you have left?

Or do you have time and money to train relentlessly for defense or competitive matches? Do you have concerns about the availability of ammunition due to gun control schemes coming to Illinois? Perhaps you have obscure, hard-to-find calibers and/or obsolete calibers? Embracing reloading and building an inventory of components on-hand allows you to keep feeding your hobby no matter what laws the commies pass. Brewing your own will also allow you to feed your cherished hog-leg/boom stick.

What you need...
Ask six reloaders for advice as to what reloading equipment, or kit, will best suit your needs, and I assure you that you will get at least eight different answers. I warn you that brand loyalty runs strong in the reloading community, which will greatly influence the advice that you are given.

I believe that reloading is an acquired skill. Sure, there are plenty of horror stories out there about someone's reloads blowing up and causing damage and injury. But take it from a guy who has

had the inside track in dealing with a major ammunition manufacturer, the mechanical process is the same whether it be a high speed precision custom engineered production machine, or a single stage press in a basement on a workbench made from discarded pallets. The key is pay attention to what you're doing and use published load data!

"But I don't have a mentor to teach me." This was my excuse for several years until my shooting tempo forced me to a more budget friendly practice. So, I sat down and learned from a book; *Modern Reloading* by Richard Lee. The 700-page text is everything that you need to know about handgun, rifle, and shotshell reloading. The first 200 pages is the information and training narrative, the last 500 pages is all load data. There are other books out there, this is just the one I read, and I recommend it.

Like with shooters using their guns, **reloaders need to learn to walk before they run.** A single stage or turret press where one action is performed at a time is an important part of the learning curve. It is also about learning muscle memory. In order to achieve the rated rounds-per-hour the manufacturers advertise, you need to find a rhythm keeping both hands moving at the same time. One also must acquire a physical feel for each operation of the press for maintenance and troubleshooting comprehension.

One more thing about rounds-per-hour, while the manufacturers numbers are optimistic, they are mostly realistic. However, they do not take into consideration preparation and layout of components which can take 20 to 40 minutes prior to stroking the first rounds from the press.

These single-round press kits are a great beginning platform. When I started with a single stage press, I could load about 75 rounds per hour. Graduating to a turret press, my production grew to about 200 rounds per hour.

The reason I emphasize these setups to beginners is that only one case is loaded at a time and the operator has greater quality control when monitoring one cartridge at a time. This is also where the muscle memory develops.

On the other hand, so-called "progressive" machines have three, four, or five cartridges going at a time. It takes an advanced understanding to monitor multiple rounds in various stages of the process to identify a problem when the machine doesn't "feel right". I own a progressive, but still prefer to use my turret press.

Here's another positive: Reloading equipment retains much of its value. If you later find that you want to upgrade to load on a faster machine, you can sell your old equipment and recover much of what you have in it. (And if you're a beginner, you can buy used and save a few bucks).

Take a look at eBay, some are asking new retail prices for used equipment. Shop around - including online shops selling new products. Another tip: if you pick up a Dillon product, they will rehab an old unit for just a few bucks and they replace broken parts for free.

Over the next few months, I want to run the numbers for you addressing the cost-benefit analysis of reloading handgun, rifle, and shotshells. You'll be surprised, the numbers will show that it's not for everybody.



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So you made the decision to buy your first gun

by Byron Shanks

You finally made the decision. For several years you have worked around in your garage workshop trying to make nice things for your family. Nothing came out the way you wanted because it takes time to master any skill. Today you brought home your newest purchase – a nice power miter box. After unboxing it, you set it up in a corner and try it out. It feels good to run something so precise. Still, the results are not as good as you had hoped.

You realize that the saw is not the problem. Your measurements are not all that accurate.

So you take more time and read the tape more carefully. Your lines are not as messy and fat as they used to be.

Over time, the parts fit together better, but you know they are still not what you are looking for. You realize that there are different saw blades to fit the saw and you experiment till you find one that gives the best results – the cleanest cuts with the least amount of tear out. But there is something else as well.

The more you use the saw, the more you realize that you are the one responsible for

controlling it. When you first started out, you were lucky to get within an 1/8 inch of the line. Now, after lots of practice, you can leave just the smallest bit of the line.

Not only that, but you figured out how to cut crown molding on the saw. Once again, it took time and practice to get the results you wanted, but they get better all the time. It doesn't require that you spend hours every day in the shop, but that you spend time regularly and that you study to see how you can improve.

You are not sure you will ever reach perfection, but you have to admit that it is satisfying to see that you have made real progress.

The saw has not changed. You have. You have spent time working at improving your part of the process. It is not just pulling the trigger on the saw. It involves alignment so that the saw cuts where you want it. It involves making sure that the blade and the saw are in top shape. It involves you paying attention and not accepting the "good enough" attitude. Now when you make the parts, you smile. You have a confidence that you can make the saw do what you want it to.

What does all this have to do with guns?

The same lessons learned with the saw are the same lessons that must be learned with the new firearm you just bought.

You will not gain the confidence and performance that you want by simply buying the gun and leaving it in the dresser drawer. You won't improve if you put hundreds of rounds through it in one day and then not touch it for months. The age-old formula of time and practice is the best method to obtain the best results.

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About our newest contributor: Not much of a pedigree - mostly a mutt. Navy veteran from the 70's. Retired engineer that has gone back to work. Appreciate logic and facts. First handgun was a gift - a Ruger Blackhawk .357. Still have it.



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Sep 28-29: Kankakee Gun Show, Kankakee County Fairgrounds Kankakee, IL. Mike (630) 363-3131.

October

Oct 5 & 6: Central IL Gun Collectors New Berlin. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, IL. Patrick Keen oldcarbines@gmail.com.

Oct 26 & 27: Will County Gun Show. Will County Fairgrounds. Peotone, IL. Mike 630 254-0221.

Oct 26 & 27: Sauk Trail Gun Show, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL. Marla P. 815-252-4842

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Nov 1 & 2: Mt. Vernon Knife Show. Rolland Lewis Community Building, Mt. Vernon. Nancy Hancock 618 242-4514

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Nov 9 & 10: Quad Cities Gun Show. QCCA Expo Center. Rock Island, IL. Mark Craft 309 582-6268.

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Shooting opportunities open to the public at the Foosland Sportsman's Club.

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Fourth Saturday: Trapshoot starting at 10 AM. All open to the public.

Second Sunday: Annie Shoot/.22 steel plate shoot.

DeWitt County Sportsman's Club
Breakfast, 1st & 3rd Sundays 8:30am. Starting in October.

Oct. 26: ZOMBIE SHOOT. 10a - 2p.

Sullivan Gun Club LLC.
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Oak Park Sportsmen's Club.
Falling steel match **First Mondays** starting at 4:30pm.

Springfield Tactical Shooters Indoor Gun Range in Curran, IL.
Thursdays: Weekly tactical matches at 5pm. Open to all.

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Oct 15. Locked and Loaded in Pana.
Oct 22. Accuracy Firearms in Effingham.
Oct 29. Locked and Loaded in Pana.



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Monday, September 30: Northern IL. Plug & Pellet Sportsman's Club. Rockford.
Saturday, October 5: Fox Valley. Lincoln Inn Banquets at Batavia.
Thursday, October 10: Winnebago - Boone County. Tebala Event Center in Rockford.
Saturday, October 12: Capital Area. VFW in Springfield.
Saturday, October 19: Grundy County. Morris VFW in Morris.
Sun, October 20: Heart of Illinois. Country-side Banquet Hall in Washington, IL.
Saturday, October 26: Sauk Valley. American Legion in Rock Falls, IL.
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U-Haul introduces armored 'War Rigs' for Californians trying to flee high crime

California (Babylon Bee) - To help meet the demand of millions of people desperately trying to escape the dark, ravaged wasteland of California, U-Haul is introducing a new product in its moving van line-up: the War Rig. These weaponized, armored moving vehicles will ensure you and your belongings stay safe during the long and perilous journey out of the state.



Why doesn't Toyota offer this option in America?

(GSL) - Toyota has a quite a few options available, but if they really wanted to sell compact pick-up trucks in America, they could include this option. American gun owners would line up around the block to take delivery of dealer stocks.



Bet he keeps his mouth shut next time

11-year-old suspended for reporting another student with live cartridge

(NBC News) - The family of an 11-year-old boy said he was suspended from his Virginia Beach, Virginia, school because administrators thought he waited too long *[Editor: 2 hours]* to report that another student brought a bullet to class.

An attorney for the family accused St. John the Apostle Catholic School of punishing the sixth grader when he was only trying to do the right thing.

[Editor: The boy's family has hired an attorney.]



Moms Demand Action on X:

"There's no evidence that school resource officers make schools any safer; instead, they make school less safe for students of color."

Automatic knives now legal in Massachusetts

(TTAG) - After being banned for nearly seven decades, Massachusetts residents can now carry switchblades, thanks to the 2022 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *New York Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*.

On Tuesday, the Commonwealth's Judicial Court, the highest court in the state, ruled that switchblades fall under the same Second Amendment protection as firearms do and cannot be banned by the state.



Stupid should hurt

Navy Commander relieved

(TTAG) - The U.S. Navy has relieved the destroyer commander, who was pictured firing a rifle with the scope mounted backward, of his duty because of the incident and the resulting backlash.

According to a report in the San Diego Union-Tribune, Cmdr. Cameron Yaste was removed Friday, more than four months after the incident.

Of course they are opposed!

CAIR objects to proposal to protect synagogues from harassment

LA (Breitbart) — The California chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is objecting to a proposal by the L.A. City Council to bar anti-Israel protesters from the entrances to synagogues.

The proposal is a response to a rise in antisemitism in the city associated with anti-Israel protests, especially several incidents in June in which pro-Palestinian activists targeted local synagogues, obstructing entrances in one case.



Success, notoriety, support for Donald Trump bring out the crazies and homicidal lunatics

Musk's security team has surged amid increased threats

(Business Insider) - "Voyager" — explorer, famous NASA mission, and now ... billionaire tech mogul?

That's the code name that Elon Musk's security team uses to refer to him, The New York Times reported as part of an investigation into the Tesla CEO's protective services.

And "Voyager" doesn't go very far without his bodyguards, flanked by as many as 20 security personnel, some armed — plus a medical professional — wherever he goes, according to the outlet.

In many ways, Musk's deep bench of security

personnel makes sense. With a net worth of over \$250 billion, according to Bloomberg's Billionaires Index, he's the world's richest person, and that stratosphere of wealth brings some very real risks into the equation.

75% of Midtown NYC arrests are illegals

(ZeroHedge) - In yet another headline you won't see from corporate media, 75% of those arrested in Midtown Manhattan in recent months for crimes like assault, robbery, and domestic violence are migrants.

In Queens, it's around 60%, the *NY Post* reports, citing police sources.

According to the report, the sanctuary city laws make it 'almost impossible' for authorities to handle the problem.

Georgia school killer targeted school over 'transgender acceptance'

(Post Millennial) - Georgia school shooter [mentally ill, social misfit loser's name redacted] was discovered to have had a Discord account that contained posts suggesting he was planning a mass shooting due to his grievances over trans acceptance. [Mentally ill, social misfit loser's name redacted] had also researched previous school shootings, like the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting carried out by [another mentally ill, social misfit loser's name redacted] as well as the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida in 2018...

The reporter said that the post, attributed to [mentally ill, social misfit scumbag's name redacted], was "expressing desires to target an elementary school, expressing frustrations with the acceptance of transgender people."



School killer hated conservatives and Christians

Nashville mass murderer was... mentally unwell

(Actively Unwoke) - Audrey was a lesbian with autism who became fixated on gender and convinced herself that she liked girls because she was really a boy.

Autistic kids are often most susceptible to gender ideology and are actively told that they are trans and queer when they're really just gay.

She blames her parents for affirming her identity as a boy and was very depressed and angry at not being able to find people to love her or girls to have sex with. She convinced herself that if she just had a penis, things would be different.

She felt ignored by the world and so she wanted to die in a way she could not be ignored...

The most interesting part of Audrey Hale's manifesto to me is that, after pages and pages of calling her self different names and saying she was a boy, on the very last page she signs off using her female name: Audrey. That's how we know that she didn't REALLY see herself as a boy, or she would have signed off using a boy's name.

Kamala's weaksauce effort to fool the uninformed and hide her desire to ban guns

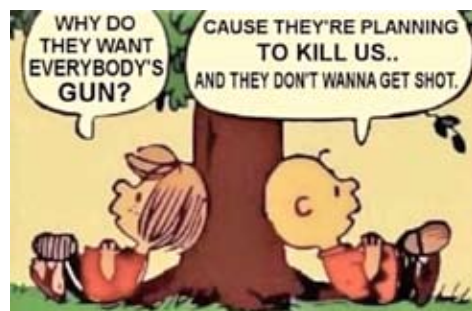
(GSL) - At the Presidential Debate between herself and President Trump, Kamala Harris chided Trump for telling people the truth about Kamala and guns. "We're not taking anybody's guns away, so stop with the continuous lying about this stuff."



Three days and a few hours later, she posts "Ban Assault Weapons" at her Vice-President's account at X.



Don't be a low-information fool. If you have Trump Derangement Syndrome, we can't help you. As for everyone else, vote your gun rights for all candidates, from the local races right up to the President.



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