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# HARRIS CAMPAIGN IN FREEFALL

(GSL) - Despite the best efforts of the mainstream media to sell an intellectually vapid candidate for President, America's working class isn't buying the media's snake oil. Polls are showing a growing and almost universal coalescing of support from all demographics towards Donald Trump and away from Kamala Harris as election day approaches.

At first Kamala Harris hid from taking questions. Then she took softball interviews and delivered those now-famous word salad answers. Even *Saturday Night Live* has begun making fun of Kamala Harris' telling folks about her "middle class" upbringing no matter the question.

Everything Harris does invites ridicule from most Americans, but especially those most seriously

impacted by food and energy price inflation brought to us by Biden/Harris. Then there's open borders that have given us the illegal alien gang members, child sex traffickers and countless other unknown individuals without America's best interests at heart streaming into our country - along with fentanyl that's killing Americans by the tens of thousands.

wouldn't change a thing from her and Joe's leadership during the last four years. Does that include the disastrous Afghan withdrawal that left thirteen US service members dead and thousands of Americans left behind?

Her fake persona, her pandering accents, inappropriate giggling, word salad answers and constant lying have begun increasingly turning off undecided voters.

In a desperate move, Harris also bragged that she owned a Glock to appeal to gun owners - and how she even shot it once - during an awkward interview with Oprah. "If anyone breaks into my house, they're getting shot," she laughed... as though killing someone is funny.



Utterly tone deaf, Kamala says she

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## November 2024

- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **October 30**, November 20, **Dec Cancelled**  
Eagles Club, 3535 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **October 27**, **November 24**, December cancelled.  
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights  
*Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.*
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **November 4**, December 2  
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **November 5** ELECTION DAY!, December 3  
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **November 6**, December 4  
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (*Program at 6:45pm*)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **November 7**, December 5  
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Danville:** Second Monday **November 11**, December 9  
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **November 12**, December 10  
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **November 13**, December 11  
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove  
*Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.*
- **Mattoon:** Second Thursday: **November 14**, December 12  
The American Legion Post 88, 1903 Maple Ave, Mattoon
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **November 21**, December 19  
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St. Utica
- **Geneseo:** Last Tuesday: November 26, **December cancelled** (New Year's Eve)  
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.**





Lisa Smith at GSL in Sangamon County. She's running against a gun control advocate who cast the tie-breaking vote for No Cash Bail.

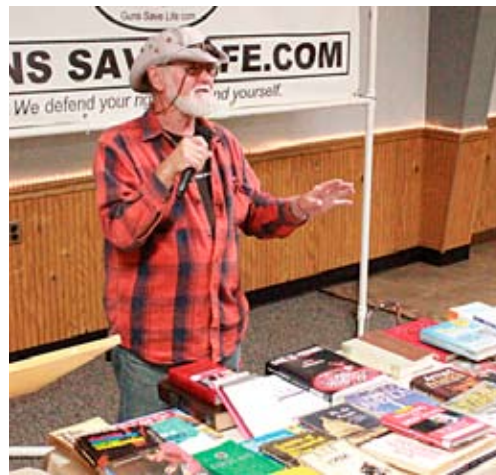


**COMING IN NOVEMBER... DON'T MISS THIS**

SPECIAL NOTE: Natalia Ogurkiewicz (pictured above) will join us for our Monday, November 4th Sangamon County meeting as well as our November 24th Chicagoland meeting. Carve time out of your schedule to attend one or both of these meetings. Ogurkiewicz will talk about what happens in the criminal justice system after a defensive use of force and how to keep from getting victimized by the courts after surviving a criminal attack.



Tech time in Decatur.



Dan Worthey speaking in Rantoul on the value of printed knowledge about everything. Sure, you can do a lot of tasks thanks to YouTube videos, books help when the Internet isn't available. It doesn't require electricity to read and you can buy second-hand books cheap.



Sally Owens, running for State Senate, at GSL Peoria. "You gotta go vote!" she told the audience.



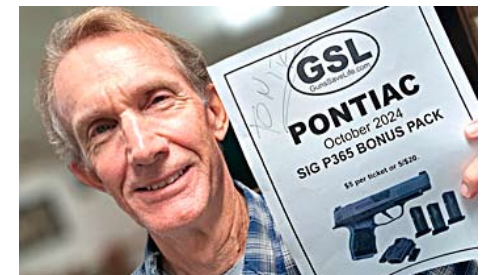
IDNR Conservation Police Officer Trent Reeves in Decatur.



Rodney Perez shares some of his work rescuing child sex trafficking victims.



Keith P. won a case of .223 ammo for one of his guns currently on vacation in Mattoon.



Brad R. won the Sig P365 bonus pack at Pontiac. Courtesy of Runnings.



Jeff Brownfield has become a regular at our Rantoul and Danville GSL meetings. He's running for the Illinois State Senate District 52. He brought some stats that showed that large numbers of "unreliable" conservative-leaning voters failed to vote in the last two election cycles. We need them to vote! He also said that coming to GSL meetings has proven extremely educational for him as a novice to guns and he's thankful for what he's learned.



Ken and Janie (sp?) won a .44 Mag single-shot deer rifle in Danville. They're pictured with Jack Land (center).



John Haberkamp of Guardian Concepts speaks in Pontiac. He's working on a big firearms expo at the ISRA range next year.

**GSL Election Results!**

By a vote of acclimation, the membership have approved the following for two-year terms as officers/directors of Guns Save Life. Congrats to each and every one of them. We're honored and delighted to have such high-quality, selfless individuals leading our organization. For contact information, please see the Leadership Directory on page 22.

**PRESIDENT: Rich Goodall**  
**VICE-PRESIDENT: John Coyne**  
**TREASURER: Joanne Chandler**  
**SECRETARY: Tracy Bettinger**  
**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT (non-elected): Dale Lock**

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 Director Seat #1: **Chad Berck**  
 Director Seat #2: **Tim Weir**



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## Christmas Holiday meeting updates

### November.

**Quincy.** Quincy's meeting will take place a week earlier than normal! Normally on the last Wednesday, it will take place on Wednesday, November 20th. Kristen's steering committee team has lined up some great speakers. (Spoiler alert: We're cancelling December's meeting as it would fall on Christmas Day.)

**Chicagoland.** We will have a November Chicagoland meeting and criminal defense attorney Natalia Ogurkiewicz will join us as our main speaker. **DON'T MISS THIS!** She's exceptional in how she gives folks a quick and dirty education about what happens following a use-of-force incident when it comes to the criminal justice system.

### December.

**Quincy.** #RealSanta was unable to attend as our main speaker given his other Christmas Day obligations. Meeting cancelled for Christmas.

**Chicagoland.** Meeting cancelled for Christmas. Enjoy your holiday weekend.

**Geneseo.** No, we're not going to meet on Christmas Eve. Meeting cancelled for Christmas.



## WANTED: New GunNews distribution hub in Springfield

Collins Plumbing and Heating in Springfield is closing at the end of the year with the owner's retirement. That means our hub for GunNews distribution in Springfield needs to find a new home.

Do you have a business or facility in Springfield where our volunteers could come load up on GunNews for distribution throughout Central Illinois? We're talking

a pallet or two of bundled papers.

If you have some space please contact **Joel Gain** at **217 632-3267**.



## Perez: Fighting child sex trafficking

Rodney Perez, a retired firefighter, joined us at our LaSalle GSL meeting with a great presentation on his work fighting child sex trafficking. He's part of Patriots for America, a small group that works with local law enforcement on the Southern Border.

Through training, including that provided by the Association for Recovery of Children, Perez and his compatriots do their best to fight child sex trafficking.

On the border, through their training, they identify unaccompanied minors and separate them from their "handlers" as soon as they

cross onto American soil. Why is that important?



Rodney Perez.

If the good guys can separate these minors from their handlers, they can keep these women from spending the next few years of their lives in sex slavery to "pay off" the cartel "fee" for moving them

across the border.

When Perez isn't volunteering on the border, he makes trips to Chicago looking for sex trafficked teens and young women. Acting as a religious ministry, his group offers resources and a way out for those willing to leave that life. Of course, the gangs running the girls aren't exactly supportive of their sex trade workers leaving so it's a delicate and sometimes dangerous mission.

God Bless Mr. Perez for his courageous work. We hope to have him to other GSL meetings in the future to share his work and the successes they've enjoyed.

Related from *The Free Press* ([thefp.com](http://thefp.com)):

## Inside America's Fastest-Growing Criminal Enterprise: Sex Trafficking

*Biden's border policies have led to an explosion in the forced prostitution of migrants in the U.S. 'If I wanted to, I could order a girl within 15 minutes.'*

(Excerpt from *The Free Press*) - At the barbecue joint off Route 75 in Dallas, Lisa pulls out her phone to show me the dozen or so online platforms that traffickers and pimps use to sell girls for sex. The platforms—which include apps like TikTok, OnlyFans, and Facebook—are chockablock with ads of women, usually wearing lingerie, their faces covered to prevent anyone guessing their age. The sheer number of ads is astonishing. "Each week, we track over 12,000 ads for women in Houston, 2,600 in San Antonio, 3,500

in Austin, and 14,000 in Dallas," says Lisa.



I ask her if the sex trafficking of migrant girls had increased since the Biden administration threw open the border, leading to 8 million migrants crossing the

southern border since 2021. "Yes," she says. "Nearly all of my sex-trafficking rings now are migrant girls. The ads exploded within the first three months of the border being open. We started noticing new sites and ads in Spanish. That was very few before. Then sites dedicated to Latino girls popped up everywhere." Since the border opened, Lisa added, over 90 percent of the ads are for migrant girls.

"If I wanted to, I could order a girl within 15 minutes," Lisa says. "It's that easy."

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

Attn: Drawings  
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**GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!**

Decatur November: **Taurus 605 Poly**  
Pontiac November: **Henry Youth Lever .22**  
Pontiac December: **Tisas 1911 .45**  
Pontiac January: **Rock Island .45**  
Danville November: **Canik METE MC9**  
Danville December: **S&W Bodyguard 2 (tentative)**  
NW Chicagoland November: **Tisas 1911 Duty .45 ACP**  
NW Chicagoland December: **Shield Plus 9mm**  
Peoria November: **Glock X + 100 rds 9mm**  
Pontiac December: **Girsan 1911**  
Charleston November: **Canik METE MC9 9mm**  
Charleston November: **Henry Lever Action .22**  
Sangamon November: **Glock 43 Flag motif 9mm**  
Rantoul December: (tentatively) **Tisas 1911 .45**



## Executive Director's Report

# VOTE SMART. VOTE FREEDOM FIRST!

by John Boch  
GSL Executive Director

It seems like a generation ago, the NRA came out with a great slogan at election time. "Vote Freedom First." As a naive young voter who voted for Bill Clinton the first time, I learned my lesson after he signed the great gun ban of 1994. In fact, that bill signing spurred me into gun rights advocacy.



GSL's John Boch.

My advice to young people or those new to gun rights: don't let Kamala Harris' claim that she owns a Glock (and that she maybe shot it once at a range) fool you. She will gladly sign legislation to take yours away, along with the rest of your guns if she has the chance. In fact, she's never met a gun control proposal she didn't like.

In Kamala's mind, if the cause is righteous, Constitutional rights don't matter. For instance, at one point she bragged about having police do unannounced home visits to gun owners to ensure they stored their guns "safely and responsibly."

Closer to Illinois, State Senator Dave Koebler (Peoria into Bloomington) is another one of these wolves in sheep's clothing. He claims he's pro-gun, has guns and all that. Then he goes to Springfield and helps write gun control bills. He doesn't vote for them, but authors them. And amazingly until recently he was even an endorsed candidate by at least one gun rights group that does candidate endorsements. There's an alternative out there. Sally Owens, a pro-gun businesswoman who helps businesses succeed and thrive would be a far better choice when it comes to gun rights and defending your right to defend yourself.



You may have other races where there's a pro-freedom, pro-gun alternative. Take Sharon Chung near Bloomington. She has a campaign commercial where she's playing the violin. Yes, she's actually playing her fiddle while Illinois burns. Chung proudly voted for No Cash Bail and Pritzker's gun ban. Desi Anderson, the pro-gun child of immigrants, doesn't hide the fact that she's staunchly pro-gun and pro-freedom.



Others have been around for a while. Like Sue Scherer in Decatur and Springfield. **Sue Scherer cast the tie-breaking vote to give us No Cash Bail.** She voted for the Pritzker gun ban. Scherer supports the radical hard-left agenda that most certainly doesn't include your right to defend yourself. But there's a choice. Dr. Lisa Smith, a pediatric nurse practitioner, doesn't support any of that. Lisa Smith is a pro-gun mom with ten kids, seven of which are adopted.

**But local candidates like these and plenty of others in your locality need pro-gun folks to go out and vote.** Sure, Illinois will almost certainly go for Kamala Harris. Saying your vote doesn't count because your vote for Trump doesn't put him over the top is short-sighted at the least.

Plenty of pro-gun local candidates down the ticket from the President need your vote... including those running for State's Attorney, County Boards, Sheriffs, State Reps and Senators as well as the Congressional races. These folks have a bigger impact upon your life than who lives in the White House.

Moreover, there are at least three congressional races in Illinois where rabidly anti-gun Dems are vulnerable. But their pro-gun challengers' efforts are all for naught if gun owners and conservatives sit this one out like they did the governor's race two years ago.

Vote your freedom and 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 their guns.

For those demoralized by the mainstream media's endless hit pieces attacking pro-gun, America-first candidates, snap out of it. First off: tune out the mainstream media and big tech news sources. 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.

**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.

## Oral arguments in GSL FOID-card challenge set for November 14th

(GSL) - Kwame Raoul does his best to use the "stall" defense to slow the inevitable when it comes to unconstitutional gun control schemes. He stalled on the gun ban challenge and he's stalling on Guns Save Life's FOID-card challenge. The Fourth District Court of Appeals in state court gave him three 30-day stays, but when our side objected to the fourth stay - likely indefinite in nature, the Fourth said "enough is enough."

They denied Kwame's motion for a stay and assigned oral arguments for November 14th.

## HARRIS CAMPAIGN IN FREEFALL

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Harris' running mate Tim Walz hasn't helped either. Desperate to appear manly, Walz went on a pheasant hunt photo op and struggled to load his own shotgun.



Hey Tim, it's not that hard to load a shotgun.

Real hunters were not impressed with that any more than they are impressed with

his gleeful support for every gun control measure he's ever met.

Lately, amid all the ridicule, even polls slanted to favor the Harris/Walz ticket have seen a wholesale shift towards Donald Trump.

Weeks ago, Harris was reportedly up by 8 points. Then again, at the same point in the 1980 election cycle, Jimmy Carter was up by 8 points and we all know how that turned out.

Today, Trump is up in all but one of the swing states. And the momentum is clearly with Trump.

Even hosts from networks like MSNBC and CNN see the writing on the wall.

Mika Brzezinski, the co-host of "Morning Joe," worried on air that "There's this fear that Donald Trump is poised for victory."

## LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SHOOT?

### DeWitt County Sportsmans Club Clinton, IL



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See Calendar for Shoots & Events (p. 22)

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Download an application at [dewittcountysc.com](http://dewittcountysc.com) or by mailing a request to DCSC, PO Box 322, Clinton, IL 61727.





*Darwin is on the prowl...*

## Local PD warning residents of fake gun trend

Taylorville, IL (WCIA) — Taylorville Police Department is warning residents about young adults possessing fake guns.



exactly like legitimate firearms, and many young adults having been keeping these replicas on their person and vehicle.

TPD warns that if an officer or licensed concealed carry citizen sees someone carrying one of these fake firearms, they might have to make a split-second decision based on what they see, regardless of the legitimacy of the gun.

These types of scenarios could lead to injuries, or even death in extreme cases.

TPD is pleading with people to keep these toy guns at home so that situations like this can be easily avoided at all costs.

Taylorville PD put out a flyer Friday afternoon on its Facebook page. They said many of these toy guns are made to look

## Kwame's AG legal posse apologizes to federal judge for their reckless claims in filings

(The Center Square) — The Illinois Attorney General's office has apologized to a federal judge after implying his ruling against the state's mass transit concealed carry ban has "safety implications."

were murdered with firearms three days after the Court's order was entered."

Johnston ordered the author of that passage to appear in his court to answer questions.



Kwame Raoul.

"For example — and by no way of limitation — counsel should be prepared to articulate the reasonable inquiry that was made to determine if the suspect in the CTAs Blue Line shooting possessed a concealed carry permit, and if so, whether he brought the gun onto CTA property to protect himself,"

Johnston wrote. "Moreover, counsel should explain the reasonable inquiry as to how the suspect was protecting himself from the sleeping homeless people when he allegedly shot them."

In a written response, the state's attorneys said they "aimed to argue that a stay of the Court's order is justified by the public interest in maintaining public safety."

"The sentence was not intended to suggest that the perpetrator of the Blue Line shootings held a concealed carry permit, acted in self-defense, or engaged in conduct permitted under the Court's order," the attorneys wrote. "The sentence also was not intended to state, suggest, or imply that this Court's order was responsible for or specifically related to the shooting referenced in the stay motion, and counsel apologizes if any such inference was mistakenly created."

U.S. District Judge Iain Johnston ruled the state's prohibition of people carrying concealed firearms on mass transit violates the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

"Plaintiffs' proposed conduct — carrying concealed handguns on public transit for self-defense — falls within the presumptive ambit of the Second Amendment," Johnston wrote.

But the Illinois Attorney General's Office stirred up a hornet's nest in its appeal by arguing that Johnston's ruling had "potential safety implications" that were "highlighted by a recent mass shooting on the CTAs Blue Line, in which four people

## UPDATE on the status of our legal challenge to the Illinois PICA gun & magazine ban

by Chuck Michel

Last month, a trial was held before Judge McGlynn in the Southern District of Illinois in several cases challenging Illinois's ban on common semi-automatic firearms, magazines, and gun parts (*Barnett v. Raoul*, *Harrel v. Raoul*, *Langley v. Kelly*, and of course, *Federal Firearms Licensees of Illinois v. Pritzker*).

We initially won a preliminary injunction blocking the laws from Judge McGlynn on April 28, 2023. The State appealed, and on November 3, 2023, the Seventh Circuit incorrectly ruled that the gun ban was constitutional and did not violate the Second Amendment. We asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review that misguided opinion, and earlier in the summer, on July 2, 2024, we were disappointed when that petition was declined. So, the incorrect ruling from the Seventh Circuit allowed Illinois' ban on many commonly owned firearms to go into effect.

But the Supreme Court may very well accept the case later. A concurrence from Justice Thomas made clear that the reason the Court denied review was procedural — the case was before SCOTUS at that time on a preliminary injunction appeal. A final judgment had not happened yet in the lower court.

Significantly, SCOTUS did not decide that the cases challenging the Illinois law had no merit, and Justice Thomas concluded, "if the Seventh Circuit ultimately allows Illinois to ban America's most common civilian rifle, we can—and should—review that decision once the cases reach a final judgment."

This means we had to litigate the case again in the trial court, which had previously agreed with our position and issued a preliminary injunction that the Seventh Circuit ultimately overturned. The litigation has been ongoing for months, leading up to the trial last month.

Preparation for trial has been ongoing all summer, and it has been a lot of work. We began assembling evidence, obtaining expert opinions, and preparing exhibits and witnesses.

The plaintiffs' attorneys all worked together to argue that while the Seventh Circuit's ruling was incorrect, Plaintiffs should still prevail even under the Seventh Circuit's erroneous and ahistorical standard. Our experts explained why firearms like the AR-15 are great options for self-defense, and how they differ from their fully automatic counterparts that are used by the military. The State had "experts" of its own who we cross-examined, sometimes to comedic

effect, such as one expert who stated his personal opposition to the law.

Plaintiffs (our side) closed by arguing that there expert witnesses had shown how the features Illinois had banned are very useful to self-defense, the firearms at issue are not exclusively or predominantly used by the military and are instead commonly used by regular citizens for lawful purposes including self-defense.

We now preparing our final trial briefs, and Judge McGlynn will then issue his ruling.

Once the district court issues a final judgment following the trial, the matter will move back to the Seventh Circuit and possibly then to the Supreme Court.

We could use your support as we continue to fight for your Second Amendment rights in Illinois.

*[Editor's Note: Clearly our fight is not over. It is out members and supporters who have financially backed this legal challenge until now. We need your continued support to continue our work.]*

*You can help with a tax deductible donation to either of the organizations listed below.*

*Thanks so very much for your support.]*

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It's time to get engaged in the election process

## Get ENGAGED

By Nancy Hayes  
Illinois Freedom Alliance  
Election Integrity Chair

Americans are less than three weeks out from electing our next President, along with members of Congress and a myriad of down-ballot races that will impact our daily lives even more. The results of the election will certainly determine whether or not our gun rights will be protected and strengthened or, in the case of today's radical Democrats, debased and restricted.

### First, are you registered to vote?

I know 99% of Guns Save Life members are not only registered, but engaged. But I know thousands of non-members read these pages.

For readers who aren't sure about their registration status, you can check at the website

True the Vote.  
[TrueTheVote.org](http://TrueTheVote.org)

Once on the website, hover your mouse over the word "Engage" in the top margin. A window will open up that displays 'Scan. Check. Protect'.

Scroll down to the map of the United States and place your mouse over "Illinois." Click on our state then enter your personal information. If you're registered, great. If not, you have until October 20th to do so in order to vote in this November's election.

Check your information and if you see any incorrect information, contact the Illinois State Board of Elections or your local county clerk.

**Are You Signed Up to be a Poll watcher? Training is Right Around the Corner.**

To ensure free and fair elections, I encourage you to sign up and get engaged in the process now. Why? If you're present as a trained poll watcher it will radically reduce the opportunity for foul play, especially in those districts where there weren't enough election judges to have a member of each party present to ensure election integrity. Yes, ethically challenged election officials will not welcome poll watchers with open arms or anything else if they are up to no good.

There is STILL time to play a vital role in the elections in your precinct or district. We need eyes on every ballot to ensure that we have free and fair elections. That takes volunteers, training and coordination.

Reach out to the Illinois Free-

dom Alliance for training and coordination.

### IllinoisFreedomAlliance.us

Get involved in the process today. FREE classes are offered online on various days to support your efforts as a poll watcher.

The organization will even support you in the process of obtaining credentials so that by the time November 5th rolls around, you are not only trained, but ready with the necessary credentials needed to enter the polling locations to ensure integrity takes place and state statutes are followed when it comes to your local elections.

### What is a Poll Watcher?

A poll watcher is an observer in the polling location that is a registered voter in Illinois, affiliated with a political party, civic organization or a candidate. A poll watcher must have valid credentials and must have separate credentials for each polling location they will "watch." Again, the Illinois Freedom Alliance ([www.illinoisfreedomalliance.us](http://www.illinoisfreedomalliance.us)) can ensure you have the necessary training and credentials needed to ensure when it comes to integrity and elections in your local polls, the law is being followed by workers at the polling loca-

tions.

Anywhere an election judge is, a poll watcher has the right to be present as well. That means during early voting, vote-by-mail, at nursing homes or on election day in the polling locations. It takes many volunteers serving as poll watchers to ensure "eyes on every ballot" and free and fair elections take place.

Again, we need as many citizens as we can to be engaged in the process of elections to ensure we have free and fair elections.

### How Do We Report Incidents or Suspicious Activity?

True the Vote has a new web-based app to help support poll watchers with incident reporting. It's called "Vote Alert" located at [votealert.org](http://votealert.org). Anyone can sign up for the app and report incidents or suspicious activity. Citizens can also ask questions, follow trending events and even join a "boots-on-the-ground coalition" dedicated to safeguarding our Republic.

As an election integrity activist, you will be helping to safeguard our nation's elections with the Vote Alert app. The Vote Alert documents election irregularities by allowing users to post, comment and

share content across social media. It also equips citizens to help ensure our election laws, regulations and rules are followed.

### One Final Thought: SWAMP THE VOTE!

Take everyone registered voter you know and help them vote, either in person or via a mail-in ballot.

We need to do everything we can to ensure pro-gun, pro-freedom candidates win these races from your local county board up to and including the President of the United States.

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

## WYATT EARP: So What!

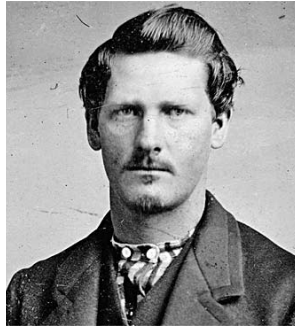
A wise man once wrote: "History is the oxygen for storytelling. And storytelling is the essence of humanity." I believe it. History connects generations and often reveals legendary figures whose stories can provide motivation and direction long after their lives. But today, in the greatest tradition of tyrants everywhere, too many underachieving haters are trying to destroy history, especially here in America, tearing down statues, erasing individuals from books, changing names of public facilities from that of an historical character to some "figure du jour", "acceptable" person of the present, because the old person isn't pure enough for them.

Founding fathers, Civil War leaders, and even common enlisted soldiers fighting during the expansion of the West have been targeted; my guess is that participants in the Spanish-American War, Philippine-American War, and World War II in the Pacific will be next on the chopping block. Our military leaders in World War I, and World War II in Europe, will probably escape that fate as our opponents, Kaiser Wilhelm II, Benito Mussolini, and Adolf Hitler are not going to garner much sympathy.

As with many of their nefarious beliefs, American-History-Bashers (AHB), look to the old Soviet Union for their template and inspiration. There, apparatchiks edited history with the specific goal of dictating the future – because if you do not know where you came from, it is hard to know where you are going. So Lenin and Stalin snipped away at pictures and texts to make people simply disappear, under the logic that if there were no pictures and no texts, their enemy could be expunged from history. They even had a delightfully-Communist term for these enemies – "non-persons."

No one is really safe though. **Take Wyatt Earp for example.** Born in Monmouth, Illinois, you know him as town marshal in Dodge City and Tombstone. AHB folks probably think he looked like Kurt Russell, and he hung around with guys like Bat Masterson and Doc Holliday – who probably looked like Val Kilmer. And since he became famous, he must have gotten a helping hand in promotions, advancing due

to his appearance and family influence over more qualified candidates because there was no DEI back then.



Wyatt Earp, aged 21.

And they would be wrong. Wyatt Earp is a prime example of persons born of humble surroundings, who even ran afoul of the law in their youthful days, who change their life for the better. Wyatt had eight siblings; his father, a farmer, never owned a farm larger than 160 acres. As a boy, Wyatt became a teamster transporting cargo. That's driving mules, folks. Hardly a silver spoon job.

Then his life really went in the crapper. At age 21, he found himself at Walton's Hotel, John T. Walton's brothel in Beardstown, Illinois, where a railroad brakeman, Tom D. Pinard, called him a coward. Both drew down; Piner missed, Wyatt didn't – wounding Pinard in the hip. Moving to Lamar, Missouri, he held a job collecting license fees, designated to fund local schools for the city, but failed to turn in the money. Two weeks later, he was charged with stealing two horses, in what was then called "Indian Country"; Wyatt skedaddled out before the trial by escaping through the jail roof.

Then he really hit the lowlife, going to Peoria, Illinois, living at a building listed as a "female boarding house" in Peoria at the corner of Washington and Hamilton. Located down the street from the US Express Company Stables, or as one wag said: "Fast women and fast horses all on the same block."

Yep, the boarding house was actually Jane Haspel's brothel in what was then the city's red-light district. Wyatt and brother Morgan were arrested at Jane's cathouse in February 1872, and later pinched again at the McClellan Institute on Main near Water, both "hotbeds of iniquity." One newspaper called

him the "Peoria Bummer." Unable to pay the fines, Wyatt spent several nights in the Peoria calaboose.

Then Wyatt went maritime! With skillsets of pimp, bouncer and Faro dealer, he soon found work on an Illinois River keelboat, the "Beardstown Gunboat," which plied the waters between Peoria and Beardstown. 50-foot long, topped with a ramshackle, eight-bedroom house, she was owned and piloted by the same John T. Walton previously mentioned! Whatever was going on aboard that boat, Wyatt could handle it, because one source described her as "floating downriver like Detritus from the scorched Sodom to the north." News reporters had real flair back then.



Earp later in life.

Then disaster struck; the night of September 7, 1872, with the boat moored at Wesley Bend near Creve Coeur, Peoria's Superintendent of Police Captain Samuel Gill and eight men boarded and arrested everyone, including Wyatt – caught in the company of a woman, identified as Sarah Earp, "wife of Wyatt", but who really knows if they had truly tied the knot?

Wyatt left Peoria and headed west, and, well, you know the rest of the story. And overall, that story is a great one – a quintessential American story. Overcoming the odds. Changing your life. Not letting anyone push you around. Defeating fear. And his early encounters with the law? So what! He wins in the end. And the AHB social media addicts who cry when someone unfollows them, and instead of creating their own legacy want to tear everyone else down, like Wyatt Earp? Let us know when you've walked down that street to the O.K. Corral.

Do you like your right to defend yourself? Vote your guns to protect your freedom!

## Who's your 'Gun Daddy'? The Republicans have it hands down

(The Truth About Guns) - In light of last night's vice presidential debate, Americans are reminded there are more elections at stake than just the ticket for the presidency. There are numerous Senate and House races as well.

The NSSF has released its 2024 Congressional Report Card, offering a clear look at where members of Congress stand on key legislation affecting the firearm industry, Second Amendment rights and the interests of hunters and recreational shooters. As the nation inches closer to the November elections, gun owners and advocates of firearm freedoms can see exactly which politicians are their strongest allies—and, unsurprisingly, Republicans dominate the top of the list. In fact, they OWN the top of the list.

The NSSF's grading system ranks lawmakers on their support for pro-firearm legislation during the 118th Congress (2023-2024). The scores are based on voting records, sponsorship and co-sponsorship of key bills, committee work and overall leadership in defending the gun industry.

These grades don't serve as endorsements but are a clear signal of which lawmakers prioritize gun owners' rights.

Republicans in the Senate overwhelmingly received high marks, with 27 Senators earning an "A+" grade, while another 11 received grades ranging from A to B. Among the top performers were eight Senators who achieved a perfect voting record and earned special recognition on the NSSF's Dean's List. Meanwhile, not a single Democrat managed to rise above a failing grade, with 39 Senate Democrats receiving an "F."

This divide shows that when it comes to gun rights, party affiliation plays a major role. Republican Senators, by and large, stood strong in defense of the Second Amendment, while their Democratic counterparts were widely viewed as hostile to the industry and gun ownership.

The situation in the House of Representatives mirrors that of the Senate, with Republicans standing as the clear champions of gun rights.

### NSSF Grades on Guns by Party

Grade	Rep Senate	Dem Senate	Rep House	Dem House
A+	27	0	127	0
A	11	0	46	0
B	4	0	36	0
C	0	0	5	0
D	0	0	0	5
F	0	39	0	157

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Road rage attackers' false claims thwarted by \$75 dashcam

## IN PRAISE OF THE DASHCAM

by John Boch

Is it just me or is road rage on the uptick lately? We've all experienced ill-tempered hotheads while driving, but they seem to get even more brazen in today's world. I recall not long ago the Illinois State Police put out a press release urging patience with road raging idiots.

Along those lines, I've been a fan of dashcams for years. They protect decent drivers from false allegations, especially when it comes to determining fault in accidents. They also protect their owners from mistaken LEOs regarding traffic infractions.



Just weeks ago, while taking *GunNews* up north, my dashcam saved my bacon. To make a long story short, I fell victim to a road-raging 30-something male. He drove someone else's brand new \$100k F350 while towing a trailer. Instead of calming himself down like a normal,

well-adjusted person, the driver opted to willfully and maliciously attempt to run me off I-55 near Pontiac at 70-something mph.

Knowing that people die in ditches, I trashed the left side of my Explorer instead of going off pavement.

I called 911 even before stopping to report a road rage attack and collision. The ISP arrived ten-plus minutes later and I shared my account. The Trooper then talked with the other driver and his passenger. *Surprise!* They claimed \*I\* was the one who slammed into the pickup truck - unprovoked in a fit of rage - while they passed me in the passing lane.

The Trooper and I then watched the dashcam footage. At that point it became crystal clear who was... ahem, "mistaken" as we could see first-hand how the other driver clearly came into my lane, sans any signal, and pushed me half-way out of the driving lane before we collided. Looking closer at the 4k version, viewers can see both occupants watching the passenger rearview mirror, showing their clear intent.

Despite their claims, the dashcam footage put the fault of the crash squarely

upon the other driver.

Without it, I might have been saddled with the fault for the collision and potentially even a ticket for reckless driving thanks to the allegations of the other driver and his passenger. I might have even been arrested. After all, it was my word against the other two men.

The moral of the story: if you drive like a decent human being, it's very much in your interest to have a dashcam in your vehicle.

Sure, if you speed from time to time, select the option not to record the speed. If you have conversations you don't want recorded (or if you sometimes yell unkind things at idiots), turn off the audio recording. For \$100 or less, you can protect yourself from bad drivers who won't think twice about levelling false allegations against you - even criminal allegations.

It's just a no-brainer, folks. Protect yourself while driving. Install a dashcam in your vehicle(s).

It's like a gun... the vast majority of the time you'll never need it. Until you do, and then you'll be very glad you had it.

IDNR Conservation officer Trent Reeves:

## Cellular game cameras offer proven protection against burglars & trespassers

At the Decatur GSL meeting, IDNR Conservation Police Officer Trent Reeves brought attendees up to speed on some changes in state laws and regulations. Among those are restrictions on taking antlerless deer for part of this year's archery season for a select few counties. He also offered his thoughts on how people can help protect their rural properties and structures. In short: cellular game cameras.

These units are now available for just over \$100 for most, although some can be picked up for about \$75.



Spypoint Flex-M cellular game camera two-pack sells for about \$130 online.

These will detect motion and can be set to notify your

smart phone almost instantly when they detect movement. If you recognize trespassers potentially casing out the buildings for a burglary or if they are trespassers hunting on your land, you can notify the authorities right away. Who knows, cops might actually catch a bad actor poaching! And even if they don't catch them, it will make future prosecution easier.

Like dash cams, these trail/game cameras are relatively inexpensive insurance to protect your property from burglars and trespassers.

## Champaign, IL kook and three-time felon arrested for threats against Trump federal judge

Urbana, IL (WCIA) — A man from Champaign is facing federal charges of threatening a judge, and the judge he allegedly threatened could be the one who presided over Donald Trump's classified documents case.



Radical leftist Eric Rennert.

Eric James Rennert, 65, was indicted Sept. 25 on six counts — three of interstate transmission of threats and three of threatening to assault, kidnap and murder a United States judge. The threats were made on May 25 and St. Lucie County, Fla. was the place the threats were sent to.

An arrest warrant was issued the same day Rennert was indicted, and he was taken into custody last week.

[Editor: Dollars to donuts the kooky anonymous letters stop coming to Guns Save Life...]

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## Dying Hard: Company B, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th US Infantry Division in WWII

by French MacLean

You're busy – maybe don't even have the time for a book. But you owe it to yourself to read this book. **Dying Hard: Company B, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th US Infantry Division in WWII.** You'll laugh, cry, and cheer. And you'll love your country even more.

175 soldiers. Young – anyone who shaves is considered old; every old guy is nicknamed "Pop." Our company commander, just 22, is "the Old Man." We'd give our eye teeth to see mom just one more time; and while we would trade a few of our tomorrows to be sitting at her kitchen table tonight, not one of us wants to become a Gold Star in her window.

Black, White, Mexican, Chinese, Cuban, Filipino, Korean, Lakota, Quechan;



many foreign born. Big-city, small town, tiny Podunk, or fifth generation hillbilly with a PO box. But when you are fighting together to stay alive, nobody gives a crap where you're from or what color you are.

North Africa, Sicily, Norman-

dy, Hurtgen Forest, Merode Castle, Bulge, Siegfried Line. Last eleven months of the war, 88 killed in action, 453 Purple Hearts, 26 Silver Stars; one even walked out of a German prisoner of war camp – 92 pounds, frostbitten, lice-infested – unbroken.

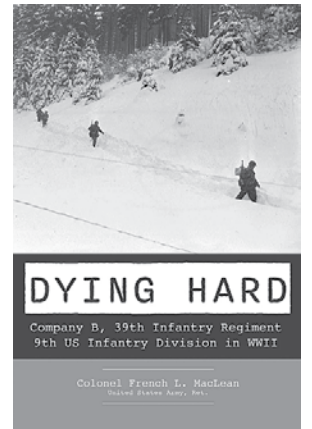
Underdogs; scrappers; bar fights; we'll steal anything our company needs not nailed down; and if it is nailed down, it might get "un-nailed" in a hurry one night. Led by our 55-year-old colonel, close buddy of Generals Eisenhower, Patton, and Bradley, who leads from the front, coins regimental motto AAAO (Anything, Anytime, Anywhere, Bar Nothing) that we stencil on our helmets. We just say we'll kick the ass of "anybody, anyplace, anytime, bar none."

Illinois story, with soldiers from Peoria, Mattoon, Decatur, Chicago (Our division commander was booted out of Lake View High and Lane Tech!), Pawnee, Flanagan, Joliet. Our colonel taught ROTC at the U of I.

Now you're in Company B. If people told you that you

were too small, too slow, too poor, or too anything, and you proved them all wrong, you're in Company B. Because a lot of us were too. When something in life knocks you down, you get back up, wipe the blood off your nose, and say: "Is that all you've got?", you're in Company B too. Want to fire an M1 Garand or a BAR? We got plenty. Want to run over the Remagen Bridge under enemy fire? If so, rise and shine, and grab your helmet because we're all going back up to the line together.

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Vet your church security team members!

### Texas church security team member arrested after shots fired outside service

(GSL) - Burnet County, Texas law enforcement responded to a call of shots fired outside the Church at the Epicenter on US 281 on October 6th. The 10:30am call reported that two suspicious men, both armed including one with a rifle, approached the church. A church security team member fired upon them causing the suspects to flee.

Upon investigating the claim, law enforcement soon determined that the only shots fired came from one of the volunteer church security team members Jacob Tarver, 45.

Further questioning and investigation uncovered that Tarver had fabricated "significant details" of the incident and he soon admitted to lying to both police and others about what happened.

Tarver went from a hero in his own mind to facing multiple felony charges. According to local press accounts, this wasn't Tarver's first rodeo at making false reports. He had a conviction for the same charge in Caldwell County, Texas from 1996.

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What could possibly go wrong? Better strap it on if travelling to Murder City...

### Mayor Brandon Johnson cancels police recruit classes, asks for \$75M in cuts

Chicago (Sun-Times) - The Chicago Police Department won't launch recruit classes for at least two months — fueling complaints that Mayor Brandon Johnson is renegeing on his promise to exempt public safety agencies from a citywide hiring freeze.

And at an emergency Cabinet meeting Tuesday, Chief Operating Officer John Roberson ordered other department heads to identify personnel cuts — beyond reductions already made — and submit proposals by Friday. The goal:

\$75 million in additional savings in 2025.

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[Editor's note: Is this the brainchild of 'Senior Advisor on Community Safety' Alyx Goodwin (see below)?]



### Another life lost thanks to BJ ending ShotSpotter

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - In another development, the family of a woman who was found fatally shot in a South Side alley on Saturday morning has launched a GoFundMe to help pay her funeral expenses.

A neighbor called 911 around 9:30 a.m. Saturday to report that a woman had been lying in the same spot in his alley behind the 9500 block of South Avenue N since at least the day before, according to police dispatch records. Responding officers discovered the woman, 19-year-old Sierra Evans, had been fatally shot. Shell casings were lying next to her. No one reported the shots that killed Evans.

### Johnson surrenders, ShotSpotter likely to return

Chicago (Tribune - October 9) - Mayor Brandon Johnson is dropping his plan to veto a City Council ordinance aimed at continuing the ShotSpotter gunshot detection system he ended last month, in the face of council opposition that appeared strong enough to overrule him.



A \$103k/year 'advisor' had a 2021 warrant? Who is vetting Brandon's hires?

### Mayor Johnson's 'Senior Advisor on Community Safety' arrested on warrant

Chicago (CWB Chicago) — As a \$103,488 per year "senior adviser on community safety," Alyxandra Goodwin, 33, helped lead the administration's charge against ShotSpotter, but she wound up on the other side of the law Tuesday afternoon in the 6600 block of South Cornell. That's where Chicago cops encountered Goodwin and arrested her for an outstanding DuPage County warrant, according to internal CPD communications...

Goodwin has been heavily involved in "social justice" initiatives for years. She has referred to police as "the muscle of racial capitalism." In late 2015, she published an article titled, "A Few Ways to Support Police Abolition In The New Year (Or Right Now)."



Quality of life continues to plummet in Chicago

### Englewood CFD station left without fire truck

Chicago (WLS) -- Chicago Fire Department union officials are calling for city leaders to address a vehicle shortage as they say some fire stations are currently operating without proper equipment.

A large lot filled with city vehicles in need of repair takes up more than a city block on the South Side. It is filled with ambulances, trucks and fire engines.

While the repair lot is full, the fire station down the street in the heart of Englewood, one of the busiest stations in the city, has no fire truck.

'Forensic Services'

### Chicago's dismal public education strikes again...

Chicago (GSL) - Chicago's public schools are notoriously bad. While graduation rates remain respectable, test scores show those graduating might not be able to read their diploma. In fact, at more than a few Chicago Public Schools, not a single black student can read or do math proficiently, yet the schools graduate many if not most of their students.



Then those students take jobs...

Second City Cop blog posted a photo of one of the new Chicago Police Forensic Services vans, complete with a logo with an extra "r" in services that nobody in the production process noticed.



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## Curt Sinclair: Shooting is most popular 4H project

The father of Illinois' 4H shooting program, Curtis Sinclair, spoke at our Sangamon County GSL meeting. He shared the hurdles he and others had to overcome to bring shooting sports to the Illinois 4H program - which is part of the University of Illinois Extension program. In about 15 years, it's gone from scratch to become the most popular 4H project with over 3000 kids participating in clubs and 700 volunteers supporting them.

Disciplines include archery, small bore (rimfire) and air guns.

despite mountains of evidence of the proven benefits of shooting programs to young people, along with a blemish-free safety record. When the stars came into alignment due to leadership changes, Sinclair was ready and launched the program. It's grown rapidly thanks to word of mouth and participants who love it.

kids didn't have to sit on the bench." All of the team members compete at all of the events equally.

Sadly, anti-gun sentiments still dog the program now and then. However, the growing record of success can't be hidden despite the best efforts of some gun-haters within the University of Illinois.



Curt Sinclair.

For many years, anti-gun prejudice within the U of I kept guns and bows out of the hands of kids,

One parent cornered Mr. Sinclair and told him, "this is the only sport my

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## Stateline Rifle's Youth Day a huge success

Working with the Wisconsin Sportsman's Association, the State Line Rifle Association from Northern Illinois held their Family Fun Shoot in late September. It was a huge success, again, as usual. Here's what one woman wrote of her experience.

*State Line Rifle Association Family Fun Shoot this weekend. It truly showcases why we do what we do.*

*While we don't always see the full impact of our efforts, we take great pride in teaching kids and families about the safety, significance and heritage of the Second Amendment.*

*Even if it was just for part of the day, it brings me immense joy to know that we've helped create lasting memories that will keep them coming back to enjoy shooting sports and the camaraderie of such a wonderful community.*

Congratulations on a job well-done to Mr. Garamoni and the State Line Rifle Association!

by Emilia Czyszczonek  
Thank you Glenn Garamoni for capturing this fantastic photo at the

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This is for more all veterans of the Vietnam era and earlier. Sign up today for flights next year!



## Faith and Blue success in Decatur

Decatur (GSL) - Faith and Blue returned to the Decatur Maranatha Church on Saturday, October 12th. The event is part of the US Department of Justice's efforts at community outreach, partnering federal, state and local law enforcement with local churches to build relationships between the law enforcement and the people they serve.

The morning began with a breakfast for attendees and presenters. From there an ISP investigator shared useful presentations on Internet Crimes Against Children and Sex Trafficking. Outside afterwards, state and local law enforcement had all sorts of interactive experiences for participants young and old.





# SELF-RESCUE

by John Boch

(GSL) - The ability to self-rescue is important. A 100-year storm or adverse event isn't something that happens every hundred years, it merely means you have a 1% chance of experiencing it any given year. Denying these potential threats can result in serious injury or death to you and your loved ones. Or becoming refugees.

Americans increasingly see the nearly Biblical damage caused by Hurricane Helene from Florida through the Appalachian mountains to North Carolina. We also see the feckless response of the Biden-Harris administration.

Meanwhile, three months ago, Secretary of Homeland Security Myorkas said FEMA is "tremendously prepared" for hurricane season. Now, in the aftermath of Helene, he's complaining that FEMA is broke. FEMA spent \$1.4B moving illegal aliens into our nation and now they have no funds for their true mission of helping Americans suffering in disasters. Welcome to the Biden-Harris "America Last" policies.

Fortunately, the bulk of the people in the affected areas tend to be strong people. These folks believe in God and helping their neighbors. And they are doing just that.

The feckless FEMA non-response should reaffirm to everyone that the government won't always be there to help and that self-rescue is everyone's first priority.

In the aftermath of any disaster or emergency, you are your own first responder. With proper planning and preparedness, you can help your family turn that life-threatening emergency into an inconvenience. A failure to plan is a plan to fail. Moreover, there are places for people who didn't prepare. They are called "refugee camps."

### Preparedness isn't hard.

**Ready.gov** has some great information for everyone on how to prepare for emergencies before they happen. These include specifics for those with pets and disabilities, for businesses and more. Ready.com coaches people on how to build their own emergency kits, plans and much more.

The one area they mysteriously don't cover involves defending your family from morally and ethically challenged "individuals." But if you're reading *GunNews*, you probably already have at least a passing understanding that guns represent the great equalizer.



Some important considerations worth noting:

**Good friends are priceless** and will come when you need them - if they are able. Of course, you have to reciprocate. Good neighbors are priceless as well, which is why it's important to build bridges with your neighbors, even the ones that can be problematic at times.

**Don't overlook personal safety gear and first aid supplies.** Gloves will protect your

hands. So have lots of gloves. Good boots will protect your footies. Throw in some clear safety glasses for low-light cleanup. Then there's things like a bump cap or helmet. Falling objects are a thing in the aftermath of storms. Chainsaw chaps provide cheap insurance against serious, potentially crippling injury when you're tired, wet and uncomfortable running a saw. Remember that emergency medical care will likely not be available by calling 911. First aid supplies will be very important. At the very least, you should have an Israeli Battle Dressing (aka "The Emergency Bandage").

**No matter if you live in an apartment, trailer or house: Keep your car's gas tank full.** If you live in a house or trailer, keep some extra gasoline on hand. Stabilize it with PRI-G or StarTron fuel stabilizers, and keep it in tightly sealed containers. Winterblend gas is preferred as it will start easier in cold weather.



**Don't get dehydrated.** Drink plenty of water. The first thing to go when you get dehydrated is your ability to concentrate. If you're using a chainsaw, generator or heavy equipment, a loss of concentration can turn crippling (or shocking) in an instant. Be sure to store at least a case of bottled water for every member of your household for emergencies.

**Kiddos (pre-teens, at least) often love to help.** Get them appropriate sized work gloves (procured ahead of an emergency) and give them a task that's relatively safe to keep them occupied. Don't forget the reward for following through. Failure to keep them busy might result in them hindering cleanup, instead of helping it.



**If you're doing damage assessment or storm cleanup after dark, light is your friend.** Make sure you have a headlamp so you can use your hands, in addition to flashlight(s) and batteries.

**Communication.** Have some sort of backup communication. This includes battery chargers for your phones, walkie-talkie UHF/VHF radios, and even potentially a Starlink receiver.

### Prudent planning.

Prudent planning will help your family survive and maybe even thrive in the aftermath of a disaster. Better yet, it will keep you and your family alive and out of refugee camps.



## News from East Tennessee

# Where's the Government?

by Michael Keleher

(GSL) - I talked to my friend Todd Manker. He is in East Tennessee delivering donated items. This is Todd's second trip from Southern Illinois this week hauling packed trailers of donated goods to the hurricane devastated survivors as far east as he can get into Tennessee.

I asked if he could pass along some information to Guns Save Life readers who are considering donating money or hauling goods to the hurricane relief and he readily agreed.

I asked him if he wanted me to publish his name as his shooting competition nickname "Thor Blood Axe" and he said no- "Use my real name", as he is so angry with the government right now

after seeing the lack of perceived help, he hopes to be placed on every government watch list and even assigned his own surveillance drone!



A word about Todd, he is an Army veteran and a retired state Corrections Officer and a pistol and 3 gun shooter. He is a law and order rules guy and patriot. Many of his casual conversations involve the phrase "throat punch." Todd is my friend. He would be your friend too and give you the shirt off his back- if

you aren't a jerk. Today, Todd said he and all of the East Tennessee survivors are furious at the lack of U.S. Government help in the region. OK, let's just call it what it is, the lack of Biden/Harris attention to the horrific hurricane that was *twice the size of Katrina*.

Todd said the population has heard about FEMA stories and how they are allegedly helping. Yet no one he has talked to, seen or met anyone from FEMA.

As to why Todd hasn't gone into NC, he said he is about 30 crow fly minutes from Asheville, but there are no roads to get there. He is headed up some mountain roads this afternoon to try

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## Biden/Harris FEMA: Disaster relief no longer about emergency response, it's about 'Disaster Equity'

(*American Greatness*) - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is supposed to be the government's premier emergency relief organization in times of disaster, like the situation now faced by victims of Hurricane Helene's aftermath in North Carolina and Tennessee.

But according to the FEMA website, the agency now places higher priority on instituting Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity guidelines than on easing the suffering of Americans displaced by disaster.

Among the goals listed in FEMA's strategic plan are to:

- Instill equity as a foundation for emergency management
- Lead whole of community in climate resilience
- Promote and sustain a ready FEMA & prepared nation

What does that look like in action?

Here's an example of a FEMA disaster preparedness meeting where participants discuss how LGBTQIA individuals were suffering disproportionately before the storm compared to other disaster victims.

Notice how the focus shifts from doing the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of people to ensuring that they are promoting "equity in disaster relief."



FEMA released a document in 2023 titled "Equity in Disaster Relief" – Achieving Equitable Recovery: A Post Disaster Guide.

Among the aims of that document is an explicitly stated goal to ensure "equitable" distribution of aid.

Both flood victims and those desperately trying to get aid to them have raised serious concerns about FEMA taking control of, or confiscating private aid that is being brought to the disaster area.

How do you spell 'dedication to helping people' at FEMA? Answer: You don't.

## FEMA relief workers stopped by 'road closed' signs

(*New York Post*) - Worry not, Americans — the brave heroes of the Federal Emergency Management Agency are here to help you recover from the devastation of Hurricane Helene.

Unless, of course, they encounter ... a "Road Closed" sign.

Yes, per on-the-ground reports out of tiny Bat Cave, NC, which was absolutely smashed by the storm, FEMA refused to enter the town because its workers are "not allowed" to drive

around a sign announcing a road closure...



Worse, the legacy media have willingly run interference for Harris on this catastrophe, offering a muted, respectful response.

Can you imagine the

screaming howls of outrage if the GOP held the White House?

Lapdog journalism is bad enough when it's covering up for, say, Tim Walz's weirdo lies.

But this is a literal life-or-death issue.

And yet more proof that Biden, Harris and their seal-clappers in the press really don't care about what happens to average Americans.



October is National Fire Prevention Month

## Check your fire extinguishers

by John Boch  
(*GSL*) - October has arrived. In addition to moderating temperatures and a full-on election season, it also serves as National Fire Prevention Month.

How is that relevant to you? Check your smoke detector batteries. Ditto for your carbon monoxide detectors.

Your fire extinguishers need a quick inspection as well. Do the pressure gauges point to green? Great. That's step 1. If not, service or replace them.

Step two: Invert the extinguisher and listen for the

chemical agent inside to shift downward. If you don't hear the agent moving inside, use a small rubber mallet to lightly tap the side or bottom of the unit to coax the dry chemical inside to break free.

This should be done at least annually (if not more frequently) for fixed installations. For vehicle-mounted units, this anti-caking measure should happen every month or two as vehicle vibrations tend to accelerate the formation of clumps in the dry chemical agent inside.


Should you need to uti-

lize one of these units for fire suppression (or active shooter suppression), it's never a bad idea to turn the extinguisher upside down while listening to the agent to break free before employing them.

After tipping it back and forth a couple times, pull the pin, aim for the base of the fire and squeeze the handle to start discharging the white powder to the base of the fire. Quickly sweep the nozzle back and forth while standing back 10-15 feet from the fire for larger units and half that for smaller ones.

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The happy ending he wanted wasn't the happy ending he got...

## Not-so-stealthy home intruder shot coming in woman's bedroom window

Poplar Bluff, MO (KFVS) - Police said a man was shot while he allegedly entered a woman's bedroom window. Rondriquez Hopkins, 24, of Poplar Bluff was arrested after he was released from the hospital.



Rondriquez Hopkins should find a new side job before Darwin nabs him.

According to Poplar Bluff police, they responded to a home in the 600 block of Victor Street around 5:50 a.m. on Saturday, October 12 for a report of a shooting.

They say a resident of the home told them she shot at a man as he entered her bedroom window.

Well done!

## Off duty corrections deputy shoots back in Chicago

Chicago (WGN 9) - A 24-year-old man confirmed to be an off-duty correctional deputy for the Cook County Sheriff's Department shot at an armed offender after being held up at gunpoint overnight in West Loop.

Chicago police say the 24-year-old man was walking on the sidewalk in the 200 block of North Morgan Street at around 1:45 a.m. Sunday when a male exited a Ford SUV and demanded the victim's property at gunpoint. The victim then took out his gun and fired several shots in the direction of the armed offender.

The news has some West Loop residents rattled.

"I'm very surprised the neighborhood is very safe in terms of violent crime," West Loop resident Misse Daniel said. "On this street is a hotel, as well as two wedding venues, some restaurants, the headquarters of Google."

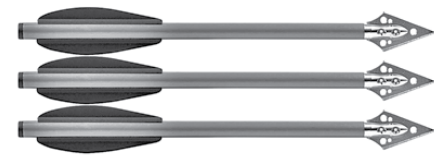
"It's troubling. I usually feel safe in this area. I walk here all the time with my dog," another resident said.

[Editor: Denial has no survival value, folks.]

## Home invaders run after one gets an arrow from crossbow

Lansing, MI (WLNS) - A Monroe County homeowner fended off two home invaders while wielding a crossbow Tuesday morning.

Deputies were dispatched to a home on the 4500 block of Huron St. in Frenchtown Township at around 12:38 a.m. after receiving a call of a home invasion in progress.



According to the call, two people broke into a home that had two residents inside. One of the intruders was then shot with an arrow by a resident, after which the intruders fled.

The intruder who was shot, a 32-year-old man from Newport, was taken to hospital to remove the arrow and undergo surgery. He is now in police custody while he recovers.

Should have stuck with his day job

## Bad cop shot dead during break-in attempt

Douglas Co, GA (Fox5) - An Atlanta police officer was shot and killed outside a Douglas County home Oct. 4 during an apparent early morning break-in attempt, investigators say. The officer has been identified as Investigator Aubree Horton, according to the Atlanta Police Department.

The incident occurred around 5 a.m. Friday at a home on Orkney Way near E. Carroll Road in the St. Andrews Country Club neighborhood.

## Chicago shoplifter pulls gun, threatens Walgreen staff, gets just deserts

Chicago (NBC5) - A man who allegedly stole items from a south suburban Walgreens and pointed a gun at workers was shot and killed by an employee who possessed a concealed carry license, authorities said.

The shooting was reported at around 2:10 a.m. outside Walgreens, 522 Torrence Ave., in Calumet City. According to authorities, a 42-year-old man and a 48-year-old woman were approached by employees after exiting the store without paying for merchandise they had taken.

Employees took the merchandise from the woman, who fled the scene on foot. The man, however, displayed a handgun when he was approached, police said. In return, a Walgreen's employee, who possessed a valid concealed carry license, opened fire, striking the suspect, according to authorities.



## THE MOST DANGEROUS CITY IN AMERICA

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## MEMPHIS: Iconic city with vibrant music scene is now the most dangerous place to live in America

Memphis, Tennessee, once known for its blues, soul and rock 'n' roll music, has now turned into a haven for crime and drug abuse.

A study by WalletHub has named the Southern city the most dangerous city to live in America among the 182 cities surveyed.

The United States Department of Justice also declared that this once-flourishing

metro has the highest number of homicides - 129 in the first half of 2024.

Apart from this, 167 rapes, 1,028 robberies and 3,763 incidents of aggravated assault were reported in the first half of 2024 in Memphis.

This cultural hotspot also has a crime rate of 98 incidents per 1,000 residents, which is significantly higher compared to many other cities in the nation.



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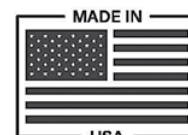
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Don't let the mainstream media, social media or anyone else tell you that voting is a waste of your time. To the contrary. You should vote as if your life depended upon it, because it might.

Now I know virtually all Guns Save Life members are registered to vote and

engaged. Unfortunately, not all gun owners are GSL members! But we can help motivate our fellow gun owners in our sphere of influence to do so!

Let them know their local races will determine political leadership that will impact our daily life the most. State's Attorneys, county board members, state reps and senators. There are even three competitive races for Congress in our state where we can take back seats from out-of-touch, rabidly anti-gun incumbents.

But if we don't vote, and vote for pro-freedom, pro-gun candidates, that won't happen.

Savor casting your ballot. Tell your right-thinking friends to do the same. It's our chance to tell America's self-appointed "elites" to go self-procreate.

Vote early if the opportunity arises too. That way should you get hit by a bus, your vote will still count.

*'Misinformation' is really just censorship.*

## TAIBBI: There are no 'working class' censors

by Matt Taibbi  
So let me pause to say something about America's current intellectual class from which the anti-disinformation complex works. By the way, there are no working class censors. The dirty secret of content moderation all over the world is that it's a tiny sliver of educated rich correcting everybody else. It's telling people what fork to use, but you can get a degree in it, basically.

The problem is America has the most useless aristocrats in history.

Even the French dandies

who were marched to the razor by the Jacobins were towering specimens of humanity compared to the Michael Hadens, John Brennan's, James Clapper's, Mike McFall's, and Rick Stengel's who make up America's self-appointed speech police. In pre-revolutionary France, even the most drunken, depraved, debauched libertine had to be prepared to back up an insolent act with a sword fight to the death.

Our aristocrats pee themselves at a mean tweet.

These people have no hon-

or, no belief, no poetry, no art, no humor, no patriotism, which is unique to them, no loyalty, no dreams, and no accomplishments. They are simultaneously illiterate and pretentious, which is very hard to pull off.

They may have one idea, and it's not even an idea, but a sensation. Fear. Rightly so, because they snitch each other out at the drop of a hat. They're afraid of each other. But they're also terrified of everyone outside their social set, and they live in near constant dread of being caught with even one original opinion.

## Plausible explanation for apparent FEMA indifference over Hurricane Helene relief

by Commander Salamander (X) - What can help explain the apparent federal level indifference to the nightmare brought from Florida's Big Bend up to Appalachia from hurricane Helene?

Let me take you back to season 5, episode 1 of

Veep. I'll quote the script:

KENT: Also, ma'am, catastrophic mudslides in Idaho. The governor is requesting a federal state of emergency.

MEYER: How much did we lose Idaho by?

KENT: Shellacked. Uh, well over 212,000 votes.

MEYER: Then I declare a state of go f\*\*\* yourself. I'm not spending money to scrape mud off a bunch of dirt roads.

## MAIL CALL



### LETTER TO EDITOR: Civil War Redux? Eh, not so likely...

In response to Desiderius Erasmus' column "Civil War Redux" (*GunNews*, Oct. 2024):



I have been a registered Republican for most of my voting life, but let us be honest about our recent history and what it

says about the upcoming election: How did the liberal left Democrats react when Congress met to certify the valid election of Donald Trump in 2016?

And then how did the MAGA Republicans react when Congress met to certify the valid election of Joe Biden in 2020?

Mark Urbanowski  
LaSalle, IL

### LETTER TO EDITOR: 'Unclear political ideology'? Only to gaslighters

I certainly don't envy Donald Trump. As a former president and now the GOP's current nominee, he is obliged to get his physical security from the same left-wing whack-a-doodles who have been trying for eight years to put him in a prison cell where he will be either shanked or hanged by the very people sworn to "protect" him. Ryan Wesley Routh, Trump's latest would-be assassin, simply became impatient with the pace of the DOJ's tactics and decided to help move things along:

And why not? The FBI, Secret Service, Homeland Security, and the full array of intelligence agencies involved with Trump's "security", were still working overtime covering their asses from the failed July 14th assassination kerfuffle.

However, lessons are not easily learned by an organization as bloated and corrupted as the Biden administration. The FBI is simply incapable of making an honest assessment of the July shooting, but it's fully capable of obstructing Congress from performing its investiga-

tion. Even those hard-hitting investigative journalists at Time couldn't quite come to grips with the motivations of Ryan Wesley Roth. On Monday, Time described Roth as "a 58-year-old with unclear political ideology."

"Unclear"? C'mon man!

On Tuesday, Daniel Flynn, writing for the American Spectator, had this to say about the *Time* story: "By this time, everybody knew about [Routh's] Biden-Harris bumper sticker, his 19 donations to Democratic candidates in the last five years, the book he self-published in which he invited the assassination of Donald Trump, his extensive social media history, his son confirming his hatred of Trump in an interview, his interviews and activism on Ukraine, and so much else. When a nutter subscribes to left-wing views, his ideology forever remains "unclear" to fellow left-wingers.

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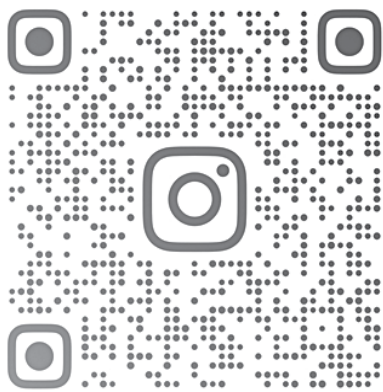
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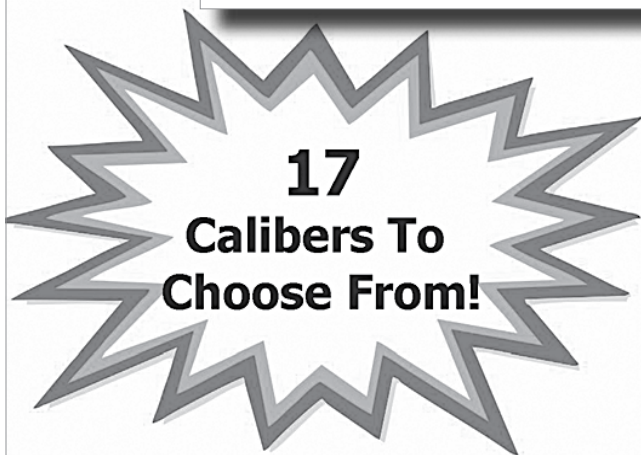
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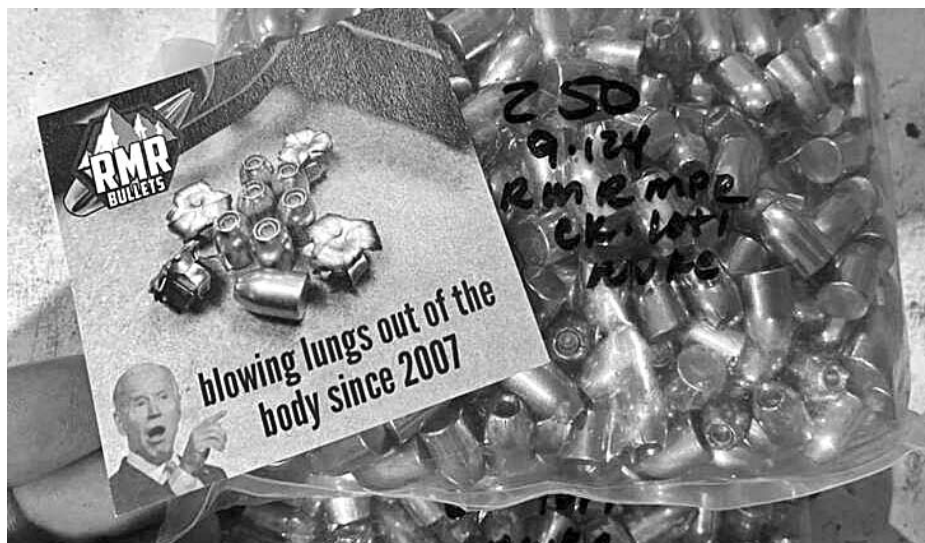


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## Reloading: A Cost Benefit Analysis

by Damon Williams (GSL) - The adage is, "Reloading doesn't save you any money, it just allows you to shoot a lot more ammunition."

Is this still true?

I sharpened my pencil and looked at three common calibers of handgun rounds: 9mm, .45 ACP and Dirty Harry's favorite, the .44 Magnum. Let's compare the cost of homebrew rounds with retail prices.

Common parameters:

**Equipment:** I am looking for the best value. In my opinion, this choice is a compromise between speed, complexity, experience level, and price. My choice is the Lee Classic Turret Press Kit at \$270. This is an all-inclusive kit to get you reloading, minus cartridge components and dies. It even comes with a how-to book with load data for hundreds of calibers. In short, this is a beginner level kit, capable of a realistic 200 rounds per hour, one cartridge at a time, and ready to get you started.

**Best value dies:** Lee four die set for \$57 regardless of caliber. (Magnums work best with a factory crimp die.)

**Labor:** Because this is a leisure pastime, let's factor our time at near minimum wage: \$15.00/hr. At 200 rounds/hour at \$15/hour = \$0.075/round - Round up to \$0.08/round.

**Powder:** I have found a powder that will load all three calibers and is still currently on the shelves, Winchester 231 at \$38/lb.

**Primers:** Winchester large pistol primers can be used interchangeably between regular and magnum loads. Winchester's are usually

on the shelves these days. Large and small primers are usually priced the same \$80/1000 - \$0.08 ea.

**Brass:** If you are interested in reloading, I am going to assume that you already have an inventory of brass ready to be reloaded. However, we need to factor in caliber specific concessions. On average, a brass case can be reloaded about six times. This means that each time the brass is reloaded, it needs to be depreciated as a percentage of its replacement cost:

.44 Mag brass sells for about 12 cents per round (CPR) so it depreciates at two cents per firing. .45s sell for about \$.06 CPR. And 9mm is plentiful and generally littering most ranges.

**Bullets:** SNS Coated bullets out of Flanagan, IL. They have competitive prices, and you can save shipping if you pick up locally.

FINALLY, the moment you've been waiting for... Cost benefit analysis by caliber:

**44 Magnum:** To load these at home, these work out to about \$18/box of 50, or \$.36 per round.

Online, rounds start at \$.72 per round before shipping, tax and hazmat fees as applicable.

**45 ACP:** Works out to about \$.30 per round or \$15/box. Compare at \$25-\$30/box (jacketed bullets) retail at Scheels.

When it comes to 9mm, due to the polygonal rifling used in Glocks and other models of modern 9mm firearms, jacketed bullets are the standard for this caliber. 9mms with polygonal rifling cannot safely use lead or

coated bullets. Our standard load here will be for 115 grain jacketed bullets.

**9mm:** Here's the surprise... to bake 9mm ammo at my house is \$.285/round or \$14.25/box. Scheels has 9mm for sub-\$15/box all day long. Locked and Loaded in Pana has it for just over \$10/box with a whole lot fewer headaches and time investment.

### Cost of reloading equipment

Remember when we first priced the kit and dies? Let's divide this cost into the first 1000 rounds. After that, it's paid off. (\$270 kit + \$57/dies)/1000 rounds = \$0.327/round  
\$0.327/round X 50 rounds/box = \$16.25/box

**44 Magnum:** \$18/box + \$16.25/box = \$34.25/box for the first 1000 rounds; (still below retail price). The price drops back to \$18/box thereafter.

**45ACP:** \$15/box + \$16.25/box = \$31.25/box for the first 1000 rounds (almost equal to retail price.) The price drops back to \$15/box thereafter.

**9mm:** \$14.25/box + \$16.25/box = \$30.50/box (nearly twice retail) The price falls back to approximately equal to retail thereafter.

**Final thoughts:** What numbers do not tell you is reloading is a hobby, a pastime, unto itself. It allows you to customize your loads to your preference. It allows you the peace of mind knowing that your preferred load is just a few dozen lever pulls away at any time of your choosing, verses waiting for the next shipment to come into your local retailer or waiting for a shipment to come to your door.



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# Where's the Government?

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to get to some more remote areas who need help and supplies. He has said it is absolutely heartbreaking to see how people have suffered and heartwarming to see the outpouring of donations private citizens are sending in.

So with no FEMA, who is helping these people? Todd said there are a huge amount of trucked in goods being brought in by private citizens and organizations. There are also a large number of private helicopters accessing the remote areas. Purportedly, a local billionaire from Greenville, TN is footing the tab for all of their AvGas.

According to Manker, the people on the ground are very kind and so grateful, and yet so full of rage against the White House/FEMA non-response. They see and hear the news about Biden/Harris giving millions this past week-end to people in Lebanon. They see FEMA spokespeople back tracking on information they put out last week and claiming they are all in- yet no one Todd has spoken with has seen a single FEMA representative. In his two trips in and spending time at four different supply points no one has seen any, let alone said a good word to say about any "Government Support."

They heard the 101st Airborne and 82nd Airborne have been sent in to help a few days ago, but no one in East Tennessee had seen them. Blackhawks and Chinooks are seen overhead passing occasionally but it is private helicopters who are doing the work.

I asked about the rumor stories we see, and he said there is no truth to FEMA blocking efforts or taking supplies away from private groups. There is just no FEMA at this end of the disaster. Stories of roving bandits ambushing supplies and vehicles are also not true. In fact Todd said the area is populated by good people who would not tolerate such behavior. We talked about the tire slashing story where 69 trailer tires were slashed and saw it did happen at a truck stop, but it was a single nut job who was subsequently arrested for the behavior.

On one of Todd's FB posts this past week he related a story about a deputy sheriff giving out good advice if someone should try to hijack relief supplies....you can guess what advice was passed along.

When asked for a list of things to know for people who may want to go over and help, Todd's #1 piece of advice was to get in touch with Operation Compassion before even leaving home. He said you need to have a group who can accept your goods. Most of this is being taken care of by local churches and

volunteers. Roads are packed with inbound vehicles to the point there are actual relief support traffic jams and some places aren't able to unload semi tractors or even have areas to turn them around.

Todd got hooked up with Crossroads Cowboy Church and said they are a great resource but things are so fluid they change almost hourly. Today their outdoor drop off site is being moved to an old roller rink miles away in anticipation for more rain coming in this week.



Cell signals, which most of the U.S. takes for granted is still hit and miss in that end of the state so keep hourly contact with your delivery site.

Many places had roads completely washed out, so stay flexible and don't risk plugging an already sketchy path and denying others access.

He said the people in east Tennessee still need a lot of help. Cash and gift cards are always good, and as the week progresses the needs list has changed from immediate food/water desperation to longer term supplies. Todd said think of the new focus on getting camping supplies you would need if you were in the woods, support materials and clothing.

Maker said he has seen an engineer group from the Tennessee National Guard this trip. They have 4 wheelers and are getting up into the mountains.

Being a gun guy, I asked Todd if he had any gun stories from his trips. He said last night he stayed with a shooter friend and they heard gunshots in the hills and even some automatic fire. When his asked what that was all about, Todd's host said "That's just my neighbor. They target practice every night."

Seems like they will be all practiced up, and give off quite a bit of noise to discourage anyone from coming in the night. 'Merica.

Photos via Crossroads Cowboy Church.

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## Another anti-gun MAIG Mayor indicted

(NRA-ILA) - Oh, dear. A high profile member of America's most prominent gun control empire has been in the news lately, and for all the wrong reasons.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams, one of the eleven national co-chairs of Mayors Against Illegal Guns (MAIG), has been indicted on federal bribery, campaign finance and conspiracy crimes, the latest incident involving a MAIG-associated civic leader...

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## Germans taught to use towels against knife-wielding Islamic terrorists

(PJ Media) - Germany has a little problem with the totally grateful Muslim migrants that Berlin's elites have allowed into the country, where they show their gratitude by stabbing Germans. But don't worry because one German doctor has just the thing to deal with a knife attack, and no, it isn't stitches...



Firearms being largely verboten in Germany, one doctor has come up with a surefire way to defend yourself against bad guys with big knives, but it only works if you're a real hoopy frood who knows where your towel is.

Why are commies so violent?

## Kansas prof resigns after publicly advocating shooting men who won't vote for Harris

Lawrence, KS (KCTV/Gray News) - A University of Kansas professor who suggested during a lecture that men who refuse to vote for a female presidential candidate should be shot has left the school after video of the comments went viral.

Dr. Phil Lowcock was a lecturer in the university's Department of Health, Sport & Exercise Sciences, KCTV reports. He left the school after he was placed on administrative leave Wednesday, according to KU Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor Barbara A. Bichelmeyer.



Heads explode on the gun-hating left

## Elon Musk paying people to pledge support for 1st & 2nd Amendment

(ZeroHedge) - In a head-turning move as we head down the stretch of the 2024 presidential election, the Elon Musk-financed America PAC announced it will start paying \$47 to anyone who refers a registered, swing-state voter to sign a petition embracing free speech and gun rights. With no limit on the number of referrals, the program seemingly offers individuals the chance to rack up hundreds of dollars in bounties with little effort.

Be thankful for freedom of speech

## Scottish police swamped with vexatious 'hate crime' reports

Scotland (ZeroHedge) - Entirely as predicted, Police Scotland has been deluged with vexatious and politically-driven 'hate crime' reports, with one top official complaining "we cannot cope."

Didn't see this one coming.

Under the new legislation, anyone deemed to have been verbally 'abusive', in person or online, to a transgender person, including "insulting" them could be hit with a prison sentence of up to seven years.

That instantly led to a flood of bad faith reports, including from conservatives making a mockery of the system and from deranged left-wing activists trying to punish their ideological adversaries.

You can't hate the mainstream media enough...

## New York Times hate, Elon Musk style

(GSL) - Within the New York Times "story" "Inside Elon Musk's mushrooming security apparatus", the Times "reports"/writes that Elon Musk is "barricading himself behind a phalanx of bodyguards that operates like a mini-Secret Service."

3000 words later, they report Mark Zuckerberg has ten times as much security.

## Michigan Gov. Whitmer signs bill funding tipline to turn in gun owners

(NRA-ILA) - Governor Whitmer signed House Bill 5503, creating a "tipline" to turn in gun owners for perceived violations of Michigan's firearm storage laws. HB 5503 is an omnibus education funding bill that was amended to include the "tipline" language and swiftly passed through the legislature within hours. The expedited pace and the silencing of opposition when the bill came up for a floor vote underscores the reality that this was a

political move and another attack on gun owners.



House Bill 5503 allocates up to \$1,000,000 to establish a tipline for students to anonymously report improperly stored firearms. The money is allocated for the 2024-2025 school

year and will be made accessible to intermediate school districts. The bill also funds the creation and distribution of educational materials to students outlining the safe storage of firearms and how to report violations.

This "tipline" could result in unwarranted interactions with law enforcement and unfettered searches of homes, business, and other places where firearms could be stored.

## As the Left's Empire of Lies crumbles...

## Hillary Clinton: Without control of social media 'We lose total control'

(RedState) - One of the things that Elon Musk just warned about at former President Donald Trump's rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, was the danger that the Democrats posed to free speech and how important it was to vote for Trump to preserve our Constitutional rights.

Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton let the cat out of the bag during an interview with CNN on Saturday, where she spoke about the need to control social media. She said it should be "at the top" of every legislative agenda:

*We should be, in my view, repealing something called section 230, which gave platforms on the internet immunity because they were thought to be just pass-throughs, that they shouldn't be judged for the content that is posted. But we now know that that was an overly simple view. Whether it's Facebook or Twitter or X or Instagram or TikTok, whatever they are, if they don't moderate and monitor the content we lose total control and it's not just the*

*social and psychological effects, it's real harm.*



"We lose total control." That's the real problem to them right there, that's why Democrats are so upset. Yes, that's the point of the First Amendment -- the government is not supposed to be in "control" of the speech of the people. Sounds pretty fascistic to me.

[Editor: During the VP debate, JD Vance coaxed Tim Walz to admit his stance that so-called "misinformation" and "hate speech" can be criminalized - including speech critical of Democrat policies.]

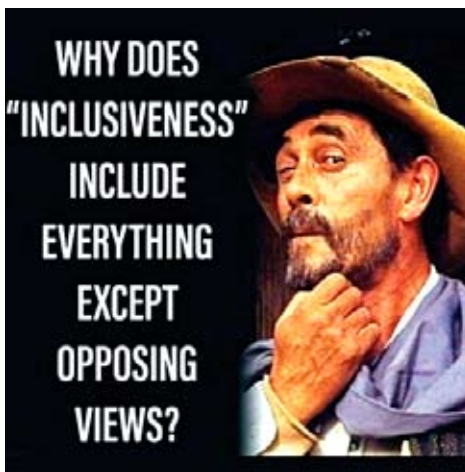






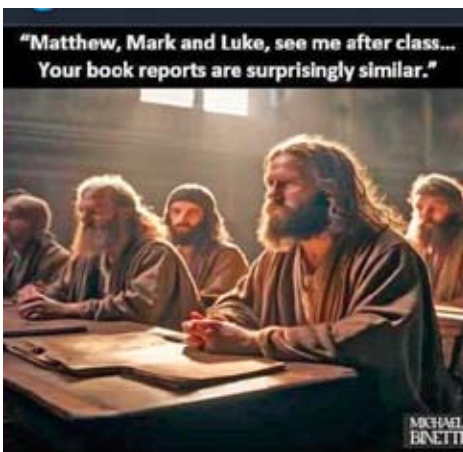
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The dude that tried to break into my house:



**DOJ indicts JD Vance for brutally beating three women**

New York, NY (Baylon Bee) — The excited mood among Republicans following last night's vice presidential debate was quickly squelched by the breaking news that the Department of Justice had indicted Ohio Senator J.D. Vance for brutally beating three women.



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