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# CHICAGO IN CHAOS

- **Crime up 38% in new mayor's first 30 days**
- **Homicide across the street from mayor's home**
- **Bloodiest Memorial Day weekend in 10+ years**
- **Gangs and gang violence flourish**
- **Crime without consequences: Less than 5% of major crimes see arrests**
- **11 killed, 63 wounded over Juneteenth weekend**
- **Mayor appoints a defund, abolish, and decarcerate activist to oversee public safety**
- **Massive gang shootout in Willowbrook leaves 23 wounded, 1 dead**
- **Carjackings, robberies commonplace, few arrests**
- **290 Homicides to date in 2023, 1360 wounded**
- **82% of shooting victims are black**

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## July 2023

- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **July 10**, August 7  
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
  - **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **NO JULY MEETING**, August 1  
Pontiac Sportsman's Club, 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
  - **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **July 5**, August 2  
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
  - **Peoria:** First Thursday: **July 6**, August 3  
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 April 6, Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
  - **Danville:** Second Monday **July 10**, August 14  
Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
  - **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **July 11**, August 8  
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
  - **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **July 12**, August 9  
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
  - **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **July 13**, August 10  
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
  - **LaSalle County:** Second Thursday: **July 13**, August 10  
Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St. Utica
  - **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **June 25**, July 30, August 27  
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights  
*Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.*
- 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.**



Anthony Bellin's preaches as a Stop the Bleed Instructor.

Live and in person... tell your friends!

## Tom DeVore scheduled to speak at Charleston's GSL meeting in July

We have a number of great speakers on deck for our July meetings. These include Tom DeVore slated to speak at our Charleston GSL meeting on July 13th at the U Hotel Conference Center (behind the Brickhouse Restaurant). Join us for dinner and conversation at 6 and the meeting program will begin at 7.

Tom DeVore has gained the reputation for some great legal work challenging the status quo in Illinois government. He continues to serve as a burr under the saddle of our state's leaders and for that, we're grateful.

He'll probably give an update on his case and his analysis of where we're heading on legal challenges to Pritzker's gun ban and other legislation.



Tom DeVore.



Our LaSalle County winner with Glenn Pratt, our LaSalle County Regional Director.

## Sights from GSL meetings across Illinois



Angelina Nelson helps out drawing the winners at the Danville meeting.



Miss Hannah Schrock draws the winner at the Rantoul meeting as Dick Brandt, our Regional Director looks at the name on the ticket.



David W. won the 50/50 in Rantoul. Dick Brandt our RD and Dennis U. won the ammo cache.



Nationally-known attorney David Shestokas talks voting integrity at LaSalle County's meeting.



State Rep. Dan Caulkins talks about his lawsuit in Decatur.



Our NW Chicagoland gun winner "Tony" and our Regional Director Marcus Melnick.



From left, Hank Judd from BFF Firearms, gun winner Glenn T., and Danville Regional Director Jack Land.



Beefy loves the CVA .350 Legend rifle he won last month.



Justin Bawcum in Charleston.



Carlin Anderson from US Law Shield at Danville.



Terry Doyle talks about the IDNR Wing-shooting Clinic.



Suzanne O. won the Mossberg 590 Shockwave in stainless. She's pictured with Richard Parks, our Peoria area RD.



In Springfield, from left, Anthony B. won the Savage Axis .350 Legend, our Regional Director Tim Weir and Louis B. won the 50/50.



Rich Hirsch gave a great presentation on school safety and security in Pontiac.



Tom Z., left, won the gun at the Charleston GSL meeting.



## Meeting Summaries

### Chicagoland.

Because of the Memorial Day holiday weekend, we did not have a May meeting. We'll return on the last Sunday in June (the 26th)!

### Peoria.

Our Peoria Regional Director **Richard Parks** called the meeting to order and **John Boch** followed with a presentation of his **Executive Director's Update**.

**Sue Darnall**, proprietor of **Darnall's Gun-Works and Ranges in Bloomington**, spoke about the upcoming **NRA Youth Camp** at the end of June. They're rebuilding the camp after COVID sapped the momentum of the 25 years before it. She also talked about the business' 100th year anniversary this summer and how they've completed a lot of improvements on the grounds including building a shoot house.

**Kevin Moody** from **Kam Shooting Sports** in Morton talked about bringing new people into the shooting culture by introducing them to the fun and excitement of shooting!

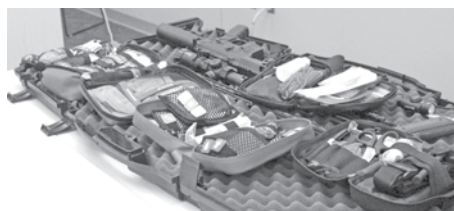
We wrapped up with drawings. **Suzanne O.** won the **Mossberg Shockwave**, **Eric S.** won the 50/50 and we drew for a series of door prizes, many generously provided by **Patrick Petersen**. Congrats and thank you to all!

### Sangamon County.

**GSL's President Rich Goodall** called the meeting to order and we went through our customary opening. Mr. Goodall then announced that **we have moved back our July meeting by one week, from July 3rd to Monday, July 10th**.

Next, **John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Report**.

**Anthony Bellin** served as our main speaker, starting with a brief lauding of **Oights** in various forms from tactical lights to gun-mounted lights and more. He loves them for his lights and strongly recommends them.



Guns and bandages at SCHEELS.

He's also a medical professional as an Intermediate EMT as well as a Stop the Bleed Instructor. On this night he talked about the importance of stopping hemorrhaging of the injured until the professionals arrive. Tourniquets are now very much in style for major bleeding that can't be controlled through pressure. But pressure is almost always the preferred method to control bleeding unless the red stuff is spraying out of wound sites.

He encouraged folks to take a Stop the Bleed course from a local medical provider. You can find courses at [stopthebleed.org](http://stopthebleed.org).

A couple of tips: Israeli Battle Dressings or similar bandages are outstanding and very versatile, and can provide excellent care from minimally-trained laypeople. Also, don't remove blood-saturated dressings. Instead, place a fresh dressing over it. Lastly, don't pack or use black gloves. You won't be able

to see if there's blood on them and you'll contaminate your entire trauma kit without realizing it.

Anthony gave a good presentation that ran a little long so we headed into drawings. We had our 50/50 and our gun winner bought his ticket the previous week at the Pontiac meeting (or it was a mail-in ticket). **Mr. F. from near Pontiac won the Savage Axis .350 Legend rifle**.

Reminder, we'll be back on the **Second Monday in July at SCHEELS**.

### Pontiac.

**John Boch** called the meeting to order at the **Pontiac Sportsmen's Club**. Pro-tip: Come hungry. The Sportsmen's Club members do a great job feeding great meals at affordable prices!

**SPECIAL NOTE: We have cancelled our July meeting** because it was slated for July 4th. We'll see you the first Tuesday in August!

**Mr. Boch** delivered his **Executive Director's Report** with updates on how to avoid legal land mines and how good things are coming.

**Rich Hirsch** delighted the audience with a great presentation on school safety and security. For a summary, turn to page 12.



Terry Z. with one of his optic-equipped guns.

**Terry Z.** gave a great presentation on various red dot optics and how they increase both precision and speed once you're used to them. They're a little different than using iron sights. Increasingly, people are buying guns specifically to put optics on them. Of course optics run the gamut from cheap Chinese junk to nice Chinese stuff and premium American-made units.

We drew for our 50/50 and **Ralph G. from Springfield** won the **PSA Dagger 9mm package** provided by **Freedom Sport Shop in El Paso**.

### Decatur

**John Boch** called the meeting to order at 6:45ish and announced that **Bill Hutton** will take the helm as our new **Decatur Regional Director** starting in July. Bill's a little nervous as Dave Randolph left some big shoes to fill but he has a great steering committee team behind him.

**Dan Cooley of The Bullet Trap in Macon** shared his **Industry Report**. He noted that more distributors are reluctant to sell some guns, mags, parts and accessories to IL dealers for fear of running afoul of the PICA Gun & Magazine Ban. Other than that, everything's pretty good.

As far as ISP goes, **Cooley cautioned folks not to let their FOID or CCL expire**. You don't want visits from "gun enforcement teams" to "re-home" your firearms if your FOID expires.

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## Visit GunsSaveLife.com

*GunNews Magazine* is a great monthly journal, but to really stay up to date, visit **GSL's website GunsSaveLife.com**. You'll stay current with late-breaking stories, updates on legislation and litigation, as well as videos and more in-depth stories that we can't put in print.

You can also pull down a schedule for upcoming meetings as well as any information on meeting cancellations or other issues. Please leave comments on the stories... and share them with friends and family via email or social media sharing.



*Upcoming schedule changes because of the July 4th holiday*

### No Pontiac meeting in July.

Because of the Independence Day holiday on the first Tuesday in July, we're cancelling our Pontiac meeting that night. We'll return in August. Have a safe celebration of America's Independence Day holiday.

### Sangamon Co. rescheduled for Monday, Jul 10th

The Sangamon County team has elected to move our July meeting back a week to July 10th. We'll meet at SCHEELS, as usual. Bring your appetite as they have good food and bring your wallet as they have lots of guns, ammo and accessories. Plus the ferris wheel is fun too, and only costs a buck a ride.

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



You can't make it to a meeting, but you want a chance to win a gun for as little as \$4? Here's your chance!  
**And yes, we've had several mail-in ticket winners in the past few months.**

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

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

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### GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

**Chicago June: Taurus 605 3" .357**  
**Chicago July: Maverick 88 12ga.**  
**Chicago Aug: Taurus 856 3" .38 Spl.**  
**Chicago Sept: Ruger Security 380**

**Peoria July: Glock 48**  
**Peoria Aug: S&W .38 Special**

**Pontiac Aug: Taurus GX4 TORO 9mm**

**NW Chicagoland July: Taurus TX22**

**Decatur July: Glock 48 9mm**  
**Decatur Aug: Bodyguard .38 Spl.**  
**Decatur Sept: BlueLine 12 ga pump (Remington 870 clone)**

**Charleston July: Springfield Hellcat 9mm**

**Sangamon July: Ruger Max9 (optic ready)**

**Danville July: S&W 9mm Sheild EZ Performance Center**

**LaSalle July: Walther 1911 in .22LR**

## Executive Director's Report

### Protect yourself. Now.

by John Boch  
Executive Director

The General Assembly has ended their Spring session so the onslaught of cray cray in new legislation has paused. That's good news.

#### LITIGATION.

We expect things to start breaking loose in the next couple of months both in the FOID case and the PICA gun & magazine ban cases, just to name a few of many.

Obviously the federal challenges to JB Pritzker's new gun ban have the potential to impact your life. Months ago, I thought we would have an easy win at the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Boy, was I naive.

For now at least, it all comes down to the three-judge panel we draw on the hearing for preliminary injunctive relief. If we get Frank Easterbrook and a couple of like-minded jurists, we could be playing defense for months longer.

Todd Vandermyde and I spent some time on the phone on Father's Day researching the Seventh Circuit and it's evenly split between Constitutionalists and those who don't have a lot of love for the Second Amendment. No doubt Kwame and Pritzker have done the same research too.

We're going to be hip-deep in appeals for months - maybe even until next Spring in the US Supreme Court no matter who wins this next round.

Meanwhile the state case involving State Rep. Dan Caulkins at the *Illinois State Supreme Court* also has the potential to impact our lives very soon.

How so? Well, enforcement of the PICA gun and magazine ban has effectively been put on hold by the Macon County ruling from March. Sure, Kwame and JB Pritzker have pretty much ignored it or dismissed the Macon County ruling publicly, but behind the scenes no state police officer or public official is going to arrest someone for a law adjudicated unconstitutional.

That's right: it wasn't just benevolence that led the IDNR to publicly announce that people could still use an AR to hunt coyotes on public lands or semi-auto shotguns with long magazines to hunt geese. It's because no cop was going to jam himself (or

herself) up by making an arrest for violating a struck-down PICA gun ban.

All that will change when the Illinois Supreme Court reverses that lower-court decision. The kinder-gentler ISP will become much more aggressive unless we have a federal court injunction blocking enforcement for all.

In fact, without a federal injunction, I'd look for ISP to make some examples of a few of the shops that have sold banned guns since Jan. 10th and a few of those who purchased them.



#### Don't let your FOID expire!

What else do my fellow gun owners have to worry about? Don't let your FOID card expire. The COVID rules ended when Pritzker didn't renew his final emergency decree. Now, you must have a valid FOID card in your possession to have guns and ammo legally.

If your FOID expires, expect to get a "firearms disposition form" in the mail demanding a list of your guns' makes, models and serial numbers and what you did with them. If you don't respond promptly, expect a "firearm enforcement team" to knock on your door to "bring you into compliance" by re-homing your guns.

Nobody wants that.



#### Got braced guns?

If you've got a braced pistol, the "grace" period to register them has closed. It looks like some Illinois residents are getting "disapproval" letters giving them 60 days to resubmit their Form 1 applications to include a copy of their C&R FFL licenses and their valid FOID cards. Other times, some of the same people are getting approvals for other guns. Why it's almost like it depends on whether or not applicants get a gun-hater evaluating their Form 1 application or not.

For those who didn't register their braced guns - and that's most people - there are two things you need to do to protect yourself, your dog and your family.

**To protect yourself from the feds** (otherwise known as BATF), you need to become a member of the Second Amendment Foundation, Firearms Policy Coalition or Gun Owners of America. Preliminary injunctions from federal courts block ATF from enforcing Biden's new rule against the members of these groups.

Don't be an imprudent fool. If you get arrested with one of these guns, you'll spent \$20k-30k for a retainer for an attorney and you may still gain a felony conviction and prison time. You can avoid all that with a \$20-30 membership.

**On the state side**, Illinois law requires anyone with a short-barreled rifle to have a Curios & Relics FFL. Those are \$30 for three years and easier to apply for than a FOID card. Again, if you catch a state charge on this, expect to pay \$20k-30k just for the retainer and you may still catch a felony. Or you can avoid all that with \$30 for a C&R license.

Life is hard. It's harder if you're stupid. Don't be stupid.

No, I don't see BATF coming to homes to do inspections/confiscations. However, if yours is stolen and you report it, or if you are subjected to an order of protection or Red Flag order, if police find it you could be arrested. Or if you have a car crash and cops inventory the car, all the sudden your life just got exciting.

Take a few minutes and spend a few bucks to stay legal.

#### IL Judicial Inquiry Board

By the way: Be sure to submit your complaint to the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board over the two new Supreme Court Justices who received nearly \$2M each towards their campaigns from three of the named defendants in Caulkins' case. Those complaints are creating quite the poopstorm behind the scenes.

This is an opportunity for you as an individual to hold our betters fully accountable to the rule of law.



Braced guns, forced reset triggers, or other gun-related 'consensual encounters'

### If the ATF (or ISP) comes a knocking...

by John Boch

More than a few folks are living with a bit of anxiety of late. Some have bought now-banned guns in the Land of Lincoln since January 10th and now they're a little uneasy about the Illinois State Police showing up on their doorstep. Others have handguns with support braces on them and they're worried about BATF paying them a visit.

First off, we know of only a couple of ISP home visits and those were prior to the March decision in Macon County striking down the PICA gun ban. Yes, either state or federal agents could show up for a "knock and talk" at your residence or place of business over support-braced pistols (now considered "short barreled rifles" by BATF) or purchases of banned guns. It's very unlikely, but it could happen.

If they do show up to inspect your firearms or discuss them with you, do you have to talk with them? No, no, no. **NO!** You don't even have to answer the door.

Should you speak with them? Attorney William Kirk from the Washington Gun Law organization says, "Why the hell would you do that?"

They're there investigating potential criminal activity. Unless they have a warrant, don't talk with them, don't admit them into your home, and don't show them any guns. Don't sign any documents. *Nothing you say can be used to exonerate you.* Lying to police is a crime in itself.

This also goes for those who have submitted amnesty eForm 1 applications. Politely decline to chat with the agents, but it might be time to chat with a local attorney.

### LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SHOOT?

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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.



**STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR PRITZKER**

**Pritzker's 'statement' following Willowbrook shootout fame compared to Obama Library noose**

Contrast Governor Pritzker's statement following the discovery of a noose at the Obama Presidential Library Construction site with his statement on the massive Willowbrook shootout where 23 people were wounded and one person died.

The contrast between the two is profound.

First, the Obama Construction Site statement:  
*I condemn this act of hate in the strongest possible terms, and the state of Illinois will make all needed resources available to help catch the perpetrators.*

Now the Willowbrook statement:  
*Gathering for a holiday celebration should be a joyful occasion, not a time where gunfire erupts and families are forced to run for safety. As I've said time and time again, gun violence is a public health*

*emergency in this country and I remain committed to banning these dangerous weapons and making our state safer for everyone...*



Note a lack of condemnation or a pledge to catch the perps. No mention of gang violence or black-on-black crime. It did, however, contain lots of buzzwords from crime enablers: "gun violence" and "public health emergency."

**BS DETECTOR FLASHING: Illinois man arrested for allegedly shooting himself while sleeping**

Lake Barrington, IL (NBC News) - An Illinois man who police say shot himself in the leg while he was dreaming about burglars has been charged with firearms offenses, officials said Tuesday.

Office said.



He was charged with possessing a firearm with a revoked Firearm Own-

ers Identification, which is required in Illinois, and reckless discharge of a firearm, the sheriff's office said in a statement...

The shooting happened about 9:50 p.m. April 10, and first responders needed to use a tourniquet to stop the bleeding, the sheriff's office said.

**19-year-old indicted for trafficking China-made Glock switches in Illinois**

East St. Louis (Fox2Now) - A Cahokia Heights, Illinois, man was arraigned Monday in federal court for allegedly scheming to import Glock switches from China to St. Clair County.

Prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Illinois said Carlos Akins, 19, ordered 30 machine gun conversion devices (MCDs) from China between late 2022 and January 2023.



**IMPORTANT info for gun owners**

**KEEP YOUR FOID & CCL CURRENT**

The Illinois State Police seem like they change the rules on FOID cards and carry licenses on a regular basis. And while almost nobody was paying attention, the ISP made more changes with Governor Pritzker ending the COVID "Emergency" decrees.

FOID & CCW holders to remain valid pending issuance of renewals.

These changes bring the FOID card and concealed carry license back to pre-China flu procedures. You must have a current and valid FOID card to possess firearms. Gone is the common-sense policy of allowing

The ominous aspect is that should your FOID expire, ISP will send you a letter demanding a list of your guns and their disposition. Should you fail to snap to and return it very promptly, you can expect an "enforcement team" to show up on your doorstep to "bring you into compliance" by "re-homing" your guns whether you want to or not.

**No more private firearm ownership transfers effective July 1, 2023**



(GSL) - Absent a court ruling permanently striking down the new Illinois Firearm Ban Act, private gun sales will be prohibited effectively July 1.

ated" this new gun registration scheme and the ban on private gun sales as part of the FOID Modernization Act a couple of years ago. The end of private sales was supposed to begin Jan. 1 2024, but the new gun ban law moved the date to July 1st.



Marijuana users, including both recreational and medical users, will effectively be banned from purchasing firearms in Illinois. Federal law prohibits users of marijuana from buying guns at dealers.

The FOID Modernization Act that the Illinois State Rifle Association "negoti-

With the first of July, all private gun sales will have to take place through a licensed gun dealer for a \$25 fee.



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## Country Character



## Independence Day: Why it happened

by Justin Thyme, a GSL member

As we celebrate Independence Day on July 4th, we should remember the day for more than hot dogs, hamburgers and fireworks.

We should all review the events that led to Independence Day. After all, most of the articles in the Bill of Rights originated in the "Intolerable Acts" enacted against the American colonists in the early 1770s.

Such issues included the freedom of religion, the right to petition for redress of grievances, political representation, the right to a jury trial of one's peers and rules against quartering soldiers in your home.

Also included were rules on taxation as well as search and seizure, the sanctity of the home and the right against self-

incrimination.

Do these sound familiar? The colonists considered that they had inherent rights as Englishmen that King George III denied them.

Britain needed to raise revenue to pay their debts and maintain their newly acquired territories and decided to tax the colonies.

The colonists didn't like the taxes imposed by the Crown, and when protests erupted (like the Boston Tea Party), the colonists saw more and more troops brought in to impose order.

What's more, the colonists were aware of the Crown's keep interest in restricting the right to keep and bear arms. Pretty soon, colonists not only joined their local militias but they trained like

never before. They knew that "the government" would try to take their guns, both small arms and cannons, along with seizing black powder.

The patriots were having no part of surrendering their guns and their self-determination.

For freedom to endure, each generation must periodically review history for old attempts to recreate past tyranny "rebranded" in modern terminology.

In honor of Independence Day, this has been a brief fly over of some of the events preceding and leading up to the Revolutionary War and the forming of the Declaration of Independence.

Food for thought – what would likely have been the outcome had the colonists been disarmed?

## Litigation Update

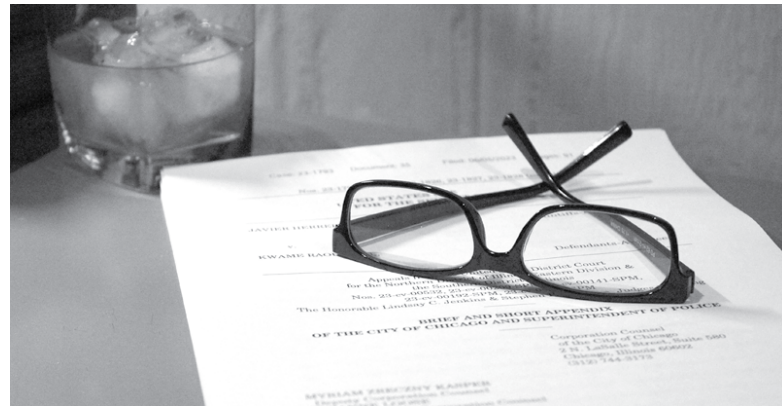
FOID suspensions over arrests struck down by Madison County judge

### Illinois AG files appeal in *Davis v. Yencko*

(GSL) - With just days before the deadline to file an appeal passed, the Illinois Attorney General filed a motion to the Illinois Supreme Court appealing a Madison County Judge's ruling on March 10th striking down the section of Illinois law allowing the Illinois State Police to suspend Firearm Owner ID Cards over mere arrests.

The judge ruled that ISP can only suspend or revoke FOID cards over felony convictions, not arrests.

The Illinois Supreme Court has not yet scheduled the case for briefs and arguments.



### Reviewing the defendants' desperate filings in Pritzker's PICA gun ban challenge

by John Boch

The month of May into June has been a quiet few weeks. The only thing happening ahead of oral arguments on Guns Save Life's FOID challenge and the PICA Gun & Magazine ban is a whole lot of filings. I read those filings in our challenge to Pritzker's new gun and magazine ban law.

Dear Lord: How can these attorneys working to defend Gov. Pritzker's PICA Gun & Magazine Ban be allowed to submit outright lies and falsehoods to the court? How can they do this without sanction? Folks, there isn't enough bourbon in the world to read these things without

getting a serious headache.

Three hundred plus pages of briefs. Chicago's 91-page brief read as though the people who wrote it were high on THC-infused gummy bears. "AR-15 rifles... are no different from M16 rifles" they wrote. It gets far worse. "AR-15s were originally developed for military use, and the civilian versions in circulation today are, if anything, even deadlier than those used on the battlefield."

While the State of Illinois' 131-page brief wasn't quite as patently false, it had its moments. Like Chicago's filing, Kwame's staffers willfully ignored black letter law

and pretended that dead letter law still had precedential value when it does not.

Team Kim Foxx at Cook County also filed 92 pages of make-believe. Laughably, they pointed to regulations on gunpowder in *England* as a historical analogue to today's gun and magazine bans.

But the *piece de resistance* is found on page 48:

**III. Bruen Does Not Abrogate This Court's Decisions in *Friedman and Wilson*.**

If only.



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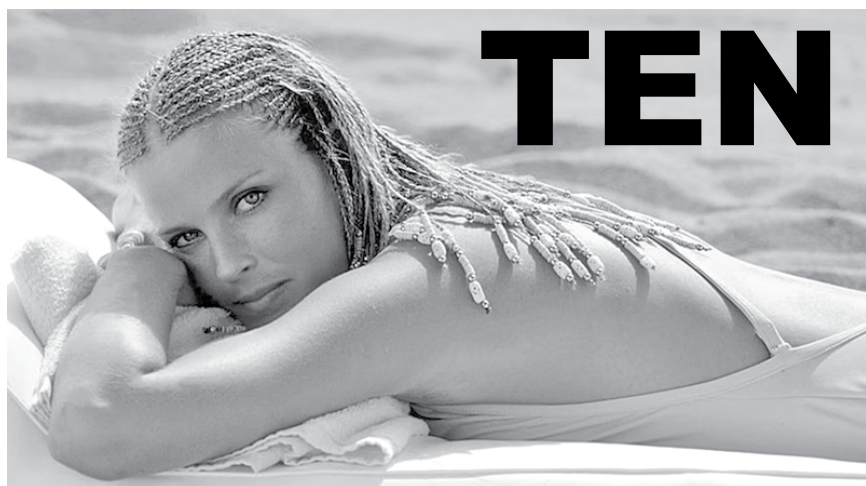
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## 10 firearms you should own & shoot before you die

There's a saying out there: "You can't take it with you." Another states: "Your kids will just sell it after you die." So in honor of all you gun guys and gals out there, and with the realization that you won't live forever, treat yourself and get what you always wanted – maybe one of these ten weapons. Or, at least fire them for a real treat.

carry. You want one made before 1941; finish will be great. Radiates quality. The .32ACP seems a lot better to shoot than the .380 models. James Bond carried a PPK in 6.35mm/.25 Auto; I've never even seen one for sale. I'll sometimes drop the .32 version into my pocket – even when I'm not wearing a tux.



**M1 Garand, 30-06 Rifle.** Your father, grandfather, or great-grandfather might have depended on this military rifle in WWII or Korea. George Patton loved it; 'nuff said. History is the oxygen for storytelling; and storytelling is the essence of humanity. The M1 Garand has a heck of a story.

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**CZ Accu-Shadow 2, 9mm Pistol.** If I had to make one shot, under pressure – be that a ten-ring, or stopping a guy bent on killing me, this is the pistol I would chose. CZ owns Colt Holding, which is Colt's parent company. These are made in the Czech Republic. Fires single or double action. I didn't even need a red dot or other optic. Just iron sights. One shot. Make it or lose.

**Walther PPK, 7.65mm/.32ACP Pistol.** Maybe the original mass-produced concealed



**Mauser MS350B, .22 Target Rifle.** There's one reason to have this 89-year-old, nine-pound rifle – load the tiny five-round magazine, snap it into the magazine well, work the bolt to load the first round, aim at the bullseye at fifty feet, fire all five rounds, retrieve your target, and find all five rounds have made one jagged hole, in the middle of the ten-ring, less than one-half inch across. That's your reason.

**Johann Fanzoj, 16-gauge/7x57R Combination.** Over in Europe, they have different hunting customs, and often restrictions on how many firearms you can own. To accommodate that, years ago, especially in Austria and Germany, they developed combination weapons. This is an over under shotgun-rifle. Some combinations have three barrels (drilling) – side by side shotgun with a rifle underneath. One even has four barrels, but that looks like a bear to carry. The Johann Fanzoj company has been around for hundreds of years; the first Johann made weapons for Kaiser Franz Josef of Austria. Another Austrian maker is Ludwig Borovnik, both located in the Ferlach Valley in southern Austria. They are a dream to point and shoot. Now all you need is a pair of lederhosen (the breeches, NOT shorts) and a sporty cap with some pheasant feathers in it.



**Freedom Arms Model 97, .45 Colt Single Action Revolver.** You could go with a Colt Peacemaker here, but as Freedom Arms, in western Wyoming, builds some of the best-

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quality firearms anywhere, let's include them here. They come in a wide-variety of calibers. You can find them occasionally in gun stores, or on the Internet, but since you're treating yourself – because you deserve to for once – custom order one from them. It's nice to be able to know: "This pistol was custom made for me."



**Glock 40 Gen4 MOS, 10mm Pistol.** C'mon, you saw *Miami Vice*. You've always wondered what firing a 10mm would be like, so if you already have, move this one to honorable mention. If not, go with this. It's controllable; with a six-inch barrel, you'll get the 10mm at velocities it is supposed to have. Polymer frame; good balance. MOS is Modular Optics

System, and the red dot on the one I shot worked perfectly and precisely. Recoil? I'm old, but found I could fire 24 rounds at a single range session. BTW, these are made in the Ferlach Valley. Some folks call this "Glockzilla." What will you call yours?

**Henry Lever-action Rifle or Carbine.** Any caliber. The selling point is lever action. It's unique, and fun to shoot. Point 2: if you have one in .44, .45 or .357, not only is the ammunition compatible with pistols of that caliber, the ballistics go through the roof with a 16" to 20" barrel. 7-10 round capacity. Newer models can be reloaded through the side gate, a really nice feature.

**Benelli M4, 12-gauge Shotgun.** Was going to go with a Smith & Wesson double action revolver, but you probably already own one. Tactical shotgun. "Street-sweeper." The Marines use it. It's solid and supposedly has an operational life of 25,000 rounds. Not even John Wick can shoot that much.

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Young or old, male or female, rich or poor, we all have a right to self-defense

## Your Right To Self-Defense

by Chad Berck

The right to self-defense is a fundamental human right that is recognized in the Bible (God's law), the law (man's law), common-law (Universal Law), and basic common sense.

In the Bible, God commands his people to defend themselves against their enemies (Exodus 22:2). The law also recognizes the right to self-defense. In Illinois, for example, the law states that "a person is justified in using force against another when and to the extent that he reasonably believes that such force is necessary to defend himself or another against such other's apparent ability to inflict imminent harm."

In the 2008 case *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the Court ruled that the Second Amendment protects the right of individuals to own guns for self-defense. In the 2005 case *Castle Rock v. Gonzales*, the Court ruled that the police have no duty to protect individuals from harm, a very alarming decision.

- "The right of self-defense is an ancient one, found in the common law and in the Constitution." - Justice Antonin Scalia
- "The right of self-defense is the most fundamental of all rights." - Justice Clarence Thomas
- "The right of self-defense is not a license to kill. It is a right to use force to protect oneself from harm." - Justice Stephen Breyer



The right to self-defense is a fundamental human right that is commonplace in many cultures and religions. In the Bible, for example, it states that "if anyone hits you on the cheek, turn the other cheek also." However, this does not mean that we should always allow ourselves to be victimized, that in fact we have a righteous obligation to defend our God, ourselves, family and neighbor.

In the United States, the right to self-defense is protected by the Second Amendment in Bill of Rights. This amendment states that "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." This amendment has been interpreted by the courts to mean that individuals have the right to own and use firearms for self-defense, through numerous court and Supreme court rulings.

Self-defense is also recognized in Illinois law. The Illinois Self-Defense Act of 1983 allows individuals to use deadly force if they reasonably believe that they are in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm. This law applies to both firearms and other weapons.

The Supreme Court has ruled on several cases involving the right to self-defense.

There are many ways to defend yourself. Some people choose to carry a gun, while others prefer to learn martial arts or some other form of physical combat skill. There are also many self-defense products available, such as pepper spray, stun guns, sound devices and other deterrence devices. Even the use of bladed or blunt force weapons are seen as alternatives. And then there are common objects useful for self-defense.



The best way to defend yourself is to choose a method that is right for you. If you are not comfortable with firearms, then martial arts might be a better option. If you are not physically strong, then a self-defense product might be a good choice. When in public, especially when walking alone, appearances are important. Lowering the probability of becoming a target is critical, especially in high crime areas where criminals are looking for "weak" or "easy" targets. In the next few months I will discuss this important topic more in-depth and offer useful information, opinion and analysis.



# Of school bus drivers and a confrontation outside of my kids' school

by John Boch

A school bus driver is solely responsible for the safety and well-being of the kiddos on his or her bus. On 99% of school days, it's just another day. Other times it requires thinking outside the box and sometimes even heroic actions.



Such is the case of a Milwaukee school bus driver named Imunek Williams. While 6-months pregnant, she pulled over upon smelling smoke. By the time she got the three-dozen plus kids off and ensured the bus was empty, the vehicle was engulfed by flames and smoke.

Kudos to her for her heroic actions.

## At my school...

Meanwhile, a pucker factor incident happened at my kids' school on the next to last week of school in Bloomington, IL.



Since the above photo was taken at the school, the driver of the first bus in line now angles his bus out into the street to block oncoming cars from driving past them. That's because it had been a fairly regular occurrence for drivers to pass the loading buses, paying no attention to the flashing red lights.

This obviously created quite a hazard for kids or parents who might emerge from between the buses for whatever reason. And if you know 3- and 4-year-olds, they aren't

always predictable.

At the morning dismissal, the driver of a pickup truck tried to go around a line of five buses from the rear. All had their stop signs out and red lights flashing. When he saw he couldn't get around them, he started to back up. Of course, the buses were honking their horns at him in a chorus of, "Hey dummy, stop trying to go around me!"

The driver in the rear-most bus said something to them. They will usually tell drivers that they have their license plate and will report them. Whatever the bus driver said set off the passenger in the truck.

The passenger got out of the truck, screaming in anger. I heard him shouting something like "What the \*\*\*\* did you just say to me? M\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* I'll \*\*\*\* your world up!"

Uh oh.

Mr. Passenger was easily 280 pounds or so and 6'3" in his 30s or early 40s. He looked like he played football years before. Meanwhile, the bus driver was a retiree male of slight build.

I fumbled with my phone and called 911 as the threats of violence keep coming. I'm more than a little concerned that the very angry man might be armed. Fortunately for everyone he wasn't.

I told the dispatcher – who wanted to put me on hold – that police were needed out front of the school because of a fight brewing and then hung up. Why did I hang up? I wanted to focus on the dynamic situation and not play twenty questions with a dispatcher. And I sure as hell wasn't going to wait around on hold. I also wanted both hands free.

At the same time, teachers continued to bring students out to load while this very angry man was loudly hurling all manner of threats and invectives at the driver, challenging him to come out and fight. The school staff was largely oblivious to the escalating situation.

At one point I saw the man reach for the bus driver through the window as if he was going to try to pull the old man out and pound him.

My first inclination early on was, "This isn't my problem."

Then I saw the principal, a slight man about 5' 9" tall on a good day. I pointed at the problem. To his credit, he immediately interceded. At first I was afraid he was going to get the beat-down of his life, but he managed to keep the angry man from going around the bus to get onboard and assault the driver inside the bus.

During all of this, the driver had closed the entry door to keep the guy off of his bus and was frantically on the phone pleading for help with 911. Meanwhile the teachers were stacking up on the sidewalk outside the bus waiting for the driver to open the doors so they could put the kiddos on the bus.

I thought to myself, "Hello! Aren't any of you paying attention?" Looking back, I think the teachers were all just on autopilot.

By now, I'd reconsidered my earlier, "It's not my circus or my monkeys" evaluation and decided that I couldn't let one of the school bus drivers get his ass beaten in front of the school. Or the principal. Or the children. Not while I was there. They're looking out for my kids' safety. The least I could do is look out for them as a good guy with a gun

Just about that time, one of my kids was presented to me by his teacher (gee thanks) and 911 decided to call back.

"You called 911 a couple of minutes ago?"

No crap, Sherlock.

"Yes I did. I told you we needed police out front of Sarah Raymond School right effing now. The problem hasn't gone away." Click.

I definitely wasn't in the mood to chat with a 911 operator while holding a kid in one hand and seeing my second son approaching with his teacher from 30 feet away.

I got my second son and took them both, one in each hand, to my car.

By the time I'd gotten the kids in their seats the principal had talked the angry man over to the far side of the street. I took that as a good sign. In fact, they looked as though they were walking up to the sidewalk across the street. A better sign.

At this point I drove away with the kiddos to our destination. I figured I'd done my part. By now it had been about five-plus minutes from my first 911 call and still no police.

A couple of days later I saw the principal and patted him on the back for a job well done in deescalating the situation. He admitted he didn't know how it was going to go. "I just told the guy who I was and that my job was to keep the kids safe. Then I asked him if we could talk about what had happened on the other side of the street."

Masterfully handled. The principal has some big cajones, I'll give him that. The very angry and agitated man was easily twice his size. I'm glad there is at least someone at the school who will put himself between the kids and danger.

I told the principal, "If it's any consolation, I wasn't going to let him beat you too badly before I took care of him." He knows I'm (legally) armed on that public sidewalk outside the school every day. Last semester when he learned of my armed status he was a little less than thrilled, but that's another story.

He chuckled and thanked me. "Thanks. I think."

Turns out the delayed police response was caused by most officers out at call about a melee at the junior high school. One girl who reportedly had hidden a straight razor in her bra was arrested and others may be charged. Yes, the junior high school.

I don't know what's in the water this spring, but holy cow.

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## National publicity for Chicagoland crime drives away tourists, shoppers, businesses and conventions, to name a few

*Chicago (CBS)* — Such events as the chaos downtown that led to a deadly shooting right in the middle of Millennium Park have led people to cancel trips, meetings, and events in Chicago because they don't feel safe.

As CBS 2's Tara Molina reported Tuesday, hotel, restaurant, and city business operators have been hopeful for a great return this summer – the first summer since 2019 in which COVID-19 restrictions have not limited most options.

But Molina is told crime is keeping some away – and the city can't afford that.

"The Chicago economy can't afford for hotels to fail. It can't afford for tourism to go down," said Michael Jacobson, president of the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association. "So that's why we need to figure out a solution to this problem..."

This comes as crime numbers near an all-time high in the Loop.

*Mayor Johnson appoints a defund, abolish, and decarcerate activist to oversee public safety... what could possibly go wrong?*

## Meet Chicago's new Deputy Mayor for Community Safety

*Chicago (The Contrarian)* - In the days which followed Mayor Brandon Johnson's overhyped inauguration as the 57th mayor of Chicago, Contrarian published two essays which gave some insight into appointees to the mayor's inner circle.

of the new mayor throwing his arms around domestic terrorist and Lenin Peace Prize winner Angela Davis.



Garien Gatewood.

Both Johnson's unqualified appointees and his embrace of communist ideologue Angela Davis are illuminating for a

variety of reasons. First, it revealed Johnson's willingness to sacrifice basic competence in government in favor of ideological zealotry. Second, by not concealing his relationship with Davis, Johnson presented his authentic self and showed he is unashamed of his political extremism.

Though Ms. Rosenbaum and Mr. Preib had entirely different objectives in their commentary, both found the appointment of Garien Gatewood as Deputy Mayor of Community Safety significant enough to mention him prominently in their work...

In her incisive May 26 piece, Alisa Rosenbaum emphasized the common thread which runs through Johnson appointees to crucial leadership positions in city government is a staggering lack of skill and experience. Days later, on May 31, Marty Preib wrote a reasoned essay in which he unmasked the depths of Mayor Johnson's radicalism by virtue

## 38% jump in Chicago crime during Mayor Brandon Johnson's first month

*Chicago (Wirepoints)* - Readers can decide if it's too early to tie Mayor Brandon Johnson's words and actions with the increase in crimes taking place under his watch, but the numbers during his first month weren't good. The negative trend that's been in place over the last three years has continued unabated since Johnson took office.

The latest police CompStat data shows almost all major crimes grew during the mayor's first month (May 15, 2023 – June 11, 2023), with the total crime count growing 38% vs. the same month last year

### CHICAGO INSANITY

## Perp leaves stabbed clerk to die after stealing two Gatorades

*Chicago (GSL)* - Ladies and Gentlemen! Meet today's posterchild for Chicago crime without consequences. Chicago PD tied Christopher Peters to a nasty armed robbery in Chicago's downtown area. That crime left a cashier at Americana Submarine and Tobacco Shop, 400 South Clark, barely surviving after getting stabbed repeatedly in the head and arm.

Did Christopher Peters stop and render aid? Hardly. He was busy stealing not one, but two Gatorades from the store.

Too bad the clerk didn't have a handgun.



## SHOT: 'Peacekeepers' will hit Chicago streets to prevent gun violence Memorial Day weekend

*(The Center Square)* – Memorial Day Weekend is the unofficial start of summer, when Chicago violence traditionally escalates. To head off violence and prevent potential crises, Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Human

Services are sending out a team of peacekeepers.

The Citywide Crisis Prevention & Response Unit is made up of 30-plus trained neighborhood "Peacekeepers" and street outreach partners, IDHS spokesper-

son Marisa Kollias said.

In a news release announcing the program's launch, the governor said that the new CPRU effort is a community-based approach with the potential to have a high impact.

## CHASER: No bail for Chicago 'peacekeeper' charged with beating, robbing man in Little Village

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - A Chicago man wearing a neon yellow "peacekeepers" vest helped a group of people beat and rob a motorist in Little Village on Friday night, according to a Chicago Police Department report. The allegations come after city and state officials lauded the use of "peacekeepers" as a tool

they would deploy over the Memorial Day weekend to tamp down violence across the city.

Oscar Montes, 31, was held without bail by Judge Maryam Ahmad on charges of robbery, aggravated battery, and unlawful vehicular invasion Sunday afternoon.



Oscar Montes.



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## Yes, folks, you can still take your gun to & from the range for shooting fun

(GSL) - Some folks worry about whether or not they can take their copy of America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, to the range to shoot. They worry that they will run afoul of the new PICA Gun & Magazine ban law.

We all know that Gov. J. B. Pritzker's dream gun control legislation that has done nothing (that's spelled n-o-t-h-i-n-g) to stem the blood loss in Chicagoland.

Well, despite rumors to the contrary, yes you can go shoot your semi-auto handguns, shotguns and rifles at your favorite range.

Currently the entire law has been adjudicated as unconstitutional by a Macon County judge. And while the Governor and Attorney General publicly ignore that court ruling, law enforcement officers are not.



As such, for now at least, you can skip the law's requirements to transport those standard capacity magazines (handgun mags currently or capable of or being readily convertible to accept over 15 rounds and over 10 rounds of long-gun magazines) fully pre-loaded and skip the "encased" demand in the new law.

For now the Illinois Supreme Court has the

appeal of that case under consideration and we expect them to overturn that Macon County ruling at some point. When that happens, we anticipate the Illinois State Police's "kinder, gentler" enforcement phase to end and the "time to make some examples of people and businesses" to begin.



Again, even if/when it goes back into effect, the only real change in the law for the law-abiding folks is that magazines over 10 rounds for long guns and 15 rounds for handguns should now be transported unloaded and encased. Put 'em in the case with the gun or in an outer pocket. Or put 'em in a ziplock bag. Just don't pre-load them and throw them in your front seat in plain view. Everything else remains much the same.

Yes, you're supposed to only transport those prohibited guns and magazines to and from the range where you're shooting them. Don't leave them in your trunk for a week. But if you want to stop by your relatives' place for a bite to eat or to see Aunt Gertrude, you should be just fine.

Shooting is a perishable skill. Dry fire at home and go out and practice live fire too!

## PROTECT YOURSELF: What to do to remain legal with braced pistols - even if you didn't register under BATF's grace period

(GSL) - As of June, the BATF now views support-braced pistols as "short-barreled rifles" or SBRs for short. Owners of said firearms were given an opportunity to register then at no charge with the BATF prior to June 1st. If you missed this news for the past four months, you should have been a member and you should have paid attention to your copies of GunNews and the GSL website.



Of course, some folks said, "Nope. Not gonna do it!" And that's fine. They just have to grapple with the consequences of that decision should they come into contact with LEOs that care about such things.

We like to encourage people to remain legal. Because most of us have too much to lose in terms of professional licenses, jobs, families, reputation and everything else to flippantly ignore the Rule of Law.

The legal analyst in me says that now that the BATF considers braced pistols as

"SBRs," Illinois residents who own such items are now potentially Class 3 felons unless they have a Curios & Relics Federal Firearms License. The C&R licenses are \$30 and valid for three years. They are easier to apply for and receive than a FOID card and if you apply today, you can have one in three weeks.

No doubt there are tens of thousands of Illinois residents who own braced guns who are unaware of this change in federal rules and its implications for them. If you have people in your circle of friends who have these, please let them know.

It seems downright foolish to take your chances when a \$30 FFL protects you completely from an arrest or conviction while possessing said firearms.

To protect yourself from the BATF & federal prosecution

Right now, braced pistol holders who are members of the Second Amendment Foundation, Firearms Policy Coalition or Gun Owners of America are protected by court orders issued by the federal courts in cases challenging the new pistol brace rules.

By spending \$20 or \$30 to sign up with one or more of these organizations, you insulate yourself from prosecution while these cases work their way through the courts. The certainly beats catching an arrest and paying a criminal defense attorney \$20,000 or \$30,000 as a retainer - and still have the potential of getting a felony conviction.

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## Hirsch | Securing YOUR kid's school(s)

Last fall, Rich Hirsch took a new role after retiring as a cop, that of Director of Safety & Security for Bloomington's District 87 schools.

In a powerful presentation, he related how he liked working as an SRO in the schools, but one morning he got a call for shots fired at his son's high school.



Rich Hirsch.

Fortunately a heroic teacher took down the would-be killer. However the incident sparked a new, voracious appetite in Hirsch to learn more about how to counter these threats. Today, he's one of our state's leaders in developing and implementing best practices to harden schools to keep kids safer.

He spoke of meeting John Boch, a parent of new District 87 students, early last fall. Boch had emailed his principal wishing to meet to discuss school security and sent along some very on-point questions that delighted Hirsch. He doesn't get many parents wanting to talk about security practices and he welcomed Boch's queries.

Hirsch also knows he has a legally armed good guy out

front of that school every morning at dismissal time and he welcomes that. "Thank God he's there," Hirsch said.

### Securing you kid's school(s)

For those of you with kids or grandkids in school, Hirsch urged people to go to the schools. Sometimes school administrators aren't up to speed on best practices or aren't aware of their own security shortcomings.

When visiting a school, if you as a layperson see obvious security weak points like unlocked exterior doors during school hours, reach out and let them know about it. Locked doors are inconvenient to staff, but they save lives by slowing down attackers and buying time for a lockdown protocol's implementation.

What's more, there may be other issues that you didn't notice. Ask questions about security and "grade" officials' responses. We as parents can help nudge school officials towards improving safety if it's lacking.



Locked exterior doors with controlled access is the single best way to protect kids inside schools.

Go early on occasion and pay attention to the little things before school or at dismissal time. Aside from unsecured doors, look for other obvious security failings like allowing random people free access into school buildings or onto school property/playgrounds

(especially if they're carrying things like backpacks, or containers that a long gun would fit inside). Contact the school administration right away to remedy these issues. Ditto if you observe suspicious behavior. Be polite and courteous, but make that call.

If the school administration isn't responsive, contact the superintendent and if that fails, visit the school board. School shootings and mass casualty incidents are on everyone's mind right now. No sane school district is going to risk the publicity and potential liability of ignoring requests for obvious security shortcomings to be remedied.

If your local schools don't have an SRO - especially high schools but even junior highs in larger communities, take some time to advocate for one to the administrators, the school board and local city government.

By the same token, if your kids' school does have a school resource officer who isn't professional or proactive, or has one foot out the door awaiting retirement, contact the police chief and have a meeting to share your concerns.

Visit the NRA's School Shield website to learn more. They have a wealth of resources and videos.

Rich also volunteered to talk with school officials or school boards about safety policies and procedures. His email is [hirschr@district87.org](mailto:hirschr@district87.org).

### NRASchoolShield.org

The life you save by speaking up and getting involved might be that of your own child.

## Kral: The Gray Man

Thomas Kral, a gun rights activist and firearms trainer with Alpha Concepts, shared his thoughts on situational awareness and the role of "The Gray Man" in reducing your profile to not only bad guys but to cops as well. It seemed especially tailored to big city residents, but some of the themes apply to folks in small towns as well.

The Gray Man (not the movie) means blending in with the sheep. Don't call attention to yourself not only in your person, but your vehicle and what you post on social media or elsewhere on the Internet.

For instance, don't wear the "gun guy" uniform. He pointed to John Boch with his 5.11 pants, black boots

and blade and flashlight clipped to his pockets. That, he said, to the savvy eyes of criminals and cops, screams "gun guy." And especially in the city (with its higher number of "no guns" posters) can prove a drawback.



Thomas Kral.

As for cars, don't plaster your ride with stickers that "might" invite a ne'er-do-

well to break into your car... especially in parking lots of places with "no guns" signage.

Lastly, on social media, don't post your guns or that you're not home (or worse yet, that you're on vacation halfway across the country).

As for the situational awareness, by watching for suspicious characters, you can spot them and take action before they attack. Preventing victimization through avoidance beats using deadly force every time.

Mr. Kral's Alpha Concepts ([alphakoncepts.com](http://alphakoncepts.com)) offers a wide range of training from defensive firearms work to CPR and Stop the Bleed coursework.



## Questions you should ask your school officials

by John Boch

(TTAG/GSL) - As parents, we expect schools to mitigate risk and keep our kids safe. Contact your kids' (or grandkids') school administration and ask questions about school safety and security.



Not sure of questions should you ask so you don't seem like a crank? Here are some suggestions...

Note the "our" phraseology within

the questions...

1. Has our school ever had a vulnerability assessment done?
2. Does our school work with local law enforcement and emergency responders in crisis planning and training? How recently?
3. When was our emergency operations/crisis management plan last reviewed? Has it ever been tested?
4. What types of drills are conducted at our school and at what frequency?

5. Are all exterior doors of our school locked when students are present (including after school activities)? Are classroom doors locked during instructional hours?
6. Are all visitors to our school required to check in with the main office?
7. Are students and staff trained on how to identify and report suspicious or concerning behaviors/comments?
8. Does our school or district have a behavioral threat assessment team?

9. If there is an emergency, how and when are parents notified?
10. Do we have designated security personnel assigned to our school? If so, are they armed or are they unarmed?
11. Do our bus drivers have training on what to do in emergencies, including active shooter incidents?
12. Does our district have any school resource officers? If not, do local police periodically do walk-throughs during school days?

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## Bloomington PD gives away 'gun safes' that destroy guns!

by John Boch

Bloomington, IL (GSL) - There's more than one way to disarm the little people in America. Lawmakers pass gun bans like the one JB Pritzker signed earlier this year. Other times do-gooders in government will "buy back" guns. Guns they never owned.

And now, at least one community has test-driven a new, far more insidious way to take guns out of circulation: by rendering them inoperable *inside gun owners' homes*.

No, it's not some high-tech device, but in fact it's rather low-tech. It's not fast, but it's effective. It's called rust.

How the local scheme to rust good guy guns works... Police in Bloomington, IL gave away 312 "gun safes" to local residents at a Farmer's Market event downtown in June. State and federal grants paid \$190.35 (plus shipping) for safes available from the local Walmart for \$172.

Here's the problem for those picking up their "free" safe: the safes aren't made for securing firearms. Sentry warns customers prominently in big, bold letters on page 2 of the user's manual not to store firearms in the safes. Why? Because moisture accumulation inside will cause firearms to rust.

Yes, savvy gun owners with safes know to put some sort of dehumidifier inside their safes. But those commonly sold safes don't come with explicit warnings not to store firearms inside even with desiccants inside to help protect against moisture.

Bloomington Police touted their "success" on Facebook hours after the event:

*BPD Gun Safe Giveaway was an ENORMOUS success! All 312 safes were given away in 45 minutes! We started 30 minutes early because the line had backed up on Main Street from Jefferson to around Washington. We got to spend the rest of the time meeting with wonderful patrons of the Farmers Market.*

Would they have had similar response if they had more accurately advertised the event as one to give away gun rusting devices for local residents?

Here's a photo of Bloomington PD Chief Jamal Simington at a "Wear Orange" anti-gun event held in early June.



Not once has Simington come out to promote the right of the good people in Bloomington to embrace gun ownership for personal defense. He doesn't seem to support gun rights, however does have a certification in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from the University of South Florida.

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## OUCH! Bloomington PD releases follow-up announcement about their gun-rusting safe giveaway...

Bloomington Police felt the sting of coverage of their gun-rusting box "giveaway" that I profiled both at The Truth About Guns and here at Guns Save Life. They felt enough of the sting that they posted about it on their Facebook page with some remediation recommendations against rust.

And local media has picked up on the story!

Here's the announcement via Facebook from Bloomington Police:



*Bloomington, IL – We have recently become aware the gun safes given out by BPD were not, according to the manufacturer's owner's manual, intended for the storage of firearms. When these safes were purchased, Sentry made no mention of this model not being suitable for our*

*intended use. Prior to purchasing the safes, the vendor was notified of our intended usage, but provided no information indicating the safes were not intended to store firearms.*

They go on to recommend the use of desiccants and frequent cleaning and lubrication of any firearms stored in the safe.

## Week-long 'massive' Colorado gun control rally flops, everyone leaves after a single day

(TTAG) - What began as an over-hyped, week-long gun control rally to force Colorado Gov. Jared Polis to ban all guns in his state fizzled out after one day and a little rain.

It was a real-time demonstration of the current reality of a growing and diversified gun-owning community that cherishes the rights guaranteed in the Constitution to lawfully possess firearms.



Day One. Does that look like 25,000 people?

The Here 4 The Kids Rally was supposed to force the governor to relent to their demands. Instead, all it took was a little rain for the group to call it quits.

Saira Rao co-founded Here 4 The Kids, a new gun control activist group created to push national gun control. They chose Colorado's capital to make their first splash. Media hyped the gathering, describing it glowingly.



Day Two. Savor the dedication of the "Here 4 Kids" protesters.

"On the first day of school vacation in Denver next month, thousands of White women plan to sit on the lawn of Colorado's state Capitol to demand protection for the mental and physical health of America's children. The most committed say they will stay until Gov. Jared Polis (D) issues an executive order to ban guns and buy them back," the Washington Post described. "Organizers are asking protest-

ers to sit at Colorado's Capitol for at least four days before replacements swap in."

Rao and protest organizers hoped 25,000 people – specifically white women – would journey and partake in the sit-in.

The reality? The Denver Post estimated 2,000 people showed up on the first day. NBC News described the crowd as closer to 1,500. The Colorado Sun pegged attendance between 500-800. Other local news reporters on the scene described the crowd as "hundreds."

After all the build-up, it rained Monday afternoon and everyone left...

Here 4 The Kids' goals were simple, if not impossible and unconstitutional. The demands called for Gov. Polis to sign an executive order "declaring a 30-day state of emergency," suspend the sale of all firearms and order "a total ban on all guns and a comprehensive, mandatory buyback program..."

As media continues to report on gun control activists and their efforts through rose-colored glasses, the real story is that millions of Americans support the Second Amendment, embrace their right to purchase, possess and practice with firearms and will reject politicians who threaten those rights...

Despite the repeated demagoguery of the American gun owner by gun control activists and a fawning media usually lending a hand, it's clear which side has the enthusiasm that's both deep and wide. Recently more than 22,000 people from several states showed up in Richmond, Va., to peacefully protest gun control legislation being considered. Gun control groups and antigun talking heads loudly predicted wide-spread violence. Instead, there were no arrests and rally-goers left the city cleaner than they found it.

Local media reported, "Thousands flooded the surrounding streets of the Capitol Monday for a gun-rights rally, however, some locals in the area say the roads are the cleanest they've seen in quite some time." In addition, Axios reported more gun rights legislation passed state legislatures and was signed into law in 2023 than gun control measures.

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## Polo man acquitted in murder trial following righteous self-defense shooting...

by John Boch

Does anyone ever wake up and think to themselves, "Hey, this is a great day to shoot someone in self-defense and then go through the wringer with police and prosecutors trying to send me to prison?"



Cody Neuschwanger's booking photo. Courtesy Ogle County Sheriff's Office.

And deal with newspapers running your jail booking photo like the one above?

Nobody does. But sometimes life presents you a crap sandwich.

For thirty years I've done self-defense advocacy and firearms rights. I've seen countless cases of self-defense, oftentimes speaking directly with the people involved and offering coaching on how to articulate the threat, defense strategizing, and recommending and sometimes coordinating with defense counsel in a host of roles including identifying expert witnesses.

Most of the time it's done on the down-low because I'm not an attorney and what these people say to me is discoverable. The only

problem is that I've heard so many of these cases that I can get things mixed up between them. Also, I used too much of the wrong kind of bug spray (Chlorpyrifos) in my 20s (since taken off the market) and that killed my memory. Those are my stories and I'm sticking to them.

One common denominator among almost all: there is almost never a purely righteous self-defense case.

In pretty much all of them, the good guy could have done things better. Most of the time they should have done things a lot differently both in avoidance and then in execution of using force.

That's the problem in self-defense: everyone and their dog will be second guessing everything you did (or didn't do). And Jesus is the only person I've met who can walk on water.

You carry a gun to make yourself harder to kill. If you're a prudent person, you seek out training to avoid situations that might become a deadly force incident. And lastly, unless you're filthy rich, you have self-defense "insurance" coverage and a skilled, experienced attorney who you can call to make you harder to convict.

Recently I learned of another righteous case of self-defense that turned into a murder trial.

The confrontation and perforation happened in 2020, but the case didn't go to a bench trial until mid-May 2023. In the end, a judge acquitted a good guy CCW holder named

Cody Neuschwanger of all charges.

Hallelujah.



Cody Neuschwanger hugs his attorney Michael Johnson following his acquittal.

Here's the background, along with a lot of take-aways for us to learn from.

Cody Neuschwanger, 26, of Polo, IL had a 17-year-old co-worker friend named Shawn Warczak. Warczak's mom was living in Rochelle in an abusive relationship with Devin Bailey. Mom's beau had exercised his pimp hand with her on a number of occasions, yet she was still living with him. That's just the tip of the drama iceberg.

On this day, the mom had been freshly abused and wanted to get out of the house because she feared another beating. She couldn't drive because she had been drinking and she had an alcohol ignition interlock on her car. And Warczak couldn't drive because he didn't have any car insurance at the time.

So Cody picks up Warczak and Warczak's friend and the set off for Rochelle to pick up the mom. While en route they get more texts. Mom thinks Bailey might kill her. So Cody drives a little faster.

At last they arrive and find mom standing on the curb holding a laundry basket of her most important possessions. Which, frankly, is pretty sad if you think about it. But they get her picked up with Warczak driving his mom's car as he was sober and she had insurance.

But they're not happy to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. In a moment of really poor decision-making, the son takes the mom back to the home "to tell Bailey to leave his mom alone."

Smack your head dumb, right? In fairness, you were warned about the drama iceberg.

Indeed, Mr. Warczak apparently had zero good sense. Why he thought it was a good idea to return to confront the abuser is unknown. It surely seems above and beyond the call of brains. Cody probably tagged along to make sure nothing really bad happened to Mr. Warczak. Turns out he might have saved Warczak's life.

Upon return to the mom's Rochelle residence things didn't go well. Gee, who could have seen that coming?

One thing led to another and threats were made. Things escalated and Cody put Devin Bailey at gunpoint in an effort to dissuade him from following through on his threats. The raging Devin Bailey, the guy with the long history of domestic abuse, then thought it a good idea to advance on a drawn gun while carrying a 12" rasp. A rasp is wood-working tool that looks kind of like a file. However, in less than ideal lighting, does a pretty fair impersonation of a stabby tool or knife.

So Cody shot him. The round went low, hitting Mr. Bailey in the guts. Not an ideal shot, but it did its work and not only stopped the aggression by Mr. Bailey, but it also ended his lengthy pattern of abuse. Permanently.

Police and prosecutors had a difference of opinion about the righteousness of the shooting. In the end, the then prosecutor decided to file murder charges and Cody spent some time in jail before getting bailed out.

The case moved at the speed of smell. It lasted long enough that Neuschwanger married his sweetheart ahead of the trial. Even after an election, the new state's attorney moved forward with the case.

After a bench trial in early May, the judge acquitted Mr. Neuschwanger.

He was represented by US Law Shield's Michael Johnson, a veteran criminal defense attorney with a lot of courtroom experience. Cody also had the support of friends and family who showed up for every court hearing and the trial, whereas nobody showed up from Bailey's world.

Michael Johnson might not look like a basketball player, but he's pretty close to another Johnson named Magic when it comes to the practice of law.

And thanks to US Law Shield, Cody had first-rate representation without paying tens of thousands of dollars he simply didn't have to pay for a good criminal defense. The fact he wore a flannel shirt to trial should speak volumes that he didn't have \$50,000 to pay a lawyer's retainer ahead of trial.

We at GSL strongly recommend prudent gun owners retain a legal defense policy to pay for attorneys in the aftermath of self-defense. US Law Shield is one of the three legal defense organizations GSL recommends. Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network and USCCA are the other two.

Neither GSL nor myself are getting kickbacks, commissions or bonuses for recommending these companies. Instead, we've negotiated discounts for our members. GSL members will get the initiation fee waived from US Law Shield. Armed Citizens will knock off \$25 the first year's dues if you mention GSL. When you sign up through group sales, USCCA will knock off 15% on your dues for GSL members.

It really doesn't matter who you get the coverage from, but the important thing is that you get it somewhere.



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### LA: Grass-eating intruder forces door, gets shot dead

Ascension Parish, LA (GSL) - Quitters never win. That's the old saw that a grass-eating, would-be home invader must have lived by in Ascension Parish, LA. Kameron Serigny, 20, soaked up multiple rounds before he finally ceased his violent attempt to force entry to a home on a Sunday morning in June.

Video surveillance showed Serigny eating the grass (after trying to break into one of the homeowner's cars). He then started beating on his chest before he tried to punch his way through the glass of the rear door of the residence. After Mr. Serigny punched one hole in the glass door, the resident used his pistol to punch a hole in Serigny.

Serigny fell down, then stood back up and continued his assault on the door and breaking it open when the homeowner fired more shots, killing the would-be intruder.



### Minnesota: 40 miles of road rage ends in dead aggressor

Maple Grove, MN (GSL) - Police in Minnesota ruled the use of deadly force against a road-raging idiot was justified self-defense. For 40 miles, William Haire, 61, reportedly drove like a lunatic, threatening a 30-year-old driver and hurling racial slurs against him. What an enraged Floyd didn't know was that the other driver had a carry license and his gun.

Haire's anger finally caught up with him in Maple Grove, Minnesota northwest of Minneapolis. That's where the younger driver fired a single shot to force Haire to cease his aggressive behavior. His shot found its mark and the raging driver broke off his attack only to die a short time later.

After an exhaustive police investigation, Hennepin County prosecutors ruled it a case of justified self-defense and declined to file charges.

As for Mr. Haire, he had a long criminal history including statutory rape, disorderly conduct, terroristic threats and battery,



### Rent-A-Center employee shoots woman pistol-whipping co-worker

Alton, IL (KMOV) - A woman was shot after she reportedly went into an Alton store and hit an employee in the head with a gun

The woman entered the Rent-A-Center on Homer Adams Parkway around 10 a.m. Tuesday to confront a relative who worked there, Police Chief Jarrett Ford said. There was reportedly an active order of protection prohibiting contact with her relative and from being at the store.

An argument between the two escalated into a physical fight. During the fight, the woman hit the employee in the head with a gun, Alton Fire Battalion Chief Derrick Richardson told News 4. Another employee then shot the woman three times.

### DA commends woman for protecting her family by shooting domestic abuser

McMinnville, TN (WSMV) - A woman was commended for her bravery after shooting and killing a man that posed an imminent threat to her and her kids in McMinnville on Monday, according to District Attorney General Chris Stanford.

Stanford said just before noon the Warren County Sheriff's Department and McMinnville City Police Department responded to a shooting on Grandview Avenue in McMinnville.

Law enforcement determined that Maurice Malone, 38, had been shot in the chest and died due to the gunshot wound. Through further investigation, law enforcement said that the woman who shot him had an honest and reasonable belief that the then occurring and previous actions, threats and behaviors of Malone posed an imminent threat to Desiree Mears and her minor children.

### Intruder shot in Columbus, OH

Columbus, OH (10TV) — A suspect was shot when he allegedly attempted to break into a home in the Milo-Grogan neighborhood late Saturday night, police said.

Officers with the Columbus Division of Police responded to the 800 block of East 4th Avenue around 11:30 p.m. after receiving calls of a burglary and a shooting.

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### Hunter kills Grizzly bear in self-defense in Ennis, MT

Ennis, MT (Montana Fish & Wildlife) — A hunter killed a grizzly bear in self-defense last week in the Madison Range southeast of Ennis.

The person was hunting black bears in a remote parcel of private land in the back-country on June 5 when he was charged by a grizzly bear. The hunter shot and killed the bear with a pistol and was not injured.



There are an estimated 2,000 1999 grizzly bears in the Lower 48.

The hunter notified Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks the same day. Officials from FWP, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest conducted a field investigation with help from the landowner and confirmed the bear mortality. The investigation is ongoing.

The bear's behavior appeared to be defensive in the surprise, close encounter with the hunter. The 15-year-old female grizzly had previously been captured for research purposes in 2013 and had no known history of conflict with people. No cubs were seen with the bear. The bear died outside the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem grizzly bear recovery zone, and inside the demographic monitoring area.

#### Be bear aware

Montana is bear country. Grizzly bear populations continue to become denser and more widespread in Montana, increasing the likelihood that residents and recreationists will encounter them in more places each year.



### Dixon renames street in front of Dixon High School to recognize heroic school resource officer

In late May, the City of Dixon, Illinois renamed the street in front of Dixon High School the "Mark Dallas Way." The name change is to honor a heroic school resource officer who stopped a would-be mass murderer from shooting up a high school graduation practice five years ago.

Mark Dallas was on duty that fateful day and he credits not only his training but the forethought of the local school district in working proactively to counter potential threats. However nobody ever dreamed a former student and 19-year-old social misfit (go figure) would bring a gun into their town's high school and try

to mow down 160+ matriculating seniors attending a graduation rehearsal.

Officer Dallas' presence saved countless lives, and the City of Dixon rightfully has recognized his heroism with the honorary street name.

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## Freedom's Forum

### Thugs, gangs, and other criminals welcome Chicago's new mayor with a 38% spike in crime his first month

by Rick Moran

(PJ Media) - How glad is Chicago's criminal element to see new Mayor Brandon Johnson? The gangs, the thugs, and other criminals have been busy since Mayor Brandon Johnson took office on May 15. Crime has shot up an astonishing 38% — a sign that whatever Johnson is going to do about crime and public safety, he'd better get busy...

It should be obvious that my tongue is planted firmly in my cheek in pretending to blame Johnson for the increase in crime. Chicago's crime has risen 56% over the last four years, according to the Examiner's Jack Elbaum, and Johnson hasn't been in office long enough to do anything. But that number alone should be a call to rally the police, the citizens, and activists to unite in an effort to retake control of their city from a criminal element that doesn't care if they live or die in their turf wars and endless vendettas.

Once before, Chicagoans came together to fight gangsters. Prohibition-era gangs had the city in their pocket. Police, aldermen, and even the mayor — Big Bill Thompson — did the bidding of the gangsters. The myth that Eliot Ness came to town and cleaned up the city is hardly accurate, but the methods used to fight and defeat the gangsters aren't a myth. The city's elites came together and, along with some courageous prosecutors, eventually got the worst of the gangsters off the streets and sent them to prison.

But before any progress can be made, Johnson has to recognize there's a problem in the first place.

"We are putting hundreds of millions of dollars now into violence prevention and intervention and disruption," Johnson said. "We are already seeing the divi-

dends of that."

Huh?

"We need to be making sure that we are solving violent crimes," Johnson said. "That will work as a deterrent, so that is important."

The force of 1,300 detectives in the city probably had to ask Johnson to repeat himself. Johnson, who supported the "defund the police" movement, wanted to disband many of the specialized units that worked to solve violent crime. He changed his tune while running for office and said he never supported defunding the police.

Johnson is a man in serious denial bordering on delusion. He says there needs to be a better "characterization" of Chicago's young people.

"There has been a lot of mischaracterization of our young people in the city of Chicago," Johnson said. "Do we have individuals who have lived out their pain in the most violent ways? Of course, but the vast majority of our young people need and want opportunity."

"Lived out their pain"? What a load of crap. Youth violence is a learned behavior and a product of bad role models for young black teens and men.

Chicago has seen nine teens under the age of 19 die from violence in the past month compared to four during the same timeframe last year. Johnson needs to be educated about the realities facing young black men on the streets, and I can guarantee it has nothing whatsoever to do with "individuals who have lived out their pain in the most violent ways."

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### The first rule of gun safety has nothing to do with muzzle control...

The first rule to gun safety is to never let the government take your guns.

Ken Rishel  
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### Just desserts for Lululemon

Rampant shoplifting is driving many retailers out of blue cities in what is now an Orwellian-type post-George Floyd America. While my initial reaction is sympathy for the victims of this publicly-sanctioned looting; nonetheless some deserve their fate:

And none are more deserving than America's prime purveyor of over-priced fat-lady pants, Lululemon.



Last month, a shoplifting crew entered an Atlanta Lululemon store and stole merchandise. After putting the loot in their car, the trio returned to the store for more bounty. The thieves were recognized by the employees since this was their 14th such raid. This time, two employees who had enough told the thieves to put the stuff back. As you might expect, their reply was a terse one: "Chill, bitch, shut yo ass up."

After the thieves left the store for the second time, the Assistant Manager called 911. The employees captured the entire incident on video. As a reward for their loyal service, both employees were summarily fired.

But why? It seems corporate policy requires the staff to assist thieves in hauling away their loot and not to hinder their escape. And of course, by all means, be courteous to those who are robbing you, bitch!



Lululemon has made the decision that selling its Fat-Lady Pants to bored suburban white women and other wokesters requires it to create a corporate facade that distances itself from politically distasteful actions such as protecting its own assets or calling the police, who we all know, are agents of violence and white supremacy.

Such stupidity has generated enormous goodwill for the fired employees, and nothing but disgust for woke stooges at Lululemon.

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Investigators and crime scene techs pour over the Willowbrook, IL, shootout scene. AP Photo

## Mass shootings are a social contagion

by Jazz Shaw

*(Hotair)* - An editorial popped up this weekend from the editorial board at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch analyzing what they describe as “a generational shift on guns.” They start out by somberly reporting polling data that foretells what they describe as “trouble ahead” for Republican politicians who continue to block any “rational restrictions on guns.” According to them, a new generation of young conservatives has arisen that is far more open to certain gun restrictions than the previous generation. And what would cause such a generational shift? The fact that they are exposed to a regular barrage of news reports about mass shootings. The presumption is that these young conservatives are reaching the point of essentially saying ‘enough is enough.’ So the days of greater gun restrictions must surely be on the horizon.

The reality is that we absolutely are seeing

more mass shootings (depending on how you define that term) these days than in previous generations. Of course, given the media’s standard definition of an incident where there are four or more victims who are shot, the real number is far higher than the set of examples listed in the article. But as we all know, the vast majority of those mass shootings are the ones you never hear about in the national press because they involve minority youths shooting each other in incidents of gang violence. Those shootings don’t push the narrative forward and they don’t move legislation through Congress.

I found it very interesting how the editorial pegged the start of the “modern era” of mass shootings at 1999 with the Columbine High School attack. That’s arguably as good of a starting point as any. It shocked the entire country and drew national headlines. By the time we reached the Sandy Hook shooting

in 2012, such tragic events were far more common.

But what the editorial board fails to address is any suggestion as to why the number of incidents is increasing. Is it because our gun laws have actually grown looser over the past 24 years? Obviously not. They have largely remained the same, particularly at the federal level, though many states have introduced more legal carry options. So are people simply more violent for some reason? That idea would likely be a hard sell as well.

With all that said, I will offer a different theory in case that’s of any help. I would argue that the Columbine shooting caught the attention of the nation (and indeed the world) and horrified a great number of people. But it didn’t horrify everyone. The boys involved in that incident had done something that should have been unthinkable and truly was unthinkable for almost anyone. Walking into a school with firearms and mowing down children was essentially the definition of “unthinkable.”



But then someone did it. And suddenly it was “thinkable.” Sadly, there is a certain (thankfully small) subset of people in society who are unstable and capable of things most of us would consider insane. After Columbine and all of the coverage it received, some of those people began thinking that if those boys could pull that off, ‘maybe I can too.’ And the more of them that did it, the more the word got around.

The problem multiplied because this is what psychologists refer to as a social contagion. In that sense, the phenomenon is very similar to the rapid onset of gender dysphoria or transgenderism being reported over the past few years. No, I’m not saying there are similarities between transgender individuals and mass shooters. But for a very long time, gender dysphoria was an extremely rare disorder, classified as a mental illness in the medical community. If you asked some young person back in the early nineties about it, they would look at you as if you had two heads. ‘Turn myself from a girl into a boy? That’s crazy.’

Yes, it was. Until suddenly they started seeing more and more of their peers declaring their “transitions” and they observed the fawning media coverage and support the transitioners received. And then, suddenly... it wasn’t crazy anymore. In fact, at least for some, it began looking downright attractive.

These things can spread, hence the name given to social contagions. There have always been crazy people out there who could easily slide toward violence. But they generally didn’t do things as dramatic and shocking as shooting up a school. More often they would snap and injure family members or even strangers. Few rose to the level of notoriety of Jeffrey Dahmer or the Unabomber. But they were out there nonetheless. And now the mass shooting genie is fully out of the bottle. We need to harden the most likely targets rather than trying to pass stricter laws against the law-abiding who are not on a path to do such things. There are tens if not hundreds of millions of guns in the United States. Many of them show up in black market sales. If some madman wants a gun badly enough they’re probably going to find one. What we need are better ways to stop them in advance if possible, or as soon as they show up if not. And stop them permanently.

## Blue city residents - like in Chicago - are finding out immigration virtue signaling has real-life consequences

by Will Davis

*(Daily Caller)* - There is something happening in Chicago, as residents of the Windy City appear to be waking up to the costs of illegal immigration.

The Chicago City Council voted overwhelmingly to allocate \$51 million in funding to house illegal aliens earlier this month, but not before getting a tongue lashing from many of their constituents. The City Council meeting was swarmed by Chicagoans angry that the city is dedicating so many of its resources towards illegal aliens while many residents go without quality food or housing. The residents, many of whom are African American, felt betrayed that the council and recently-elected Mayor Brandon Johnson are prioritizing illegal aliens over the city’s black community.

“We need to allocate some of this money for our black children, for the black community, we have not gotten

anything for our community, and we are sick and tired of being sick and tired, enough is enough,” one resident said.

Many of these people likely voted and campaigned for Johnson, who won the mayoral race earlier this year running on a platform that included promises of more welfare for illegal aliens, while also giving them access to the voting franchise.

Chicago’s voting base is starting to realize that their political and economic power is becoming diluted by the large influx of illegal aliens currently flooding the city, and they’re not happy about it. Chicago has long promoted itself as a sanctuary city, which welcomes all migrants, legal, and illegal. The Windy City is the third most dangerous sanctuary city in the country, according to an analysis from the Immigration Reform Law Institute.



For many years, the problems of illegal immigration have been treated as an abstract concept in the city, and its sanctuary status as a consequence-free way for city leaders to virtue signal about their supposed humanity. But now the consequences of that virtue signaling are

becoming real, and many Chicago residents are in a state of panic.

Illegal immigration causes massive cultural, political, and economic upheaval, and Chicago is now dealing with many of the same

problems that border towns have dealt with for decades. The upheaval was triggered by Governors Greg Abbott of Texas and Ron DeSantis of Florida, who have forced the city to finally put its money where its mouth is.

For the past two years, these governors have been busying illegal aliens who have exploited the Biden Administration’s open border to major sanctuary cities, including Chicago. New York is now being forced to house illegal aliens in school gyms, and is even considering doing the same in private residences.

Over five million illegal aliens have crossed the southern border since Joe Biden took office, and sanctuary cities are learning the hard way that the country simply cannot accommodate all of these new people. Illegal immigration is no longer something that just impacts rural border communities, but is now causing strain in major cities that have

spent years encouraging it, with little consequences for themselves. Cities such as Chicago and New York can change their sanctuary status anytime they want, but doing so would require them to admit that border security advocates have been right all along: mass immigration does strain resources, deflate wages, and reduce the political and economic power of American citizens.

Ultimately, thanks to the democratic process, angry Chicago residents will have the final say in this matter. They can elect new leaders who won’t consistently prioritize illegal aliens over the wellbeing of their citizens, or they can continue to apply pressure on their current leaders to change course. Chicago residents who no longer wish to deal with the consequences of illegal immigration hold the power over their city’s future in their hands. It’s up to them to decide what to do with it.

## Meeting summaries

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**Dan Caulkins** gave us a rundown of his case now that it has gone to the **Illinois Supreme Court** for deliberations. It's the first time he's spoken publicly about it. He talked about the genesis of his case, and how he and his attorney Jerry Stocks took the DeVore template and tweaked it. Dan also talked about where they may go if they lose at the IL Supreme Court.

Before he stepped away, he introduced **GSL's newest member Regan Deering** who has since announced her candidacy for the State Representative seat currently held by Dan Caulkins. Caulkins has term-limited himself out after this term, his third. Regan currently serves on the Mt. Zion school board.

For **Tech Time**, the winner of the **CVA .350 Legend last month** (we're getting away from naming gun winners because of Illinois' deteriorating gun law situation at the moment) spoke, sharing a report on how the gun handled. With the addition of some decent glass on top, he said the gun patterns very tightly and is a delight to shoot with its mild recoil.

We held our drawings and a gentleman who purchased a ticket at the Pontiac meeting won the PSA Dagger pistol. **Congrats to Mr. F.** He was over the moon when we called him with the good news.

Next month, **Gary Larson** will join us as our main speaker and tech time is "something from the Revolutionary War period." We may also have a .50 BMG present.

### LaSalle County.

**Glenn Pratt**, our **LaSalle County Regional Director**, called things to order at **Jamie's Outpost in Utica**.

**John Boch** joined us to deliver his **Executive Director's Report** and take questions.

Our main speaker of the evening talked about voting integrity and what we, as the little people, can do to fight back against a tsunami of fraud. Nationally known attorney **David Shestokas** said he grew up in his family's beer distributorship and went on to become an attorney and Cook County prosecutor. Later he moved into private practice and today, among other things, he's working on voter integrity issues. Why? Because, in part, his grandmother's siblings were all killed by the communists in Lithuania.

For instance, today he has a case in the courts to strike down Amendment One from the 2022 election because the text of the Amendment wasn't on the ballot.

He also gave an example of some voting irregularities in Will County that suggest a cheating algorithm in the voting machines determined the outcome of that election, not the voters.

What can we do? Well, in Illinois our options are limited as there are lots of opportunities for fraud with weeks of "early voting" and accepting ballots by mail two weeks after polls close, but perhaps the biggest thing is to actually vote on election day. A bigger election day turnout makes cheating a bit tougher on the back end. That and conservatives will have to embrace ballot harvesting, where legal, in order to be competitive.

We held our drawings and **Don J.** won the

**Rossi lever-action .22.** Congrats to him.

### Charleston.

Our **Charleston Co-Director Keith Phipin** opened the meeting with our customary welcome, Pledge and recognizing vets and first responders.

Mr. Boch emailed his **Executive Director's Report** with the highlights of what's happening in the legislature, courts and what it all means for gun owners.

For our main presentation, **Paul Toth** discussed more about radio communications and answered questions from the audience. It can quickly become complex, but the bottom line is having a means to talk to those around you is a big plus in an emergency.

Both **Paul and Justin Bawcum** also discussed various ballistic vests and plate carriers and why they have them set up the way they do.

[Editor's note: All that stuff is cool, but for most folks though, gun fights will be more of a come-as-you-are affair for 99% of people. That little 9mm or .380 on your hip will beat all the vests, plate carriers and mag pouches in the world left in your gun closet when some mope threatens you with a Buck knife in a gas station parking lot.]

Everyone was invited to our next meeting on July, 13th when we will offer a **Savage Axis bolt action rifle** chambered in **.350 Legend**, with factory mounted 3-9x40 scope. This is a great, Illinois-compliant deer rifle under the recently passed "rifles for deer hunting" law.

### Danville

Our newest chapter's **Regional Director Jack Land** called the meeting of our Danville chapter to order at **Ela's Restaurant in Danville**. We had a full house with nearly 80 present and started the meeting with a prayer in addition to our usual routine of Pledge and recognizing veterans.

Mr. Land introduced himself and recognized the owners of the facility. He thanked them for hosting us by opening on that Second Monday evening just for us with a limited menu of good food. We encourage everyone to come hungry for a good meal to support our restaurant hosts - and don't forget to tip!

As everyone was a first-timer, we didn't ask folks to stand and be recognized but one man all the way from Alabama attended.

**John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Report** with the latest in news and analysis. He also took question.

**Carlin Anderson** from **US Law Shield** spoke about the importance of protecting yourself from potentially crippling legal defense costs in the aftermath of a use-of-force incident. He discussed the case of a Polo, IL man recently acquitted in a bench trial following a righteous shooting. Turns out he was a US Law Shield client and got a first-class legal defense that gained an acquittal for him even though it wasn't a "perfect" case. See page 14 for more.

Next up, **Terry Doyle** from the **Illinois Department of Natural Resources Wingshooting program** spoke, promoting a **GSL-sponsored Introductory Wingshooting event** coming up nearby at the end of June.

Thanks in part to her visit at this and the

Rantoul GSL meetings, along with our promotion on the website and in *GunNews*, this marks yet another year it filled early. It's a great program we heartily recommend (from experience!)

**Jeff Nelson** spoke next. He lives in East Central IL and is a very serious competition shooter who's one of the best defensive handgun shooters in the nation. He showed some of his competition guns and told us about how he did with them at the various IDPA championships. He's done well enough that he's going to shoot in the 2023 World Championship.

The main purpose of his presentation was to not only show some cool guns, but to offer three tips for people to improve their shooting. Better shooting improves your survivability in a deadly force incident! "But you have to do the work!"



Jeff Nelson shows perfect form at the Danville meeting.

First, he suggested dry-fire exercises to help practice your sight alignment of your front and rear sights (equal height, equal light). Also, while working on your smooth trigger squeeze, he urged folks to put a penny or a dime on the top of the front sight blade (or the top of the barrel) to train yourself not to flinch or buck the gun while squeezing the trigger

slowly and smoothly building pressure and occasionally stopping to realign those sights - equal light, equal height! (A huge part of marksmanship is trigger control!)

Second, as part of the dry-fire practice and live-fire on the range, focus on your target as you press the trigger.

Lastly, he suggested getting a shot timer. You can buy what the pros use, a PACT timer, or you can download a free app for your smart phone. Either way, use that shot timer to help introduce some stress into your draw stroke. Go slowly and deliberately at first, watching for any wasted movement (consider recording yourself to see your technique). Eliminate wasted movement and speed will come naturally.

We drew for door prizes donated by local businesses and individuals. Thanks to them. **Joe Shaperas** (sp?) won the 50/50 (close to \$200) and donated it back to GSL. Thank you sir. You're earning a higher place in Heaven. Lastly, **Glenn T.** won the **Savage .350 Legend rifle** provided by **Hank Judd**, owner of **BFF Firearms** in Danville.

### Rantoul.

**GSL's Champaign County Regional Director Dick Brandt** called the meeting to order and after a word of prayer, we launched into **Mr. Boch's Executive Director's Report**.

Our main speaker, **Jon Schrock** from the **John Birch Society**, next addressed the audience. He talked about the abuses of government that led to the Revolutionary War and how our Constitution was created to try to prevent the worst of government abuses from

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returning.

Today the John Birch Society helps people hold politicians accountable, especially when it comes to pushing back against government over-reach. Through information and action items, the group helps focus like-minded people into working more effectively and giving them a voice in taming government expansion into our lives.



Jon Schrock speaks at the Rantoul GSL meeting.

"It takes good people to stand up and say, 'The emperor has no clothes.'" Schrock noted. And we need plenty of that in Illinois.

Terry Doyle, our resident IDNR Wingshooting instructor of 20+ years, gave us an update on the upcoming GSL-sponsored Introductory Wingshooting Clinic that teaches the fundamentals of hitting targets with scatterguns. It's a fabulous program for those who want to learn how to hit what they shoot at with their shotgun. It has since filled early once more again this year.



We held our drawings and Mr. W on the 50/50 and Dennis U. won about 40 pounds of ammo ranging from .30-06 to .22s. Congrats to them both.

Next month, bring one of your favorites to share for tech time.

### Northwest Chicagoland

Marcus Melnick, our NW Chicagoland Regional Director called the meeting to order at the Prairie House Tavern in Buffalo Grove. Just as a reminder: this location starts at 6pm and parking is free across the street at the Metra parking lot after 5pm.

Marcus announced informal elections for the steering committee team coming in August. Anyone interested in helping should contact him. It's not all that time intensive and it's obviously a chance to help make a big difference getting results for our cause.

John Boch delivered his Executive Director's Report live and in person. He also took questions.



Thomas Kral.

Main Speaker Thomas Kral spoke about "The Gray Man" and we had an interesting back and forth. See page 12.

Tony won the Maverick 88 12 gauge shotgun. Congrats to him.



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## Knock Knock

### WHY? IRS confiscates thousands of 4473 forms from Great Falls, MT gun dealer

(TTAG) - Tom Van Hoose has owned Highwood Creed Outfitters in Great Falls, Montana for 13 years. As he pulled into work Wednesday morning, twenty heavily armed Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division agents swarmed his store. He tells TTAG that the IRS agents, in full battle rattle, had been mustered from as far away as Denver and Idaho to serve a warrant for his financial records.

He told us the IRS claims that he has under-reported and failed to report millions of dollars of income. Mr. Van Hoose denied that categorically and told us that anyone who knows anything about the gun business knows there's not a lot of extra revenue in running a retail gun store and range.

Highwood Creek Outfitters was closed down Wednesday while the agents rifled through his records. The IRS CID troops took ten hours to copy the information on his computers and download his point of sale software information. But what Van Hoose says really concerns him is the fact that in addition to his accounting and sales records, the agents confiscated 13 years of 4473 forms and copied his firearm acquisition and disposition book...

The question then is, why would the IRS want customer transaction information? Van Hoose tells us the 4473 forms were not included on the list of financial records specifically listed on the warrant the IRS agents served him during the raid. Yet they took them anyway.

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## Youth trap shooting explodes — with help from the NRA

Alexandria, MN (Star-Tribune) — On opening day of the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League championship, the Alexandria Shooting Park sounds like a very loud batch of popcorn. Squads of five teammates, lined up in a row, fire shotguns at blaze-orange discs streaking across the sky. “Pop!” “Pop!” “Pop! Pop! Pop!” The nine-day event, which has more than 8,000 competitors, is billed as the largest trap-shooting tournament in the country.

Clay-target shooting, a longtime Olympic sport, includes four disciplines, of which trap is most popular. Though it’s an individual sport, shooting in teams has a social aspect. “It’s like golf only louder,” says John Nelson, who oversees the tournament as president of the Eagan-based USA Clay Target League and its Minnesota chapter.

USA Clay Target League is the largest youth clay-target shooting organization in the country, with more than 46,000 members in grades 6-12. Roughly 12,000 of those participants are in Minnesota, which

has teams in about 350 of its 500 or so high schools. (Football, the state’s largest high-school sport, has around 20,000 participants; boys and girls hockey has 8,000)

In just two decades, clay target has become one of the country’s fastest-growing high-school sports. And Minnesota is, arguably, the epicenter of youth trap’s nationwide boom.

Students say they develop skills and friendships through the sport. But they aren’t the only ones benefitting from the league’s explosive growth. Retailers sell more firearms and ammunition (league participants go through 350,000 cases annually) — and conservation groups get a cut of the tax on those purchases.

More controversially, the National Rifle Association stands to bolster its ranks with youth trap shooters by donating millions to the sport, unnerving advocates of gun-violence prevention.

### Targeting youth

Though Minnesota has a strong hunting and recreational-shooting culture, the proliferation of youth trap was the vision of a local adman, Jim Sable. After he retired, about 20 years ago, Sable was at the Plymouth Gun Club when a shipment of targets arrived by semitrailer. The driver asked if Sable could round up a few young guys to help unload. Then in his 60s, Sable was one of the young guys.

Hoping to recruit younger members, Sable volunteered as a mentor and was matched with a 14-year-old girl who had expressed interest in clay-target shooting. She helped form Orono’s first trapshooting team. Then Sable convinced Wayzata to field a team so the two groups could compete.

Sable enlisted Nelson, a former ad agency colleague, to assist him in expanding the sport. By 2008, they’d formed the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League, to help schools start teams and manage competitions.

The league gave schools the playbook for bringing together students, coaches, a gun club, safety certification, and insurance. It also facilitated “virtual” competitions (teams shoot independently at gun clubs and compare scores). “Our approach was: We want this to look and smell and taste like a high-school sport,” Nelson said. “We want kids to letter. We want kids to be recognized in the yearbook.”

Minnesota became the first state to have its high school league endorse clay-target shooting, which lent the sport credibility among wary school administrators. “If you go in and say, ‘I have a program that’s gonna involve kids and guns and schools,’

you get a lot of doors closed on you,” Nelson recalled.

### Pitching the sport

To build the sport, Sable and Nelson pitched clay-target shooting’s inclusivity. Teams only need five students and are not gender segregated; the sport accommodates a wide range of body types and physical abilities; there are no cuts or benchwarmers; and participants cut across cliques.

“You don’t have to be the fastest, the strongest, the tallest,” Nelson explained. “You could have an offensive lineman from the football team next to a girl on the dance team next to somebody on the debate team next to somebody in a wheelchair.”

Recreational shooting reaches kids who don’t participate in other teams. For nearly 40% of league members, clay target is their only school-sponsored sport.

Trap doesn’t require school facilities, and team members’ average participation fees are between \$200-\$300 a season (mostly for ammo). And — crucially — the league has an impeccable safety record. So far, it has reported no injuries, unheard of in youth sports, which cause a handful of deaths in the U.S. each year, primarily due to football injuries.

By 2012, Sable and Nelson created the USA Clay Target League, an umbrella organization for bringing high school leagues to other states. It has since added college and homeschool divisions...

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# Naïve Tennessee students lobby against guns in schools ahead of special session

(TTAG/GSL) - Following the Covenant School shooting in Nashville this spring, Volunteer State Gov. Bill Lee couldn't even manage to get his "red flag" introduced in the legislature, let alone get it passed. The law would allow the confiscation of guns without due process. After the session ended, Gov. Lee then called for a special session to consider the red flag laws at the end of summer.

Why the delay in such an "important" issue? Lee wants to give the mainstream media and the gun control lobby the entire summer to harass and pummel legislators into supporting the measure.

Right on cue, here come some naïve Tennessee public school students to offer their learned views about guns and gun rights. WKRN has the ~~agitated~~ story . . .

*Months after the Covenant School shooting, the debate over arming staff inside schools continues.*

*"I constantly have to ask the question, 'Is this a day that a maniac with a gun comes into our schools? Is this a day? Is this our last day?' We're asking that within institutions that are supposed to protect us, sort of supposed to build us up," said Seamus Purdy with the Tennessee Student Union.*

Seamus clearly has the heart of a lion. Who taught him to "constantly" worry about a maniac coming into his school to kill people? Like racism, that kind of paranoia doesn't

come naturally, but is learned.



Seamus Purdy, right.

*Following the shooting, calls for change were heard loud and clear both inside and outside the State Capitol....*

*"More guns is not the solution when guns themselves have been the common denominator in all of these issues," Purdy argued.*

Purdy has much to learn. Not only are good guys with guns a viable solution, but they are *the most effective solution* to protecting our most valuable and precious assets – our children – from maniacs, terrorists and violent criminals...

Along those lines, how many schools with armed staff have had students shot or killed during school hours? Anyone?

Zero.

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2nd Thursday (6:30-8:30p)  
**Bloomington-Normal**  
CI Shooting Sports, Normal, IL

1st Wednesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Champaign County**  
High Caliber Training Center, Urbana, IL

2nd Monday (6:30p-8:30p)  
**Chicago Western Suburbs**  
Range at 355, Bolingbrook, IL

One Monday each month,  
email twawcookohare@gmail.com for date  
**Cook County O'Hare**  
Maxon's Shooters Supply & Indoor Range, Des Plaines, IL

3rd Monday (6:30-8:30p)  
**Kane County**  
GAT Guns, East Dundee, IL

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Lake County**  
5 Star Firearms in Zion, IL

Last Saturday of month  
**Kankakee County**  
ISRA Range in Bonfield, IL  
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First Thursday (6-8pm)  
**Macon County**  
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Last Sunday (3:00-5:00p)  
**Metro East St. Louis**  
Town and Country Gun Club, Maryville, IL

First Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Metro Peoria / River City**  
TacShack, Peoria, IL

3rd Monday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Sangamon - Menard**  
MTM Arms, Athens, IL

3rd Thursday (6-8pm)  
**Effingham County**  
Accuracy Firearms

3rd Thursday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Pocahontas**  
Rampart Range, Pocahontas, IL

2nd Sunday (2:00-4:00p)  
**Little Egypt**  
Tombstone Gun Range & Training Center, Marion, IL

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**McHenry County**  
On Target Range, Crystal Lake, IL

3rd Thursday (6-8p)  
**McHenry County NORTH**  
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2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Winnebago County**  
KAP Guns, Lovespark, IL

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4th Friday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Quad Cities**  
Milan Rifle Club in Milan



An extra special sort of stupid...

**Woman took baby raccoon to Petco for nail trim**

Auburn, ME (NY Post) - Maine authorities euthanized a baby raccoon after a woman brought the potentially rabies-infested pet into a Petco for a nail trim and let several strangers kiss it.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife said Friday that the animal tested negative for rabies, a process that requires the animal to be put down.



**Armed ride-share company proves popular in Atlanta**

Atlanta (FoxNews) - One former private investigator is taking ride-sharing to a new level - by launching his own application that offers armed drivers that provide peace of mind for customers.

Atlanta-based "Black Wolf" allows riders to request armed drivers, and in the first week since it was launched, there were already around 80,000 downloads according to Atlanta News First.

"I kind of created this app to be very exclusive," app owner, Kerry KingBrown, said during "Fox & Friends First" Wednesday.



Long lines for CCW licenses in PA

**PA sheriff holds CCW event**

Allegheny County Sheriff's Office (Plum Boro, PA) - License to carry concealed permit satellite event happening in Plum Boro today. It goes til 3 at the police station. If you need a new permit or a renewal come on out with your paperwork, a valid ID and 20 dollars cash and we'll take care of you !



**Now they're REALLY serious: Biden taps VP Harris to lead 'Gun Control' messaging**

**Anti-gun activists sentenced to federal prison for threats to shoot Lauren Boebert**

(SAF via TTAG) - A 39-year-old South Florida man who is an ardent anti-gunner was sentenced last week to 15 months in federal prison and one year of probation for threatening U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colorado, in a series of social media posts that targeted the Congresswoman for her strong Second Amendment support.

In 2021, Matthew Lee Comiskey sent five threatening tweets to Boebert that mentioned firearms and encouraged readers to do her harm. Comiskey originally faced five counts of making an interstate threat but pleaded guilty last year to one count.



Lauren Boebert.



**Anti-gun 'walk' called off after violence**

North Charleston, SC (GSL) - Here we go again. You can't make this stuff up. An anti-gun community "walk" on June 10th to show residents that community members "stand together and united" against the mythical "gun violence" in North Charleston, SC fail in epic fashion. In fact, it didn't even get off the ground before participants began fighting with one another before the "walk" began. So much for unity against that make-believe creature called "gun violence."

This all happened at the site of a fatal shooting just a few days earlier.

Those who turn their swords into plowshares will plow for those who don't.

**SPECIAL PEOPLE: Utah church turns 'unwanted' guns into garden tools**

(Fox13Now) - Utahns dropped off the unwanted firearms at the Christ United Methodist Church, where professionals took the firearms apart.

"Even the most skilled gunsmith couldn't make this a serviceable weapon. This gun will never hurt anyone, because now it's just a chunk of metal," said one of the volunteers.

The center will ship the pieces to a Colorado organization called RAWtools that will turn the guns into spades or mattocks you can purchase online.

"It's a great alternative to selling them for people who just don't want their guns to possibly be out on the street," said Julie Peck-Dabling, a member of the Christ United Methodist Church.



"It's a way to make sure that we are forging peace in society and we see that this is a means of preventing gun violence," said Terri Gilfillian, board chair of the Gun Violence Prevention Center of Utah.

**Gov. Newsom proposes 28th Amendment to gut the 2nd**

Sacramento (Gavin Newsom's Office) - Today Governor Gavin Newsom proposed a 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution to enshrine fundamental, broadly supported gun safety measures into law...

- Raising the federal minimum age to purchase a firearm from 18 to 21;
- Mandating universal background checks to prevent truly dangerous people from purchasing a gun that could be used in a crime;
- Instituting a reasonable waiting period for all gun purchases; and
- Barring civilian purchase of assault weapons that serve no other purpose than to kill as many people as possible in a short amount of time - weapons of war our nation's founders never foresaw.



Gavin Newsom.

The 28th Amendment will permanently enshrine four broadly supported gun safety principles into the U.S. Constitution:

**Followup...**

(GSL) - In a follow-up post on the California governor's website, Newsom labels those oppose his 28th Amendment scheme as "Merchants of Death."

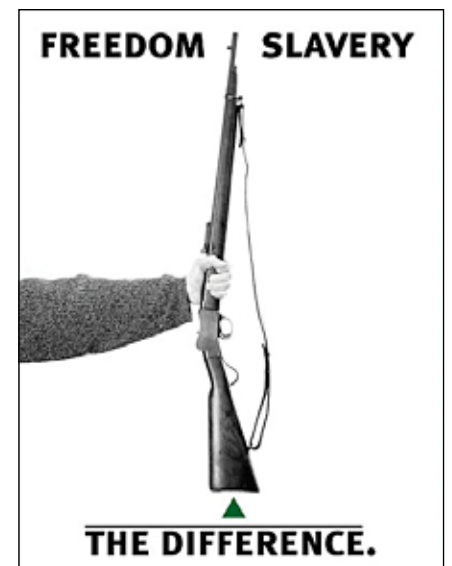


Mass non-compliance

**ATF reports only 255,000 pistol brace applications filed**

(Reload) - The ATF told The Reload on Friday it has received just over a quarter million applications to register pistol-brace-equipped firearms...

That number represents just a fraction of the braced guns believed to have been sold in the decade since the ATF first classified a version as outside the scope of the NFA. In the impact assessment for the rule, the ATF estimated that three to seven million devices exist. However, the Congressional Research Service puts the number much higher at somewhere between 10 and 40 million.



## Uber Eats driver finds religion after attempting to force entry on an armed black woman homeowner

Columbus, OH (Black Enterprise) - Shar'Daya Hardin, with the handle @DayxMarie, posted a video of what happened when she caught an Uber Eats driver trying to break into her home. She claimed she ordered some food and, after it took almost two hours to be delivered, she fell asleep. Hardin told BLACK ENTERPRISE she thought she was "bugging" when she heard banging on her door. "All my deliveries are 'no contact' so I'm used to them leaving it at the door," Hardin said. "I heard bumping against my door and him on the handle....But I realized he was pushing his body against the door."

When she woke up, she opened the door and pulled her gun in order to protect herself. The mother of three said the driver started begging her to forgive him. "He instantly started saying 'I'm sorry please don't tell on me...sorry sorry sorry.'"

She also noticed he never had any food in hand.

After trying to report the man to Uber Eats, she claimed they blocked her. "I reached out to Uber and the police and Uber Eats instantly locked my account so I couldn't get his information," Hardin said. "I asked them for it to make the police report, but she ended the call saying due to the driver stating it was violence she could no longer talk to me."

Other women in the thread shared their Uber Eats horror stories. One Twitter user said she ordered food and when the delivery person

returned, he saw her dog and son – who is six foot five inches tall – and changed his mind. Hardin, who is a make-up artist, says she was scared at the moment but knew what she had to do. "I'm a mother with children so my children and my own safety comes first."



Screen capture from video posted on Twitter by Ms. Hardin.

Leaving you with a smile...

## The American

An American soldier, serving in World War II, had just returned from several weeks of intense action on the German front lines. He had finally been granted R&R and had made it to Southampton, England, there to board a train bound for a few days in London.

The train was very crowded, so the soldier walked the length of the train, looking for an empty seat. The only unoccupied seat he found was one directly across from a well-dressed, middle-aged lady and was being used by her little dog. The war-weary soldier asked, "Please, ma'am, may I sit in that seat?" The English woman looked down her nose at the soldier, sniffed and said, "You Americans. You are such a rude class of people. Can't you see my little Fifi is using that seat?"

The soldier walked away, determined to find a place to rest, but after another trip to the end of the train, he found himself once again facing the woman with the dog in the opposite seat. Again he asked, "Please, lady. May I sit there? I'm very tired."

The English woman wrinkled her nose and snorted, "You Americans! Not only are you rude, but you are also quite arrogant. Imagine!"

The soldier leaned against the swaying wall of the train and again asked if he might please sit down. The lady said, "Not only are you Americans rude and arrogant, you're also very inconsiderate."

The soldier didn't say anything else. Instead, he leaned over, picked up the little dog, tossed it out the window of the train, and sat down in the empty seat. The woman shrieked and railed, demanding that someone defend her and chastise the soldier.

An English gentleman sitting across the aisle spoke up, "You know, sir, you Americans do seem to have a penchant for doing the wrong thing. You eat holding your fork in the wrong hand. You drive your autos on the wrong side of the road. And now, sir, you've thrown the wrong bitch out the window."



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