



ARMED BLACKS DON'T GET OPPRESSED

by David Kopel

(The Hill) - Guns have historically protected Americans from white supremacists, just as gun control has historically protected white supremacists from the Americans they terrorize.

One month after the Confederate surrender in 1865, Frederick Douglass urged federal action to stop state and local infringement of the right to arms. Until this was accomplished, Douglass argued, "the work of the abolitionists is not finished."

Indeed, it was not. As the Special Report of the Paris Anti-Slavery Conference of 1867 found, freedmen in some southern states "were forbidden to own or bear firearms, and thus were rendered defenseless against assault." Thus, white supremacists could continue to control freedmen through threat of violence.

Congress demolished these racist laws. The Freedmen's Bureau Bill of 1865, Civil Rights

Act of 1866, and Civil Rights Act of 1870 each guaranteed all persons equal rights of self-defense. Most importantly, the 14th Amendment, ratified in 1868, made the Second Amendment applicable to the states.

Because of the 14th Amendment, gun control laws now had to be racially neutral. But states quickly learned to draft neutrally-worded laws for discriminatory application. Tennessee and Arkansas prohibited handguns that freedmen could afford, while allowing expensive "Army & Navy" handguns, which ex-Confederate officers already owned.

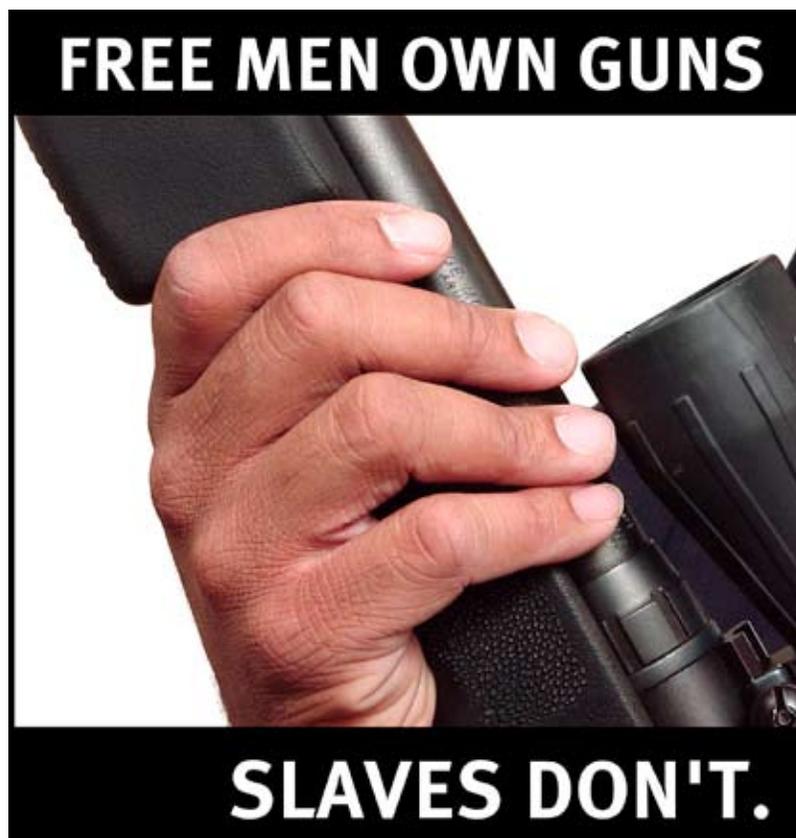
The South Carolina law against concealed carry put blacks in chain gangs, but whites only paid a small fine, if anything. In the early 20th century, such laws began to spread beyond the ex-Confederacy. An Ohio Supreme Court Justice acknowledged that such statutes reflected "a decisive purpose to entirely disarm the Negro."

When lynching increased in the 1880s, the vice-president of the National Colored Press Association, John R. Mitchell, Jr., encouraged blacks to buy Winchester's to protect their families from "the two-legged animals ... growling around your home in the dead of night."

...During the Tulsa Race Riot in 1921, whites (with government approval) burned down a square mile of the prosperous district nicknamed "Black Wall Street," killing 200 blacks. There would have been more devastation had blacks not fought back, killing 50 of their attackers.

Firearms [also] made possible the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s...

Self-defense is an inherent human right. The 14th Amendment is America's promise that no law-abiding person will be deprived of that right, regardless of color.



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- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **February 7**, March 7
Golden Corral, 3525 N. University, Peoria
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **February 4**, March 4
Scheels, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **February 5**, March 5
Pontiac VFW Post 886, 531 Lincoln Ave., Pontiac
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **February 12**, March 12
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday (except in Feb): **Feb 13**, March 14
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **January 27, February 24**, March 24
DA's Deli and Dining, 7260 West 159th Street, Orland Park, IL
Exhibits and conversation here at 4pm. Meeting at 5:30pm.

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 5:30 p.m. Meetings at 7 p.m.

Meetings are free and open to public.

Come on out and join us. Good food, good fun and good friends.
Dinner is optional.



Marissa Mueller from the US Concealed Carry Association stands with Charleston's gun winner Keith Pippin and 50/50 winner Rick Sidell.



Eli Slaminko with one of Central Illinois' biggest 'ghost guns' - a Browning 1919 converted to semi-auto. It stands as one of the rarer .30-06 versions. The Israelis ended up with a lot of 1919s and eventually converted them to 7.62 NATO before sending them to America. This one, however, is an original .30-06.



Steve Davis talks up the SIG P365 at the Peoria GSL meeting. He agrees with Boch that this little pistol stands as the best small, all-around concealed carry pistol.



Ken Rishel in Springfield.



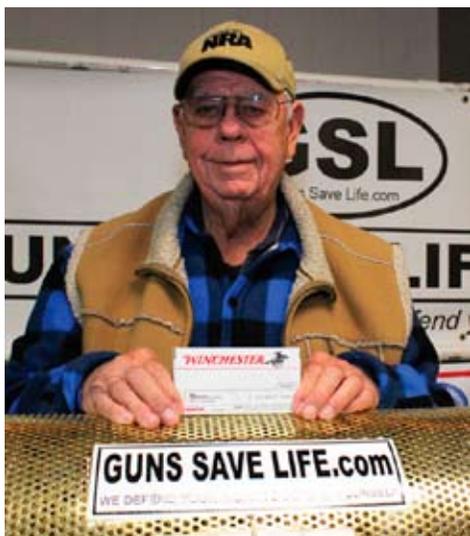
From left, GSL Vice-President and Peoria Regional Coordinator Kay Davis stands with her husband Steve who won the Ruger EC9 pistol. Next to him is our main speaker from Peoria, Trooper Lisa Osborne.



Tim Weir shows off a low-profile body armor panel.



Warren Drake shows an old Colt that fires from the bottom "hole".



John Grubb won a bunch of ammo at the Rantoul GSL meeting. And he smiled for the picture this time, too!



In front of a packed house, SCHEELS gun guru James Poppenhouse shows some really popular sellers along with some high-end stuff ahead of the Sangamon County meeting. Here's a \$6500 Custom Nighthawk with real mammoth tusk grips. It sold within hours of arrival.



Sangamon County Regional Director Dale Lock stands with the January gun winner Glen Webster. Congrats, sir!

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Meeting Summaries...

Chicagoland.

We cancelled the Chicagoland December meeting as it fell right in the middle of the Christmas holidays. **We'll be back on the last Sunday in January** and we've got a really neat "firearm" for the monthly drawing gun.



WIN THIS GUN!

At our January 27th meeting, we've got a **Rossi Ranch Hand in .45 Long Colt!** Nice!

Pontiac.

The first Tuesday Pontiac GSL meeting fell on New Year's Day, so we cancelled it so members could enjoy the holiday (and the VFW was closed). **We will return on Tuesday, February 5th.** For our monthly gun, we've got a **Ruger LC9s**, Ruger's excellent, striker-fired small concealed carry pistol.



Peoria.

Kay Davis, our Peoria Regional Coordinator, called the meeting to order at the **Golden Corral** restaurant. With upwards of 80 present, we had a full house to start with the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed newcomers and recognized our veterans as well.

Former GSL President **Bear St. Pierre** spoke briefly for his **Cross Trail Outfitters** organization. CTO serves as a youth ministry for young men, especially those from at-risk homes. Think of it as a more traditional "Boy Scouts". Bear noted that boys that hunt and trap don't mug little old ladies. He's got three fundraising dinners coming up in March and he sold tickets on their 15-gun drawing.

GSL Executive Director John Boch gave an update on politics and news analysis for those present. He noted that gun owners will have to fight - *hard* - to keep their rights this spring.

Our main speaker for the evening was **Illinois State Trooper Lisa Osborne**. A trooper for seven years, she previously worked as an attorney. In fact, she worked as an assistant state's attorney for many years before joining the ISP. Today, she's the safety education and media contact for District 8.

She covered some of the basics of the Illinois CCW statute and answered a wide range of questions from audience mem-

bers. One tactical bit of advice she shared: Always - ALWAYS - carry with a round in the chamber. Deadly force incidents happen very quickly and you may not have time (or ability) to rack a slide to load your CCW pistol.

She strongly urged CCW holders to disclose that they have a carry license and are armed early on in traffic stops. "We don't always know you have a license," she said.

Osborne described the ISP as very short-handed and she welcomes card-carrying good guys packing heat. "I'd hate to be that person who didn't carry on a fateful day," she noted.

Lastly, she expressed a willingness to help those having problems seeking out a FOID card or the application process itself. Email her at Lisa_Osborne@isp.state.il.us.



Steve Davis won the gun after Lisa Osborne drew his ticket at the Peoria GSL meeting.

For Tech Time, Steve Davis cussed and discussed the new SIG P365 pistol.

Hearing some rave reviews of the new pistol - including one by GSL's John Boch - Davis said he and his wife both shot a loaner P365 at CI Shooting Sports in Normal. Initially impressed, he ordered two (one for him and one for Kay).

If it was only that easy though. Davis noted that he waited weeks for his guns to come in - and that was as then-President of GSL.

Since picking it up, he's shot about a thousand rounds through it with only a single malfunction (failure to fully return into battery) in the first hundred rounds fired. Since then, it has run flawlessly. He raved over the sights, the trigger, the size and feel of the gun and its mild recoil. "I do recommend it!" he told the audience.

He says he's carried it in his preferred pocket carry where it rides comfortably. "It took a pretty good pistol to change my preference from my little J-frame Smith. And this was it."

Later, we held drawings for door prizes donated by attendees, along with the 50/50 drawing. **Steve Davis** had the luck of the Irish as he won the **Ruger EC9** self-defense pistol. Congrats to him!

Sangamon County.

Once again this month, we were lucky enough to have the **SCHEELS firearms acquisition manager James Poppenhouse** join us about fifteen minutes before our meeting to give us an industry update and show us some hot new guns on the market along with some really nice, high-end stuff.

The 10mm is enjoying a massive resur-

Experienced lobbyist tells how to build a relationship with, and how to lobby your elected representatives more effectively

Rishel on Effective Lobbying!

Ken Rishel, a lobbyist in Springfield with decades of experience, shared a very candid presentation on increasing one's effectiveness lobbying political representatives. A lot of what he said didn't come as good news. However, reality isn't always a bowl of cherries.

He encouraged the various gun groups to coordinate their efforts and share information. He noted how GSL has worked with the National Rifle Association and the ISRA, and how the NRA does the same. By sharing information on bills, developing talking points and coordinating responses (including alerts), we can improve our effectiveness dramatically. The groups can also provide support for their members going into constituent meetings with the reps as well.

Politicians, he said, with few exceptions are motivated by increasing their power and prestige, and getting re-elected, than doing the right thing. He showed a diagram of considerations politicians have when considering a position.

First how does the position poll with voters? Secondly, how does the position play with the media? Next, how does the position sit with his or her campaign contributors? And lastly, what is the position of the leadership of his or her caucus? *It takes an exceptional lobbyist, or an exceptionally compelling argument to get a politician to go against more than a couple of those categories, much less all of them.*

Before making contact, Rishel advised to do your research. Be prepared to identify yourself as a constituent and localize your information where possible (how will it impact your fellow constituents back home).

Next, get to the point. Give the bill number and your position, and possibly the committee the bill will be heard in. If they want reasons why, they'll ask for them. Otherwise, keep it brief and to the point, skipping unsolicited explanations. Tell them what you would like them to do (support, oppose or amend the bill), and get their current views and/or position

on the legislation. Lastly, thank them. That thank you goes a long way.



Ken Rishel.

First up, he said: Dress professionally. Nice, but not better than the politician(s) with which you seek to build relationships. Obviously, unless you are meeting them in a duck blind, leave the camo and blaze orange at home.



Don't be dressed like this guy, with or without the gun, while lobbying for your gun rights.

Poorly dressed 2A advocates draw the media cameras, because the mainstream media likes to discredit or marginalize gun owners as kooks. Leave your "you can't rape a .38" t-shirt at home.

Next up, the second golden rule: Be respectful, no matter how badly your interaction gets with the pol. Rishel recalled how GSL's old buddy Marty Moylan, a man with a very checkered past, threatened Rishel in the hallway of the capitol complex. Rishel said as much as he wanted to, he didn't lose his cool and maintained a respectful tone with Moylan.

And if you're building a relationship with your own representative(s), localize it with them. Meet them in the local office so they know you're one of their constituents. They see lots of faces, and you want yours to imprint in their minds - as a constituent.

With those two golden rules out of the way, how do you build your relationship with

said politicians? First, if you *really* want to make an impression, get involved in their re-election campaigns. Spend part of a day or a day volunteering for their campaigns.

They really do want to meet you and other constituents. If you build a relationship through face-time with them, this helps dramatically. Find a way to run into them at least twice a year. This could be at fundraisers (costs \$), or community events or public forums (free). This is in addition to meeting them in their office (also free) or sneaking up on them (so to speak) at the capitol during session.

At scheduled meetings with them, you can discuss issues more in-depth. Bring supporting documentation/information to share. Frankly, these scheduled meetings are where relationships get formed. And speaking of "bringing" stuff: You might bring (home-made, ideally) treats for the staff, but don't make a big deal of it. Never bring gifts for the politicians in this setting. Campaign contributions happen at campaign offices or events, not at legislative offices.

Meeting them at the capitol during session is more of a place to express your opinion, not to forge relationships. They're often quite busy when in session, so be brief and to the point.

Regardless of whether you've met with them personally or not, it's important to send them letters and emails, expressing your positions on legislation. Be short and to the point as your communication is just one of scores if not hundreds received on any given day. And avoid "form letters" like the plague.

Lastly, network with your fellow gun owners through the various gun rights organizations. Share information and ideas, ("much as we are doing at this meeting") to make your fellow gun owners more effective in their own lobbying efforts.

And get involved. Few people get off the couch and engage, so if you do build relationships with these politicians, your voice has a massively outsized influence on their decision-making.

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Executive Director's Report

Democrat single-party rule returning to Illinois

by John Boch
GSL Executive Director

Unless you live under a rock, you know Democrats have adopted gun control as one of their pet causes, both here in Illinois and nationally. And with JB Pritzker in the governor's mansion, the Dems will once more control all the levers of power in Illinois politics.

Passing gun control makes it look like our political leaders are actually doing something about Chicago's violent crime problem. Of course, **if gun control worked, Chicago would be the safest city in Illinois.**



John Boch.

There has been a lot of turnover in the General Assembly members. **If you have a new member representing you, get to know them.** Make sure they know you. Even if you view them as a lost cause.

Tailor your message to the subject. For those who are inclined to support civil rights, urge them to support the right to self-defense for the good guys.

For those who aren't real friendly towards guns, remind them that more gun control will put more "People of Color" in prison - something most Illinois Democrats avoid like the plague.

I can't stress it enough that we must **energize sleeping gun owners** to take action this spring. **Let them know that just because they don't take an interest in politics doesn't mean politicians won't take an interest in them.**

What are we facing?

Gun Dealer licensing: Which is really an end to private gun sales, rationing you to nine firearms transactions per year, and expensive licensing and regulatory burdens for dealers. Right now, this one looks like a given.

Additionally, don't be surprised to see bills like these:

Magazine bans - anything over ten rounds.

Semi-auto bans to anything that can accept a magazine that holds over 10 rounds.

A body armor ban - because good guys never want to protect themselves.

Gun and ammo taxes. Our lawsuit on this couldn't be more timely.

Revamping the Illinois concealed carry law to enhance penalties for carry in prohibited areas, additional prohibited areas, and more burdensome rules.

Realistically, we could well be limited to revolvers and single-stack 1911s if gun owners remain apathetic and unengaged defending their rights.

Meanwhile, bad guys in Chicago have found it worth their while to commit their crimes in the affluent tourist and shopping

districts downtown. **Carjackings and robberies downtown have skyrocketed to the highest of anywhere in the crime-ridden city.** Be careful there! And take your gun if you just have to go!



Welcome to Chicago's Magnificent Mile!

Mob attacks are proliferating in the Windy City as well. The poor victims include Chinese tourists, innocent minor teens and plenty of others that require hospitalization. And that doesn't count those who got robbed as well. Welcome to Chicago. Get that Chicago culture while you can!

See the North of I-80 page about the symbolism over substance in Chicago. And then there's the anti-gun Chicago **Democrat alderman arrested for beating his wife on New Year's Eve.** Because nothing says, "Happy New Year Honey!" like a black eye and a broken jaw, right? Too bad she didn't have a gun.

And the feds caught long-time Alderman **Ed Burke on corruption charges.** The guy who championed gun control as far back as during Jane Byrne's tenure. And he had 23 guns in just his (*gun free zone*) office. No word on how many at home. **How typical of those who advocate gun control for the little people.**

The upside of his arrest is that he surely recognizes that any sentence he gets will effectively become a life-sentence. Get your popcorn ready because he might roll over on some other big-name Dems including Toni Preckwinkle and Kim Foxx.

It's not all bad news. A New Year's Eve robbery in Logan Square got thwarted by a hero good guy CCW holder. He shot two villains who popped out of a car and tried to rob him. They'll both live and we're sure Cook County prosecutor Kim Foxx will throw the book at the two punks... for something like jaywalking.

Discounts aplenty for Guns Save Life members! (Are you a member? Membership pays!) US Concealed Carry Association offers a 15% discount for GSL members (contact group sales!). Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network knocks off \$25 the first year's dues (and they treat you like family if you mention Guns Save Life or John Boch) and US Law Shield waives start-up fees for GSL members. Whomever you choose, it's prudent and wise to have CCW insurance!

For those in the Decatur area, we have some dedicated people starting up a monthly Guns Save Life meeting there starting in April. Yes, **GSL Decatur coming soon!**

In any event, stay safe and keep the faith. Thank you for your membership and support of Guns Save Life.



It's more likely we'll say "good riddance" to the Chicago Sun-Times...

Sun-Times: Let's say good riddance to leaf blowers, AR-15's...

by David McGrath
(Chicago Sun-Times) - Rather than make up a list of far-fetched predictions and doomed resolutions, I'd like to offer a list of human contrivances, both concrete and abstract, that I think most of us would like to say "good riddance" to in 2019.

To begin with, who, besides the CEO of Toro, would object to a total ban on leaf blowers? These obnoxious, counter-intuitive machines, which make about as much sense as a vacuum cleaner blowing dirt to the other side of your living room. They foul the air, cause permanent hearing loss, and make bucolic suburban Saturday mornings a thing of the past. They are nearly as universally reviled as the AR-15 assault rifle.

...And as long as we're lessening suffering, we should show some love to man's

best friend by melting for scrap every prong and electric shock collar ever made for torturing furry yellow labs and Golden Retrievers in the name of discipline and training. Prong collars, sharp-edged chains which penetrate a puppy's neck when yanked on, and shock collars that electrically torture our furry friends with a painful 4,500 volts at the push of the button, should be banned outright or sold with the requirement that the dog's owner also must wear one.

[Ed: What else does this beta male contributor want to ban? Overhead power lines (that won't cost anything to implement), polling stations (vote by mail... no potential for election fraud there!), home plate umpires, print magazines, two of every five hockey players and dead tree newspapers like the Sun-Times. Oh wait, we were just kidding on that last one.]

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JB Pritzker on Criminal Justice Reform in Illinois

Per NPRIllinois.org (our impressions in italics)



rules get in the way of passing gun control?

Direct state money to programs that interrupt violence and promote conflict resolution.

In other words, pay criminals to behave. That'll work!

Create a unit in the Illinois State Police to investigate gun trafficking and related crimes.

As if they don't already.

Change sentencing laws by "adjusting" punishment for non-violent offenses, reducing the use of mandatory-minimum sentences, and giving judges more discretion to sentence people to probation.

Can you spell s-o-f-t o-n c-r-i-m-e? Less time equals more crime.

End monetary bail across the state.

No incentive for offenders to appear in court. Ask Chicago how well bail "reform" works!

End the "unjust application of fees and fines" on people who cannot afford to pay them.

So the poor get off scot free for minor offenses? What could possibly go wrong?

Prioritize rehabilitation services in prison — job training, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and education.

We already have these programs. Problem is some folks think a life of crime makes the easiest career path.

Place certain qualified ex-offenders in state jobs.

Because we all want Willie the street pharmacist / burglar or Herman the child molester handling our personal information.

Ban assault weapons, bump stocks, and large-capacity magazines.

Already banned in Chicago - the crime-free utopia. Maybe if we bring Chicago-style gun control to all of Illinois, we can replicate Chicago-style crime everywhere as well. (That's sarcasm.)

Have universal background checks for all Illinois gun sales.

No more private gun transfers / state-wide gun registration.

Create a state license for gun dealers.

(Legislation doing just that has already passed the General Assembly and is expected to be sent to Pritzker soon.) All bills from last session should be dead per the state's constitution. But why let

James Love case goes to trial January 22

Galesburg, IL (Register-Mail) — Jurors will be called in and selected in less than three weeks as the Galva murder case is set for trial this month.

James E. Love, 59, Knox Road 2000E in Galva, made a court appearance Friday afternoon before Circuit Associate Judge Anthony Vaupel for a pretrial hearing.

Accompanied by Love were defense attorney Todd Ringel and co-counsel Doug Johnson, while Knox County Assistant State's Attorneys Brian Kerr and Andrew Stuckart were present for the state.

Love is charged with first-degree murder along with two firearm offenses in connection to the June 2018



Defense Attorney Doug Johnson with James Love.

shooting death of Xavier Hartman, 19, also of Galva.

It is expected that Love, through his defense team, will argue self-defense.

... It is expected both sides will return at 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, to go over final details, with jury selection to likely begin at 10 a.m. that morning. While jury trials normally start on Mondays in Knox County, that week includes the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Laavion Goings suffered a sudden and profound error in victim selection

Woman, 25, shoots armed robber at bus stop. Robber runs away and dies tired.

Chicago (Sun-Times) - A 19-year-old man was shot to death Tuesday morning while attempting to rob a woman in the Fernwood neighborhood on the Far South Side.

tried to rob her, according to Chicago police and the Cook County medical examiner's office.

About 5:45 a.m., Laavion Goings approached the woman, 25, in the 500 block of West 103rd Street, displayed a weapon and

The woman, who was a concealed carry holder, took out her own weapon and fired one shot at Goings, striking him in the neck, authorities said.

Bus stop attacker on the streets courtesy of Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office

Chicago (Tribune) - Laavion Goings Jr. was out of jail only two months when the 19-year-old walked up to a bus stop about a block from his home, pulled out a gun and tried to rob a woman on the Far South Side.

But the woman had a gun too and fired first, hitting Goings in the chest, according to Chicago police. The teen ran back to his home and made it as far as a stairwell in the foyer of a building before collapsing in the 400 block of West 103rd Street.

The teen had a record of arrests, mostly for drug charges. But last June, he was charged with attacking a sergeant and a police officer after he and his father

were arrested during a narcotics raid in Englewood where the father lived, according to court records.



Laavion Goings, Jr.

As police escorted the younger Goings downstairs, he became "very irate, stiffened up" and "pushed" and "grabbed" a sergeant, the report said. Another officer

got him under control and into a police car.

As they made their way to the Englewood District police station, Goings kicked the door and cage area of the squad car, the report said. A camera in the squad car captured photos of the incident. He was "placed directly into a padded cell," the report said.

Goings was charged with six counts of aggravated battery to a peace officer but they were dropped in October after the teen pleaded guilty to a drug charge. He was given probation and released from jail in early November, just days before his 19th birthday.

More Chicago good guys triumph over villains

Good guy with gun, 29, pops a pair of armed robbers

Chicago (Tribune) - A 29-year-old man sidelined a New Year's Eve robbery in Logan Square by shooting the two suspects he said tried to rob him, Chicago police said.

Around 9:40 p.m. in the 2900 block of West Cortland Street, two male suspects with handguns got out of a silver Nissan and told the man they were robbing him,

police said. The man, who is a concealed carry license and firearm owner's identification card holder, shot both suspects, police said. They were taken to local hospitals and stabilized.

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FROM THE HIP . . .

Let's come together to get results saving our gun rights

by Dominic J Visione
Illinois TEAM SASS Director

Greetings from the world of Cowboy Action Shooting! TEAM SASS stands as the Second Amendment initiative of the Single Action Shooting Society. Our purpose: to relay and exchange information to our members about gun rights issues.

Since our competition tools are originals or replicas designed by 1899 or earlier, you may wonder why a group shooters of 19th century hardware would focus on current day gun legislation. Simple, really: Gun ownership is a civil right that all current and future gun owners should be able to exercise.



It should not matter what shooting discipline you enjoy. Three-gun, bullseye, trap, skeet, etc. Maybe you just hunt with a muzzleloader. Or you simply collect historical guns.

To put it simply, if you have a F.O.I.D card in your wallet, then we are on the same side.

Too often you will hear one group of shooters dismiss a different group because of differences in their respective disciplines. This has to stop.

The other side is counting on these petty differences to discourage firearm owners from coming forward, working together to address gun rights issues.

Trust me, we can no longer afford to say, "I just own a shotgun, so a 10-round magazine limit won't affect me." But what about a family member a year or two down the road who wants to carry concealed because they work late, or a spouse that travels often? You will wish that no only had your spoken up sooner, but that you didn't encourage your fellow gun owners to do the same.

Have you ever heard of somebody on Election Day asking a voter why they "need" to vote? Or ask a group of citizens why they "need" to address a City Council or County Board. Not very likely.

We have a RIGHT to vote and a RIGHT to speak your mind to government officials. When I hear the question, "Why do you need an AR-15?", I have one reply... "Can you show me where in the Constitution is it written that I have to demonstrate a need in order to exercise a right?"

Remember, we have a Bill of Rights as part of our Constitution, not a Bill of Needs.

I strongly urge you to make appearances at town hall meetings held by legislators in your area, or a neighboring area. Bring a
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friend or ten! Even if your legislator has an A++ rating from the NRA, show up. They need to see their grassroots support.

If you're representing gun owners (or yourself), look and act professional. You don't need a suit and tie, but a plain, collared shirt and casual pants will make a positive impression. Remember, every person in that room has a video camera, and some would like nothing more than to paint gun rights supporters as knuckle-dragging, red-neck goons dressed like social misfits.

Personally, I have always admired the Colt Python. Even though I was born and raised with Smith & Wesson pistols and revolvers, I always thought the Python a handsome weapon.



Colt Python revolver, made circa 1976. Not necessarily legal in today's California.

Recently, while looking at some Pythons on-line, I saw some sellers complaining that many sales had fallen through because California resident buyers failed to get prior approval. For a revolver, you ask? Yes. It has gotten that silly out there.

Sadly, the political outlook for Illinois gun owners is not bright. One party controls all of our state government, and the majority of them have no love for gun owners or gun rights.

This is not the time to become complacent and hope things get better. After all, the other side has a head start.

Top photo by "Shortcake." Custom Leather by Doc Noper. Pistol by Ruger. New Vaquero Bisley



Ignoring run-down, vacant structures leads to crime, violence, depressed home values

Urban blight ordinances pay big returns

By Warren Lind

A recent newspaper story illustrates Philadelphia's success with an ordinance aimed at curbing blight. In short, it required working doors and windows, and banning broken and boarded up windows. What's more, vacant lots must be cleared and grass or shrubs planted and maintained.

Yes, costs ranged from over \$2000 to clean up abandoned buildings to a few hundred bucks for vacant lots, but the returns showed profound success.

Researchers found that Philadelphia experienced a 39 percent reduction in crimes involving guns in and around remediated buildings and a 4 percent reduction around remediated lots – reductions that lasted between one to almost four years.

Urban blight remediation is a low-cost, high-return solution to firearm violence, according to the study, which estimated that taxpayers got between \$3 and \$26 and society got between \$79 and \$333 for every

dollar invested. That's a whole lot more successful and much cheaper than other prevention programs that often involve human resources, according to the study. In 2017 Philadelphia had a population of just over 1.5 million persons.

On the other hand, St. Louis has up to 12,000 vacant structures in a city of about 330,000. The St. Louis fire department estimates that almost half of fires involve vacant buildings. In fact, nearly a third of all of their calls for service occurred at or near a vacant property.

It doesn't take a rocket surgeon to figure out that run-down, vacant buildings attract drug dealers, and violent criminals. They provide places to stash guns, to commit crimes and drive down nearby property owners property values.

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How to file Illinois General Assembly Witness Slips

In the Illinois General Assembly, bills under consideration first go through a committee hearing. While lobbyists for gun rights groups will often enter oral testimony for or against a bill concerning firearms in these committee hearings, you too can enter your support or opposition electronically through "Witness Slips".



Frankly, our legislators can't know everything. Where they don't already have a strong opinion, they will look at the support and opposition a bill has generated via witness slip participation. Legislators will often vote with the side that has the greatest engagement - and that will offer them the least static.

That's right: While politicians seldom look over the list of people who have

submitted witness slips pro or con, they do note numbers. Witness slip participation gives legislators an idea of how the rest of the state might feel.

Remember, scarce few people are involved influencing politicians in Springfield - so when you participate, your influence gets magnified dramatically.

Slips can be filed for both the Illinois House and Senate committee hearings. And while you may submit slips up until the end of the day for a committee hearing in the Senate, if you want your slip to count as part of committee members' deliberations, you should file prior to the scheduled start time of said committee.

These witness slips have proven effective for our side in the past. So much so, in fact, that the other side has begun encouraging people from across the nation to file slips in support of gun control ahead of these hearings.



Here's a quick and dirty tutorial on how to file witness slips. This can be done from these magic glowing boxes everyone carries in their pockets now (smart phones), or from tablets or more traditional computers. All you need is an internet connection, an email account and about a minute or two of time once you have done it a few times.

Get you friends and family to participate as well. That's right: Each and every member of your household may file a slip! Let your family members become force multipliers for the cause of freedom. Make submitting witness slips something fun that everyone can share doing together.

First step: Register.



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Go to my.ilga.gov and click on 'register'. You'll see the above screen.

As soon as you enter your email and password, the ILGA people will almost instantly send you a confirmation email. Open that email and click the link to authenticate your account. And with this, you've done the hard part.

If you struggle with this, get the kids or grandkids to help you. They'll get you through this in nothing flat.

Next: Complete profile.

Next, after verifying your email address, return to my.ilga.gov and login. The login button is in the upper right hand corner. Once you've logged in, click "update profile" and you'll see this screen.



Enter the usual information. At the bottom of the page, you will get three additional questions.

For organization, put "not applicable" unless you serve in leadership for your club or organization. Firm/Business or Agency: For this one, enter "self" or "myself" or some variation if you don't have your own business.

Lastly, "Representation:" Once again, enter "self" or "myself". There is no need to

misrepresent yourself. If you are not designated and authorized to represent a group in an official capacity, please do not say that you do. This goes double if you have a government job. Just because you work for the Secretary of State's office doesn't mean you speak for Jesse White.

Also, just because you are a member of the National Rifle Association doesn't mean that you represent the NRA.



Submitting slips.

But how will I know which bills to put in a slip for? **Easy. We'll tell you.** (We'll even give you links to click on to make it really easy!) And if you've logged into your account on the my.ilga.gov website, it will automatically fill out your personal information on the witness slips for you, saving you time and effort!

We'll also tell you to tag "Proponent", "Opponent" or "No Position" on the bills. And unless you wish to provide oral testimony in person, click "Record of Appearance only".

Then click "submit". Done. That was easy.

Watch for alerts.

Watch the Guns Save Life website (gunsavelifelife.com) for alerts or calls for witness slips once the fast-moving session gets started in earnest. While dozens or even scores of gun bills may be under consideration at any given time, we pick the ones where slips will make the most difference.

For a complete list of bills, the people over at IllinoisCarry.com do a fantastic job detailing them exhaustively. They often have many more bills where you can submit witness slips if you have more spare time.

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“Awful but Lawful”

Transferred Intent

by Andrew Branca
Attorney at Law

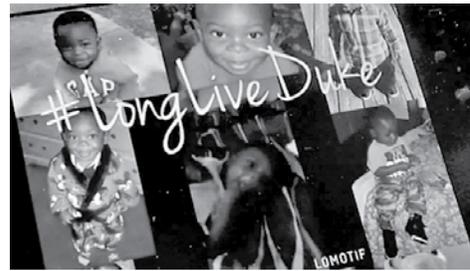
(The Law of Self-Defense Blog) - A terribly sad case out of Alabama touches upon one legal doctrine--the doctrine of transferred intent--and one legal aphorism--the 'awful but lawful' self-defense shooting.

The case involves a shootout between two groups of men, in the course of which a bullet fired by one of three men on one side of the fight struck and killed a 2-year-old at the scene. The three men were each charged with capital murder.

ABC News reports, however, that this week those charges were dismissed by the trial judge, upon request by the prosecutors. The basis for the dismissal? That the evidence strongly supported a legal defense of

self-defense. Apparently the three men fired their shot only after they had first been fired upon by the other group.

But, wait, you might be thinking, surely the 2-year-old was not one of the attackers of the three men, so how can their shooting of him be justified as self-defense?



That's where the doctrine of transferred intent comes in.

Transferred intent is a legal doctrine usually applied in a negative sense, to find criminal intent (and thus liability) for harm to a person even if no such harm was intended towards that particular person, so long as a bad intent existed towards some other party.

An example makes this clearer: Joe decides that he's had enough of Tom's body odor and fires an unjustified and murderous shot at Tom with the full intent of unlawfully killing him. Joe, however, is a bad shot and misses Tom. Instead, the round hits and kills Harry, against whom Joe had no murderous intent. Can Joe be charged with the intentional murder of Harry?



One might argue that Joe never had any intent to murder Harry (only to murder Tom), so he ought not be criminally liable for having intentionally murdered Harry. The doctrine of transferred intent, however, holds that the murderous intent Joe possessed towards Tom has transferred to Harry, and so Joe can indeed be tried for the intentional murder of Harry.

This same doctrine of transferred intent also applies in a positive sense, however. That is, if Joe had instead fired the shot at Tom in lawful self-defense,

he had good (not bad) intent in firing that shot. If Joe misses and instead kills Harry, Joe's good intent at firing the shot towards Tom is transferred to Harry, and thus Harry's killing is lawful self-defense--even though Joe never intended to shoot Harry and Harry never presented any threat towards Joe.

I must caution, however, that this form of transferred intent would not apply if Joe acted negligently or recklessly in firing the shot. If Joe's shooting of Harry was criminally negligent or reckless he can certainly be charged and convicted of manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, etc.

In this case it appears that both the trial judge and the prosecutor agreed that the evidence supported a narrative that the three men originally charged with capital murder for the killing of the 2-year-old fired that round in apparent good faith self-defense, so their good intent in firing the shot at their attackers transferred to the 2-year-old victim, and further that their firing of the shot was neither negligent nor reckless.

This case also, of course, falls into that category of self-defense shootings that can be termed "awful but lawful." The three men who fired the fatal shot certainly did not wish harm to the 2-year-old who was killed. The 2-year-old certainly did nothing that warranted deadly force against him. His death was not a social good. It was, obviously, an awful outcome.

The fact that it was awful, however, does not prevent it from being lawful, as this case illustrates.



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The "gun" culture: Food, Fellowship, Firearms and Fun
DeWitt County Sportsman's Club draws BIG turnout for home-style breakfasts

Lane, IL (GSL) - The DeWitt County Sportsman's Club has a good thing going. Each year, from October through the end of May, on each first and third Sunday, the club hosts an old-fashioned, all-you-can-eat breakfast starting at 8:30a.m.

\$6 gets you scrambled eggs, fried eggs, sausage, biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes and more. Drinks (OJ & milk) are a buck and come in monster glasses, too.

Get there early though. With crowds of eighty plus becoming the norm, the parking lot fills up and people have to park along Route 10 outside the club property.

But people come from all around for the good food, great fellowship and talk about politics, guns and current events. Sometimes afterwards, people even get their shootin' irons out and make some noise outside on the ranges too. It if sounds like a delightful way to spend a Sunday morning if one's not in church, you're right. It is.



Volunteers from within the club work the kitchen on these mornings. The food's usually pretty decent too, especially considering it's mostly a bunch of guys cooking it.

Don't let them fool you though. Many of them have been helping out at Sunday

breakfasts for years. And there's usually at least a woman or two back there to keep them on task.

There's usually guns for sale and if the club sells enough tickets, they give away a gun at each breakfast. How's that for good fun?



A sense of humor is always a bonus.

The breakfasts are open to the public as well as members. Families are encouraged in the family-friendly environment. It's not uncommon to see young kids running around. Club president Ed Adcock usually fixes something extra for the kids, too. Oh yes, kids eat at a discount too. So it's affordable and then some to bring the whole clan.

The DeWitt County club is located six miles east of Clinton city limit on Route 10. Or near the tiny village of Lane, IL. Look for the sign, the flag and the big red barn. Or the mass of cars parked along Route 10 on the first and third Sunday morning will give it away too.



Guns Save Life thanks C.I. Shooting Sports

GSL would like to thank C.I. Shooting Sports for graciously hosting our monthly board of directors meetings at their wonderful facility. Located in Normal, IL in the Crossroads Shopping Center at 700 Wylie Drive, the range, training and retail space is just a couple of minutes from the heavily travelled Interstate 55/74 smack in the middle of the state.

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MORE SYMBOLISM OVER SUBSTANCE:

“First” gun arrest of 2019 ...really happened in 2018

Chicago (CWBCChicago) - The Sun-Times reported “At 12:01 a.m., officers who were on a routine patrol pulled [Darrell] Rhyme over for a routine traffic stop in the 6100 block of South Eberhart, police said.” The gun was recovered from Rhyme, according to police.

But, in news first reported this morning by Second City Cop [SCC], it turns out that the “first gun arrest of 2019” was actually made at 11:30 p.m. on New Year’s Eve.

“The arresting officers were told to hold the arrest until 12:01 to ensure Eddie’s visit,” and “selfish recognition” for the district’s leadership, a source told SCC.

The blog suggested that the times of events may have been “adjusted” on reports to push everything into the new year.

Chicago police radio traffic from New Year’s Eve clearly shows police unit 363 in a foot chase near 62nd Street and South Eberhart beginning at 11:25 p.m.

Three minutes later, a dispatcher reports “OK. 63-David has one in custody at 6111 South Eberhart,” she notes the time: “twenty-three twenty-eight” or 11:28 p.m.

“63-Eddie. Offender in custody. Weapon recovered,” an officer confirms a short time later.

“10-4,” says the dispatcher, giving the time as “23:31 for that weapon recovered.”

“The reason we are here tonight,” Johnson would tell the media 90 minutes later, “is because... tactical team 363 got the first illegal weapon off the streets of Chicago at 12:02. Two minutes after midnight.” He tapped the gun, which was sealed in an evidence envelope on his podium.

Rhyme’s attorney is almost certain to use the police department’s false claims about the incident and the subsequent media blitz to impeach the work of hard-working street cops.

Good thing CTA trains are “Gun Free Zones” or someone might get hurt!

Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx keeps sending sex perverts back to CTA trains

Chicago (CWBCChicago) - Ever wonder why there are so sexual deviants riding CTA trains? It turns out that the answer, in part, may be that Chicago’s criminal justice system keeps returning those men to the streets rather than locking them up or finding treatment options.

Here are just a few of the “revolving door” beneficiaries you may have seen on the train:

- Antwan Toliver, 38, was arrested near the Fullerton Red Line station on Nov. 19th after a 37-year-old woman told police that she caught him masturbating on her buttocks and back while riding the train. At the time of the alleged incident, Toliver was AWOL after skipping bail on a charge that he touched a woman’s buttocks and tried to kiss her at a strip mall in Des Plaines. A grand jury has now returned a true bill that charges Toliver with felony aggravated battery, felony criminal sexual abuse, and two felony counts of repeated public indecency.

- Demarlin Brewer, 44, is charged with exposing himself to a 12-year-old girl on a Red Line train near the Berwyn stop on Nov. 17. The victim’s father identified Brewer, who was ordered held on \$20,000 bail. According to Chicago police records, Brewer had been arrested twice, charged with public indecency twice, and released twice during October alone. Both of the earlier arrests were in Lakeview.

- On Dec. 20th, Marcus Jenkins, 27, was arrested at the Washington Blue Line station and charged with felony public indecency with two or more prior convictions. A 46-year-old woman told police that she saw Jenkins rubbing his genitals on the platform. He then pulled his genitals out, began masturbating, climbed on top of the turnstiles, and asked the woman to come over to him, police said. It was the fourth time Jenkins had been charged with sexual behavior on CTA property since July, according to police records.

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From the annals of incompetency Cook County State’s Attorney reduces charges in murder dismemberment case

Chicago (CBS) — The family of a two-year-old boy who was killed and dismembered in 2015 says they have been told the charges against the man accused of the murder might be reduced.

The family of Kyrian Knox says they were contacted by the state’s attorney’s office ahead of a court proceeding Wednesday to be notified the charges could be reduced.

Kyrian was killed in Rockford, dismembered and found in a Chicago lagoon in 2015. The Rockford boy’s severed head, hands, and feet were found in the Garfield Park lagoon on Labor Day weekend, but the body parts were not identified until two months later, after a DNA match was made.

CPD failing to release misdemeanor mugshots

Chicago (GSL) - It surely seems like Chicago PD has a hard time following the law. See, Illinois law REQUIRES Chicago PD to release mugshots of all arrestees, along with their names and charges.

But a new law took effect January 1st in Illinois. It prohibits police agencies from publishing mugshots of misdemeanor arrestees on their social media websites. It says nothing about reversing an earlier state law the required release of all mugshots.

And, as the *Southtown Post* notes:

And when we say “misdemeanor,” please don’t think we’re talking about a guy who steals a pack of gum from a store.

These days, “misdemeanor” often includes burglary, robbery, assault, battery and domestic battery, weapons violations, you name it. People often charged with violent crimes.

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The best "value" handgun you probably never heard of... but should have

Canik SFX

By Mike Keleher

Canik is a company in Turkey that has been turning out modern pistols for a couple of years, and got into the American market with some budget priced 9mm polymer framed pistols with a funky decocker/safety and SA/DA actions that did not garner much attention in the U.S. market. Initially at least.

A couple of modifications later, they introduced the TP9SF with a striker fired system and a lot of curves and improvements loosely based on the Walther P99 and S&W 99-two of the best ergonomic grips I have ever laid hands on. Coming in at less than \$400 they were now in the ballpark for U.S. shooters willing to deviate from Sig/Glock/S&W for a modern fighting handgun for a *lot less money*.

Then Canik brought out their direct-to-competition super gun, the SFX with an MSRP less than \$500. I have been very interested in them ever since they hit the market, but always worried about the price being too low to be able to reflect a dependable and quality pistol. My guns have to work. Period.

I need not have worried. The SFX is a 5" barrel, polymer frame, striker fired pistol that goes head to head against the long barreled Glock 34. The SFX can walk on to any 3 gun or USPSA field with no embarrassment.- *at a third of the cost of a "real" competition pistol*. The manufacturer has run the pistol to NATO specs and survived a 60,000 torture test with no degrade in accuracy.

I first started coveting a SFX while watching my friend Corrine Mosher, shooting one for two years in 3-gun competitions as a factory sponsored shooter. Corrine is a serious pro-shooter, and ran her SFX against all the

top shooters and top competition guns all across America and came away with many, many awards.

The Canik TP9SFX puts the big name "out of the box" comp guns to shame for the money. It brings advanced engineering beyond the original Canick pistols, features lots of competition grade features, and a storage box chock full of user switchable components and was selected as the high prestige Industry Choice Awards pistol of the year in 2017.

I finally bought one this fall after taking a long time rationalizing the "need" for yet another polymer frame, striker fired 9mm pistol at my house. What finally tipped the checkbook was the idea I could mount a red dot sight on a SFX and shoot USPSA and 3 gun with it. (Yes, yes, such a purchase would also necessarily lead to the purchase of a new magazine fed shotgun to compete in 3 gun open class- oh my life and hard times...and yes I'm working on it next!)

The SFX is a "large" full-sized pistol, and if you have ever wandered about with a 1911 .45 on your hip the Canik feels pretty darned good.

The list of factory included features is nothing short of amazing when compared to the paltry \$442 I paid for a brand new SFX. In short, great Warren Tactical red/green fiber optic sights, a trigger advertised as 3.5-4 lbs of pull- it is a little gritty but better than factory Glock or most other striker fire guns I shoot. Other goodies include an extended slide stop, undercut trigger guard and reversible mag release to accommodate those Southpaw freaks of nature. It also comes with three sizes of mag release

buttons, and a pair of 20-round extended magazines by Mec-Gar. It also comes with other goodies including a holster and it's red-dot ready.

And then there's the lifetime warranty. All for \$442ish.

I shot the gun with iron sights and could not say a single thing bad about it. Front sight was narrow and contributes to intense sight picture. I monkeyed with mag catches and backstraps and after settling my trigger finger down the gun shot as well as any other polymer frame production gun on the market.

I bought a Black Friday-priced Vortex Venom with lifetime warranty, screwed it on top of the SFX and we (the pistol with the sight & me) are quite happy together with

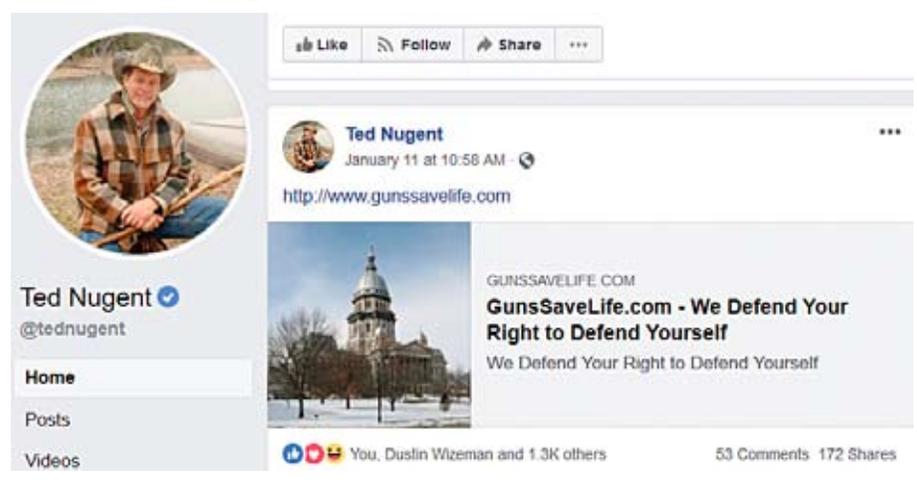
perfect reliability and impressive accuracy. Furthermore, I noted a distinct lack of recoil from some red polymer-coated truncated cone Federal Premium Syntech 124 gr bullets I won somewhere this year. They were really sweet in the 5" barrel. I will be getting more of those red BB's for my new Daisy.

The gun disassembles similar to a Glock ... and no you don't have to pull the trigger first before starting to disassemble it.

If you don't want the 5" barrel on your packing gun, Canik's next developed model is the SF Elite which incorporates most of the SFX features with a 4" barrel. MSRP is also under \$500. The guns are solid, accurate and a dead sexy bargain! The hardest part may be getting over the fact it is an imported gun... gee like Sig Sauer, Glock, H+K or Beretta!



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'I Just Want To Be Prepared'

Group Teaches LGBT People Gun Self-Defense

(WBUR) - On a trigger-finger-numbing December Saturday in Harvard, Mass., Sergio Perez is a little out of his element.

The Connecticut resident's idea of a nice weekend doesn't involve a gun range. Perez admits he prefers to spend Saturdays traveling to New York City to see Broadway musicals.

He has shot a gun once before. But that was a long time ago.



Under the watchful eye of instructor Aaron Grossman, Sergio Perez loads his first round into the chamber of a .22 pistol. (Robin Lubbock/WBUR)

"I think the last time was with a big, long rifle. And they said something about, 'Pull!' and you had to shoot," Perez remembers. "It was something totally different."

Different, because now he's shooting with the Boston Pink Pistols — a group brought together by their LGBT identity and interest in using firearms for self-defense, if need be. Many come to learn to protect themselves, while others just come to shoot.

Upon arrival, Perez likes the scene. It's a group of gay people, like himself, either becoming or being true marksmen and markswomen. And soon, he gets a turn with the guns.

Aaron Grossman — an NRA-certified instructor and leader of the Boston Pink Pistols, who identifies as a sexual minority — starts his lesson with Perez by showing the basics of wielding a Ruger .22 handgun.

"You're gonna line up these three dots," Grossman says, showing Perez how to use the sights on the top of the pistol.

Then, Perez squeezes off some rounds.

"Did I hit any of my targets?" he asks.

"Honestly, I was looking at you, not the target," Grossman says. "Because my job is to make sure you're safe, and that you're doing the right thing."

Perez says his greatest fear is he'll be a victim of a physical attack, caught off guard and won't know what to do.

Some may trace the rise in hate crimes to overheated rhetoric since the election of President Trump. But Perez, who voted for Trump, doesn't see the correlation.

"And I respect folks who have that sentiment," he says. "I don't really feel that our president is undermining me as a LGBT. I know for trans folks, there's some issues there."

Most folks in the Boston Pink Pistols don't want to be in this story because they don't want to out themselves as gun owners or advocates. They say there's more of a stigma in Massachusetts being a gun owner than being gay.

At the end of the day, the group sweeps up hundreds of spent shell casings. As Perez helps clean up, he says he'll skip some Broadway shows in New York to come shoot with the Boston Pink Pistols. That way, he says if the time comes to defend himself, he'll be prepared.



HINT: It's not just Utah...

There's been a surge in the number of Utah women who carry guns

(Salt Lake Tribune) - Michelle Camp looked around the crowded range where a group of women was taking turns shooting a rifle, and gunfire echoed loudly off the concrete walls. In lane No. 1, she calmly unrolled a new paper target. It was a Christmas tree with ornaments for bull's-eyes.

"Leftovers," she shrugged, pinning it to the rack.

...Camp, 49, practices a few times a month at the Gun Vault range in South Jordan, which sees steady business in the largely conservative suburb just outside the state's capital. Almost always she's with a group of women like her, women who carry concealed weapons.

"Gun culture has been very male-dominated. It's been a boys' club," she said. "I think that's finally starting to change."

Just 22 percent — roughly 1 in 5 — of all the 714,000 valid concealed carry permits ever issued by the Utah Department of Public Safety are held by women. The rate has slowly risen each year from 14 percent of the total in 2013.

But for the 30,000 issued in 2017, women constituted nearly two-thirds of new holders. Never for a single year in the past decade has the female proportion been so high, according to data obtained by The Salt Lake Tribune from the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification.

'I hate going anywhere without it'

In her early 30s, Camp took over as manager of a collection agency in South Salt Lake. Angry debtors often sent her death threats.

When she'd leave work at 8 p.m., walking to her car in the dark and mostly empty parking lot, Camp worried. Would the woman who owed \$128 be waiting for her? Would the man who hadn't paid his medical bills know what time she left the office each night?

She wanted to be able to defend herself. She wanted not to feel scared.

"I couldn't rely on anybody else to protect me," Camp said. She got her first concealed-carry gun 18 years ago.

"Now I hate going anywhere without it. I feel naked."

A surge in gun permits for women

In 2017, more than 19,000 female gun owners completed the training and got a Utah concealed-carry permit. That's 64 percent of what the Utah Department of Public Safety issued (though more than half went to out-of-state residents).

Never before had it crossed 60 percent. It came closest in the years directly after a gunman opened fire at Connecticut's Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, and teachers flocked to concealed-carry classes. It comes now after a string of deadly mass shootings: 58 people slaughtered at a Las Vegas concert, 26 at a Texas church, 17 at a Florida high school.



Tiffany Sowder.

Tiffany Sowder, a teacher in Weber County, believes "it's not a matter of if but when" a similar attack happens in Utah. She wants to be prepared.

She carries a .380-caliber pistol on her right side, tucked above the back pocket of her pants and covered by long blouses so it won't show when she lifts her arm to write on the whiteboard. As an educator, Sowder grapples with whether she'll also need to be a bodyguard to her students. She wants to protect them as she would her own children.

It's a dual role she never imagined but has willingly embraced.

...On a recent Monday, Camp had taught a group of women how to properly handle a firearm. Her suitcase was still full of yellow rubber guns at the range three days later. She set the roll of paper sheets down on top of the pack.

"Societally," she said, "it's just always been the role of men to be the protector."

Not anymore, Camp nodded, pulling the trigger.

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'I Am the "Good Guy With a Gun":'

Black Gun Owners Reject Stereotypes, Demand Respect

After recent incidents in which police officers shot black men who tried to stop a shooting, African-American gun owners told us how they navigate being wrongly perceived as a threat.

(New York Times) - Kyle Doheny and Michael Anderson are licensed gun owners who live in different states but have a few things in common. Both are black men who have worked in public safety or national defense. And both say that when they carry their guns, some people don't respect their Second Amendment rights.

...Since July, at least three black men in the United States have been shot by police in separate incidents while trying, according to witnesses, to stop an active shooting.

A quarter of black men and women in a 2017 Pew survey said they own guns.

Some of those who wrote us said they have had no issues with authorities or the general public. Others said they have faced fearful store owners and had confrontations with law enforcement over guns they carried legally; and explained why, despite the stereotyping and sometimes outright hostility they face, they still carry a gun.

Here is a selection of their stories. They have been condensed and lightly edited.

Protecting and serving while black



Michael Anderson

As a retired airman, I feel as if I am not entitled to the same rights I defended.

I am scared of being shot by police, or even notifying an officer that I have a weapon.

I carry myself as a professional. I also smile and act more friendly to reduce stereotypes. I also let people know I was in the military — but with today's shooters having military backgrounds, it's an even bigger red flag.

I carry to protect myself and

my loved ones. I am not going to run into a gunfight. I will think twice before reacting. But if I am there and someone is threatened, I will do what it takes for their protection.

[Law enforcer]



Kyle Doheny

I am a gun owner and, as a law enforcement officer, carry one for work.

I am fully aware that me carrying a gun legally is an anomaly, especially in the state I live in. I have noticed people doing a double take.

When I walk in a gun store there is a certain level of extra scrutiny, as it is with most minorities, black or brown. I dare not have my weapon be seen by accident. I am sure it will cause a stir.

Revealing a concealed weapon during a traffic stop



Tracey Carrera

I've had two good experiences thus far in Texas. Both times I let the officer know I had a gun. The first separated the magazine and locked it in the open position. The other didn't do that, but did advise me to get my concealed carry [permit].

I haven't received any hostile reactions, but I make sure to tell them immediately and try to moderate my voice because. I keep my hands on the steering wheel, and try not to make any sudden movements.

You never know what sort of officer you'll get when you're pulled over.

[Negative Experience]

My only negative experience was with a local sheriff about four years ago. It was an encounter at a traffic

checkpoint.



S.L. Jordan

When I notified the officer that I was licensed to carry a concealed weapon, he immediately waved off the other cars, pulled me over and then proceeded to twist my left arm forcefully to disarm me while I was sitting in the car.

I honestly thought he was going to shoot me with my own weapon trying to get it out of my holster.

He retreated to his vehicle and ran my registration and weapon. When all came back clean, he issued me a traffic warning and asked why I had ammunition. I refused to answer, and he warned me that had I resisted, I would have had a bad day.

I now fear the police more than the bad guy.

Visiting a gun store or range while black



Andrew Casey with his 2-year-old son.

I moved to Pocatello, Idaho, (a place where guns are very popular) from St. Louis, Mo., about eight years ago.

I decided to purchase a firearm so that my 2-year-old son can learn to treat firearms with respect and know that they aren't a toy.

The older white gentleman behind the counter folded his arms when I approached and asked about purchasing

a rifle. He asked what I was using it for. I told him target practice and as a learning tool to teach my son to respect firearms.

It kind of caught him by surprise and he visibly relaxed a bit...

I am a black male in my 30s, I love wearing hoodies and am slightly overweight. There are still occasionally people who think "thug" when they see me, of course.

But since purchasing the gun, I've experienced a sense of camaraderie with a lot of conservatives who are deep in gun culture.

[Another take]



L. Kenton Dunn

At times, I've felt out of place when I'm one of the few people of color at shooting events or gun shows, but I've also been heartened

to see other Americans of African descent and people of color there.

People have been welcoming and willing to share information. But sometimes I get questions.

"Why do you need a gun?" "You're ready to vote for Trump now, aren't you?"

The Second Amendment is for everyone. I am the "good guy with a gun." I'm just like you.

Coping with stereotypes and criticism

Naomi Daniels (no photo) I am black and transgender. Being black (or any minority) and a gun owner can be described thus: On one hand, you're told that you're oppressed and that the country does not look after your interests. On the other, it's said that if you decide to defend yourself, it will backfire.

I tend to not discuss guns with fellow liberals anymore. They have shown they lack the capacity to discuss the issue with integrity, maturity and nuance.

[Mistaken identity]



Damon D. Colbert

Despite being a lawyer, I am routinely mistaken for a criminal.

Police officers who I have revealed my gun to have displayed great trepidation despite my handing them my concealed-carry permit along with my driver's license.

Law-abiding black people are just as motivated to defend themselves, their families and their homes as any other racial group. The right to bear arms has played a vital role in the lives of blacks for generations, and it will continue to do so.

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UNPREPARED AND OVERWHELMED

Two decades after Columbine and five years after Sandy Hook, Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel's department and school staff completely failed everyone at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

The Florida Sun-Sentinel did a magnificent investigative report on the complete goat rodeo that facilitated the Parkland school killer to kill and wound so many without any meaningful resistance.

Is your kid/grandkid's school just as unprepared should a nutcase or terrorist roll in to commit mass murder?

Read the whole report at the Florida Sun-Sentinel. Israel has since been fired by Florida's new governor. See page 21.

(Florida Sun-Sentinel) - Failures by the Broward County Sheriff's Office and school district cost children their lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

A gunman with an AR-15 fired the bullets, but a series of blunders, bad policies, sketchy training and poor leadership helped him succeed. Information reported over 10 months by the South Florida Sun Sentinel reveals 58 minutes of chaos on campus marked by no one taking charge, deputies dawdling, false information spreading, communications paralyzed and children stranded with nowhere to hide.

To be sure, a number of teachers and police officers performed heroically. But an examination of the day's events reveals that the Sheriff's Office and school district were unprepared for the crisis.

Here's a minute-by-minute look at those critical moments on Feb. 14, 2018.

2:19:54 p.m.: Security entrusted to unarmed coaches

A campus watchman has a chance to stop gunman Nikolas Cruz before any blood is shed. But he doesn't do it.

Security monitor Andrew Medina, an unarmed baseball coach, is riding in a golf cart and unlocking gates 20 minutes before dismissal. He sees Cruz walk through one of those unguarded gates with a rifle bag.

He recognizes Cruz as "Crazy Boy," the former student that he and his colleagues had predicted most likely to shoot up the school. He radios another campus monitor/coach, but he does not pursue Cruz and does not call a Code Red to lock down the school.

Medina shouldn't have been in that job – school investigators had recommended he be fired for sexually harassing students, but district administrators overruled them.

2:21:16 p.m.: Second unarmed monitor spots gunman, turns the other way
David Taylor, the campus monitor who was alerted by Medina, walks into the first-floor hallway toward Cruz, who goes into the stairwell. At that point, Cruz has yet to pull his gun from the carry bag.

Taylor turns around, later telling investigators he intended to use stairs at the opposite end of the hallway to intercept Cruz on the second floor.

2:21:23 p.m.: Another Code Red missed
The second chance to lock down the school is missed when freshman Chris McKenna enters the first-floor stairwell and sees Cruz loading his gun.

Cruz tells him "You'd better get out of here. Things are gonna start getting messy."

McKenna runs from the building and informs Aaron Feis, a football coach and campus monitor, that there is someone with a gun. There is no evidence that Feis, who has a radio, calls a Code Red.

2:21:38 p.m.: Watchman hides in closet
Cruz fires his first shots, killing freshmen Martin Duque, Luke Hoyer and Gina Montalto in the hallway of the first floor.

Taylor, the campus monitor, hears gunshots and races up to the second floor. He ducks into a janitor's closet. Taylor has a radio but does not call a Code Red.

Cruz stalks the first floor unchallenged. He enters no classrooms and shoots through the windows at people in his line of sight.



Cruz kills six students in these classrooms...

The simplest of security measures could have saved lives. But the school district failed to require that classrooms have designated "hard corners" — areas where students could hide outside the line of sight of a gunman looking through a doorway.

Two security experts had advised Stoneman Douglas teachers and administrators to designate these safe spaces, but only two teachers in Building 12 did so. Most classroom corners that could have provided refuge were instead blocked by teachers' desks and other furniture.

2:22:13 p.m.: The first 911 call
The first 911 caller tells a Coral Springs operator that there's a shooter at the school. Gunshots are heard in the background.

2:22:39 p.m.: Led into the line of fire
The repeated failures to call a Code Red become catastrophic when the shooting sets off a fire alarm.

Instead of hiding in their classrooms, as they would during a Code Red, some students and teachers stream out of classrooms into hallways, as they would if facing a fire.

At the same time, Deputy Scot Peterson — the school resource officer and the only armed lawman on campus — runs to meet with Medina, the campus monitor who first saw Cruz...

2:23:17 p.m.: Armed but no action
Peterson finally arrives on the east side of Building 12. He draws his gun, but he fails to go inside the building.

Over his police radio he says he can hear firecrackers or "possible shots fired" in Building 12. The statement conflicts with his later account: that he was unsure where the sounds were coming from.

2:23:48 p.m.: Deputy hides from the crisis
Deputy Peterson takes cover between Buildings 7 and 8 as Cruz prowls the second floor.

Instead of confronting the killer, he radios for a nearby intersection to be blocked off.

2:24:00 p.m.: Locked classroom, nowhere to hide
Students on the third floor are initially unaware there's a shooter in the building and are crowding the hallways because of the fire alarm. Now hearing the shots, they begin to run back toward classrooms.

Social studies teacher Ernie Rospierski directs students back into classrooms, but his door locks behind him with his keys inside.

Rospierski and several students are stranded in the hall...

2:24:54 p.m.: Finally, a Code Red
Cruz's assault, which would span 5 minutes and 32 seconds from first shot to last, is half over when someone finally declares a Code Red.

Campus monitor Elliott Bonner calls the alert after driving his golf cart to the southwest corner of Building 12, where he sees Feis' body and hears gunshots.

Bonner, who is unarmed, backs away from the scene in his cart.

2:25:38 p.m.: Peterson's lockdown order
Deputy Peterson, over his radio, orders a school lockdown instead of ordering deputies toward the building. He remains safely outside...

2:26:07 p.m.: More deputies hang back — even though they can hear the gunshots
Four more Broward deputies arrive at the school, stopping north of the campus.

All of them hear gunshots as Cruz continues to shoot in the teachers' lounge but remain near their cars just off campus...

3:11:20 p.m.: Hiding for 48 minutes



School Resource Officer Peterson leaves the spot where he has remained sheltered for nearly 48 minutes, watching as other officers enter the building...

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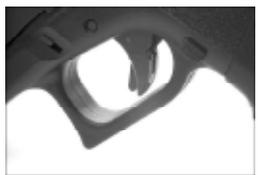
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The Armed American

True stories of how the only thing that stops bad people with evil in their hearts is a good guy (or gal) with a gun.



Four home invaders meet Armed American, get shot

Yuma, AZ (*The Epoch Times*) - An Arizona resident who woke up to people breaking into their home shot four burglars, killing one.

All four were taken to Yuma Regional Medical Center. Jessica Aynes, 28, of Yuma, was pronounced dead.

The home invasion took place in Yuma on Jan. 3 at around 1 a.m. The Yuma County Sheriff's Office said that the occupants of the house had been woken up by noises outside of their home and strangers trying to enter the house.



"The subjects made entry into the home and during the process of the home invasion and burglary, an occupant of the home fired several rounds, striking all four of the subjects," the sheriff's office stated.

The only thing that stops a bad guy with evil in his heart is a good guy with a gun Security guard shoots lunatic with AK-47 at New Year's event

Huntsville, AL (*AL.com*) - A man, who was armed with an AK-47 and firing shots outside an Alabama nightclub, faces criminal charges and was being treated after a security guard shot him, authorities said.

report. Williams went to a vehicle, grabbed an AK-47 and started shooting as he headed back toward the club, police said.

Samuel Williams has been released from the Madison County jail.

When a security guard [named Latoya] shot Williams in the thigh, he stopped firing the AK-47, a police officer wrote in the report. The 31-year-old

security guard went inside to get a tourniquet and Williams fled the scene, authorities said.

...Williams is a convicted felon, according to court records. He was released from prison on parole last March, court records state. He served more than 14 years after pleading guilty in Montgomery County court to six counts of first-degree robbery and two counts of felonious assault.

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Physician, heal thyself! Medical errors now third leading cause of death

#ThisIsTheirLane: 9.5% of all U.S. deaths related to medical "errors"

(*HopkinsMedicine.org*) - Analyzing medical death rate data over an eight-year period, Johns Hopkins patient safety experts have calculated that more than 250,000 deaths per year are due to medical error in the U.S. Their figure, published May 3 in *The BMJ*, surpasses the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) third leading cause of death — respiratory disease, which kills close to 150,000 people per year.

... In their study, the researchers examined four separate studies that analyzed medical death rate data from 2000 to 2008, including one by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Then, using hospital admission rates from 2013, they extrapolated that based on a total of 35,416,020 hospitalizations, 251,454 deaths stemmed from a medical error, which the researchers say now translates to 9.5 percent of all deaths each year in the U.S.



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Dear Democrats: Americans worried about government and immigration... not guns

(*Liberty Park Press*) - As Democrats have been declaring to every nearby microphone that they will push for more restrictions on the Second Amendment in January, a new Gallup survey reveals that guns and gun control is at the bottom of the list of priorities among American citizens, while "government" and "immigration" are at the top.

From Capitol Hill to local municipalities under control of increasingly left-tilting liberals, the campaign against gun owners' rights while proposing new taxes and opposing increased border security may underscore just how out-of-touch Democrats are with the public.

The data come from a Dec. 3-12 survey, according to Gallup.

Among survey respondents, 19 percent said government is their greatest concern, followed by immigration at 16 percent. Also eclipsing gun control as a concern are such topics as unifying the country (8%), race relations (7%), poverty/homelessness (6%) and crime/violence (4%).

Guns and gun control managed to eke out a lackluster 2 percent, as noted by CNS News.



SHORT ANSWER: 'NO'

Are AR-15 rifles a public safety threat? Here's What the Data Say

(*Foundation for Economic Education*) - Mass shootings involving rifles like the AR-15 can produce dozens of victims at one time, and combined with extensive media coverage of these events, many people have been led to believe that such rifles pose a significant threat to public safety.

However, such shootings are extremely rare, and a look at the FBI data informs us that homicide with these types of rifles represents an extremely small fraction of overall homicide violence. Banning or confiscating such firearms from the civilian population would likely produce little to no reduction in violent crime rates in America

ILLINOIS

The Prairie State situated to take lead in the national fight against gun bans

Remember how Illinois served as the origin for the landmark *McDonald v. City of Chicago* civil rights case? *McDonald* incorporated the *Heller* decision guaranteeing the individual right to keep and bear arms upon the states. Soon, the Prairie State may find itself the epicenter of another landmark civil rights case soon.

Governor JB Pritzker wants a semi-auto gun ban. And it seems he may have the Democrat votes to pass such a bill. If Pritzker follows through, he may well doom his own ban along with every other so-called "assault weapons ban" in the nation - and probably magazine bans as well. Indeed.



A suit challenging an Illinois gun ban would be filed in the Seventh Circuit, which encompasses Illinois. Upon appeal, that would give us a favorable audience among the jurists. Last time we counted, nominations for nine of the eleven justices on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals came from Republican administrations. That's a lot more favorable than just about any other US Appellate Court district in America. And President Donald Trump continues filling judicial appointments at a blistering pace.

A favorable ruling in the Seventh Circuit for us would set up a conflict between the Fourth and Ninth circuits that have found that government can ban America's favorite and best-selling rifle. Of course, these inter-district conflicts often find their way in front of the nation's highest court for final resolution.

Given Justice Ruth Ginsburg's rapidly declining health, a conservative replacement approved by the Senate would probably give us a 6-3 SCOTUS split striking down gun bans nationwide. Even without her replacement, we would still likely win on a 5-4 vote.

Rest assured Guns Save Life will stand ready to file as an organizational plaintiff. We will fight for your right to defend yourself, including with a semi-automatic rifle or handgun - and standard capacity magazines.

Yes, America's rifle, the AR-15, is America's favorite rifle for a reason: because it works and works well for everyone. Plenty of other similar modern sporting rifles also serve well as both personal defense tools as well as recreational and competitive instruments.

Just don't tell creepy ol' Joe Biden. He still thinks you can shoot a shotgun out of your window when you hear a prowler. Then again, he also thinks it's okay to intrusively touch women and young girls, too.



He won't be missed any more than a bad hemorrhoid

Sheriff Scott Israel: Good Riddance

Within days of his inauguration, Florida's new governor canned Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel. Frankly it should have happened months ago, but better late than never.



STRONGER TOGETHER

Israel, the partisan political hack, demonstrated gross incompetence in his leadership of that department. He put politics over performance and the nation saw the results first-hand in the botched response

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to the Parkland school massacre.

And when the formal announcement arrived, he eagerly stepped in front of cameras once more to martyr himself. He blamed everyone, including the NRA, for his removal. In reality, just like a child molester, he only had himself to blame.

Remarkably, the only people standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the fired executive were fellow bureaucrats. None of the Parkland kids or parents showed up. Not even the ones supportive of Israel's vigorous gun control advocacy. That alone proved quite telling.

Even worse, in his prepared remarks, he claimed "It's been a wonderful six years." How utterly disgusting and tone deaf. Just like the rest of his tenure as the head Broward Coward.

Good riddance, Scott. You won't be missed any more than a bad hemorrhoid.

The Chicago Way

JB Pritzker signing last session's Gun Dealer Licensing bill into law would be unconstitutional, but not unexpected

by Dale Lock

It surely looks as though the Illinois Senate will send our new governor JB Pritzker the Gun Dealer Licensing Bill passed in the 100th General Assembly. Nevermind that in the past, when the new General Assembly gets sworn in, all pending legislation from the past session dies.



Unfortunately, Senate Democrats and our new governor seem hellbent on doing an end-run around the rule of law. If Democrats have the votes to pass Gun Dealer Licensing, then why engage in chicanery to enact the legislation?

What's more, another thing I find so repulsive about this legislation: it has absolutely NO impact upon criminals.

Frankly, "straw purchasers" almost never face prosecution in Chicago or anywhere else under existing law. The single straw purchaser case I can recall earned the bad guy's girlfriend community service, a fine and a big hug from prosecutors.

Ken Rishel and our own John Boch have offered the argument that some anti-gun representatives may be more receptive to the argument that new gun laws will disparately impact minorities. With all due respect, I do not find this argument persuasive, since prosecutors already pick and choose who they want to prosecute.

Remember Sanctuary cities, and sanctuary states? And then there's Chicago, where prosecutors seem reluctant to pursue charges, and when they do, they undercharge the crimes.

Frankly, if Chicago wanted to stop the crime and violence, they would prosecute and imprison those predators who victimize others.

Florida did it and their firearms violent crime rate plummeted to historic lows. Meanwhile, Illinois practices catch and release - and lo and behold Chicago is known as Murder City USA.

Furthermore, guns purchased from legitimate dealers average something like 14 years from purchase to the crime scene. Clearly, Chicago thugs aren't buying their crime guns at Cabela's or Chuck's to use later that night.

Sadly, we all know prosecuting criminals aggressively would be politically untenable, especially in Chicago, since minorities would be impacted. Notice

that I do not claim that they will impacted unequally or unfairly, just impacted.

Make no mistake this is not just a war on guns, it is a war on a culture. The arrest rate for murder in Chicago is under 16 percent, with notably fewer convictions.

On the other hand, here in Menard county we have had one unsolved murder out of a total of six murders in 28 years.

At the same time, almost half of ALL Menard county residents have a FOID card. Without a doubt, Chicago's thugs would have a short life-expectancy as career criminals in Menard County.

Indeed, signing last session's Gun Dealer Licensing bill as the new governor typifies "The Chicago Way".

Regrettably, it looks as though we should all get used to more of "The Chicago Way" until JB Pritzker is making license plates alongside licensee Rod Blagojevich.



Our thanks goes out to Oleg Volk for his continued permission to use his creative work to help us in our gun rights advocacy work. You can see more of them at his website:

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Texas law allows armed teachers like these in Clifton, TX. Illinois, not so much.

Teachers, Schools & Guns

Yes, we have armed teachers in Illinois.

by John Boch

Remember when we had to fight state by state to educate people on the proven benefits and public safety associated with right-to-carry? Today we face similar battles when it comes to good guy guns in schools.

Yes, more and more larger schools across America have hired school resource officers. Bravo.

Even better though, more and more districts have students protected by civilian good guys with guns.

Yes, even here in Illinois. Despite state laws against it.

After each school massacre, more and more people - including school staff - sought out training. Later, some of these school staffers started bringing their guns to school to protect themselves and their precious charges.

Without a doubt, each knows that when seconds count, police are just minutes away.

And even in larger schools with SROs, we know that SROs have a bull's-eye painted on their back. Simply take out the SRO with a blunt-force instrument and a baddie has a gun, a radio and keys to the kingdom. On the other hand, a discretely armed school staffer looks and acts just like one of the sheep until the wolf appears.

Recently, the *Florida Sun-Sentinel* published a damning time line of cowardice, ineptitude and political correctness that allowed one dysfunctional loser to murder so many in Parkland, Florida. (See an excerpt on page 14.) It didn't have to be, though.

Some teachers say "Not on our watch": Even in Illinois.

As I mentioned, some Illinois school staffers have decided that a school massacre will not happen on their watch - not unchallenged at least. We owe these private, selfless sheepdogs a great deal of gratitude for risking so much to protect our children.

Last year, at a debate I mentioned that I was aware of school staff members in McLean County who go to work armed. Contrary to Illinois state law, of course.

A Bloomington *Pantagraph* reporter called me the next day and almost begged me to put her in touch with them. I simply laughed. "Why would they risk talking to you? They don't owe you or anyone else an explanation of the obvious," I told her.

Following that call, that same *Pantagraph* reporter telephoned every public and private school system in McLean County asking if they knew of any of their staff who carried in school. Of course, she might have had better luck asking about illicit drug use, marital infidelity or tax evasion among school staff members.

While these unsung, gun-toting heroes face only minimal criminal penalties if outed, the financial penalties could be devastating. They risk losing their jobs and pensions if discovered. In fact, even if they were to stop the next mass murderer, saving countless lives, they still might face the loss of their pension if they were not eligible to retire on the spot. "God bless Ms. Schoolmarm for shooting the killer. Too bad she got fired the next day."

We owe them respect and gratitude. Each values the lives of their students and co-workers more than obeying the letter of a misguided law. Heroes one and all, just like those from another era who ignored evil laws and helped escaped southern slaves make their way north to freedom.

They are doing *something* that might save lives someday. As opposed to bleating the company line and leaving our precious children utterly defenseless and unprotected. Like the cowards in Broward.

While more and more states have taken action to legalize trained and licensed school staff to carry guns to protect our precious young people, other states like Illinois resist potentially life-saving change.

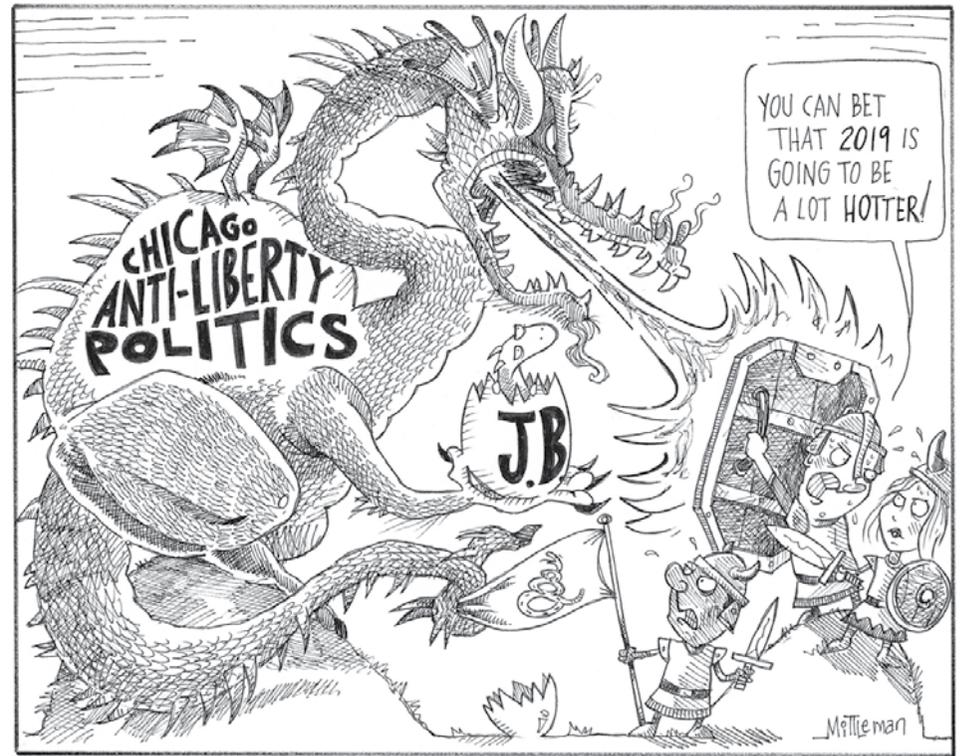
Should it surprise anyone? After all, Illinois needed a federal court to order to adopt right-to-carry as the last state without it. Hopefully, we will not be the 50th state to allow guns in schools.

In the meantime, you can rest assured there are plenty of guns in the schools where our state's leaders send their kids. Why can't our kids be equally protected?

Over and Under It

Exclusive to GunNews.

by GSL's Monty Mittleman | MontysMonsters.com



Brace for a financial assault against guns

(Washington Times) -

California Democrat Maxine Waters is the new chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee. To judge from the party's past behavior and the various proposals emanating from the left, Waters's Democrats are going to pressure banks, credit unions, and payment companies to severely curtail and even terminate their relationships with firearm manufacturers, licensed gun retailers, and law-abiding citizens exercising their right to purchase and own firearms. In other words, they will use political pressure to force private institutions into creating social policy that threatens constitutional rights.

In 2013, senior banking officials at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, with support from the Department of Justice, forced banks to dissolve their relationship with "high-risk" businesses the Obama administration found objectionable or face federal investigations, despite the legality of the businesses. Known as Operation Choke Point, the effort targeted industries including "firearms and ammunition sales, adult entertainment, check cashing, and short-term lending," according to a report from the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.



Without a complicit administration, Democrats in Congress will likely assume the role of pressuring financial institutions to cease transactions with businesses they deem unsavory, with the firearms community at the top of their list. Senate Democrats have already made this pressure explicit. Last year, Senator Brian Schatz penned a series of nine letters addressed to global payment companies, insisting they play a role in policing firearms and related products their customers are legally eligible to purchase. Seven additional Senate Democrats joined him.

Over the past year, author Andrew Ross Sorkin has written multiple pieces encouraging financial institutions to "control gun sales" if Washington is unable to enact laws.

...Sorkin wants credit-card companies to create a new "subcode" specifically to track firearm and ammunition sales. Sorkin believes that these "subcodes" could be enforced through financial institutions' "best practices" rules, which companies must abide by when doing business with the institution, and which can be changed at the whim of the institution. . .

Undoubtedly, House Democrats could try to bully payment companies into doing what Sorkin proposes...

Proposals like this are nothing more than a backdoor attempt to discriminate against certain consumers...

As Sorkin points out, some banks opted to create new rules for doing business with licensed firearms retailers, like requiring them to raise the minimum age for long-gun purchases from 18 to 21 and to conduct background checks for all firearms purchases (which all federally licensed gun sellers already did)...

Operation Choke Point and Sorkin's proposals foreshadow the path that Democrats will take this term. Congress should not be pressuring financial institutions into policing the legal purchases of their customers.

Meeting Reports.

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gence of interest after nearly dying off a decade or two ago after the FBI dumped it for the .40 S&W. Today, the .40 is something few want. "I can make you a really good deal on some trade-in .40s," he said.

He showed the new SIG MPX Copper-head personal defense weapon, along with some very high-end custom pistols. One, a Nighthawk specimen, fetched about \$6500 only hours after going out in the shelf. SCHEELS does a lot of high end gun sales out of the Springfield store.

Tim Weir called the Sangamon County GSL meeting to order. Our Sangamon County Regional Director Dale Lock felt a little under the weather. We began with the Pledge, welcomed newcomers and recognized the veterans in the audience.

John Boch delivered his Executive Director's report in-person, urging everyone to contact their legislators and sell them on supporting gun rights. While some legislators will listen to the gun rights argument, others will not. For them, we need to hammer the fact that a new gun control laws will disproportionately impact people of color.

Ken Rishel served as our main speaker for the evening, giving folks a very candid look into the world of lobbying elected officials in Illinois. Rishel would know. He's been lobbying for decades now - not for guns but something entirely different. (See story on page 3.)

For **Tech Time**, **Tim Weir** brought his coyote gun, a Rock River AR-15 purchased from SCHEELS in Fargo, ND many years ago. It has a 3x9 Leupold on top, a nice, free-float barrel and all the goodies to make it a 'yote-gettin' machine.



Dale Lock talked about speedloaders - and no, not the kind for revolvers. Instead, he brought a host of options for loading magazines. Some worked, he said, and some didn't. (He did like the AR-loader advertised

in *GunNews*. He said it was well-made with a lot of thought going into its design.)

Lastly, **John Boch** showed off his "tactical diaper bag" that wife Wendy got for his birthday. It's a cool diaper bag, unlike a lot of the girly-bags Boch says he sees some new dads toting around. Lots of compartments for the necessities of caring for babies.



He also showed the changing pad, emblazoned "Drop Zone - Stand Clear" to many laughs from the audience. All available from TacticalBabyGear.com.

We had a short comments from folks including Bear St. Pierre on the big CTO gun drawing coming up, Joel Gain on Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day coming up in March 27th, and Tom Shafer on those darn coyotes.

On to the drawings where Dale Lock won almost \$100 in the 50/50 and then promptly donated it back to Guns Save Life. Thank you, sir. You deserve a higher place in heaven. Glen Webster won the GSG SCAR in .22 caliber. Next month, we'll have a SCCY pistol to give away.

Rantoul.

Champaign County Regional Director Jim Brown called the meeting to order. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by **Lois Morton**.

We welcomed a slew of newcomers, and recognized our veterans for their service to our nation.

John Boch gave his Executive Director's notes, urging locals to work on both **Senator Scott Bennett and Rep. Carol Ammons**. Neither are pro-gun - especially Ammons - but Ammons in particular will be responsive to the fact that more gun control laws will put more "People of Color" in prison.

Our main speaker was Dan Rawlings and a crew from the **LeRoy Rifle & Pistol Club**. As a lot of folks are aware, their lease ran out at their facility in LeRoy last year. They have secured property in DeWitt County and following a long court and zoning battle with a nearby neighbor who doesn't like guns, they are moving ahead with making improvements.

They envision a nice, multi-range facility with shooting out to five hundred yards(!). They've named it the **American Heritage Range** and it's located at 3991 Gabby Road near Wapella off the Waynesville Road. (Roughly 6 miles west of Rt. 51.)

Dues are \$150 per year plus a \$30 initiation/processing fee. With no mandatory work days.

They showed some drone footage of the

property and it has a great deal of potential.

For Tech Time, Eli Slaminko brought a big ghost gun. A really, really big ghost gun - a Browning Model 1919 converted to semi-auto.

He bought the gun as a parts kit. Wishing to finish it, he bought an 80% side-plate which is the "receiver" according to the ATF. Yes, he needed to change a few parts inside it to make it semi-auto (and no, it's not one bit readily convertible back to its original configuration).

And while most of the parts kits in America are guns sent to Israel and then returned to the US market as 7.62x51 caliber, Slaminko's gun stands as an original in .30-06 Government - manufactured in 1943 so it likely has seen service.

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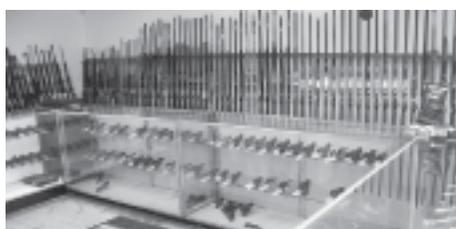
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2019 is the year that Christine Flowers stops expecting someone else to look out for her.

Why I'm ready to buy a gun

by Christine Flowers
(Philadelphia Enquirer) - I might buy a gun.

I'd need a permit. And lessons on how to shoot, a place to keep it safe, and a way to overcome the fear that I'd shoot myself.

I'm not a natural gun owner. I'm more likely to be holding a knitting needle than a Glock — but recent events have made me rethink my natural aversion to weapons, an aversion that has nothing to do with philosophical opposition and everything to do with my own physical incompetence. I'm the one they picked last for all the intramural sports in grade school because I have the precision vision of Mr. Magoo and could trip over a non-existent wire. If my life were a western movie, it'd be called "Have Gun, Will Unravel."

But it's time to take my life into my own hands, forget about all of the anti-gun rhetoric that I hear bandied about by those who exploit tragedy for their own political purposes, and make 2019 the year that I stop expecting others to look out for me.

I think it started with the election of District Attorney Larry Krasner, which brought me the realization that in our current society, it can often feel like victims are left to fend for themselves. Krasner's policies, developed over years as a defense attorney, seem to give him an affinity for the accused over the victimized. Recent stories about how his office has neglected to keep victims informed of plea deals strengthen my beliefs. It feels like victims don't get the same amount of respect as, say, the fellow who stabs a young real estate agent in the back, or the guy who shoots a grocery store owner in the hip, or the fellow who bites off the ear of an innocent bystander.

And it's not just Krasner. It seems that we've become a society where criminals and alleged criminals are given an outsized amount of sympathy. Even President Trump just touted his criminal justice reform package. While I don't think the solution is an old-style Dodge City shootout, it's dawned on me that I might need something more than my persuasive personality as protection.

Then, the other day, a fellow who called me a fascist posted something on my Fa-

cebook page that transcends First Amendment protections. It never used to bother me that the swampy comments sections of this and other websites are filled with toxicity. The great Chuck Stone, legendary columnist for the Daily News in its halcyon years used to run a regular section called



Christine Flowers.

"And the Angels Sing," in which he reprinted some of the letters he would get. Fortunately for Chuck, and sadly for the rest of us, he operated at a time when the internet was still young and you had to identify yourself with a signature and contact information.

But the person who posted on my Facebook page shared a photo of a young boy standing over a priest he'd just shot through the forehead. He also made some comments that I found personally threatening, and I called the police. It was the first time I'd ever done that.

The following day, I heard helicopters overhead and looked out the window to find Broad Street filled with police. I later learned, a murder suspect from Delaware was on the lam just a block or so from my office. "Armed and dangerous" was the description on some news sites. As I write this, he hasn't been apprehended.

It occurred to me that this is how so many people in Philadelphia live their lives, looking out the window and watching the police scour the streets for a shooter. There are children who cannot play on the corner, as I played on the corners of Logan a half century ago. It's too dangerous.

Many years ago, my aunt's ex husband came to our house looking for her. When my mother told him she wasn't there, he put a gun to her forehead. By the grace of God and superhuman calm, she talked him down.

I used to believe that kind of courage was all I'd need. Not anymore.





Put Down the Kombucha and Pick Up a Crossbow Hipsters Are the New Hunters

Want organic, sustainable meat? Kill it yourself, say veteran hunters trying to appeal to the next generation of recruits to keep the sport alive

Bogart, GA (Wall Street Journal) — A group of veteran hunters set out last month in a forest northeast of Atlanta with apprentices. Among them, a former vegetarian, a Haitian-born grad student and a farmers-market manager. They wore camouflage and carried crossbows.



They were aiming to kill white-tailed deer. But the real target: new hunters.

The number of Americans 16 and older who hunt is down 18% from two decades ago, according to federal data. An older generation of hunters is trying to lure recruits to the sport by pitching it as a good way to ensure meat is local, sustainable and probably organic.

“Earthy crunchy aligns very well with deer hunting,” says Charles Evans, 29, who works in hunter recruitment for the Georgia Wildlife Federation.

The December hunt, aimed at relative newbies, was organized by Field to Fork, a project started in 2016 by a 60,000-member national hunting group. The project locates its human targets at places such as a farmers market in Athens, Ga., where it provides samples of venison.



The trainees use crossbows, which are quieter than guns and let them train and hunt

on properties closer to civilization. For some first-time hunters, the equipment is more palatable than firearms—though most rifles can shoot farther.

Frank Kennedy Jr., 25, on the hunt from nearby Winder, Ga., says he joined the program because he wanted to “eat food where I knew where it came from” but found hunting “intimidating from the get-go.” Now he regularly goes out to the forest to hunt.

Once a staple of American life, hunting has declined as the percentage of people living in rural areas shrinks and fewer people have the time or need for a pastime requiring patience and the willingness to kill an animal.



... Programs like Field to Fork aim at younger adults with disposable income who never learned how to hunt. Hank Forester, 33, says he came up with the program over beers with Mr. Evans after being inspired by the bustling Athens farmers market where University of Georgia students and others flock for local produce.

His group handed out brochures with slogans like “HARVEST your own LOCAL MEAT” and “HUNTERS ARE THE ORIGINAL CONSERVATIONISTS.”



SHE PROBABLY WASN'T LOOKING FOR A COURT DATE

She bragged about poaching deer on a dating app - to a game warden

McIntosh County, OK (Washington Post) - As a game warden for Oklahoma's Department of Wildlife Conservation, Cannon Harrison is used to working on investigations that take months and months. Catching poachers — whose illegal deeds often take place under the cover of night, in remote areas far from any road — frequently means relying on anonymous tips, conducting surveillance in small planes and collecting footage from hunters' trail cameras.

His latest bust, however, came easily — courtesy of the dating app Bumble.

The 24-year-old received a notification in December telling him that he had matched with a woman in his area. After she messaged him to say hello — unlike other dating apps, Bumble requires women to make the first move — Harrison asked how she was doing.

She had just shot a “big buck,” she told him — a big old buck. “Pretty happy about it,” she wrote.

At first, Harrison figured it had to be a prank. His profile on the dating app doesn't mention what he does for a living. But in rural McIntosh County, a community of roughly 20,000 residents where he's worked since 2017, plenty of people recognize him as the game warden.

“Honestly, the first thing I thought was that it was someone who was messing with me because they knew who I was,” he told *The Washington Post*. “It

seemed too good to be true.”

Still, he decided to play along. The season in which licensed Oklahoma residents can hunt deer with a rifle had already ended. Shooting the deer with a crossbow would have been legal, however, assuming that the woman had done everything else by the book.



“Hell yeah, get em with a bow?” he wrote back.

The woman replied, “Well we don't need to talk about that.”

Harrison inquired if the woman had been spotlighting — a term that refers to shining a bright light into the animal's eyes, creating a literal deer-in-the-headlights effect. Also sometimes referred to as “spotting” or “headlighting,” the practice is illegal in Oklahoma. Considered by some hunters to be unsportsmanlike, it also raises safety concerns since spotlighters may not be able to see as far as they shoot.

“Yeahhhh,” the woman

replied. She told him she had shot the deer on her ranch.

“Got a pic?” he inquired.

She sent him a photo of herself crouched next to a dead deer, holding up its antlers. A bright light — potentially a camera flash, but also possibly a spotlight — illuminated the nighttime scene.

The conversation ended there. Armed only with the woman's first name, a photo and a rough sense of her location, Harrison searched through social media until he had figured out her identity. The next morning, game wardens showed up at her home.

The woman ultimately pleaded guilty to hunting deer out of season and possessing game that was taken illegally, Harrison said. Wildlife conservation officials have chosen not to release her name at this time, but on Sunday, they posted the gory photos of the decapitated deer and images from the Bumble conversation on the Oklahoma Game Wardens Facebook page, to the amusement of commenters who pointed out that the buck wasn't even that big.

“Only in Oklahoma would a woman brag about killing a deer on a dating app,” one woman wrote.

Another joked, “I'm pretty sure a court date wasn't the type of date she was looking for.”

“Instead of date night with a spotlight she got a biggo ticket,” added another commenter.

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Constitutional carry state looking to reduce regulations for those with licenses

Wyoming set to repeal most “gun free zones” for CCW holders

Cheyenne, WY (Casper Star-Tribune) — A new bill to override local gun control laws and allow Wyomingites to carry guns on school grounds and in other public places has been proposed with widespread support in both chambers of the Wyoming Legislature.

The bill, Senate File 75, proposes to not only repeal most gun free zones across the state but would allow for the carry of concealed weapons anywhere in the state for permit holders. The bill would also clarify that only the Wyoming Legislature may regulate firearms, weapons

and ammunition, therefore overriding local ordinances.

The most significant aspect of the bill might be its level of support. Nearly half of the Senate — 13 members — have signed on as co-sponsors, as well as 23 members of the 60-person House.

According to the bill text, the legislation would preempt bans on firearms in all public schools — including on public university and college campuses — governmental meetings and athletic events, both college and professional.



Crusaded for gun control to distract from his leadership failures Broward Sheriff Scott Israel removed from office

Fort Lauderdale, FL (Florida Sun-Sentinel) - Gov. Ron DeSantis removed Broward Sheriff Scott Israel from office Friday, replacing him after 10 months of turmoil spawned by the slaughter of 17 staff and students in Parkland.

The new governor replaced Israel with former Coral Springs Police Sgt. Gregory Tony, 40, who has a background in active-shooter training and becomes the first black sheriff in Broward County's history.

DeSantis announced the suspension at the Broward Sheriff's Office headquarters while the displaced former sheriff prepared his response from a church in northwest Fort Lauderdale.

"I have no interest in dancing on Scott Israel's political grave," DeSantis said of the Democratic former sheriff, "but suffice it to say the massacre might never have happened had Broward had better leadership in the sheriff's department."

In his executive order, the

governor cited Israel for incompetence and neglect of duty. DeSantis said Israel "egregiously failed in his duties" by not properly training deputies and not maintaining "a culture of vigilance and thoroughness," among other weaknesses.

The suspension caps a nearly year-long series of revelations that exposed the failure of Broward sheriff's deputies to run in to save children at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School as a former student marched through the halls with an assault rifle.

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He also refurbished a beat-up old M2 tripod and is completing its restoration. All told, he's got a really nice gun. He says it's "mechanically brilliant" how the thing works. "An engineering marvel," he described it. He lubes it with 30 weight motor oil and it's a whole lot of fun.

We had some members also show off their Browning pistols, ranging from turn of last century guns to more modern (as in less than 100 years old) specimens. One, the Model 35 was one of the first double-stack semi-auto pistols.

Lois Morton, who already as secured a higher place in heaven, won the 50/50 drawing. And like Dale Lock, she donated well over \$100 back to GSL. And the "gun" winner - really 1000 rounds of 9mm FMJ? None less than **John Grubb** - our latest lucky, multi-gun winner.

Charleston.

Almost sixty of the faithful attended our Charleston GSL meeting at the Unique Hotel and Convention Center meeting room on our new night: the Second Thursday of the month. **GSL Regional Co-Director, Bill Harrison**, led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We welcomed newcomers, and saluted our veterans for their service.

Several findings and announcements were shared by Bill Harrison, including an announcement that the Charleston meeting schedule has been changed for 2019. All meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month **except in Feb, May & Jun**, which will remain on the second Wednesday. Mark your calendars, ladies and gentlemen!

The Cloe Group has scheduled gun shows in our area for the next three months. **Jan 19-20 in Champaign, Feb 9-10 in Mattoon, and Mar 9-10 in Decatur.** Dale Lock and Bill Harrison will be attending to represent GSL at all three of these shows. Thank you gents! You too can come out and help (and sneak in free) to share the fun and comradery. It's a great time.

In the absence of John Boch, Bill Harrison read the **Executive Director's report** including the announcement of a new GSL monthly meeting site in Decatur starting in April! That makes seven meetings each month!

Main Speaker Marissa Mueller from the **United States Concealed Carry Association** gave a presentation on USCCA's comprehensive CCW "insurance" plans.

son, literally within minutes of a call.



Marissa Mueller from USCCA with their excellent book on Defensive Shooting, just some of the slick, top-notch training materials available to USCCA members.

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USCCA now offers 100% up-front coverage. Coverage is effective anytime a legal means of defense has been used. Yes, even a toilet bowl lid. Policy holders do not have to have a CCW permit to have coverage. Even with a basic coverage program, all household members are covered at their place of residence, but the additional household members will need to sign up for coverage outside the home.

They also have a large library of training materials and publish a fantastic Concealed Carry magazine.

Tech Time: Janie St. Pierre, aka "Cubbie", the wife of Eric "Bear" St Pierre announced the upcoming annual events planned for Cross Trail Outfitters, explained the organization's function and shared a testimonial from one of their former participants. Tickets for their annual 15 gun drawing were available.

Rick Sidell won the 50/50 drawing taking home \$91. **Keith Pippin** from Mattoon held the winning ticket for the **Taurus Millennium G2 9mm**. Lucky man. **We'll see you next month on Wednesday, February 13th!**

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

2nd Sunday (2:00-4:00p)
Little Egypt
Tombstone Gun Range & Training Center,
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2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)
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First Tuesday 6-8p
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4th Friday (6:00-8:00p)
Quad Cities West
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GunNews

Oh Canada: Coalition for Gun Control says handgun ban 'Within Our Reach'

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian Coalition for Gun Control said in a November fundraising letter that it got politicians to toughen a planned law against hunters and sport shooters, and that the government's possible handgun ban is "within our reach."



The letter, published below, outlined plans to further attack the rights of federally licensed shooters by demanding the seizure of their firearms and pushing for more privacy intrusions by police. The fundraising pitch used falsehoods and distortions to seek penalties and punishments for honest men and women, not lawbreakers.

Bans for Votes

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is considering a "full ban" on handguns and many rifles and shotguns owned by licensed owners to help him win re-election in October.

He also proposed Bill C-71 as a law to prohibit more guns and make it tougher for Canada's 2.2 million police-approved shooters to buy, sell, own and transport firearms. It will probably become law this year.

Hunting is at the heart of Canadian heritage, and target shooting is one of the country's most-popular and safest sports. In addition to a record-high number of gun-permit holders, millions of unlicensed family and friends shoot safely and responsibly under their supervision.



Baltimore gun "buyback" paid well for rusted junk

(Guns.com) - A three-day "no questions asked" event sponsored by the Baltimore Police Department offering to purchase guns from private city residents turned up 500 "guns" so far.

BPD offered a sliding scale for guns brought in to the event, ranging from \$100 to \$500 with another \$25 offered for each magazine. From the looks of it, some looking to offload low-end, old, or broken firearms got better than market value at the department's expense.

Photos released by the City show lots of break-top early 20th Century revolvers, single-shot shotguns, mass-produced .22LR plinkers made in the days when Montgomery Ward and Western Auto sold them via mail order, and a steady sprinkling of zinc-alloy jam-a-matics. In short, the bargain table (or maybe trash bin) at your local gun show.



They paid \$200 each for semi-autos like these.

Virginia Republicans vow gun control 'Dead on Arrival'

(The Republican Standard) - Republican Delegate Terry Kilgore (R-Gate City) said Governor Ralph Northam's sweeping package of gun control bills was "dead on arrival" in the House of Delegates, reaffirming the party's commitment to defend the Second Amendment ahead of a critical legislative session during an election year.

...Last Friday, flanked by Democratic lawmakers, Governor Northam unveiled a broad gun control package which would ban certain semiautomatic weapons, ban private party transactions, reinstitute Virginia's "One Handgun a Month" law, and institute "Red Flag" laws which gun rights supporters say fall short of constitutional due process requirements.

[Editor: Northam's proposal would ban "any firearm that is equipped with a magazine that holds more than 10 rounds of ammunition."]



NY Governor "America was never that great" Cuomo wants more gun control

Albany, N.Y. (WTEN) - Governor Andrew Cuomo announced Thursday he wants to pass stricter gun control regulations in the first 100 days of the legislative session.

The Red Flag Law would enable courts to order the temporary seizure of firearms from citizens displaying 'violent behavior.'

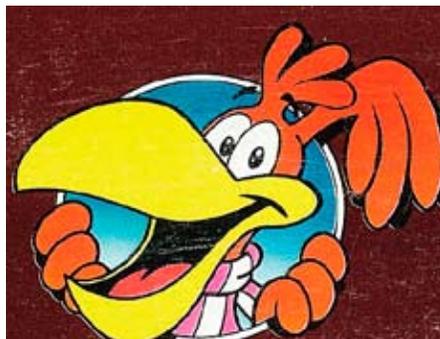
DEMOCRATS LOVE GUN CONTROL - NATIONWIDE!

The old, one-trick pony never quits, even after losing her Chinese spy driver

Feinstein introduces Assault Weapons Ban of 2019

Democrats toss red meat to their base for fundraising

Washington (Feinstein) —Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) today led a group of senators in introducing the Assault Weapons Ban of 2019, an updated bill to ban the sale, transfer, manufacture and importation of military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines.



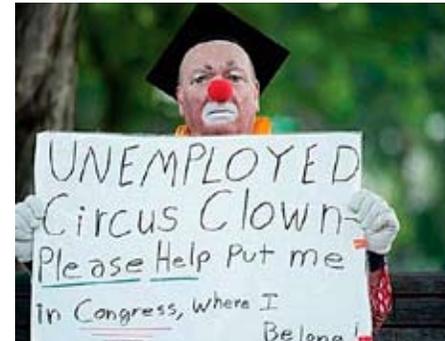
Mag limit of 5 rounds.

Ammo rationing to 20 rounds per month.

Oregon: SB-501

Salem, OR (GSL) - 'Students for Change' managed to get a couple of Oregon legislators to introduce a truly radical gun control measure. This one includes limiting magazines to five rounds and rationing ammunition purchases to twenty rounds per month. It's unknown who would lead enforcement of the new measure if passed.

- * Permit to receive firearm.
- * Mandatory trigger locks.
- * 24-hour reporting of lost or stolen guns.
- * Magazine limit of 5 rounds.
- * Mandatory background check to transfer a firearm or ammunition.
- * Ration ammunition purchases to 20-rounds per month.
- * 14-day wait on purchases/transfers



House Universal Background Check bill includes gun bans, gun registration and an end to private gun transfers

(Reason) - This week, U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Calif.) introduced HR8. According to the title, the bill is "To require a background check for every firearm sale." The bill does that--and a great deal more.

Summary

HR8 requires that loans, gifts, and sales of firearms be processed by a gun store. The same fees, paperwork, and permanent record-keeping apply as to buying a new gun from the store. If you loan a gun to a friend without going to the gun store, the penalty is the same as for knowingly selling a gun to a convicted violent felon. Likewise, when the friend returns the gun, another trip to the gun store is necessary, upon pain of felony.

A clever trick in HR8 effectively bans handguns for persons 18-to-20.

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The Culture War on Guns

Tough times for folks who hate freedom, gun rights and the flag...

OUT OF TOUCH CELEBS AT GOLDEN GLOBES:

Celebs who promote gun control for the little people protected by walls and armed security

Beverly Hills, CA (Variety) - Sunday's Golden Globe Awards will take place amid a massive security effort driven by multiple law-enforcement agencies and private services.

Hills police are collaborating with multiple law-enforcement agencies on security. The FBI and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are working with Beverly Hills P.D.



"This is obviously a high-profile event and there's a tremendous amount of security put into this," Lt. Lincoln Hoshino, a spokesperson for the Beverly Hills Police Department, told Variety Thursday.

With the Globes and subsequent after-parties scheduled to take place Sunday at and around the Beverly Hilton, the Beverly

...Asked whether attendees can expect to once again see armed officers wearing body armor at and around the Globes and related events, as was the case last year, Hoshino said, "Absolutely. That's the norm." He added, "I know that we're using a lot of technology at the event. We consider this a large-scale event, and there's going to be a multi agency response."

NY Times crack investigation uncovers hidden truth: People buy things with credit cards

Sometimes even things "they could not otherwise have afforded!"

(NY Times) - Two days before [Muslim terrorist scumbag's name redacted] killed 49 people and wounded 53 more at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, he went on Google and typed "Credit card unusual spending."

Mr. [Muslim terrorist scumbag's name redacted] had opened six new credit card accounts — including a Mastercard, an American Express card and three Visa cards — over the previous eight months.

...Mass shootings routinely set off a national debate on guns, usually focused on regulating firearms and on troubled youths. Little attention is paid to the financial industry that has become an instrumental, if unwitting, enabler of carnage.



A New York Times examination of mass shootings since the Virginia Tech attack in 2007 reveals how credit cards have become a crucial part of the planning of these massacres. There have been 13 shootings that killed 10 or more people in the last decade, and in at least eight of them, the killers financed their attacks using credit cards. Some used credit to acquire firearms they could not otherwise have afforded.

The Trayvon Martin Foundation is helping to end gun violence just like OJ Simpson is helping us to find Nicole's killer

TRY NOT TO SNICKER: Puma teams up with the Trayvon Martin Foundation to help end gun violence

(The Root) - Since Jay-Z's arrival as Creative Director earlier this year, Puma has experienced an unprecedented rebirth. And with their latest release of the Puma Clyde Court Disrupt, you can be fresh as hell if the Feds watching and support a worthy cause in the process.

That's because for each pair of kicks you purchase of the new "Peace on Earth" colorway, Puma will donate \$5 to the Trayvon Martin Foundation to help end gun violence.



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