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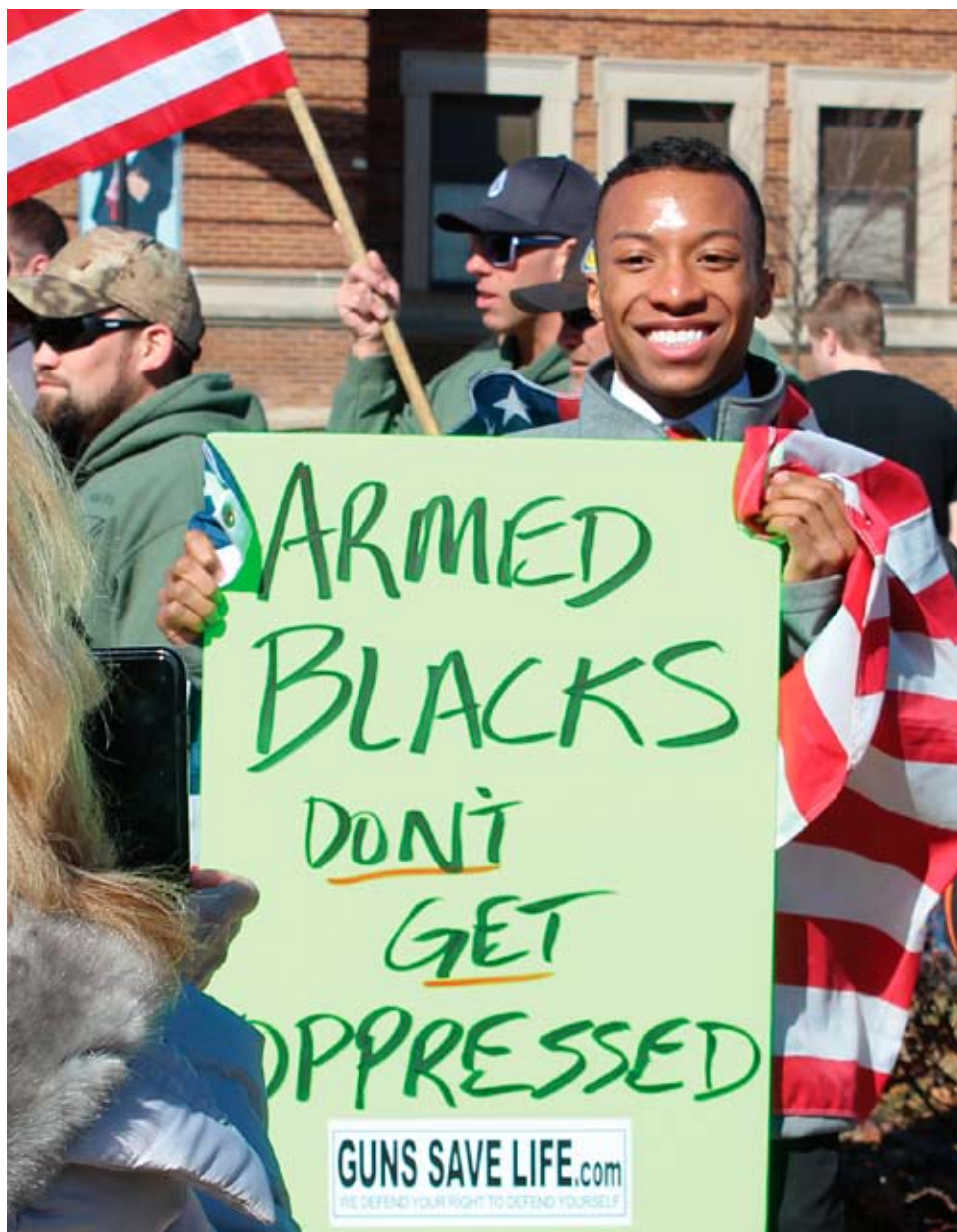
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One of many at the grassroots rally in Bloomington celebrating gun rights in America. For more photos, turn to page 13.

Gun owners react to efforts to ban guns, magazines

CALL TO ACTION!

• **Join Counter-Demonstrations! Details on page 15**

(Guns Save Life) - Illinois gun owners live their lives without thinking much about gun control - most of the time. Right now though, Illinois gun owners see red with the passage of bills to ban common guns and standard-capacity magazines. To say nothing of the efforts of gun control industry radicals to run the Prairie State's local gun shops out of business with onerous, state- and local-level Gun Dealer Licensing.

Even if you're unable to attend the March 24th events, join the good guys in Springfield on April 25th for Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day. Furthermore, watch Guns Save Life's website for more local gun rights rallies. Bring your family and celebrate freedom and liberty while helping to educate your fellow Americans. After all, we're not trying to manipulate people, just educate them so that we are all better citizens.

Spontaneous pro-gun rallies downstate have turned out hundreds of people (see stories on pages 9 and 13). And the crowd sizes continue to grow.

On March 24th, the national March for Your Guns will take place across America. The radical Leftist sponsored and organized "March for Our Lives" event will bring groups of misguided folks, useful idiots (see photo to right) as well as die-hard gun grabbers to cities near you.



Take an hour of your time, craft a hand-made sign (retail stores like Walmart have some inexpensive neon-colored poster board), and turn out to show your support for your Second Amendment rights. See page 15 for cities, locations and times.

Do these girls really think the White House is a gun free zone? Ignorance is bliss.

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April 2018

Guns Save Life Events

- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **April 5**, May 3
Golden Corral, 3525 N. University, Peoria
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **April 2**, May 7
Scheels, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **April 3**, May 1
Pontiac VFW Post 886, 531 Lincoln Ave., Pontiac
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **April 10**, May 8
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Charleston:** Second Wednesday: **April 11**, May 9
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **March 25, April 29**, May 27
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.

Sights and Smiles from Guns Save Life events across Illinois...



As mom looks on, Dale Lock presents Aaron Hardwick a GSL t-shirt and a bottle of Liberal Tears gun oil after hearing how he earned himself an A+ on a high school debate on gun rights.



Stronger together.

GSL's Executive Director John Boch, left, and President Steve Davis, right, stand shoulder to shoulder with Illinois State Rifle Association Executive Director Richard Pearson.



Gabby Caunter, covergirl of last month's issue of GunNews came out to say hi at the Peoria GSL meeting, and show off her Christmas present. She's been to Front Sight in Nevada and knows how to shoot.



Classically-trained 16-year-old Shawna Lewis delighted our attendees with a classical rendition of the National Anthem. She's been to Italy to sing and is slated to travel to Israel later this year.



Greg Worrell in Rantoul.



ISP Sergeant Bill Kroncke at the Rantoul GSL meeting.



The story of how this 1860s era Bishop rifle made its way back to Petersburg, IL was told at our Sangamon County meeting.



Congressional candidate Jim Marter, right, stands shoulder to shoulder with GSL's Steve Davis. Both men also wore similar shirts.



James Poppenhouse from SCHEELS brought out a bunch of newer model guns to show off for our Sangamon County meeting.



Retired FBI Special Agent David Hertz talks about his role in Operation Greylord in the 1980s.



Justin Bawcum on making your own Ghillie suit... from stuff available at Walmart!



Guns Save Life gives away lots of guns! At the gun drawing table in Charleston.



GSL meetings are family-friendly for all ages!



Honey, I won a gun!

Mossberg 20ga. Shockwave from the Sangamon County GSL meeting. Pictured from the left, Dale Lock, Mossberg Shockwave winner Russell Yeaman and 50/50 winner Kent Kraft who donated his \$184 to Cross Trail Outfitters.



Mr. Owen Westerfield won himself a Brownie Buckmark .22 pistol at the Pontiac GSL meeting. He's pictured with Doug Swartz, our interim regional director.

Meeting Summaries...

Chicago.

Another big crowd came out for the February 2018 GSL Chicagoland meeting. **Regional Coordinator Alfreda Keith Keller** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. As custom, she offered recognition of veterans as well as newcomers from Brookfield to Beecher, IL.

We helped Alfreda celebrate her (21st) birthday with little cupcakes and a lot of positive energy. She singled out her two "best men" Peter and Ted for their tireless work and devotion for helping her make things run smoothly. She gave each a small token of her appreciation. "I feel very blessed to have them," she said.

John Boch delivered his Executive Director's Report. He urged everyone to get engaged. "Join the NRA and Guns Save Life. And I'm telling you right now you should be an ISRA member as I am," Boch said. In addition, write letters to your local newspaper and elected officials.

President Steve Davis gave his report, noting how we all have to come together to fight the big gun grabber push.

Main speaker: Attorney Davis then changed hats, putting on his lawyer / firearm trainer hat(s) and discussed some things gun owners, both new and experienced, frequently get wrong about their right to self-defense.

He cited an article by another attorney, *10 Things Gun Owners Get Wrong About Their Self-Defense Rights*. He agreed with some points emphatically, while others he disputed to some degree.

No, don't tamper with a crime scene and drag a bad guy back into your home. Just because someone's in your house doesn't mean you can shoot them. Seriously.

The old expression "make sure there's only one side to the story" is more likely to land you in prison than scot free.

Audience members asked some good questions, including what to do with an intruder at gunpoint. Steve suggests telling them to "Leave now!" rather than trying to have them lay down and wait for police.

Davis also recommended concealed carry insurance so you can afford good legal counsel and expert witnesses to keep you out of prison if the worst happens. Especially in this day and age where prosecutors are more inclined to take a self-defense case to trial to save face with their voters.

Beau Meskam, one of our Chicagoland deliver team distributing *GunNews* to some of the best gun shops, ranges and other venues in and around Cook County, shared his unpleasant experience from last month at a well-known Des Plaines gun shop and range. Beau said he had dropped of *GunNews* to this shop for years - 100 each month. Last month, an employee curtly told him: "We don't want your newspaper". Why, Beau asked. Because "it's too violent". GSL contacted the store owner who declined to reverse the employee's action.

Beau described himself as flabbergasted. He left and has not returned. He's now delivering *GunNews* (along with his business) to **Shore Galleries in Lincolnwood**. The Shore store, formerly a police supply

vendor, has been completely renovated and remodeled. It also now caters to civilians in a big way and they have opened a range upstairs on premises - also open to the public.

"They love *GunNews*, too!" Meskam said.



Speaking of gun stores, **Almost Wholesale** in Burr Ridge has closed. They've consolidated stores with the one in Bridgeview known as Bridgeview Sports.

Joseph Ramirez won the **Taurus Spectrum .380** pistol, courtesy of Almost Wholesale. Next month, we've got a **DPMS Oracle 5.56mm** optics-ready AR-15 for our drawing gun.



Peoria.

Peoria set another record at the **Golden Corral**, with well over 120 people in attendance. Regional leader **Kay Davis** called the meeting to order with a booming Pledge of Allegiance. From there, we welcomed newcomers and recognized our veterans.

John Boch gave his **Executive Director's report**, detailing the legislative "**Black Wednesday**" from the day before. "They want to put you in prison for 7 to 14 years for a pair of magazines!" Boch said. He urged everyone to join the NRA, Guns Save Life, and the ISRA as well. "ISRA's not telling its members to join GSL, but I'll say it right here and now, you should be a member of ISRA just as I am," Boch implored the audience.

GSL President Steve Davis noted how Prairie State gun owners must come together and stand together against this onslaught. Davis expressed concern over only 2,000ish witness slips submitted in opposition to these bills - about half what the other side had in support of them. "We as gun owners must do better than this!" he said. "All of you are engaged to some degree, but we have to energize or friends, neighbors and family members to do the same."

For our main speaker, we enjoyed **retired FBI Special Agent Dave Hertz** (and also former Texas Rangers professional baseball player) who told of his role in Operation Greylord, the FBI case from the 1980s that rooted out corruption in the criminal justice system.

The three-year investigation netted 92 officials indicted, including 17 judges, 48 lawyers, 8 cops, 10 deputy sheriffs, 8 court officials, and one state legislator. Nearly all were either convicted or pled guilty.

Lawyers were paying off judges, and cops were steering "business" to certain lawyers for a kickback of their own.

Hertz had the audience chuckling, talking about Chicago "justice" in the early 80s. They FBI wanted to start with the little cases and work their way up to judges and

lawyers fixing murder cases. Right away, the G-men found that getting arrested in Chicago could prove difficult.

Once he finally did get arrested, practically everyone he had contact with tried to "help him" bribe his way out of the charges.

In Chicago, the former Feeb explained that everyone has a "sponsor" - often a ward boss - who helped get them a patronage job. And in Greylord, the judges used their "sponsors" to insulate themselves from the bribes.

The FBI loves these big cases, busting open criminal enterprises and rooting out corruption - especially public servants. And in Greylord, they culled a lot of crooked lawyers and judges. Asked if any ever came after him, Hertz said those people didn't get to their positions by threatening people.



For **Tech Time**, **Tim Sommer** (pictured above) showed off his \$4000 Pulsar XQ 50 Trail Thermal Rifle scope, including showing a neat video of the device in action. It's perfectly usable day or night and can pick up a mouse at 50 yards. It's almost like cheating!

With an 8 hour battery, it's got a wide range of settings for various weapon platforms and includes multiple types of reticles.

We also had a special guest, covergirl **Gabby Caunter**. She appeared on the cover of last month's issue of *GunNews*, and also just celebrated her 17th birthday.



John Gillespie (pictured above with Steve Davis) won the **Mossberg 795 .22** rifle. **Dan Street** absconded with his half of the 50/50, fair and square. Congrats and then some to both of them. Next month, we'll have a **Ruger Security 9** as our monthly drawing gun.

Sangamon County.

Regional Director Dale Lock led off with the Pledge of Allegiance in the packed meeting room at SCHEELS in Springfield. As custom, we welcomed newcomers and recognized the many veterans in the room.

Jay Ater jokingly welcomed all of us "Future Felons of Illinois" in reference to the legislation that passed the Illinois House the previous week. From there, he talked about how some kids at the high school where he teaches had planned a "walk out" on March 14th. And many of his students, knowing Jay's attitudes on gun rights, had been working with him to hold their own pro-gun walkout.

Steven Westerfield, a write-in candidate for the 99th Illinois Representative District introduced himself. He also spoke passionately for **Jeanne Ives'** campaign for the Republican nomination for Illinois Governor.

John Boch delivered his **Executive Director's Notes**. From there, our special guest in the **Illinois State Rifle Association Executive Director Richard Pearson** took the floor.

Mr. Pearson shared how things have changed in Springfield, particularly since the 2016 elections. While gun owners largely went to sleep, our politicians have faced a whole passel of lobbyists seeking to impose all manner of gun control upon Illinois residents. Add in Parkland, FL and we're on the ropes.

The ISRA has beefed up its lobbying team with Eddie Sullivan, the former Republican floor leader, and John Potts, the former official of the SEIU union.

The problem, Pearson says, is that we're fighting a very fluid dynamic in Springfield and the gun controllers are relentless in their pressure on the politicians. Meanwhile, 99% of gun owners remain sleepy and distracted. "We have to get people interested and engaged," he said.

Pearson urged folks to join GSL as well as the NRA and ISRA.

Special presentation and recognition! **Dale Lock** called up **Aaron Hardwick**, who came up accompanied by his mom.

The young Hardwick, a sophomore at Chatham High School recently had a debate assignment. He and his team were to argue the pro-gun position in a debate on gun control. With a little coaching from GSL members as well as Cross Trail Outfitters folks, young Aaron earned an A+. "I pretty much beat the other team by myself," he said in an aw-shucks manner.

Lock pointed out that in today's culture war, the Left are trying to indoctrinate our kids and grandkids. It's up to us to teach them right and cited Aaron as a great example of how we can achieve success. Lock presented Aaron with a GSL t-shirt and a bottle of Liberal Tears gun oil in recognition of a job well-done.

Norm Clausson came to us as our main speaker and discussed Petersburg, IL gun maker **Robert Bishop**.

Mr. Clausson told the history of the early to mid 1800s gun-maker and his life. Bishop was born in England and emigrated to America, where he then went to work at age 13 on a whaling ship. Eventually he settled near St. Louis and then Petersburg, IL where he built guns for many years. Along the way, he married three women, had a bunch of kids and also served some time in the military.

Some years ago, Mr. Clausson came into possession of Bishop's gun-making tools.



Surviving POST-INCIDENT

by John Boch

Proper prior planning prevents poor performance. That's the more family-friendly version of the old saw. The wise and prudent man knows that protecting one's self from bad guys involves a whole lot more than stuffing a firearm into one's pocket or purse.

Have you given consideration to what you would do if a violent criminal predator picks you as their victim... and you respectfully decline with some ballistic therapy?

Yeah, you've wrecked Mongo's magnificent tattoos with a pair of slugs. And the cops are on the way, most *rapido*.

Did your concealed carry course cover how to interact with witnesses before the cops arrive? What will you say to the cops that will arrive momentarily? Have you signed up for some sort of concealed carry insurance? Do you have an attorney?

You can bet your butt that your local cops and prudent concealed carry holders have answers to all of the above quiz. Do you?

If you fail that real-life quiz, you risk your life, livelihood, indeed your liberty. Thankfully, court precedent says your actions only have to be reasonable, not perfect, but you remain at risk. Even if you did everything almost perfectly, things don't always conclude with "happily ever after".

Doubt that? Just ask George Zimmerman (of Trayvon Martin fame six years ago). While his jury came back with an acquittal, Victoria Rickman's case did not work out so well for her. She's now serving *life without parole* in Georgia after shooting a man who attacked her *in her own residence*.

In both cases, better prior planning would have made both of these individuals' lives a whole lot easier in the aftermath of their respective defensive gun uses.

So do you want things to go fairly smoothly in the aftermath of using deadly force, or do you want to go with the Zimmerman/Rickman model? It's your circus, not mine.

Better concealed carry courses will cover interacting with witnesses as well as responding and investigating officers. If you missed it, it's not too late to find a course to bring you up to speed.

Do you have an attorney? Now's a fine time to find one, not when you're in a holding cell. Did you call Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network or US Concealed Carry Association and get signed up for CCW "insurance"? Do it. Right effin' now. Tell ACLDN that Guns Save Life sent you, if you want, and save \$25.

The true aftermath.

Okay, you've survived the critical incident literally. The police released you, with or without a discrete pat on the back for taking out the trash. You've gone home. So, what now?

First, expect to have difficulty sleeping. That's called nightmares for those living in Rio Linda. Shooting and / or killing someone is traumatic for most decent people.

Then come the mainstream media reports of how you shot that poor young man who didn't even have a gun! *He only had a knife!* Yes, the media will interview his auntie. As the cameras roll, she will wipe a tear from her eye and tell the reporter how Mongo aspired to be a veterinarian to help animals. Or cure cancer. Or something like that. And the sensationalist reporter will use your jail mugshot photo next to Mongo's 8th grade school pic.

Skeptics in the community will say you carried that gun because you were *looking* or trouble.



A real-life armed robber's mother demanding "justice" for her dead son after he got killed robbing a Pizza Hut with a pistol.

The next thing you know, you and your whole family are suffering from the Mark of Cain. People will look at you differently now that you've taken a life. Some people who you thought were your friends will shun you. Neighbors may view you with suspicion. Your kids may suffer harassment in school and your spouse may experience it at her workplace.

Worse, you are always looking over your shoulder as the dead thug's family and gangster friends all run their mouths pledging retribution.

There's more worries as the local state's attorney wants to take the case to a jury to pandar for votes among their constituency at the next election.

The stress will wear down even the strongest of us.

How to deal with that stress?

In order to handle this stress upon you and your family, you could turn to prescription or recreational pharmaceuticals, or alcohol. Or food. None are good coping mechanisms and will usually lead to bigger problems long-term. What's a better strategy?

Seek professional help. Nobody's going to take your Firearms Owners ID card for seeing a shrink in the aftermath of a deadly force incident. Ask police for the name of their department mental health professional. This person will have experience helping other good people who put down bad ones.

Your friends - and family. A support structure of dependable family and rock-solid friends will prove invaluable. People who have earned your trust and who will support you through adversity, including a post-defensive gun use.

Your church. One's church family stands as another resource - both in the pastor / priest as well as fellow church members.

A word of caution: If your church is one that frowns on any use of violence, not matter how righteous, find a new church. Now.

The last thing you need in the aftermath of a righteous incident is to be shunned by people you thought were your friends.

If your church has "NO GUNS" stickers on the doors, take that as a sign from the Lord. Find a new church. Take your time, talents, tithing and life's energy to a better house of worship that not only respects your attitudes on self-defense, but welcomes them.

Don't be like one of our Guns Save Life family who contested the "No Guns" signage on his (now former) church's doors. The member and his wife both lost a bunch of so-called "friends" in a matter of days. Better to cast aside fake "friends" in good times than to have them show their true colors in bad times. Life's too short for lousy triggers and crappy "friends".

Your fellow gun owners. You will find folks at Guns Save Life meetings who understand and support the concept of self-defense. People who won't look down upon you for using force to defend innocent life. You may even find a few people who have first-hand experience doing just that.

Conclusion.

Begin to make healthy changes in your life where needed. Distance fair-weather "friends" who don't respect you and your beliefs. Surround yourself with good people now. Let good friends and family serve as your safety net in a time of need, just as

What to say?



What do you say to someone who just survived a defensive gun use? Obviously, it's a delicate topic.

The first thing: "I'm glad you are still here with us." Let them know you support what they did and are happy they survived.

Tell them you're there for them. Ask them: *Do you need someone to watch the kids or the pets? Do you need someone to house-sit while you get away for a weekend? Pick up the kids from school?*

Offer to talk if you've experienced a similar situation.

Do you have a weekend house they could use for a while? Maybe send them a bouquet of flowers to brighten their day. Or invite them over to a home-cooked dinner. The little things can mean a lot. Let them know they don't have to do this alone.

What not to ask? Don't ask for details or a narration of what happened. Anything they tell you is discoverable in court in the immediate aftermath. If they want to tell you at some time down the road, they'll bring it up when ready. Don't push them though.

you would selflessly do for them if the roles were reversed.

Just as prudent folks have insurance to back up fire extinguishers and smoke detectors, the same applies to self-defense. Have insurance and a lawyer to back up a gun and solid training. CCW insurance will take a load of worries away if the worst happens.

In short, a little proper prior planning will prevent poor performance in all aspects of life. Especially in areas like this where you have so much to lose from failing to prepare.



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ILLINOIS NEWS



Illinois House passes bill to require lawful gun owners to transfer, or surrender firearms

(Breitbart) - A bill requiring 18-20 year olds to hand over or transfer ownership of heretofore legally possessed "assault weapons" is gaining sponsors in the Illinois Senate after passing the House last month.

The bill, HB 1465, was sponsored in the House by Rep. Michelle Mussman (D-Schaumburg) and

passed by a vote of 64-51 on February 28.

After being introduced in the upper house by Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago), the bill has added seven co-sponsors in the last week. Notable among them was Sen. Jim Oberweis (R-Sugar Grove), the NRA "A" rated 2014 Republican nominee for

U.S. Senate.

The NRA-ILA described the weapons covered by HB 1465 as "commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms." The bill also requires 18-20-year-olds to forfeit ownership of any magazines that hold more than ten rounds of ammunition.

(AP Photo Seth Perlman)

East St. Louis Housing Authority sued over gun ban

(Washington Free Beacon) - A lawsuit against the East St. Louis Housing Authority over its gun ban was filed on behalf of a survivor of domestic violence in federal court on Thursday.



The lawsuit, filed by the Second Amendment Foundation and Illinois State Rifle Association, claims that the public housing authority is violating residents' civil rights by barring them from owning firearms. The groups filed the suit on behalf of a woman referred to in court documents as N. Doe, an anonymous resident of one of the authority's buildings. They said that resident has had to call police on multiple occasions to report nearby shootings and is a rape survivor who is currently hiding from a domestic abuser.



Iroquois County Board passes resolution opposing Illinois gun control legislation

(Iroquois County Board) - The Iroquois County Board has just passed the attached resolution opposing the gun control legislation being discussed by the Illinois General Assembly.

The County of Iroquois firmly believes and supports the the 2nd Amendment and strongly encourages other counties to join us in telling the Illinois General Assembly to stop infringing on the rights of our citizens.

Certified copies of this resolution will be sent to the Governor of Illinois and the Illinois General Assembly.

ACTION ITEMS

Call your State Representative and Senator

Expanded waiting periods goes to Governor

(NRA-ILA) - On Wednesday, March 14th, the Illinois state Senate voted to pass ... House Bill 1468, the bill to expand waiting periods, is now heading to Governor Bruce Rauner's desk. Please contact Gov. Rauner (217-782-0244) and urge him to VETO HB 1468.

In addition House Bills 1465 and 1467 are now heading back to the state House of Representatives for concurrence. Please contact your state Representative to OP-POSE concurrence on HBs 1465 and 1467.

Democrats to try to over-ride Rauner's Dealer Licensing veto

(GSL) - Governor Bruce Rauner vetoed SB-1657, the Gun Dealer Licensing Act. Democrats are expected to try to over-ride

the veto. Call your Illinois State Senator and Representative and urge them to sustain the governor's veto of SB-1657.

Magazine ban bill pending passage

(GSL) - Got a standard capacity magazine over 15 rounds? Then House Bill 1469 - some call it the "Bauer Act" - has your name on it.

The bill would ban all magazines over ten rounds. Possession of two magazines over 15 rounds will get you 3 to 7 years in prison. There's no grandfathering for existing mags, nor does the bill provide an exemption for retired law-enforcement.

Call your legislators and urge them to oppose this bill. Not only will almost the entire Democrat caucus support this bill in the House, but the Republican leader in the House, Rep. Jim Durkin, has urged his fellow Representatives to support the ban. Let your State Senator and State Representative know you're opposed to HB-1469.



Also, call Rep. Jim Durkin's District Office # (630) 325-2028 and Springfield Office # (217) 782-0494 and urge him to oppose magazine bans as well. When they ask your city of residence, tell them where you live and remind them that as House Minority Leader, Rep. Durkin represents the entire state.

Peoria-based Tallyn's Tactical Solutions: Raising rifle purchase age to 21 "might help"

Peoria (GSL) - Tallyn Tactical in Peoria features all sorts of modern sporting rifles and pistols in a very fancy displays. It's owner

also told local TV station WMBD that raising the long-gun purchasing age "might help".

Here's Mr. Tallyn's exact quote, in context:



Scott Tallyn from the news report.

Right now it's 18 years old to purchase a rifle, handguns you have to be 21 years of age, **if they raise that 18 to 21 I don't think it's going to fix everything it might help.** It's the younger generation that we're seeing now that's where a lot of these problems are coming from.

It's a shame Mr. Tallyn knows more about interior design and selling guns than speaking to the media.

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Special-needs students / patients at the Henry Viscardi School on Long Island "participate" in the March for our Life gun control event.

SMELLS LIKE EXPLOITATION...

Outrage as special-needs kids wheeled out to "participate"

(The Blaze) - Numerous special-needs students from a New York school "participated" in National Walkout Day "to honor the 17 victims of the Parkland shooting and encourage change," according to a Twitter post from the Viscardi Center, which runs the Henry Viscardi School for special-needs students on Long Island.

The Henry Viscardi School "offers parents of children with severe physical disabilities and who often require life-sustaining medical treatment throughout the day, a traditional educational setting option that provides academics and opportunities for personal growth and leadership development."

While the Viscardi Center's tweet received no comments as of Friday afternoon, the Women's March tweeted the same photographs in a post thanking the students for their leadership — and that tweet received a number of angry reactions:

- "Way to exploit vulnerable children," one user commented. "So wrong."
- "This is crazy... Using kids as props is bad enough, but disabled kids?" another user said.
- "Did you really just use special needs children to promote your agenda?" another asked. "You truly are a disgusting organization."
- "Horrible, immoral treatment of not only minors, but handicapped at that," another user complained.
- "The left knows no bottom to which they will not sink."
- "I'm the father of an adult mentally handicapped daughter," one user added. "If she had been there, I would be in jail right now, and at least one of you would be in the hospital, in a coma or worse. Possibly in the morgue. How dare you. How DARE you take advantage of them this way. You are scum."

Congratulations kids! You made international news.

SIXTY Chicago students trash Walmart after being allowed out of school to take part in nationwide gun protest

Chicago (UK Daily Mail) - Police in Chicago are looking for as many as 60 high school students who trashed a local Walmart after being allowed out of classes to take part in the nationwide walk-out against guns on Wednesday.

The students are from Simeon Career Academy in the city's South Side. Like thousands of others across the country, they were allowed out of class at 10am on Wednesday to take part in the protest.

Instead of standing outside the school building as planned, they crossed the parking lot to the Walmart which sits opposite and stormed the store.

According to staff who were working there at the time, the group ran through the store kicking over displays and trashing it before fleeing it again.

Some stole chips and candy during the rampage, according to the store.



ASTROTURF

ASTROTURFING: the act of creating a small organization and making it appear to represent something popular for the purpose of promoting a particular entity, cause, etc. (a play on "grassroots" in the sense of a popular movement originating among the common people, ultimately from AstroTurf, a brand of artificial grass).

'March for our Lives' is not 'grassroots'

by Kim Quade

(Victory Girls Blog) - These Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students are amazing! They're the most talented group of kids to ever grace the hall of a high school! Why, after the shooting these kids just met and organized the March for Our Lives! It's like they're . . . miraculous!

And to think it all started by them sitting around in a parent's living room!

After all, look how poised these mere teens are as they announced the upcoming March for Our Lives that they've organized *all by themselves!*

Yeah, *wrong!*

Don't let the media fool you—this is an astroturf operation. These students are backed by progressive interest groups disguising the march as a grassroots

operation.

...BuzzFeed—yes, liberal BuzzFeed—let the truth slip. BuzzFeed revealed that major progressive groups smelled conservative blood in the water and were quick to organize, using these students as their front men. Or women, too, if you're feminist...

But let's take a look at a list of the groups providing publicity and moolah to these student shills, shall we?

Everytown for Gun Safety, MoveOn.org, Moms Demand Action, Planned Parenthood, Women's March, American Federation of Teachers, and Giffords, a gun control group founded by . . . you guessed it, Gabby Giffords and her husband Mark Kelly.

...So why hasn't this operation been called out before now?

...One short answer is the age of these students. Would you want to be the heartless anchor who dares to challenge these kids? What are you — an NRA gun nut who wants children to die?

...For two weeks, journalists treated power as if it were magical. It's not. It's mechanical. The people organizing the response to Parkland, and a host of other causes, know that. So should you.

So while the Right media flails around helplessly, frightened at the prospect of being meanies or having to deal with wacky conspiracies, the Left is hoping to ride this all the way to the midterms. **And the biggest shame is that the public at large may be fooled yet again.**

Kindergarteners "March"- without parents' okay

(HotAir) - The March for Our Lives school walkouts this week certainly garnered plenty of media attention. Of course, the students who favor strict gun control laws received far more media love than the ones who support the Second Amendment and hardening schools as potential targets, but that's really just another day that ends in a "Y" for most of the media.

One of the walkouts, however, missed out on the attention it might have merited. It took place at Harbor Elementary School in New London, Connecticut. If the phrase "elementary school" already caught your attention you're on the right track. To make matters even more bizarre, the protesters were almost all five years old because it was a group of kindergartners.

As it turns out, the teachers who organized this event didn't inform the parents aside



from a post on Facebook and even the school administrators were left in the dark.

The crossing guard, who apparently has more common sense than the school staff, is quoted as saying, "I thought it was pushing it with that age group. I don't think they understood what was actually happening."

Ya think? These are children of four, five or six years. Do you really think they understand the gun control issue, mental health or questions about armed guards

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The Gun Control Fantasy World

by Steve Davis

The people who steadfastly believe in gun control live in a fantasy world. A place no more real than Skittle-crapping unicorns, winged fairies and dope-smoking caterpillars. Pretending Alice in Wonderland is true doesn't make it reality.



GSL President Steve Davis.

Let us examine some of the most common gun control fables.

The world would be a better place without firearms. I just read a guest editorial on this theme in my local paper. The writer came from the 1960's counter-culture. You know, the dope-smoking, peace, love and harmony generation. I could almost hear the Youngbloods singing, "Get Together" in the background as I read his simple-minded missive.

In fact, there was a time without firearms. We call it the Dark Ages. In those times, strong young men freely ran roughshod over the weak, the young *and* the elderly. Back then, men took what they wanted from women. And the lone person lived at the mercy of the gang. It was a time of superstitions trumping science; barbarism over civility.

Few intelligent people today would want to return to the Dark Ages, and for good reason.

The police will protect you.

Tell that to the parents of the dead kids at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Yes, our law enforcement officers generally try hard to protect and serve. But, the simple fact is they cannot be everywhere at once. While cops are minutes away, protection can be in the palm of your hand in the form of Sam Colt's great equalizer.

Once again, even if the police are present, they may not protect you from evil. Sometimes they might wait outside. Recall the Pulse nightclub fiasco, where police waited outside for hours before storming the club. And Columbine. And now the Parkland, FL school massacre. Each of these dramatically proves my point.

I am safer in a Gun Free Zone. Nowhere is the odor of burning marijuana stronger than on those who repeat this fantasy. Never mind that literally 98 percent of massacres have occurred in gun free zones.



Magic spells and wishful thinking can be hazardous to your health.

Spree killers who survived have admitted seeking out gun free zones to avoid armed resistance. These losers want to victimize the helpless.

If you believe a paper sign will protect you from someone willing to kill, then you might be high as a kite.

Concealed carry equals blood in the streets. Gun-hating leftists love to repeat this hackneyed cliché. Maybe it's true in a world where leprechauns guard pots of gold at the feet of rainbows. In the real world though, it never comes to pass.

What's more, CCW holders represent the most law-abiding in society. In the State of Florida, concealed carry holders are six times less likely to be involved in an illegal violent act than police officers.



Furthermore, in states where teachers and armed staff have been allowed in schools, there have been zero injuries or deaths from accidents. More importantly, those states have not suffered any school shootings.

It's true: everywhere concealed carry is allowed experiences a drop in crime. Whether Alice the Snowflake wants to believe it or not, the facts are the facts.

Good guys carrying guns does not result in blood in the streets, schools or anywhere else.

The Second Amendment is outdated.

The framers of our Constitution were afraid of tyranny and excesses of central government. They recognized that citizens had the right to bear arms to resist tyranny.

Has mankind and the central governments improved since 1791 such that the Founders fears are unjustified? Well, Stalin, Hitler, Mao ZeDong, and Pol Pot killed approximately 100 million of their own citizens in the last century.

More recently, the Rwandan government watched as savages butchered a million of its citizens with machetes. As Matt Bracken has succinctly pointed out, it's a lot easier to load us into boxcars when we've been disarmed.

Conclusion.

Denying reality has no survival value, nor will it make anyone safer. Instead of living in a child's world of make-believe, prudent and thoughtful people will consider the facts while sober. From there, intelligent people make sensible decisions based on facts, not fiction.

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Dick's: All-in for gun control

(Washington Post) - When Dick's Sporting Goods CEO Edward W. Stack took a stance after the Parkland, Fla., school massacre, most of the attention was on what his retail chain would stop doing: It would no longer sell assault weapons, no longer sell high-capacity magazines and no longer sell guns to customers under age 21.

But Stack's statement also was notable for what he said he wanted to see done, according to those who study how companies engage on social issues. His memo didn't just make a vague statement about the need for leaders in Washington to address the problem. Instead, he outlined specific measures



that he thought gun legislation should cover, with a bulleted list that outlined several commonly cited measures for gun-control reform.

"We implore our elected officials to enact common sense gun reform and pass the following regulations," Stack wrote. The memo called for banning assault-style firearms,

raising the minimum age for gun purchases, banning high-capacity magazines and bump stocks, requiring universal background checks that include relevant mental-health data and "previous interactions with the law" requiring a database of prohibited buyers, and closing the private-sale and gun show loophole.

Maybe it was (now former) customers returning their ScoreCards?

Dick's foot traffic rises 3.7% after gun ban

(Retail Dive - March 13) - Dick's Sporting Goods stores saw a 3.7% increase in foot traffic weekend over weekend after the company opted to stop selling assault-style rifles, according to a study by Reveal Mobile emailed to Retail Dive.

A Day Later: Dick's admits sales going limp

(MarketWatch - March 14) - Dick's Sporting Goods Inc. said its decision to no longer sell guns to anyone under 21 years old has hurt traffic and retail sales as the move upset some customers and exacerbated headwinds to its hunting and gun business.

Last month, after a Parkland, Fla., high-school shooting left 17 people dead, Dick's and Walmart Inc. were among retailers that announced age restrictions on gun sales.

Tuesday, Dick's said it was surprised by the "outpouring of support" for its new gun policies but also said that some customers were choosing to shop elsewhere.

"Some of those customers that buy firearms, buy other things also," Dick's Chief Executive Edward Stack told analysts on a conference call. "There are just going to be some people who just don't shop us anymore for anything."

Senator Ted Cruz's Democrat opponent delivers his concession speech early

"Beto" O'Rourke: Ban AR-15s. And I don't give a sh*t what the NRA thinks about it.

(Conservative Review) - Giving an interview at the SXSW conference in Austin Texas over the weekend, the Democratic nominee opposing Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, said American civilians should not be permitted to buy an AR-15 rifle.

El Paso Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, ...claims this freedom from PAC influence allows him to say things like "I could give a sh*t what the NRA thinks" about the Second Amendment rights of Americans.



Brazil mulls repeal of gun ban

(Bloomberg) - In the world's most murderous country, gun control is starting to lose its appeal.

Desperate Brazilians are wondering whether they'd be better off armed, given that around 60,000 of their compatriots are killed each year. Polls show support for gun ownership gaining ground. In an election year, politicians are paying attention.

One of the candidates leading the field for October's 2018 presidential election --

hardline conservative Jair Bolsonaro -- has promised to allow law-abiding citizens to arm themselves, a popular pledge in the nation with by far the most homicides of the entire world. Even before then, Congress may debate legislation to overturn the "disarmament statute," a law that effectively bans civilian gun ownership, except in rare circumstances. The proposal would allow Brazilians with clean criminal records who pass psychological and firearm exams to buy up to six weapons.

Surprise! Red Guards Austin militia leader a felon

Communist militia leader arrested on weapons charges

Austin, Texas (Far Left Watch) - We have reported extensively on the violent communist militia group, Red Guards Austin. This far-left extremist group openly praises a dictator who butchered millions of people, openly advocates for armed "revolutionary violence", and is actively recruiting students via their campus organizing arm, Revolutionary Student Front.



In a statement from the Red Guards Austin, they claim that one of their organizers was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm on Friday, March 9th:

"Dallas [not his legal name] and a friend headed to the bail bond office to meet the further requirements of his bail. Immediately upon exiting the car, they were surrounded by undercover cops and federal agents. Dallas was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm as a felon"

...Towards the end of their statement they make it clear that they are ready to die in order to institute an authoritarian communist government:

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Another "Gun Free Zone" attack

Would-be mass murderer stopped cold by good guy with gun in Maryland High School

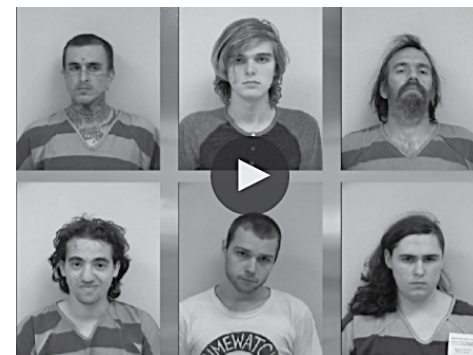
Great Mills, MD (NBC Washington) - A student pulled a gun out and shot two other students at a high school in southeast Maryland Tuesday morning before he was wounded himself, the St. Mary's County sheriff said.

The gunman entered Great Mills High School in Great Mills, Maryland, at the beginning of the school day and opened fire, Sheriff Tim Cameron said. A teenage girl and boy were injured in the shooting.

The shooter exchanged fire with a school resource officer on campus and was wounded, Cameron said. All three students are in critical condition, but the officer wasn't injured. It wasn't yet clear who shot the gunman.

Leninism-Maoism, principally Maoism. Though we have many lessons to learn from our errors, and though it grieves us unspeakably that someone we treasure has fallen into the hands of the enemy, we have never been embarrassed by our work and our struggle, and we never will be. We will uphold, defend, and apply Maoism until our deaths.

Red Guards Austin tried to conceal his identity buy using the alias "Dallas", but based on simple deductive skills, "Dallas" appears to be Joseph Wayne George. George has been arrested on previous occasions along with other members of this violent militia group.



If "Dallas" does end up serving time in prison, at least he will have an opportunity to confront actual white supremacists instead of just attacking anyone with a Make America Great Again hat. Maybe his comrades at the Los Angeles Red Guards will be able to adopt this same strategy soon. Tick tock.

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Decatur Gun Rights Rally Draws over 500!

Decatur (Herald & Review) — Jim Owens said Americans' right to bear arms is under attack, and he was joined by hundreds of others Sunday to support the Second Amendment at a rally in downtown Decatur.

They began gathering on the sidewalk outside of the Macon County Law Enforcement Center on South Franklin Street before the 1:30 p.m. start of the two-hour "Pro 2A Rally." The carried signs with messages such as "Guns Don't Kill People; People Do" and

"2A; Non-Negotiable." They waved flags and saluted passing motorists who honked their horns in a cacophony of raucous support.

More than 400 people signed in at the event, organizers said. Some on social media estimated as many as 500 attended.

...Sunday's rally, which included many people with concealed-carry licenses for handguns attracted entire families who brought their children and younger gun enthusiasts. The organiz-

ers' Facebook page said conceal-carry was "welcomed and encouraged" for the event.

"If I wanted to shoot up a school, and I knew my English teacher and my math teacher and my history teacher had Glocks (semi-automatic handguns) strapped to their sides and had training in how to use them, I think I might second-think that decision and not do it," said 16-year-old Wayne Moran, a student at Maroa-Forsyth High School.



Sights from the Decatur gun rights rally on Sunday, March 18th. Photos by the Sweeney family.



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Gang-banger, out 16 days on parole, has gun and tries to kill Chicago cop

Chicago (Sun-Times) - A member of the Black P-Stones street gang appeared in court Thursday to face a litany of charges, including attempted murder of a police officer, just 16 days after being released on parole.

Paris McKinley, 26, stood before Judge Sophia Atcherson and looked at the floor while Cook County prosecutors outlined their case against him.

About 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, the 42-year-old Chicago Police officer was on patrol with his partner in a marked police SUV when they spotted McKinley driving a 2005 Chrysler minivan south on Western Avenue, prosecutors said.

McKinley was unable to provide a driver's license or proof of insurance when he was stopped for having flicking headlights and a 9mm Glock pistol was spotted on the floor of the van behind the center console, prosecutors said.

McKinley suddenly accelerated during the stop, causing the 42-year-old officer to grab on to the van's open, driver's side window and be dragged for two blocks as the van sped down Western toward 59th Street, prosecutors said. The officer yelled

at McKinley to stop, but instead he sped through a red light at 59th Street and collided with another vehicle in the intersection.



Both vehicles sustained significant damage in the crash and the officer was thrown to the road, prosecutors said. McKinley drove off again, striking several metal poles before crashing into a building at 5917 S. Western. He left the van and ran off, but was taken into custody after hiding on the third-floor deck of a building in the 6300 block of South Claremont.

The officer was taken to Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where he was treated for abrasions to his knees and right hand.

Mayor Rahm: "I've hired 1200 new cops since Jan 2017"

Police Chief Johnson: "Net gain of 720 officers after retirements"

Reality: Only 88 more cops since Jan 2017

Unlike politicians, numbers don't lie

Chicago (Sun-Times) - Chicago's 22 police districts will have to wait until the end of this year to benefit fully from Mayor Rahm Emanuel's two-year police hiring surge, Police Supt. Eddie Johnson acknowledged Wednesday.

Johnson and Deputy Supt. Barbara West said 1,200 police officers have been hired — for a net gain of 720 officers after retirements — since Jan. 1, 2017.

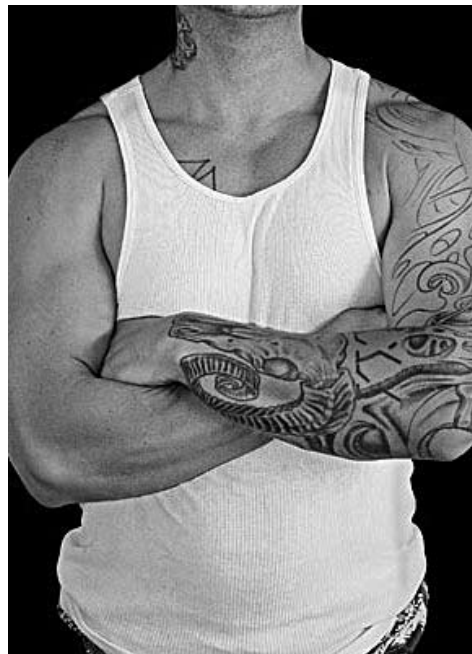
[Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests show 7060 officers on the payroll in January 2017. That number rose to 7148 in January 2018. You do the math... hint: it does not come out to 720 officers.]

....Johnson emphatically refused to reveal how many officers are assigned to each district. Nor would he say how many, if any, districts have fewer officers today than they did before

the hiring surge.

"I will not release district-by-district numbers because it's an officer safety issue. If the bad guys knew exactly what we put out there every day, that would give them a mechanism to try to figure out how to defeat us," Johnson said.

[Except those numbers are freely available by FOIA



Gangs and Politicians in Chicago: An Unholy Alliance

LAWBREAKERS, LAWMAKERS: In some parts of Chicago, violent street gangs and pols quietly trade money and favors for mutual gain. The thugs flourish, the elected officials thrive—and you lose. A special report.

(Chicago Mag) - A few months before last February's citywide elections, Hal Baskin's phone started ringing. And ringing. Most of the callers were candidates for Chicago City Council, seeking the kind of help Baskin was uniquely qualified to provide.

Baskin isn't a slick campaign strategist. He's a former gang leader and, for several decades, a community activist who now operates a neighborhood center that aims to keep kids off the streets. Baskin has deep contacts inside the South Side's complex network of politicians, community organizations, and street gangs. as he recalls, the inquiring candidates wanted to know: "Who do I need to be talking to so I can get the gangs on board?"

Baskin—who was himself a candidate in the 16th Ward aldermanic race, which he would lose—was happy to oblige. In all, he says, he

helped broker meetings between roughly 30 politicians (ten sitting aldermen and 20 candidates for City Council) and at least six gang representatives. That claim is backed up by two other community activists, Harold Davis Jr. and Kublai K. M. Toure, who worked with Baskin to arrange the meetings, and a third participant, also a community activist, who requested anonymity. The gang representatives were former chiefs who had walked away from day-to-day thug life, but they were still respected on the streets and wielded enough influence to mobilize active gang members.

... At some of the meetings, the politicians arrived with campaign materials and occasionally with aides. The sessions were organized much like corporate-style job fairs. The gang representatives conducted hourlong interviews, one after the other, talking to as many as five candidates in a

single evening. Like supplicants, the politicians came into the room alone and sat before the gang representatives, who sat behind a long table. "One candidate said, 'I feel like I'm in the hot seat,'" recalls Baskin. "And they were."

The former chieftains, several of them ex-convicts, represented some of the most notorious gangs on the South and West Sides, including the Vice Lords, Gangster Disciples, Black Disciples, Cobras, Black P Stones, and Black Gangsters. Before the election, the gangs agreed to set aside decades-old rivalries and bloody vendettas to operate as a unified political force, which they called Black United Voters of Chicago. "They realized that if they came together, they could get the politicians to come to them," explains Baskin.

Read the whole sordid story at ChicagoMag online.

Nobody's safe from carjackings in Chicago

Chicago (Tribune) - An off-duty Chicago police officer was injured Thursday morning during an attempted carjacking on the South Side where he opened fire at the suspect and was able to disarm him before he fled, police said.

Shortly after 10:15 a.m., a suspect attempted to carjack an off-duty officer in the 7500 block of Champlain Avenue in the Chatham neighborhood, police said.

The officer fired one shot at the suspect, and a struggle ensued and the officer was able to disarm him. The suspect was not struck and fled through an alley, officials said.

The suspect's firearm was recovered.

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Those ignorant of history are doomed to repeat it NAACP urges gun confiscation

(Daily Caller) - NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson called for a national gun confiscation program in a syndicated column through *Black Press USA*...



Derrick Johnson.

Comparing recent school shootings to the violence and discrimination black students faced after the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision, Johnson wrote that "fear and terror still exist in our children's classrooms" because of the "National Rifle Association and the politicians [sic] that support them."

"Given the disproportionate damage gun violence is having on our communities, the NAACP has advocated for sane, sensible laws, to help eliminate or at least to decrease the damage and death caused by gun violence. Requiring universal background checks on all gun sales and transfers, banning military-style, semi-automatic assault guns, enacting tough, new criminal penalties for straw purchasers and gun traffickers, and allowing the Center for Disease

Control to research gun violence as a major public health issue are just a few of the reasonable steps lawmakers could take to stem the tide of gun-related deaths in neighborhoods across the nation," Johnson wrote.

The leader of America's oldest civil rights organization noted that gun violence is the leading killer of young black Americans, but declined to note that a significant portion of these deaths is caused by illegal weapons.

"Over 80 percent of gun deaths of African Americans are homicides. Roughly speaking, 1 out of every 3 African American males who die between the ages of 15 and 19 is killed by gun violence. African American children and teens were less than 15 percent of the total child population in 2008 and 2009 but accounted for 45 percent of all child- and teen-related gun deaths. These numbers are tragic and intolerable, but most of all they are preventable," Johnson wrote.

The column went on to celebrate Australia's gun confiscation policy that largely banned all semi-automatic weapons, which was strictly enforced with strong sentencing.

"Australia's success story is an example for us all. America will remain a deadly nation for our children, its schools caught in the crossfire, unless we insist politicians and the NRA curb their lobbyist efforts and allow the creation of policy that acts in the best interests of public safety."



Condoleezza Rice schools "The View" on history

(Washington Times) - Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice [pictured above] gave the ladies of ABC's "The View" a history lesson on Thursday as they discussed the Second Amendment.

Whoopi Goldberg and her co-hosts were once again looking for legislative answers to the Feb. 14 massacre in Parkland, Florida, but Ms. Rice told them to look for clues in Birmingham, Alabama. She said that Democrat lawmaker "Bull" Connor and the Ku Klux Klan's disdain black citizens who could defend themselves convinced her at a young age of the importance of gun rights.

"Let me tell you why I'm a defender of the Second Amendment," former President George W. Bush's top diplomat told the panel. "I was a little girl growing up in Birmingham, Alabama, in the late '50s, early '60s. There was no way that Bull Connor and the Birmingham police were going to protect you."

Ms. Rice said that her father and his friends would fire their guns in the air when "night riders" with the KKK would come through the neighborhood.

"I'm sure if Bull Connor had known where those guns were, he would have rounded them up," she said. "So I don't favor some things like

gun registration."

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Product Review | Mantis X



by Adam Newkirk

You know, I have never heard any shooters say "man I have just been to the range too much lately." Or worse, "I like shooting \$100 worth of ammunition without hitting the X-ring."

So the question becomes how do you become a better shooter without spending your child's college fund at the range?

The answer, of course, remains dry fire practice with an unloaded gun. And practice. But how do you know you're practicing good

skill sets?

First off, what's the golden rule about dry fire practice? Make sure there's no ammunition in the same room. And double check that firearm remains unloaded and safe every time you pick it up. You never know when that guy in Cleveland will push the magic button to load your gun when you're not looking!

Part of the problem with dry-firing, aside from the boring repetition is that you're not getting independent feedback on small mistakes

in your gun handling and dry-firing. Even if you can keep a penny on the front sight (or on the barrel) and break the trigger without the penny falling off, there is still (much) room for improvement.

The Mantis X system helps diagnose those issues.

Mount the sensor onto the rail of a gun - rifle, pistol or shotgun, it doesn't matter. The sensor connects via Bluetooth to some software on your smart phone, laptop or tablet and then the magic happens. Supposedly the

Mantis X system can be used with Airsoft, CO2 and even live fire. However, I have not had a chance to do any of those so this review is being done based solely on the dry fire practice.

The sensor tracks the barrel of the gun, recording the movement impulses .2 seconds before and after the shot, and it scores the shot. From there, it analyzes as string and offers suggestions to fix perceived issues it discovers in your shooting. And how to correct the problem(s). For instance, are you using too much trigger finger or too little? Are you breaking your wrist? Are you anticipating the trigger break? Are you following through with your shots?

Multiple operational modes are present to keep things interesting. These include establishing benchmarks, both timed and untimed, open practice, surprise shots, reloads and one-handed shooting. Enough to really and truly help you to become a better shooter in so many ways.

I used this device and quickly fell in love with it. What's more, it helped me find the right adjustable backstrap for my M&P 9mm pistol - the one I shot the best with.

No rail? No problem! The Mantis X peeps have come up with solutions. There's a magazine baseplate for several common pistols that do not have rails. These include Wilson combat 1911 magazines, Glock 42 and 43, Ruger LC9 and LCP380 and the Springfield X-lines.

Here's the down and dirty on my experience using this product for the last few weeks.

I like how the Mantis X enhances the effectiveness of my dry fire training. I've seen improvement in my live-fire shooting already. Additionally, I can use this system at home in my pajamas or anywhere else it's socially acceptable to practice dry firing.



Do you like other people? The app allows you to join groups of other shooters and create your own groups so if you and your friends want to challenge each other and you all have the

system, you can compete head to head.

For those of us who tell fish stories, the Mantis keeps us honest on what is going on with the gun and kills our excuses. You can't blame the full moon or even El Niño for your less than optimal shooting.

Hiccups and problems.

There are times when the sensor will not pick up a shot. The app does allow you to increase the sensitivity but that can also cause false positives. Also worth noting, it will cost you an extra \$10-30 for a rail adaptor to be able to use the system if your gun has no rails.

The Mantis X product sells for about \$150, minus discounts. Call it three trips to a live-fire range. That's not even counting the real and perceived value of learning skills to help you hit the darn target every time you sling lead downrange for real.

In my limited experience using the Mantis X, I've found it to be of great value. It helps me enhance already good practice, while doing so conveniently and at essentially no cost to me.

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A HUGE SUCCESS! Bloomington Gun Rights Rally!

Bloomington, IL (GSL) - Put together with only four days' notice, the impromptu Bloomington rally to support Second Amendment rights achieved its goals and then some.

Nearly 200 people turned out on a sunny Sunday afternoon to promote and defend gun rights following the passage of four gun control measures in the Illinois House days before.

Judging by the never-ending series of supportive honks from passersby, the rally in front of the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts also enjoyed deep support from the community at large.

The crowd certainly received support from first responders travelling on the busy Route 51 Main Street corridor in the heart of Bloomington.

Plenty of local media covered the event for newspapers, radio and television, giving the gun rights cause good publicity across Central Illinois.

Diane Benjamin from BLN News organized the rally, along with Regina Noland. Guns Save Life backed the event with publicity and scores of GSL members turned out in support.



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King Leonidas would be appalled.



During the battle of Thermopylae, Xerxes offered to spare the lives of the Spartan soldiers if their King Leonidas would surrender his men's arms. Leonidas' reply: "ΜΟΛΩΝ ΛΑΒΕ" ("Come and take them"). And here today is this high school student holding a sign advocating for disarming Americans. How sad.



Tricia Ellison.

Dear Misogynistic Fake News CNN: Never Underestimate the Power & Determination of a Woman!

by Tricia Ellison
Senior Staff Instructor
Fortress Defense
Consultants
(Fortress Defense
Consultants) - Recently,
CNN decided to have
their Senior Law En-
forcement analyst Tom
Fuentes, some might call
him an "expert," com-
ment on how he thought
there was no good way a
woman could carry a gun
while wearing a dress or
skirt.

Here's one thing he had
to say on the so-called
"Most Trusted Name in
News" network... "If you
wear a dress, if you wear
a skirt, are you going to
have to wear a jacket
everyday with a belt
and a holster, the way a
detective on duty would
do?" he asked. "It's not a
real practical solution for
a variety of reasons."

Well, the answer to
Tom's ridiculous question
is NO!

Here's a picture of me
(left) carrying my Smith
& Wesson M&P Shield
chambered in 9mm. Oh
by the way, I'm also carry-
ing a blade, flashlight
and pepper spray. No
jacket! And look, Ma! No
belt!



S&W Shield 9mm.

Listening to people like
Tom put limitations on
women is truly insult-
ing. How dare he pigeon
hole women and their
defensive choices! So, if
I'm not wearing pants I
am incapable of defend-
ing myself? Talk about
sexist! Where are all the
feminists? As soon as we
talk about self-defense
female empowerment
goes out the window.

We've got this.
Women are problem
solvers. Women are
masterful at creating
solutions for how to carry
their guns.

The truth of the whole
thing is that carrying a
gun in most cases will
require some modifica-
tion of your clothing, not
much, but some tweak-
ing here and there. The
most common place for a
person to carry is on their
waistline with a holster
that requires a belt.

However, this is certainly
not the only way to carry
a gun. There are lots of
other options out there
for women; a simple
internet search confirms
that.

Clothing choices change
on a daily basis for most
women. Weddings, work,
or a workout at the gym,
all require different attire,
and, along with it, differ-
ent holster options.

My personal security is
my responsibility; it's up
to me and me alone. I've
made adjustments to my
clothing and my lifestyle
so I can carry my gun
everyday. I won't allow
some "expert" to tell me
what he thinks isn't possi-
ble when it's my life on
the line!



Tricia Ellison

The worst thing you can
do is tell a woman she
can't, because she'll turn
around and find a way.

I encourage you to find
what works for you. Tune

in to those who are mak-
ing it happen and tune
out those with the nar-
rowest of views. Women
are out there making it
happen, and you can too!

If any women reading
this have a daily carry
question for Tricia, she
may be contacted at
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com

Tricia, and Veronica
"V" Newberg, will be
presenting a Women's
Introduction to Defensive
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Hey Punk: Don't bring a stick to a gunfight

Fresno, CA (Your Central Valley) - Two men were injured after an altercation that led to a shooting in southeast Fresno on Thursday morning.

...A 73-year-old man was walking down the canal bank behind the home as he often does, Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer said. The man often walks his dog and returns to the area and cleans up the canal bank.

A 22-year-old man approached the 73-year-old and a verbal confrontation began. ...Dyer said at some point, the 22-year-old picked up a large stick or wooden object and struck 73-year-old -- which may have resulted in his leg or ankle being broken.

That's when the 73-year-old pulled out a fire arm and shot the 22-year-old three times...

Without firing a shot!
Oswego, Illinois man stops attack using AR-15

Oswego, IL (WGN) -- A man armed with an AR-15 rifle helped stop a knife attack during an argument in Oswego.

It happened on Monday at an apartment building on Harbor Drive. Police say it all began when someone with a knife attacked another person during an argument.

Neighbor Dave Thomas, who witnessed the attack, went into his home, got his rifle and ordered the suspect to stop.

"I ran back into the home, into my house and grabbed my AR-15. Grabbed the AR-15 over my handgun. It's just a bigger gun. I think a little bit more than an intimidation factor definitely played a part in him actually stopping."

No shots were fired.

Burglar meets armed homeowner

Charleston, WV (WSAZ) -- A burglary early Sunday morning ended up with a shot fired by the homeowner, Charleston Police say.

It happened in the 700 block of Ivy Drive. Eli Wayne Freeland, 30, was arrested and charged with one count of nighttime burglary.



Eli Wayne Freeland.

Police say the homeowner fired one shot, which hit the living room floor. No charges were filed against him because police say he was acting in self-defense.

The homeowner told police that Freeland said someone was after him and was going to kill him. The homeowner warned him to stay behind a couch or he would be shot. That's when the homeowner said Freeland advanced toward him, leading him to fire the shot.



Milwaukee carjacker won't reoffend

Milwaukee (Journal-Sentinel) - Police have released the identity of a 21-year-old would-be carjacker who was shot and killed by his intended victim early Monday.

Police identified the carjacker Tuesday morning as Carlos D. Martin, a convicted felon. Martin was armed with a gun and trying to carjack a 24-year-old man who was heading into work shortly before 6 a.m. Monday, Milwaukee Police Capt. Andra Williams said.

The 24-year-old had a valid concealed carry license and fatally shot Martin, said Ald. Cavalier Johnson...



ACTION NEEDED!
FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS!

(ISRA) - As you probably know already, the gun control movement has taken full advantage of the crimes committed in Florida and Nevada to bolster its efforts to eliminate civilian gun ownership. Bloomberg and his henchmen have now enlisted an army of impressionable children to do his anti-constitutional dirty work. Too old and tired for trench warfare themselves, the likes of Schumer, Harmon, and Pelosi are exploiting the energy of our young people to fulfill the aging anti-gunners' bucket list.

Cynically titled the "March for Our Lives," Saturday's events would be more properly dubbed, "March for Your Guns." Organizers of these events are demanding legislation that would ban and confiscate nearly every gun you own, repeal concealed carry, and leave you with nothing in your safe but your grandma's silverware.

Attend the event near you. Be prepared to vigorously defend the 2nd Amendment and your rights as a law-abiding gun owner.

Pass this information along to your gun-owning friends and family. Tell them to attend as well. Also, post this alert to any and all Internet bulletin boards and social media sites to which you belong.

REMEMBER - YOUR RIGHTS ARE ONLY AS STRONG AS YOUR RESOLVE TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THEM

Chicago: 11:00 AM, Union Park, 1501 West Randolph

Downers Grove: 11:00 AM, March from Downers Grove North High School to the Main Street Metra Station. Second Amendment supporters will rally at the train station and wait for the arrival of the gun-controllers.

Glen Ellyn: 10:00 AM, march begins at the Lincoln School.

Schaumburg: 9:00 AM, a rally against the 2nd Amendment will take place at the town center, 130 S. Roselle Road.

Frankfort: 2:00 PM, anti-gun rally at Kansas and White Streets.

Vernon Hills: 11:30 AM, Hawthorn School, 600 N. Aspen.

Elgin: 12:00 PM, Public Library, 270 N. Grove.

Oswego: 11:00 AM, Oswego High School, 4250 Route 71.

Springfield: Noon, State Capitol

Decatur: 1:00 PM, Old King's Orchard Community Center, 815 N. Church Street

Champaign: 2:30 PM, Douglas Park, 512 E. Green

Danville: 10:00 AM, Temple Plaza, Vermilion and North

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A Sign of the Times

by J. Kb
(Gun Free Zone Blog) - I have seen far too many calls to declare the NRA a terrorist organization and its members terrorists. I have seen too many public opinions demanding that the NRA and its spokespeople be silenced and denied the right to broadcast their opinions. I have seen too many Facebook posts and Tweets calling for the criminalization, mass incarceration, and even murder or execution of NRA members or law abiding gun owners.

Let me make this clear. If you believe that you need to silence, imprison, or murder

large numbers of fellow citizens to achieve your goals, your beliefs are wrong. Your Utopian vision is garbage if it is built on the mass graves of dissenters.

When your definition of a political victory is the stripping of rights from other people, your position is evil.

Whether it is push back against the election of Donald Trump or the push to impose new heavy anti-gun laws, I am convinced that this is the ultimate fantasy of the Progressive Left.

Anti-gun activists are opportunistic racists

"When something happens in the black community, we don't get a lot of support."

by J. Kb
(Gun Free Zone Blog) - The media loves David Hogg and Emma Gonzales and the rest of the Parkland student anti-gun activists. ... They have been backed by a number of Left wing groups to have a national student walkout...

...However, there are some kids from Philadelphia who won't be going.

[S]ome students... wonder: *Where was the attention during the protests over issues pressing our community, whether it be Black Lives Matter or the murder of a friend or relative?*

communities have been asking the same question in the wake of the Parkland massacre.



"When something happens in the black community, we don't get a lot of support," Sullivan, 17, said.

It's easy to understand. An indignant white young man from a good school is the kind of victim that gets white Liberals in their Volvos and Lexuses to open their wallets and demand the banning of [black rifles].

Black kids from subsidized housing shot down by a gang member with a stolen handgun isn't good for fundraising.

Or, as Kaiyah Taylor put it: "We have a lot of dying in our community, and no one is paying attention."

(Her brother's friend was recently gunned down on her block, Taylor said, and there was no media coverage, no story about what the victim was like, no uprising to demand answers.)

Next time, get shot by a white cop. There is a lot of white Liberal Woke outrage over that.

Not with the Liberal anti-gun activists for sure.

They're not alone. From Florida to Chicago, some people in marginalized

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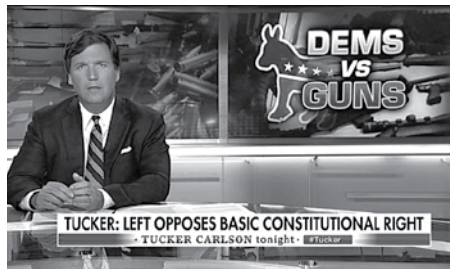
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MAKE SURE YOU VOTE!

Australian-style gun control is coming to America if Democrats win 2018 elections

by Matt Vespa

(Townhall) - You'll have fewer rights if the Democrats win. That's the point Tucker Carlson made on his show last week—and he's right. He framed it within the current gun control debate that's gripped the nation in the aftermath of the tragic school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on February 14. Shooter Nikolas Cruz shot and killed 17 people that day. In response, Democrats have proposed a new gun control bill that virtually bans firearms in this country. On top of that, a YouGov poll found that 82 percent of Democrats are in favor of banning semiautomatic firearms. Yes, that's a gun ban.



Tucker was amused at the notion of late night talk show hosts and the media trying to lecture the rest of the country on Christianity, while pushing for gun control. The Australian model is the one that's peddled pervasively in the news media from anti-gun advocates, which is essentially a ban. The Land Down Under confiscated firearms under threat of prison for those who did not comply and banned semiautomatic firearms.

Hillary Clinton said this was a proposal



we should look at while on the 2016 campaign trail, sparking real fears that a Clinton presidency could do serious damage on Second Amendment rights; she even said the Supreme Court is wrong on the Second Amendment, in which the high court said it was an individual right to own firearms. In fact, that's probably what would've happened if she had won. Then again, Trump proposed taking guns without due process in a meeting with Democrats and Republicans on this issue—and he's wrong on that as well. At the same time, of course, Trump is trustworthy on this issue than a liberal Democrat.

By the way, this is how the Council on Foreign Relations summarized Australia's gun laws:

The National Agreement on Firearms all but prohibited automatic and semi-automatic assault rifles, mandated licensing and registration, and instituted a temporary gun buyback program that took some 650,000 assault weapons (about one-sixth of the national stock) out of public circulation. Among other things, the law also required licensees

to demonstrate a "genuine need" for a particular type of gun and take a firearm safety course. After another high-profile shooting in Melbourne in 2002, Australia's handgun laws were tightened as well. Many analysts say these measures have been highly effective, citing declining gun death rates and the absence of gun-related mass killings in Australia since 1996.

Yet, Australia's homicide rate was low already, and the law had little to no effect on the nation's homicide rate. All it did was infringe on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

A print advertisement for "The Gun Amnesty." The top headline reads "Think about it now." Below it is a photograph of a group of people in a dimly lit room. The main text says "Or you could get 12 months to think about nothing else." There are two columns of small text: "If you own an unregistered or illegal gun, and you do nothing about it before December 17, you face severe penalties that could include humiliating public arrest, a criminal conviction, and the word 'criminal' stamped on your record for the rest of your life. And you could also get up to 12 months in prison, where you'll have plenty of time to think about what you would have done, if you could have your time over again. If you own an unregistered or illegal gun, and you're not sure where you stand personally, get hold of a copy of The Gun Law Hand Book, free at any Police Station. Get the book, read it, act on it. Come December 18, you'll have no excuse. This is your last chance." The bottom headline reads "The Gun Amnesty." and "After Saturday December 17, you've got no excuse."

Print ad for Australian gun "amnesty".

Besides the fact that the application of Australian-style gun control is unconstitutional here, the point is that we could get a slight taste of that if Democrats win back the House. Tucker mentioned that this new gun bill from Democrats could pass if they win the 2018 midterms. He added that Democrats treat the rest of the law-abiding public as felons on firearms. And this applies to the rest of the bill of rights. Tucker closed by saying if someone abuses their First Amendment rights, like starting a riot in which people are killed, does that mean that section of the Bill of Rights needs to be curtailed?

It seems far away, but if the Left manages to win this year—our Second Amendment rights, tax reform, and other items of Trump's economic agenda could be imperiled. Yes, right now, it looks as if Republicans are going to pick up some seats in the Senate, but that's a more moveable chamber. If there's one thing we've seen, there are some Senate Republicans who don't always play for our team.

Yes, we won a great victory in 2016, but every year those gains and the legislative dividends that come with it are put on the line. In 2018, a lot is riding on its outcome. Never forget that. A bill that seriously curtails Second Amendment freedoms waits to be unleashed by anti-gun liberal Democrats. Just remember that this cycle.

Hollywood enters the gun debate to get its virtue-signaling back

by Elizabeth Herrington
(Washington Free Beacon) - It turns out fighting the NRA can atone for other moral failings.

Hollywood is eagerly jumping at the opportunity to get its virtue-signaling credentials back by inserting itself into the gun-control debate after months of feigned self-reflection over its treatment of women. Celebrities seemed more than ready to move on after the Golden Globes, which became a publicity campaign with a new hashtag and stars patting themselves on the back for speaking out after three decades of silence.

Harvey Weinstein was ridiculed for attempting to obfuscate his predatory sexual behavior by diverting attention to his Good™ political views. "Yeah, I may have raped and harassed women for decades, but look over here! I'm a Democrat. And guns are bad."

It didn't work for Weinstein, but apparently going after the NRA is a foolproof way for Hollywood to get its sanctimony back.

George Clooney and his wife Amal started by donating \$500,000 to the "March Of Our Lives," an anti-gun rally organized by students who survived the Parkland shooting and Everytown for Gun Safety, liberal billionaire Michael Bloomberg's group.

Oprah "does not have the DNA" for politics Winfrey followed. Democratic mega donors Steven Spielberg and Jeffrey and Marilyn Katzenberg donated too.

Clooney said he and his family would join the kids



at the rally in Washington, D.C., next month. Maybe they should skip it. It's probably better for gun-control advocates that the face of their movement be Emma Gonzalez rather than Hollywood, which does not have much moral ground to stand on these days.

Fittingly, the same day the news broke of Hollywood donating millions to the new gun-control push, a new survey was released. The results? Virtually every woman in Hollywood has been sexually harassed or assaulted.

The list is long: "Unwanted sexual comments and groping. Propositioning women. Exposing themselves. Coercing women into having sex or doing something sexual. And, especially pertinent to showbiz, forcing women to disrobe and appear naked at an audition without prior warning."

USA Today, the Creative Coalition, Women in Film and Television, and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center teamed up and surveyed 843 female producers, actors, writers, directors, and editors to ask about sexual misconduct in Hollywood.

The results were staggering.

Ninety-four percent said they experienced some form of assault or harassment. In other words, Weinstein is just the beginning.

"Worse, more than one-fifth of respondents (21 percent) say they have been forced to do something sexual at least once," USA Today said.

Sixty-nine percent of the women working in Hollywood said they have been groped, slapped, pinched, or brushed in a sexual way at least once. Sixty-four percent said they have been propositioned for sex or a relationship at least once.

"It happens so frequently that it's just the functioning normal," said a female camera operator.

So while Hollywood is happy to lecture the rest of us about the Second Amendment, let's remember who our moral betters are. They might change the subject, "virtue signal," and use "liberal causes as a shield" against a scandal that doesn't seem to be fading anytime soon.

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More recently, he tracked down a couple of Bishops guns, then told the story of how he brought one of the guns back home to Petersburg from a collector in Decatur.



Norm Clausson, left, tells the story of how he acquired the Bishop rifle held by Lance Gilbert.

It was quite a story in history, heritage and good fortune.

Phil Davis spoke briefly, recalling how his grandfather owned a tavern in Petersburg. Our history guru commented on the "snitch bill" as Richard Pearson described the Lethal Violence Order of Protection bill. "Hitler would have loved it," Davis said. "If someone will turn you in on Facebook for hurting their feelings, they'll certainly report you to the Illinois State Police."

He urged everyone to make those calls, go to IGOLD, and to come back to our meetings regularly to stay up to date.

We held our drawings. **Kent Kraft** won \$184 in the 50/50 and promptly donated it to **Cross Train Outfitters**. Lucky dog **Russell Yeaman** won a **20-gauge Mossberg Shockwave**. Wow! Nice job.

Next month, we will have a **9mm S&W Shield** as our monthly drawing gun. In May, we've got an incredibly popular **Sig P365**. Tickets can be picked up at any monthly meeting ahead of either drawing!

Champaign County.

GSL's Champaign County Regional Director Jim Brown called the meeting to order after we brought out additional tables and chairs for the faithful. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by **GSL Secretary Lois Morton** offering a prayer. We recognized our veterans as well as introduced our newcomers. Welcome and thanks everyone!

GSL's Executive Director John Boch delivered an update from both Springfield and beyond in his report. He also answered questions a-plenty.

Illinois State Police Sergeant Bill

Kroncke took the floor as our main speaker. Born and raised in Shelbyville, Kroncke says he travelled the world thanks to the US military. He served in Desert Storm, then after Officer Candidate School rose to the rank of Captain, and commanding the National Guard unit based in Litchfield. A jack of many trades, he teaches concealed carry as well as personal defense tactics (hand-to-hand) for good people. He also gives back as his American Legion Commander.

For his day job, he works the ISP District 10 out of Pesotum, which patrols more square miles than the state of Connecticut.

He covered a lot of ground, including discussions about concealed carry. He

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praised those who have the licenses, calling them the "front line" against bad guys.

Obviously, the discussions turned to school safety and security. He says he feels our concerns personally as he has twin 2 1/2 year old kids who will soon enroll in school. "I don't know how many times this has to happen before we reverse this gun free zones in schools stuff," he said.

Kroncke stated the obvious: psychopaths don't care about signs.



Ron Beatty (pictured above) brought his biathlon rifles from over a century of Olympic competition to the meeting. Everything from a Swedish Mauser to a Russian rimfire biathlon rifle, he had several to see. He used his helpful model Dawn Bauer to show how the competitors would sling their rifles while skiing. Of course, since about 1980, the Olympics have gone PC and now use rimfire rifles instead of military rifles (in military calibers).

Greg Worrell, candidate for the Republican nomination for Champaign County Sheriff briefly introduced himself. Also, **Judge Randy Rosenstein** stopped by once again (he's becoming a regular attendee) and thanked folks for their support in his race for circuit judge.

Brad Trumpinski from the **Disabled American Veterans** came by with tickets for a DAV drawing for a \$1000 gift certificate at Atwood Armory. Get yourself a gun, a safe or whatever your heart desires if you win. Tickets are just \$10.



From left, Mike Terstreich won the 50/50, Regional Director Jim Brown and Ed Lane with a reasonable facsimile of his new Shield 9mm.

Mike Terstreich won the 50/50 drawing and **Ed Lane** suffered the terrible indignity of winning a S&W 9mm Shield! Congrats to both gentlemen.

Next month, we've got at **Charter Arms .38 Special Stainless** snubbie! A perfect pocket or purse gun. See you then!

Pontiac.

Pontiac's interim Regional Director Doug Swartz called the meeting of the faithful to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed our newcomers and recognized our veterans in attendance.

Doug urged members to leave suggestions for speakers or topics and thanked everyone for their ideas thus far.

Jack Weiser, candidate for the Republican nomination for Livingston County Sheriff introduced himself and asked for support.

16th District Congressional Candidate Jim Marter also came by and gave a great presentation. He's the primary challenger of "**Never-Trumper**" **Congressman Adam Kinzinger** who runs like a conservative but votes like a Chicago Democrat. Marter noted that Kinzinger has a deep and well-funded war chest, while Marter says he's got motivated supporters and volunteers.

GSL's President Steve Davis filled in as our main speaker with a great presentation on the takeaways from the book "The Red Dot Club". The book's title refers to the hole cops got when shot by bad guys, and it tells in their own words the lessons these current and former law enforcement officers learned from their traumatic experiences. In short, good training proves crucial in how they react to stress.

Other key take-aways, according to Mr. Davis: pistols don't have reliable stopping power, so multiple shots are almost mandatory (and carrying extra ammo is never a bad thing). Furthermore, don't drop your situational awareness and listen to your intuition when it tells you something's wrong.

Terry Zeiters brought a host of products to held old eyes see more like young eyes. He brought everything from bright paint for iron sights, to red-dot options to optical scopes and even old-fashioned diopters to aid in seeing a target to make better hips.

Terry Zeiters returned to the front to collect his 50/50 winnings and **Owen Westerfield** won the **Browning Buckmark .22 pistol**. Congrats to both.

Charleston.

Mr. Bill Harrison, the Charleston Regional Co-Director, opened the Charleston meeting at the Unique Hotel Banquet Room. About eighty or more filled the room, with the early arrivals enjoying some great food from The Brick House Restaurant.

As custom, we began with the Pledge, recognition of veterans and newcomers. Greetings and welcome!

Following another brutal day in Springfield, **GSL Executive Director John Boch** updated those present with his notes. Of course, he also answered questions and urged folks to get our fellow gun owners engaged in the fight or we might as well just turn in our guns to the police or bury them.

Main Speaker Adam Newkirk showed some great new technology called the Mantis X that can help you become a better pistol and rifle shooter. (And probably shotgun as well!)

We reprinted his review on page 12. He showed the audience how it worked in real time, using John Boch as his guinea pig shooter, first with a Springfield pistol and then an AR-15. It took only a couple of minutes to move it from the pistol's rail to the rifle's rail. It impressed a lot of folks for a \$150ish training tool.

For **Tech Time**, **Justin Bawcum** showed how to make a really decent home-made

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Communicate better!

by John Boch

(Guns Save Life) - Everyone wants to write a better letter. How do you do this?

First up, read the article **"Words Have Meaning"** by John Ross at the Guns Save Life website. (*Google it and it'll come right up.*) We owe Mr. Ross much for helping us avoid rookie mistakes in public debate.

Sadly, too often gun rights folks fail to communicate effectively with both everyday people and political leaders. We fail because we make common errors in messaging.

Realize how liberals prioritize feelings and emotions when considering issues, whereas conservatives intellectualize the issues.

In today's fast-paced information age, short attention spans are the norm. And emotions-based messaging get proven results.

In short, people respond to sound bites and dramatic images, especially those that appeal to emotions.

An easy to remember corollary: If you're explaining, you're losing.

GENERAL TIPS

Don't use the left's labels. Instead, re-frame the debate.

Example: "Assault weapon". Never use that expression. Instead, it's a "modern sporting rifle", a "police patrol-type rifle", a "freedom stick", or a "child protection tool". Or maybe a "black gun". But it's never an "assault rifle".

Ditto for the phrase "semi-auto". Non-gun owners don't know or care about the differences in "autos". Remember, *if you're explaining, you're losing.*

Use the left's hot-button words against them. "Gun control is racist, classist and sexist. I don't support those things, and neither do most Americans."

The left does this trick constantly, using semantics to conceal their agenda behind labels like "clean air", "clean water" - and "gun safety".

Use phrases like, "The liberal thing to do would be to support liberty by

opposing gun-laws and other government control schemes. We need to progress toward a future of freedom not a system that reenacts past tyrannies."

And don't be afraid to label the other side as "leftist", "communist", "socialist" or "would-be tyrants".

Take ownership of words like "liberal" and "progressive".

Use those hot button words like "Liberals for Gun Freedoms" and "Progress Towards Liberty".

Use the left's labels against them, too.

The left loves to funnel everything into race- and class-warfare rhetoric. And it works! So take ownership of their well-known (and overused and abused) cliches. "That's racism." "I don't support hate and intolerance." "That hurts children."

And, of course, the classic: "Gun control is racist, classist and sexist. I don't support those things, and neither do most Americans."

Length matters.

See what I just did? Two words, familiar to everyone. Short and to the point.

Don't try to educate. Instead, speak in sound-bites no longer than a sentence or three.

Instead of rebutting made-up junk statistics, use short, simple responses. "Guns are tools." "Guns protect children."

Guess which will be remembered the next day by the casual listener?

Simplify it.

Even if it's a dumb simplification, if it requires a long explanation to rebut... remember if you're explaining, you're losing.

Example: "There are more federal rules regulating stuffed animals than guns."

Winning response: "Why are leftists so anti-freedom?"

THEY SAY: "We'd be better off if no one had guns."

Our response: So, you want to institute a system where men can dominate women? Where the weak and elderly are at the mercy of the strong, the lone are at the mercy of the gang?

THEY SAY: "Those assault rifles have no sporting purpose. You don't need a 30-round magazine for hunting deer -- they're only for killing people."

We say: A gas chamber or electric chair is designed for killing people. A modern sporting rifle has many uses, including ending conflict. When I need to protect myself, my family and my freedom, I want the most reliable, durable, highest-capacity tool possible. The only thing hunting and target shooting have to do with freedom is that they're good practice.

THEY SAY: "In 1776, citizens had muskets. No one ever envisioned these deadly AK-47s."

WE SAY: Actually, the Founding Fathers discussed this very issue and they wanted the citizens to have the same guns as were the issue weapons of soldiers in a modern infantry. Furthermore, according to your logic, the laws governing freedom of the press are only valid for newspapers whose presses are hand-operated and use fixed type. After all, no one in 1776 foresaw high-speed printing presses, TV or the Internet.

When writing or calling your elected officials...

Keep your message short and to the point. Nobody will read a multi-page letter or listen to a two-minute phone message. Instead, use a simple, short message to say, **"Hi, My name is John Doe from Chicago. I'm calling today to urge you to vote against the magazine ban."**





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Executive Director's Notes

by John Boch
Executive Director
Guns Save Life

Legislative Report: Last month, I mentioned the other side doesn't see opportunity. Well, guess what? They saw opportunity after Parkland, Florida and they took it.

Our first "**Black Wednesday**" happened February 28th and then again on March 14th. Both days, the Gun Control Industry steam-rolled us. The House passed Gun Dealer Licensing that went to the Governor, along with a three-day wait for black guns. Other bills were approved and now await concurrence votes in the opposite houses.

I said that I looked for the Governor to veto the Gun Dealer Licensing bill, and sure enough, he did. I didn't expect the veto to come so quickly though. Word has it he wanted to give some red meat to conservative voters ahead of his contested primary.

The Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day: April 25, 2018. Make plans to go and bring someone with you. Conditions are quite dire in Springfield right now.

Get engaged and involved. **Join the NRA, GSL and the ISRA.** We fight the good fight so you can live life 99% of the time without worry about gun control bills. Right now though, we need you to contact your legislators and VOTE!

Gun owners turned out for a **great rally in Bloomington!** Another is slated for March 18th in Decatur.

"Murder City USA" Over 100 homicides in Chicago so far this year and not a single CNN Town Hall meeting. Unlike the TV show Chicago PD, the real

cops don't solve all their cases. However, they are almost at 20% this year - or about twice last year.

At the same time, cops solve a mere 7.8% of car-jackings and 5% of non-fatal shootings.

Meanwhile, politicians court gang members for votes. Is it any wonder the city is screwed up?



John Boch.

KILL THE NRA. Some on the left continue to grow more radical and violent in their opposition to our gun rights. These angry people try to dehumanize gun owners. We see billboards with "Kill the NRA". Politicians claiming NRA members are terrorists. And at an Antifa rally had folks chanting "**The Revolution has come. It's time to pick up a gun!**" Be careful out there!

It's not all bad news. Trump has aggressively promoted the **end of Gun Free zones** in schools. He wants to allow licensed, trained individuals to carry concealed to deter future savage sickos.

It's worth noting that **30 states** have provisions to allow licensed and qualified school staff to carry firearms. There have been no fatalities from accidents. More importantly, they have seen no school massacres in these locations, either.

Get ACTIVE, now. Work on your political leaders, both state and local. Write good

letters to the editor of your local papers, too.

JOIN Guns Save Life. Today. Better yet, you should get your shooting buddies to all do the same. This isn't a game or a sales pitch: Michael Madigan and his gun-hating friends really do want to send you to prison if you won't surrender your guns. Guns Save Life, the NRA and ISRA are the third monkey on the ramp to Noah's Ark. And if you haven't noticed, it's raining... hard!

Why do we fight so hard? Massachusetts passed a strict gun control law back in 1999. Cut the number of legal gun owners from 1.5M back then to 200k today. Banned black guns, magazines, etc. While crime in the rest of America has declined steadily, Massachusetts has enjoyed soaring crime. Homicides are up over 50%, armed robberies up over 20% and aggravate assaults up over 25%. A crime-free utopia thanks to strict gun control, right? Yeah, not so much.

Oscars: Hollywood's Hypocrites promote gun control while hiding behind 500 armed cops. No wonder people tuned out, making it the lowest rated Oscars, ever.



Iran's mullahs are urging gun bans here in America. You know, if Iranians had a Second Amendment, maybe then gays there wouldn't get thrown from rooftops.



Gun Shows, Friends of NRA Dinners, etc.

GUN SHOWS

March 24 & 25 - Sauk Trail Gun Show, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL. Cathy Smith, 309-689-1934, csmith0730@live.com.

March 25 - Lake County Gun & Sportsman Show, Antioch VFW, Antioch, IL. Mike Quist, 847-548-0433, mike@vintagearms.com.

April 7 & 8 - Rock Island Gun Show, QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island, IL. Ross Cloe, 815-263-2810; www.thecloegrouppllc.com.

April 8 - McHenry County Gun Show, McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, IL. Don Cichoski, 815-385-1982, dandjguns1911@att.net.

April 14 & 15 - Knoxville Gun Show, Knoxville Fairgrounds, Knoxville, IL. Rick Simkins, 309-335-0527, shellstruck@hotmail.com.

April 15 - Kane County Sportsman's Show, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL. 815-758-2773; kanesportshow.com.

April 21 & 22 - Kankakee Gun Show, Kankakee Co. Fairgrounds, Kankakee, IL. Ross Cloe, 815-263-2810; www.thecloegrouppllc.com.

April 28 - Collector Arms Dealers Association Gun Show & National Civil War Show & Sale, Dupage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL. www.cadagunshow.com.

April 28 & 29 - Sandwich Gun Show, Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich, IL. Ross Cloe, 815-263-2810; www.thecloegrouppllc.com.

April 29 - PVSA Sportsman & Gun Show, Dupage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL. Mike Holan, 630-365-2808; www.pvsashow.org.

May 5 & 6 - Bloomington Gun & Survival Show, Interstate Center, Bloomington, IL. Ross Cloe, 815-263-2810; www.

thecloegrouppllc.com.

May 5 & 6 - Belleville Gun & Knife Show, Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville, IL. Bob Leckrone, 618-495-2572; www.ecahuntingandtradeshows.com.

trafnra@gmail.com.

Apr. 7 - Perry / Randolph Friends of NRA, 5:30 PM, American Legion Post 480, Steeleville, IL. Veron Auld, (618) 329-5729, vauld@egyptian.net.

Apr. 12 - Illini Country Friends of NRA, 5:30 PM, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, Champaign, IL. David Tendick, (217) 649-1561, dwtendick82@gmail.com.

Apr. 14 - Bluff City Friends of NRA, 5:30 PM, Alton-Wood River Sportsman Club, Godfrey, IL. Sherry Cowan, (618) 920-3009, sherry-cowan@att.net.

Apr. 19 - Kankakee River Valley Friends of NRA, 5:30 PM, Quality Inn, Bradley, IL. Jack Miller, (815) 295-1194, k3rivervalleyfna@gmail.com.

May 4 - Prairieland Friends of NRA, 5:30 PM, Blue Mound Civic Center, Blue Mound, IL. Dennis Tutas, (217) 429-2420, brushup62522@yahoo.com.



FRIENDS of NRA

Mar. 22 - West Central IL Friends of NRA, 5:30 PM, Hamiltons, Jacksonville, IL. Tyler Aring, (217) 473-2827, tyleraring03@gmail.com.

Mar. 24 - Northwestern Illinois Friends of NRA, 5:00 PM, Eagles Club, Freeport, IL. Jake Backus, (815) 541-1662, northwesternilfna@gmail.com.

Mar. 24 - Two Rivers Friends of NRA, 5:30 PM, Beardstown Elks Lodge, Beardstown, IL. Stan Wallace, (217) 322-2221, wally2351@yahoo.com.

Mar. 29 - Kaskaskia River Valley Friends of NRA, 5:30 PM, Eye of the Tiger Sports Complex, Tower Hill, IL. Tracey Warren, (252) 281-3090, clover-sidefarms@gmail.com.

Apr. 3 - Gem City Friends of NRA, 5:30 PM, Ambiance, Quincy, IL. Shelly Holtman, (217) 440-6767, sholtman@comcast.net.

Apr. 5 - East Central Illinois Friends of NRA, 5:30 PM, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Bloomington, IL. Christina Darvall, (309) 379-4410, eastcen-

SHOOTING EVENTS
Danville Rifle and Pistol Club, Oakwood, IL, is hosting three events every month open to the public.

2nd Saturday: Outlaw 3 Gun (pistol, rifle, shotgun)
3rd Saturday: USPSA (pistol)
4th Saturday: IDPA (pistol, with simulated self defense scenarios and real life encounters). All shoots begin registration at 8 am, with safety briefing at 8:40 am and first shots at 9 am. Competitions generally end by 1 pm. www.drpc-danville.com.

Events & Meetings
3rd Monday of the Month: Christian County NRA Affiliate monthly meeting. VFW in Taylorville. Vicki McMahon 217-820-1756 vickimcmahon09@gmail.com



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ISP "working on" the carry license renewal process

by John Boch

Those 250,000ish Illinois carry license holders know that they will need a state-mandated three-hour renewal / re-qualification course to renew their license. The first of Illinois' CCWs will begin to expire in the Spring of 2019.



Of course, long-time gun owners in Illinois remember how the State Police have a spotty record on timely renewals of FOID cards. Not surprisingly, some prudent folks want to renew their CCW licenses early.

I called the Illinois State Police Firearms Services Bureau (and waited on hold... and waited) so you wouldn't have to.

I spoke with a courteous young woman (I'll leave her name out of it) who did a nice job diplomatically telling me the ISP currently has no formal policies and procedures for Illinois concealed carry license renewals at this time. She also indicated that she believes the renewals will process just like a new application.

At the same time, she assured me they're working on establishing such a process. For instructors, this means creating a certificate of completion template for the renewal training.

She mentioned that ISP will have a plan to handle renewals "at least a couple of months out" from when licenses begin to expire. That didn't make me feel all warm and fuzzy. Who wants to spend an hour of range time outside in snow and a -21 degree windchill in January? Not me. Probably not you, either. Kwame Raoul and Michael Madigan probably see that as a feature, not a bug.

I asked if local police departments will still have a 30-day window in which to object to a renewal even though the existing license has been carried without issue and she said that she would assume so. I can't wait to hear the line of people caught in a two-year (maybe a lot longer under a JB Pritzker administration) holding pattern as the Concealed Carry License Review Board works its way (at the speed of smell) to take up the objections to renewals!

"So, you believe that a reasonable person would expect that a renewal would take the same four months, without fingerprints, that a new license takes?" Yep, she said.

PRO-TIP: The Live-Scan fingerprint vendors won't like me for saying this, but save your money and skip the fingerprints. Take that \$75 and buy some ammo and practice your shooting. Or, for domestic tranquility, you might consider using it to take your significant other out for a dinner date. The only benefit to submitting an application with prints is that you *might* get your license back about a month sooner. Listen with *great skepticism* to anyone who claims to have seen a license application processed in 40-some days with prints.

In short, stay tuned to learn more about your renewals. The good news is that we have about a year before licenses begin to expire.



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April 5: Peoria
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April 10: Champaign Co.
Knights of Columbus
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April 11: Charleston
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**March 25th & April 29th:
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Dinner 4p, Meeting 5:30 this location

Meeting Summaries.

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ghillie suit from base materials available at Wal-Mart. Of course, the final touches of live vegetation will round out any suit to make it blend in with the local foliage.

Basically, to make a suit, one buys some heavy-duty fabric at Wally World, then use the "magical stuff" known as Shoe Goo to glue the material to the front of your ghillie top and pants. On the back side of the top and bottom, you'll use more Goo to glue 1" netting from the arts and crafts section.

Once the glue dries, use flat dark earth or medium to dark green paint to dull any Shoe Goo after it dries. From there, use burlap string unravelled to make the bulk of your suit. (A flame retardant is recommended...) Then add fresh, local foliage and you'll have yourself the closest thing to a cloak of invisibility at a distance that a man can have.

Next month, our featured speaker **Ed Miller from Jelco Supply** will talk about gun safes. We'll also have a **DPMS Oracle AR-15** as our April drawing gun!

For May, we'll have a **Mossberg Shock-wave 20-gauge**. Tickets for either gun may be picked up at any of our meeting locations!



OPRAH GOES FULL ORWELLIAN Gun control is the new "civil rights movement"

(MSN) - Oprah Winfrey says she was inspired to help the survivors of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting as they fight for stronger gun control because their dedication reminded her of the civil rights movement.

...Winfrey told Jones that it was the Parkland activists' strength and confidence in taking their cause public that reminded her of those who fought against racial injustice in the 1950s and '60s. The teenagers' bravery, she said, resonated with her, given some of the sacrifices her family made during the civil rights era.

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Maxon's Shooters Supply & Indoor Range, Des Plaines, IL

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

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)
Lake County
Bass Pro Shops, Gurnee, IL
please email for dates

Macon County
The Bullet Trap, Macon, IL
email twaw.naconco1@yahoo.com

Last Sunday (3:00-5:00p)
Metro East St. Louis
Town and Country Gun Club, Maryville, IL

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

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

3rd Friday (6:00-8:00p)
Sauk Valley
Sinnissippi Rod & Gun Club, Sterling, IL

3rd Thursday (5:30-7:30pm)
Coles/Cumberland
X-Ring Custom, Toledo, IL

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

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

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

2nd Friday (6:00-8:00p)
Quad Cities East
JW's Shooting Parlor, Geneseo, IL

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)
Winnebago County
KAP Guns, Lovespark, IL

2nd Saturday (1:00-3:00p)
Illinois Valley
A2 Firearm & Tactical Training, LaMoille, IL

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SC school killer chose a school without armed guards

(Daily Caller) - A new report shows South Carolina teenager Jesse Osborn, accused of the fatal 2016 school shooting at Townville Elementary in Greenville, chose his target because no armed guards were on the school's campus.

...“My plan,” Osborn wrote through misspellings, “is shooting my dad getting his keys getting in his truck, driving to the elementary school 4 mins away, once there gear up, shoot out the bottom school classroom windows, enter the building, shoot the first class which will be the 2d grade, grab teachers keys so I don't have to hassle to get through any doors.”

Two days thereafter, Osborn told his chat group on Instagram he was unsure if he should shoot up his middle school, which he had already been expelled from. Additionally, he said that the elementary school would “be like shooting fish in a barrel” because there would be no armed security there.

Gun control hysteria fading

(NY Daily News) - American voters are already softening their stances on gun control — less than three weeks after a gunman used an AR-15 to kill 17 students and teachers at a Parkland, Fla., high school, a poll shows.

Trump backs off early gun control talk

(NY Post) - President Trump on Sunday unveiled a school safety plan that seeks to steer military vets and retired cops into the educational system — and provide firearms training for “specially qualified” school personnel.

Trump also called on Congress to pass pending legislation to strengthen instant federal background checks on gun buyers, and earmark \$50 million annually for technology and other programs to prevent school violence.

Fired for CCW license?

(Blaze) - A young Virginia woman's story is going viral over the weekend after she claims she was fired from her job as a social worker for simply possessing a permit to carry concealed weapons.

The woman claims that at the time of her termination, she wasn't carrying a weapon.

What happened?

Storm Durham, who was until Friday a social worker for the city of Roanoke, posted on social media that she was fired from her job for being a legal concealed carry permittee and was escorted out of her workplace by three police officers upon learning of her termination because, as she claimed, she was deemed a “safety risk.” At the time, Durham said she was not in possession of a firearm.

“That [gun] was NEVER on their property or in their building. A gun that was never used for evil, but as protection as I am a survivor or sexual assault. Protection for being that white, 22 year old, female. I am an American,” she added.



Predicts of death & mayhem unfounded Crime down 13% after campus carry at Univ. of Kansas

(Lawrence Journal-World) - The number of crimes reported on the University of Kansas campus went down notably from 2016 to 2017, university police announced Friday.

Overall, crime decreased 13 percent, with 671 criminal offenses reported to KU police in 2017 compared to 770 incidents in 2016, according to a news release from the KU Office of Public Safety.

Notably, with lawful concealed carry of handguns being allowed on campus for the first time beginning July 1, 2017, KU police tallied zero criminal weapons violations in 2017, according to crime statistics provided by police.



Faster please

Repeal of “Gun-Free School Zones Act” filed

(Washington Examiner) - Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., introduced legislation on Thursday that would repeal a 1990 law banning guns from school zones, a move that fits with his push to arm teachers and other school personnel so they can prevent school shootings like the one that took place in Florida last month.

Paul's bill would repeal the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 and all amendments to that law.

Gun-hater fires shot at school to oppose campus carry

(NY Post) - An armed social studies teacher holed up in a classroom and fired off a round inside a Georgia high school on Wednesday, police said.

Cops, responding to reports of gunshots at Dalton High School, arrested Jesse Randal Davidson, 53, who was alone when officers arrived, Dalton Police said.

Fox 5 Atlanta...

“He was against having guns in school. He was one of the teachers organizing students here to keep teachers from having guns.”



Crackpot Jesse Davidson.

While crime elsewhere in America plummeted...

Crime soars in the 20 years since Massachusetts passed “toughest” gun law

(Boston Globe) - In 1998, Massachusetts passed what was hailed as the toughest gun-control legislation in the country. Among other stringencies, it banned semiautomatic “assault” weapons, imposed strict new licensing rules, prohibited anyone convicted of a violent crime or drug trafficking from ever carrying or owning a gun, and enacted severe penalties for storing guns unlocked.

“Today, Massachusetts leads the way in cracking down on gun violence,” said Republican Governor Paul Cellucci as he signed the bill into law. “It will save lives and help fight crime in our communities.” Scott Harshbarger, the state's Democratic attorney general, agreed: “This vote is a victory for common sense and for the protection of our children and our neighborhoods.” One of the state's leading anti-gun activists, John Rosenthal of Stop Handgun Violence, joined the applause. “The new gun law,” he predicted, “will certainly prevent future gun violence and countless grief.”

It didn't.

The 1998 legislation did cut down, quite sharply, on the legal use of guns in Massachusetts. Within four years, the number

of active gun licenses in the state had plummeted. “There were nearly 1.5 million active gun licenses in Massachusetts in 1998,” the AP reported. “In June [2002], that number was down to just 200,000.”...



But the law that was so tough on law-abiding gun owners had quite a different impact on criminals.

Since 1998, gun crime in Massachusetts has gotten worse, not better. In 2011, Massachusetts recorded 122 murders committed with firearms, the Globe reported this month — “a striking increase from the 65 in 1998.” Other crimes rose too. Between 1998 and 2011, robbery with firearms climbed 20.7 percent. Aggravated assaults jumped 26.7 percent.

Hollywood Perverts, Pedophiles, and Hypocrites

Hollywood condemns NRA while dramatically increasing gun violence in entertainment

(Washington Times) - Hollywood declared war on American gun culture in 2013 with a public service announcement calling for stricter gun control in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Now the industry is back on the attack in the wake of the Feb. 14 high school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Stars including Oprah Winfrey, George Clooney and the cast of ABC's “Modern Family” support this month's March for Our Lives rally for stricter gun legislation.

Yet a study by the Parents Television Council shows that portrayals of gun

violence on television have increased dramatically in recent years, even in shows deemed appropriate for children.

The entertainment industry's love of gunplay and hatred for firearms muddles, if not negates, Hollywood's role in a constructive conversation on the Second Amendment.

That 2013 public service announcements looks tame by current standards. Celebrities routinely dub the



National Rifle Association a terrorist organization. Prominent actors such as Sally Field and Michael Keaton have blamed the NRA, Second Amendment advocates and Republicans for the 17 deaths at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School last month...

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



OSCARS: Celebs push gun control while hiding behind 500 armed cops

Los Angeles (Breitbart) - The Los Angeles Police Department will deploy 500 officers to wrap the Dolby Theatre in multiple barriers of armed security for the 90th Academy Awards on Sunday night, an event at which several of Hollywood's most celebrated stars will actively push for more gun control in America.

"We have these concentric rings of security that start in the middle and radiate outward," said LAPD Cmdr. Blake Chow, the man tasked with overseeing the massive operation. "We have a lot of officers in fixed posts and foot beats keeping an eye on the event."



OSCARS: Viewership off 20%. Lowest Ever.

by Matt Vespa (Townhall) - No, I did not watch the Oscars last night. Sorry, I was not going to be lectured to about gun control or any issue by progressives in this bastion that have yet to deal with their serial sexual assault and misconduct problem. The Best Picture award went to *The Shape Of Water*, which is about a mute woman who has sex with a fish creature.



Okay—it's a bit more than that, but Hollywood's incessant bashing of Donald Trump and Republicans seems to be having an impact on its ratings—they tanked this year; a dismal 20 percent drop from last year's Academy Awards

Liberals worry gov't agencies might be held responsible for Parkland massacre, not the NRA

(Gateway Pundit) - Local and federal authorities dropped the ball on the Parkland shooter. They are partially responsible for what happened. The NRA had nothing to do with it, but that's who liberals want to blame. The Daily Beast recently showed just how backwards the left's thinking is on this.

There are also mounting fears among Democrats that the main hearing in response to the Parkland shooting—a Wednesday session before the Senate Judiciary Committee—is going to be turned into a session to brow-beat the FBI and local law enforcement over the warning signs they missed leading up to it.



Delta loses annual \$40M tax break

(USA Today) - How many airline passengers does it take to kill a \$40 million tax break for Delta Air Lines? Only 13.

The Georgia legislature removed a jet-fuel tax break from a larger tax package Thursday. Lawmakers were upset that Delta, which is headquartered in Atlanta, dropped the National Rifle Association from a discount-fare program in an effort to appear neutral on gun policy.

California's misplaced priorities

Forget guns.

Cali will jail you for a straw!

(Reason) - Ian Calderon wants restaurateurs to think long and hard before giving you a straw.

Calderon, the Democratic majority leader in California's lower house, has introduced a bill to stop sit-down restaurants from offering customers straws with their beverages unless they specifically request one. Under Calderon's law, a waiter who serves a drink with an unrequested straw in it would face up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

"We need to create awareness around the issue of one-time use plastic straws and its detrimental effects on our landfills, waterways, and oceans," Calderon explained in a press release.

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