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## Inside Track



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### **Orthodontist Offered Free Gun With Alignment**

The *News & Observer* out of Raleigh, North Carolina, reported on November 9 about Dr. Jason Gladwell, a local orthodontist who collaborated with Kurt Lieberman, owner of the Youngsville Gun Club & Range, to offer a free Glock 19 handgun (or a Silver membership to the club) with the purchase of an Invisalign treatment program.

The offer, “Grins & Glocks,” consisted of Gladwell’s office issuing a coupon for the recipient to take to the gun club in order to receive his free Glock. It was intended only for members of the club, but found its way onto social media and received national attention — not all of it good.

Align Technology, the company that provides the invisible alignment products, distanced itself from the promotion. “All of our doctor customers are independent practices and Align was not involved in the development or approval of the promotion or the advertisement,” they said.

And the North Carolina Council of Churches (NCCC), a progressive “faith” group, attacked it. “They’re giving away guns that are going to be lodged in a house somewhere, and will potentially create gun violence and gun death. It’s mind blowing to me, that an organization that I think of as trying to provide health care to the people in the community is partnering their healthcare with gun death,” said Jennifer Copeland, NCCC’s executive director.

Lieberman defended the promotion, however, saying, “It’s not like you’re going in, you’re buying Invisalign and you’re walking out with a gun. It’s nothing like that. They come in (to Gladwell’s office). They have to be 21 years old because it’s a pistol and then they have to pass a background check, which we do on-site.”

Both open and concealed carry are legal in North Carolina, so law-abiding gun owners will likely be carrying their newly acquired Glocks on their person while proudly displaying their new smile, thanks to Invisalign. They will, in the words of one wag, “grin and bear it.”

— *Bob Adelman*



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Jill Stein (AP Images)

## **Jill Stein Launches Green Party Presidential Bid**

Jill Stein, a physician and vocal advocate for climate-change issues, announced November 9 that she is seeking the Green Party's nomination for the 2024 election.

"The political system is broken, the two Wall Street parties are bought and paid for," Stein said in a video on X. "The ruling parties that got us into this mess aren't getting us out. Both parties are squandering trillions on the endless war machine, fueling conflict around the world while tens of millions here at home lack food, housing, and healthcare."

Fox News related on November 10 that two of Stein's biggest agenda items are an Economic Bill of Rights and the Green New Deal: "To reverse surging inequality, we need an Economic Bill of Rights including the right to a living-wage job, housing, food, healthcare, education and more, to guarantee all of us the basic security for a good life. We need a Green New Deal with massive investment in green jobs and technologies to revitalize the American economy, improve our lives, protect our planet and safeguard our children's future."

The 73-year-old, who unsuccessfully ran for president in 2012 and 2016, was also the nominee of the Green-Rainbow Party — the Green Party's Massachusetts affiliate — for the state's gubernatorial races in 2002 and 2010. She began her activism career in 1998 protesting the "Filthy Five" coal plants in Massachusetts, and since 1998 has served on the board of the Greater Boston chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

If Stein obtains the nomination and ends up on the ballot, she will be one of three leftists who could potentially take votes away from Biden — the other two being charismatic social activist Cornel West and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., both running as Independents.

Being socialists, West and Stein could pull votes from the Democrats' hard-left base. If they undercut Biden's progressive bloc and Kennedy pulls away center-left Democrats, Biden could find himself in dire straits come Election Day.

— *Luis Miguel*



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## DHS Plans to House Illegal Immigrants at U.S. Airports



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According to Fox News on November 7, dozens of House Republicans sent a strongly worded letter on November 6 to Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg about a Department of Homeland Security plan to use American airports as temporary housing for illegal immigrants.

U.S. airports such as O’Hare in Chicago have already been used to house hundreds of immigrants here illegally, as cities struggle to handle the influx of “asylum seekers.” However, according to the letter — whose signatories include House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Sam Graves (R-Mo.), House Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik (N.Y.), and Louisiana Republican Garret Graves, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Aviation — the Biden administration is proposing to house an additional 60,000 illegal immigrants at other airports and facilities in the Northeast.

“The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has proposed housing 60,000 migrants at four public airports and various other facilities in New York and New Jersey,” reads the letter. “These airports and their communities rightfully fear being transformed into larger versions of Chicago O’Hare International Airport, which has reportedly converted portions of its terminal into a shelter for hundreds of migrants.”

The House GOP members are concerned that housing so many unvetted foreigners at sensitive facilities such as airports represents an unnecessary security risk, especially at a time when global tensions are high in the midst of the situation in Gaza and the war in Ukraine.

Stefanik later took to X to blast Biden and far-left Democrats for enticing illegal immigrants to come to America. “Our nation’s infrastructure was built for commerce, not for illegal migrant housing. Joe Biden and Extreme Democrats need to stop incentivizing illegal immigration,” she posted.

Republicans on the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability are also hounding Buttigieg about his alleged incompetence on major transportation disruptions, most notably the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, in February.

— *James Murphy*



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## King Charles Wants to Ban Tobacco for Younger Generations



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Britain, the once-proud land that made “knife control” a thing and seized children from parents for a lack of fork control (the kids were fat), is at it again. Scripps News reported on November 8 that King Charles III has confirmed a plan to prohibit anyone born in 2009 or later from ever buying tobacco. The king touted the measure on November 7, while speaking to Parliament for the first time.

Scripps related: “‘My government will introduce legislation to create a smoke-free generation by restricting the sale of tobacco so that children currently aged 14 or younger can never be sold cigarettes, and restricting the sale and marketing of e-cigarettes to children,’ Charles said. The legislation would raise the legal age that people can buy tobacco products by one year every year starting in 2027, meaning anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 2009, will never be able to legally buy cigarettes. The proposal was initially announced by [Prime Minister Rishi] Sunak at the 2023 Conservative Party Conference in October, when he also pledged to crack down on the sale of vape products.”

Only 13 percent of adult Britons now smoke, according to Scripps, and virtually no one among those born 2009 or later does.

The news service noted that Sunak hopes the ban will reduce pressure on the country’s healthcare system. However, an inordinate amount of healthcare resources is used for end-of-life care for the elderly, and the case has been made that since people living very unhealthy lifestyles often die younger, they’re less likely to need such care and may actually save the system money.

Don’t believe fearmongers who may say this new ban portends the ultimate removal of all freedoms, however: In Britain you’ll still be able to recommend a “sex change” for the kids or kill one in the womb. G.K. Chesterton predicted about a century ago that a time would come when smoking a cigar would be seen as more offensive than abortion. Now, here we are.

— *Selwyn Duke*



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