

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

Levi-Straus has taken time off from making blue jeans to determine the cause of violence in our society. He decided the cause of violence was us; the people who do not commit violence. If they make such poor decisions, what quality of blue jeans are they making?

There is a movement to impeach President Biden. The opposing argument is; "President Kamala Harris."

The US military is experimenting with an RFID tracker device embedded in weapons. It costs thousands of dollars. The idea is to prevent military weapons from being stolen and to make inventories easier. I was an arms room officer in the old days and when firearms went in or out of an arms room the serial number had to be checked by hand. The entire arms room had to be checked by hand periodically. I remember when all the hundreds of serial numbers in the arms room had to be typed out without a mistake and without erasures. This system will erase all this. The problem is that the enemy can read these gadgets too. Hackers have discovered that very basic, low-powered electronics can read these gadgets at a range of 210 feet. The enemy could do so at several miles. The Marines have rejected the system out of hand. The rest of the military should follow. It really should. So this leaves the electronics firm looking for a market for their gadget. I can see the current administration demanding it be put in our guns. Did I mention it costs thousands of dollars?

Hospitals are experiencing a critical shortage of blood. I went to donate wearing my "Guns Save Lives" button and reading a gun magazine. This may have influenced the two or three people I encountered. It may have nudged them to believe that we are the good guys. Every little bit helps.

In Philadelphia persons caught with guns going through TSA checkpoints are having their license to carry revoked. They want to do this everywhere, it requires the cooperation of the sheriff. I do not think they can legally do so in Missouri.

The remains of Father Emil Kapaun have come home to Wichita Kansas. He was a chaplain during the Korean War. He was reported to have carried wounded to safety under fire. When his unit was cut off the commander ordered that everyone who could walk was going over a mountain to safety; a psychopath decision to save some. Father Kapaun volunteered to stay behind with the wounded. In the prison camp he stole food and medicine for other prisoners, repaired clothing and kept up morale. He fell ill and went to the "hospital" from which no prisoner returned. He was buried in a mass grave. President Trump's efforts to civilize the North Korean dictator resulted in a number of remains being returned. Father Kapaun was one of them. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the POW camp. The Catholic Church is considering him for sainthood. This is well off topic, but he is a hero and possibly a saint. It there is serious objection I can be impeached; or bring pitchforks and torches to the next general membership meeting.

Mark McCloskey and his wife became famous for facing off a mob in front of their St. Louis home. They were charged with felonies by the Soros supported prosecutor. They pled to misdemeanors. Now Mr. McCloskey's law license has been suspended for six months. He made comments after sentencing that what he did was right and he would do it again. The disciplinary committee considered this contempt of court. There are many reasons that a person might plead to a crime they did not commit. I discourage it but it is the client's decision. A defendant might be faced with the decision of pleading guilty and being released with time served, or pleading innocent and remaining in jail for months until trial. A person may want to get a case behind him. Mr. McCloskey is running for office and appearing in court would be a distraction. Sometimes the plea offer is simply too good to turn down; a bird in the hand decision. The incident shows that surviving the gunfight, the criminal case and the lawsuit are not the end of troubles we can face.

Barry Goldwater said, "Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. Moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue"

When the "Go Green" bunch flaunt their moral superiority tell them about the Pittman-Roberson Act. Sportsmen lobbied to have a tax on firearms and ammunition to support conservation. The fee for a hunting license goes to the Department of Conservation. The money they give to animal groups goes to salaries and conventions. If they really love animals they should buy a box of bullets and a hunting license.

Governor Parsons has suggested that the Second Amendment Preservation Act could use some tweaking. This worries me. Once they start tweaking it will be hard to make them stop.

The administration wants the IRS to monitor any and every bank transaction over \$600. Banks say they can't do this, privacy advocates say they don't want this. The response was to propose raising the amount to \$10,000. I still object.

I've seen an ad narrated by former president Clinton. It says that the NRA has twisted the words of the founding fathers. It says that the NRA performed a service in the old days but is now extremist. It

claims that the NRA believes the lives of innocent people are the price we pay for freedom. I don't think anyone in the NRA ever said that. This is not the first time the usual suspects have made things up about us. It appears to be a promotion for a film called "The Price of Freedom." The price of freedom is putting up with slanders like this.

The Second Amendment Foundation is producing advertisements in critical states. It is unfortunate that they can only afford critical states. They could use some contributions.

I read an article about a morbidly obese woman being booked into jail. They put her through a scanner and found that he had concealed a Colt .25 automatic in the folds of her skin. She picked up a new charge for attempting to smuggle a weapon into a jail. This is a mildly amusing event and somewhat gross. It got me thinking. It has been a long time since I read about someone being arrested for carrying a concealed weapon. I have read about people being arrested for openly carrying a weapon. This is quite a change. And we did it. We are faced with the need to continue the struggle just to keep what we have. To improve what we have we shall have to redouble the struggle.

Actor Alec Baldwin was filming a western movie. For one scene he was handed a gun and told it was unloaded. He believed this. From reports it appears the crew members had been plinking with the gun and left a live round in it. A woman was killed and a man wounded with the single round. An experienced gun owner would have checked the gun when it was handed to him. An experienced gun handler would have checked it before handing it to him. The incident has brought up stories of actors killed with gun left with a bullet lodged in the barrel and propelled out by the blank cartridge and actors killed with blank ammunition. Old West reenactors know of men injured in fast draw exhibitions when they fire before the revolver leaves the holster. Steel lined holsters have been blown open by blanks and long ugly wounds gouged down the leg. Civil War reenactors know to aim their muskets above their opponents' heads. Even in the Army, with blank adaptors that completely cover the barrel we were told not to aim at opposing forces. This incident has inspired calls to ban real guns in movies and TV. I am in favor of safety measures, but while they are banning real guns we could be affected.

In the words of two great time travelers, "Be excellent to each other!"

We shall overcome.