

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

“Hotel Mumbai” is a movie centering on the assault on the Taj Hotel in Mumbai India. A lead character is a Sikh with no weapon. This is ironic as it is a pillar of the Sikh faith to carry a sword (or a knife, or a picture of a sword) and protect the weak. When terrorists attack, the staff risks their lives to save the guests. Military support is inexplicably delayed. Local police enter the hotel armed with revolvers and Lee-Enfield bolt-action rifles. They confront terrorists with AK 47s, RPGs, grenades and explosives. The results are brave but predictable. It is a good movie. One feels the helplessness of persons attacked by a vicious mindless enemy with no means to fight back.

Montana fought off a \$1.4 million effort by Bloomberg and his surrogates to thwart their statewide ballot issue to tighten Montana's preemption law. The effort was extensive, but entirely grassroots. Local groups spent exactly nothing, compared to the \$1.4 million spent by the antis. It helps a lot that this was in gun-friendly Montana, but it also shows that money isn't everything and that well-organized grassroots activism can prevail.

Facebook has taken down the International Shooting Sports Federation's page. The International Shooting Sports Federation is the organizer of world cup pistol, rifle and shotgun competition events all over the world and they qualify the competitors who shoot in the Olympics. As of Wednesday, they no longer have a Facebook page. Posts related to guns and ammunition can be one of the reasons for the deletion of the ISSF page. As per their policy, Facebook prohibits promotion of 'firearms, ammunition, weapons of any kind, fireworks and explosives and ads promoting the brandishing of firearms'. Obviously, the ISSF promotes international competition, not brandishing firearms. If the ISSF is now somehow inappropriate for inclusion on Facebook, no firearms-related site is safe. Multiple inquiries have been sent to Facebook with no response.

It's been reported that the rifle Kyle Rittenhouse used during the Kenosha shootings was owned by a friend of his. That's apparently not true. That friend, 19-year-old Dominick Black, has been charged with two felony counts of giving a dangerous weapon to a person under the age of 18, causing death. The report is that Mr. Rittenhouse gave money to Mr. Black to buy the rifle. This is unfortunate because this is the definition of a straw sale and illegal. The young men have not been charged with this at this time. It gives the government a stick to hold over Mr. Black and force him to testify against Mr. Rittenhouse.

There is a movie called “Golem.” A golem is a creature of Jewish legend. It is a man-like creature made from clay and imbued with life but no conscience or very much intelligence. It is made by mysticism and can only be destroyed by mysticism. The movie follows the legend of a golem made to protect the Jewish community. However having no conscience or intelligence it cannot tell the difference between danger and mild irritation. This makes it necessary to destroy the golem; which is another neat trick. The usual suspects think our guns are like the golem. They believe guns act on their own. Another superstition is that they send out emanations which influence human behavior. Their magical thinking cannot be conquered by facts only by emotion.

On the cover of the recent Special Forces Association magazine “The Drop” is a picture of a WW II French Resistance fighter with a Sten gun. The photo was taken during the 1944 Paris uprising. Everyone in the picture is looking intently down the road so there must be some fighting in the vicinity. What strikes me about the picture is that the Resistance fighter has perfectly combed hair. The part is straight and the hair seems to be greased. The man went into combat with a clean white shirt and perfect hair. Must be a French thing.

There was a recount in a close Florida congressional race. The conservative Republican won. This was unanticipated. Another recount in a California congressional race has a conservative Republican winning. These races total a net gain of eight seats in the House for Republicans. It whittles down the Democratic majority in Congress but does not change it. The Democratic Party appears to be upset that the “progressive” wing of the party lost them seats in the last election. If they are infighting, they are not coming after us. Of course, they might just unify against us.

The “progressive” wing of the Democratic Party does not believe they did anything wrong. They are convinced that the rest of the Party was wrong in not adopting their agenda. They look at losses in the congress and at best a razor-thin win in the presidential race and think they have a mandate for socialism.

A man in New Jersey bought some Chinese fuel filters. When they arrived he was alarmed to find they were firearm suppressors. He turned them into the police. He was later arrested and described by the prosecutor as an international arms dealer. Sometimes no good deed goes unpunished. A client found a piece of a gun. Concerned that he had done something wrong by moving

it he asked me to turn it into the police. I did so. They were glad to get it although they were puzzled that it required a lawyer's help. I have helped other people who found something their grandfather brought back from the war but should not have. I have found the police happy to take the weapon without question. Of course, I left New Jersey when I was six.

The ATF has declared the Honey Badger Company's arm brace pistol to be a short barreled rifle. This is an AR-15 with a pistol length barrel. Instead of a stock it has an arm brace worn on the forearm. The ATF is coming down on this one model but not others. They may be experimenting to see what they could get away with in a new administration. There is some indication of a new definition of a short-barreled rifle to include arm-brace guns.

The fate of the senate lies in the Georgia runoff election. Two conservative Republicans, David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler, face two wildly leftist Democrats. The two Democrats would be considered leftist even in San Francisco. It has come down to this. The winner of the 5 January, 2021 run-off will decide who controls the Senate. Democratic Senator Chuck Schumer has already said today Georgia, tomorrow the world. The left is pouring a fortune into Georgia to get their guys elected. The Western Missouri Shooters Alliance has contributed a substantial amount to the race. It is hoped that others will do likewise.

Trump supporters held a rally in Washington D.C. Antifa showed up and attacked them. The local tabloid blurs this critical fact and a reader would come away with the impression that the Trump supporters were responsible for the violence.

The Kansas City Star has a series of articles on "gun violence." No other violence need apply. Recently there were front page articles leading to full-page accounts of the toll on emergency rooms. Another article was the same format claiming that guns lead to domestic violence. In neither article does anyone defend themselves with a gun. We know that people do defend themselves. We know that women defend themselves with guns. It is not politically correct to report it.

In the words of two great movie time travelers, "Be excellent to each other!"
We shall overcome.