

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

I hope you have had a Happy, New Year. We will check.

Before we do anything else, stop and check the expiration date of your license to carry. There is a penalty for late renewal. If you continue to carry it will be under the “permitless” or “Constitutional carry law.” This law is not as good as the license to carry law.

While you have your wallet out. Check your driver’s license. Unless it says “Real ID” it is not sufficient for federal identification. I will need “Real ID” to fly to certain conventions. The NRA Convention will be 3-5 September, 2021 in the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston Texas. It was moved from the Spring of 2021 on the theory that the Corona-19 panic will be over them. I sincerely hope so. I am very tired of these masks.

Jimenez Arms was driven bankrupt by a lawsuit in Kansas City. The company has made a very nice inexpensive 9mm. A retired Fire Captain in Kansas City faked paperwork to show that he was an agent for an FFL and ordered a number of these guns. He sold to anyone and some were used in crimes. The family of a murder victim sued the Fire Captain (in prison) Jimenez Arms and the FFL he faked paperwork on. The Brady Center provided lawyers who wrote a typically lurid lawsuit. The settlement required that Jimenez Arms surrender its inventory to the Brady Center. I am not certain they will be back in business, even under another name.

Kim Gardner has been one of the nation’s most politicized prosecutors since she was elected as Circuit Attorney for the city of St. Louis. The Soros-supported prosecutor dropped all charges against recent rioters and looters. But in June, when the McCloskey’s stood in front of their home holding firearms as BLM marchers trespassed in their neighborhood, Gardner spring into action. Gardner issued a statement stating that she was “alarmed at the events that occurred over the weekend, where peaceful protesters were met by guns and a violent assault.” She added that her office is “currently working with the public and police to investigate these events. “Make no mistake: we will not tolerate the use of force against those exercising their First Amendment rights, and will use the full power of Missouri law to hold people accountable.” But there was more to it than that. Gardner used the McCloskey investigation and prosecution to raise campaign funds. In fact, Gardner sent out a fundraising solicitation even before she charged the couple. The email drew a direct line from the incident, which had not yet resulted in criminal charges, to Ms. Gardner’s political antagonists and from there to a call for donations to further her re-election efforts. It implied that the defendant was among those ‘perpetuating a system of systemic racism and police brutality. This move prompted Mark McCloskey’s attorney to move for the prosecutor’s disqualification from the case. Circuit Judge Thomas Clark II on Thursday dismissed Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner and her entire staff, saying campaign fundraising emails Gardner sent to constituents that alluded to Mark and Patricia McCloskey’s case “raise the appearance of impropriety and jeopardize the defendant’s right to a fair trial,” The Associated Press reported. The decision does not apply to McCloskey’s wife, Patricia, who is scheduled to appear before a different judge on Jan. 15, 2021.

I see a claim that Britain has increased restrictions on *antique* firearms. I have not confirmed this claim.

The ATF has posted a proposed rule regarding handgun braces. The proposed rule purports to define the difference between a brace which fits on the forearm and the stock to a short-barreled rifle. The factors identified by the ATF for its possible use in classification include type, caliber, weight and length, how the gun is marketed, length of pull, sights and scopes, peripheral accessories mounted, and rear surface area of the brace, among others. While the factors listed are arbitrary and open-ended, the truly onerous part of the proposal is that **no definitions of the factors are provided**. The phrase “how the gun is marketed” is open to no end of mis-interpretation of advertising. The persons suing Remington escaped dismissal under the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act by claiming that Remington violated advertising laws. They claimed the advertising claimed that the gun was powerful and, in short, worked like a gun. They claim that the psychopath was attracted by this advertising. Actually, the psychopath killed his mother and stole her legally owned rifle.

An authority advises that we should all buy a gun made before 1899. His contention is that such antique guns are exempt from regulation under federal law. Checking the statute I find that it deals mostly with muzzle-loading guns. The first sentence, however, exempts guns made before 1899. One must read the statute closely however and in my experience judges do not read statutes closely. Also, certain states regulate antique firearms as restrictively as they do modern firearms. It doesn’t have to make sense, its just the law.

A reliable source reports an instance that a group of legislators were in a crowded office in the Capital. One of the legislators took his gun out and placed it on a table. Another legislator jumped up and ran to the outer office trembling in fear at the presence of a gun. This is the sort of person we have to deal with.

The Missouri legislature survived the election with a pro gun-rights majority. Governor Parsons is on our side. He has been pressured by city mayors to support restrictions on our rights. He said no. It would be appropriate to send him letters thanking him for his past support. Don't mention future threats or pending legislation. Just thank him for past support and he will get the message. He gets demand letters all the time; a thank-you will stand out.

The Kansas City Star ran a lengthy front-page editorial against the pending police union contract. It opposed a provision which allows an officer 48 hours rest after a shooting before making a report. They strongly imply that this obstructs justice and contributes to unlawful police shootings. Memory experts say that extreme stress, like a gunfight, degrades memory. Adrenaline is pounding through the brain for three days and no one would suggest making a statement under the influence of a chemical. Adrenaline is a very powerful chemical. Blood retreats from the frontal lobes of the brain to the primitive part of the brain. Better recall is had after at least 48 hours. It escapes the paper that all Americans have a right to remain silent. This includes the police.

I've read "The Mascot." A true story. A writer finds his father on his doorstep to tell him that he was born a Russian Jew before WW II. One day the nazis came to his village and his mother told him they would be killed the next day. Only 5 or 6 years old he did not want to be killed so escaped to the forest and climbed a tree. From the tree he saw his family killed. He lived in the forest for months. He may have blocked out the memory. A Russian realized he was a Jew and turned him over to a Latvian SS unit to be shot. Instead the troops adopted him as a mascot. One soldier told him to never take his pants down in front of another person. Otherwise he would be exposed as circumcised and therefore Jewish and therefore killed. This was awkward but he managed it. The book consists of the writer's research to confirm his father's fragments of memory. He does a remarkable job even finding a nazi propaganda film featuring his father. After the events described in the book DNA proved that his father was Jewish.

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

We shall overcome.