

It is a good day for Liberty.

The US Supreme Court has refused to hear *Perulta v California*. This is a suit to force California to adopt a "Shall Issue" concealed carry law. The Supreme Court does not have to take a case and of the thousands filed every year takes only a few. The California 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit ruled that there is no constitutional right to carry concealed weapons and anyway people can carry openly. California prohibits open carry. This ruling is not good but only affects persons in California and Hawaii. If it had gone forward we may not have had the votes. Justice Kennedy is the swing vote and there is no way to tell which way he will swing. There are rumors that Justice Kennedy is thinking of retirement. We are likely to have another justice appointed in another year or so. It takes millions of dollars in attorney fees and costs to get a case to the Supremes. The result will affect our rights for generations. We need to stack the odds in favor of our grandchildren.

I was opening a package of crumbled bacon because . . . there was bacon inside. The bag bore a conspicuous warning not to eat the bag. This is an excellent idea. This warning should be on the front page of every newspaper and should lead off the President's State of the Union address. If the Usual Suspects believe we need to be warned against eating plastic bags, no wonder they don't want us to have guns.

There is an audiobook called "Agent Storm." A Danish Outlaw Biker converted to Radical Islam. He busied himself preparing to go to fight in the Sudan, convinced that Allah ordained it. Then he received a call saying that the Ethiopian soldiers had taken the airport and he could not get in. He had a sudden crisis of conscience. He went out and had a beer and a bacon sandwich. He turned to Danish Intelligence and informed on local radical mosques. He moved to England and informed on radical mosques for British intelligence. He developed contacts in the war zone and American intelligence became involved. This created difficulties. Danish intelligence was prohibited from engaging in assassinations and that is all the Americans wanted to do. The British thought they had a duty to civilize the Americans but needed their money. The Danes received extra American money for their participation. Finally an American drone killed a terrorist leader Agent Storm considered to be a friend; using information he provided. He had another crisis on conscience and got out of the intelligence business. The dark side of this war is a nasty place with strange allies. This provides some hope that we are recruiting agents in the belly of the beast.

On 2 July, 2017 the local tabloid had a front page headline "Murder Capital Crime statistics reveal Kansas City's disturbing homicide trend." Reading the article one finds that Kansas City is not the Murder Capital of the nation, not even of Missouri. It seems that our "alarming homicide trend" is that ours is going down slower than other cities. It does create hysteria and hysteria sells newspapers. It also stokes demands for restrictions on our rights.

The usual suspects have posted "INDIVISIBLE: A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda." It can be found by a google search for "Indivisible." It is an excellent guide on how to influence congresspersons. They say it was inspired by the success of the Tea Party. We should always know what the opposition is doing. We should do what has been successful. In one place it urges other usual suspects not to be afraid of violence by our people. All the violence I have seen is from the left. More "gaslighting."

There is a bill in congress to make suppressors as legal as any revolver. The usual suspects are hysterical at the prospect. They claim that this would enable criminals to commit crimes undetected. This is nonsense. It is easy to get videos on the internet of suppressors being fired. They sound like guns only not as loud. This will save our hearing but it can still be recognized as gunfire. It can still be detected by electronic means the police use to locate gunshots. One of the usual suspects has written the newspaper to advance the conspiracy theory that the NRA promoted the bill to create a new field for gun sales. He claimed that we have eliminated background checks and training requirements, bans on domestic-violence offenders and terrorist watch lists and have reintroduced lead in bullets. None of this is true of course. The opposition does not care about the truth only results. More gaslighting. Whenever we hear the opposition speak we can assume that they are making up factoids, or repeating made-up factoids. We only have to challenge them. That is what we do.

It has recently been discovered that the Shawnee-Mission School District has obtained AR-15 rifles for its school protection officers. The usual suspects are horrified. They claim that this is equivalent to arming psychotics and juveniles. If a school is attacked experience shows that it very likely to be attacked by psychotics wielding rifles or shotguns. The presence of AR-15's will

even the odds. A deputy sheriff at the Columbine school massacre had a shot at the two psychopaths but was well out of range for his pistol. This opposition did influence the two to retreat to the library and commit suicide. Modern police procedure for dealing with mass killer rampages is for the first police officer on the scene to shoot back. It would be best if that officer had the best weapon for the purpose.

I saw a cable show entitled "Shootout." It re-enacts gunfights and battles. The narrator referred to the victor "taking out" or "neutralizing" or "fatally wounding" the bad guy. A program called "Shootout" should learn to say "kill." On the other hand. In the aftermath of a self-defense shooting one should employ euphemisms. Saying "kill" might be taken as expressing too much enthusiasm for killing. On yet another hand being frank with yourself about killing may be helpful with overcoming the PTSD which inevitably follows.

Oregon has passed a law allowing anyone to file a petition claiming that you are dangerous and your guns are immediately seized. The claimant does not have to have any psychology background or even know you. If the governor signs the law this will be another victory for the usual suspects. If they seize people's guns successfully they will look to pass similar laws elsewhere. There is a similar provision in our concealed carry law. Absolutely anyone can file a petition in small claims to revoke your carry license. Victory in Oregon will encourage people to misuse this law as well. We can add this to our list of reforms for the legislature. We would like to hear from the membership of what reforms should be on that list.

The local tabloid complains that improvements in state gun laws have "hampered law enforcements ability to confiscate guns from those they suspect have criminal intent." First, police cannot confiscate on a suspicion. Second, this paper screams racism when statistics laboriously kept by the police show they do traffic stops on minorities out of proportion to their presence in the population. It is perfectly willing to let police confiscate guns based only on suspicion, but not to let them make traffic stops.

A man in Tacoma Washington fired at a car thief. One of his bullets missed and killed a neighbor. He has pled guilty to manslaughter. A man in Alaska tried to commit suicide and the bullet wounded him and killed his girlfriend. He is charged with second degree murder. Shooting at fleeing felons and suicide are not legal. This may have something to do with the charges.

I thank-you for the honor of being your president.