

It is a good day for Liberty.

A company called "True Velocity" has come out with ammunition with plastic cases instead of brass. They say this creates a 30% weight reduction. They offer 5.56, 7.62 NATO, .338, .50 BMG and 12.7 (Russian equivalent of our .50 BMG). They say they are serving the international market at this time but I saw their ad in a gun magazine and they say they want to expand to the domestic market. I don't know if it is reloadable. It would seem to be recyclable. Other companies have offered plastic ammunition cased ammunition in the past but not for very long. True Velocity uses white plastic for their cases. Perhaps if they used camouflage colors.

The current issue of the NRA's "First Freedom" magazine features the evils and the problem of so-called "Red Flag" laws. These laws allow any person to report that someone is dangerous. After this report this someone's guns will be confiscated. There are several problems with such laws. They rely only on the word of a person and do not demand to know how this informer knows that the person is dangerous. They do not allow the victim of this report to know about the hearing; much less speak in his own defense. There are other problems but this is enough. There is a complete lack of due process of law. Perhaps this issue of the magazine will put to rest the canard that the NRA supports such laws.

I hear that the usual suspects are bragging that they stopped all pro-gun bills this last session. Of course, not one of their bills got so much as a hearing. They are putting their spin on it. The legislature may be nervous about offending either group. We have to show that we can be better friends than they can.

A convenience store clerk in Oregon was assaulted by a robber with a hatchet. The clerk showed him his pistol. The robber dropped the hatchet, apologized profusely, abjectly and submissively; and ran. No shots fired. His employer fired him because it has a "zero tolerance" for weapons. This is something they should have discussed with the robber. If the robber had killed the clerk what would they have told the clerk's family? "At least we have a zero tolerance for weapons?"

Zero tolerance is for organizations that find thinking is just too hard.

I have listened to an audiobook "The Trial of Lizzie Borden." This is the lady who is said to have "given her mother 40 whacks, and when she saw what she had done, she gave her father 41." There was evidence for and against her. Her initial stories were inconsistent. This is why we have the right to remain silent. Some her comments did not seem likely to the police. They could not believe that a woman would stop ironing handkerchiefs and go into the barn looking for a bit of metal to use as a sinker in an upcoming fishing trip. This put her out of the house when the father's murder occurred. There were witnesses that she had been in the barn. Unfortunately, they did not speak good English and the prosecutor used the American translation method of talking slower and louder. This did not work. The best evidence in her favor was that there was no blood on her body or hair. There was a speck on her slip but that was attributed to menstrual blood. An axe attack on two persons would have left the killer drenched in blood. The scene was locked down and searched within the capabilities of 1891. The day after the murders Lizzie burned a dress that had been damaged with paint. There were witnesses. Everyone seems to accept that it was damaged with paint, not blood. But it was suspicious. It led people to wonder if there was blood among the paint. It did not appear among the inventory of dresses made by the police on the day of the murders. Things done in the aftermath of a shooting may get one convicted; especially if it smacks of destroying evidence. There were multiple hatchets in the home. None seemed to be covered with blood, although one was the right size. Lizzie was acquitted. Her lawyer's closing statement claimed that evidence of her innocence, and the real killer would have been found, if the police had done a better job. He told the jury the "one does not find the greatest ability inside a policeman's coat." I would never make such a statement. This is partly because it would not go over well with local juries, but mostly because I do not enjoy being struck with nightsticks. There are people who enjoy being struck with nightsticks. I know this because there are so many persons who provoke such attention.

I listened to an audiobook called "The curse of Oak Island." Driving between courthouses it is the only productive use of my time. The book is part of the TV series, "The Curse of Oak Island." In 1775 some boys found evidence of something had been buried on Oak Island off Nova Scotia Canada. Their minds went to pirate treasure and the digging began. For the next two hundred and twenty-years various concerns dug. The problem was that their excavations kept flooding. They tried to pump them out but eventually found they were flooded with sea water.

They brought in bigger pumps to see if they could pump out faster than the ocean could pour in; with predictable results. After all, they were pumping water back out into the ocean. It is strange that they kept digging but only made intermediate attempts to find out how this water was coming in. But the usual suspects keep imposing gun control and keep failing. They keep continuing under the delusion that if they pump hard enough they will succeed.

The original excavation is a stunning engineering feat. The question is who did it? The book goes into great detail over various theories. It even goes into the dispute over who wrote Shakespeare's plays. There is a theory that lost Shakespeare plays are in the tunnels. Who built the system and what is down there is just guesswork until they find a way to keep the ocean out of the digs. People like to make up stories and this is a great one.

Amy Dickenson is a syndicated advice columnist. In a recent column she printed a letter from a father whose adult daughter has moved back in with him. He is "Dumfounded" that his adult daughter has a gun. He does not feel safe and locks his bedroom door because he doesn't know what she might do. The gun is a "criminal gun" on the strength of being a .40 and she has hollow point bullets. Ms. Dickenson increases his paranoia, claiming that her research shows that hollowpoints are illegal in 11 states. This is untrue. Only New Jersey and San Francisco largely ban them. She implies that the daughter may be involved in criminal activity. She urges the man to kick his daughter out of the house. Some think that the letter was invented for her to spread her disinformation. This is what we are faced with lies and prejudices masquerading as proof. We can respond with the truth. Women have protected themselves and their children. A personal touch is always better.

The principal of Compass Elementary School in Platte County Missouri responded to a tweet by anti-gun activist David Hogg with photos of people shooting guns. He was suspended for this act of free speech. I do not know the context of the initial tweet or the photos in response. It seems like one of the "zero tolerance" things.

Rally Day has been changed to 7 April, 2020 still in the Capital Building in Jefferson City.  
We shall overcome.