

It is a good day for Liberty.

A missionary to North Sentinel Island in the Indian Ocean was killed before quite getting to the beach. This was his second attempt. On the first attempt he took an arrow to his Bible. Not taking the hint he returned the next day and was killed. The locals have a reputation for killing anyone who approaches their island. India takes responsibility for the island, despite it being closer to Thailand and Burma. India forbids anyone contacting the natives and it patrols the waters off the island. The natives kill anyone who evades the patrols. I would leave these people alone. The missionary felt that he had a religious duty to bring the word of God to the islanders. I can respect that. I wonder if he considered that attempts at contact in the last century indicate the natives speak no known language. I believe that would complicate delivering the Word even if reduced to Tweets. I believe the word of Mark Twain. He encouraged missionaries to come home "and civilize these Christians.

I have had occasion to examine a Doubletap derringer. Federal law requires that the city and state of manufacture be stamped on gun receivers. The Doubletap address says "Made in St. Louis Missouri USA Earth." That should clear up any ambiguity, once trade begins with the Klingons.

A Harvard student has been evicted from her housing for gun ownership. Her roommates had become suspicious that she had a gun and searched her room. Her roommates claimed they were not comfortable with her gun in their suite. They did not consider if the woman was uncomfortable without it. She had been in an abusive relationship.

A Texas student was expelled from law school for gun ownership. A number of persons claiming they were fellow students claim that he often displayed his gun and made threatening remarks. He seems to have been denied due process however these accusations, if true, complicate getting justice.

I was quoted in a Kansas City Star editorial, and favorably. A man killed a car thief who was not a threat at the time. The Star asked me why the prosecutor could charge this man with murder. Mostly because it is against the law to kill people, even people stealing cars. Justification for killing is only to preserve another life. This is interesting. The Star may despise us but comes to us for information.

I read a case in which a defendant claimed that he was falsely accused of being a felon in possession of a 9 mm Kurtz pistol which it was actually a .380 caliber pistol. The appellate court went to a great deal of trouble to find that this does not make a difference. Of course, it would have taken less effort to find that 9mm Kurtz is simply the German word for .380 and in Italian and Spanish speaking countries it is 9mm Corto. The defendant was arguing a distinction without a difference.

I've read some articles about the ballistics of the .32 ACP vs .380 (9mm Kurtz/Corto). The thrust of the articles was that the higher velocity of the .32ACP makes up for the slightly greater mass of the .380 to equalize the ballistics. I can provide no expert opinion myself. I do know that the .32ACP permits one extra round of ammunition vs the .380 in the same pistol frame. One extra round may be important.

The British call the .38 S&W round the .380 or sometimes the .38-200. I look forward to having a case involving some sort of .380 ammunition. It could be fun.

Recently a blizzard Kansas City knew was coming shut down the city for three days. What will happen when there is a real disaster? Makes these preppers sound reasonably cautious.

The Western Missouri Shooters Alliance has a member who tosses a quarter in a coffee can when he hears some lie, calumny or abuse directed at the shooting community. At the November general membership meeting he contributed the proceeds gathered since the end of July, 2017. In sixteen months he saved \$145.50. Every little bit helps.

The panel investigating the school massacre in Parkland Florida has recommended that teachers be armed. The panel found that most deaths occurred in the first few minutes of a mass killing, before the police can arrive. Rapid response to a killer is critical to protecting students. I love it when people catch on to the obvious

The law enforcement officer killed during the mass killing in the bar at 1000 Oaks California was killed by friendly fire. The psychopath tossed smoke grenades which confused backup officers. These backup officers inspired the psychopath to commit suicide.

I've read *Shots Fired* and *Into the Kill Zone*. Both books examine police shootings through interviews of the officers involved. Some cases involve multiple officers which demonstrates that

witnesses next to each other can see the event differently. The books are valuable to us for lessons in self-defense. I am struck by the number of times that officers risk their lives to avoid shootings.

I've also read the funny papers. There is a substantial amount of social and political commentary in the funnies. One offering by "Perarls Before Swine" has a character push an obnoxious person off a cliff and then saying, "These new stand your ground laws are terrific." That is not conduct protected by "stand your ground" laws. These laws only say that it is no longer required to retreat or justify a failure to retreat before acting in self-defense against a deadly threat. The media, including cartoons, has confused people on this point. There must still be a deadly threat. The media says otherwise and is then shocked by people who kill fleeing felons or over property. I am horrified by the media spreading legal falsehoods, but no longer shocked.

The Missouri Department of Conservation has been trying to reduce the number of feral hogs in southern Missouri. The first effort was to shoot them on sight. They now believe that this causes the herd to scatter and reproduce elsewhere. They ask that people report sightings of hogs to the Department which will then trap the entire herd. I asked what was done with the trapped hogs and was told that the disposal of the carcasses was in accordance with the wishes of the landowner. This was an indirect way of saying the beasts were killed and the bodies left or dumped elsewhere. Re-locating the creatures is not an option although there are people I believe are deserving of the affliction. Distributing the meat is not considered an option because the animals are often diseased. The Department is composed of the experts and I am inclined to take their advice. But for farmers plagued by the destruction and disease spread by wild hogs the temptation to shoot them on sight must be substantial.

Rally Day is Tuesday 16 April 2019 in the Rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City from 10 AM to noon. A speaker is being searched for, possibly drafted and quite possibly kidnapped.

We shall overcome.