

It is a good day for Liberty.

Missouri Supreme Court Judge Teitelman is dead. Judge Teitelman authored several decisions that were anti-gun. I don't know if that was his prejudice or he really believed the law of the case went against us. Of course a majority of the court and sometimes all of the justices agreed with him. Our new Governor will appoint a successor from a list approved by a panel. The panel takes application from hopefuls and distills them down to a short list it sends to the governor. The governor could reject all of them and ask for another list. I do not recall that ever happening. I do not think this will be a monumental change on our court. In any case, I shall not be one of the applicants.

A study claims that Kansas City has more gunshot victims than most other cities. Such studies are usually the result of twisting data to fit a prejudice. It will be used as an excuse to demand local control of gun law, and to legislate against us. The Mayor claims that the legislature does not address persons who should not have guns. The Mayor should have his legal staff read the Missouri and Federal laws prohibiting persons from owning guns; he clearly cannot read them himself.

A new movie is out as a vehicle to promote anti-gun lies. The movie is "Ms. Sloan." It claims that "Any nutjob can buy an assault weapon without so much as an ID." This is such a blatant lie that it should not require refuting, and yet it does. The movie has a "gun lobby" figure say "There are 5 million of us and we are armed." He then makes a gesture as if shooting a pistol. There is the old Gobbels claim about big lies and if a lie is told often enough it becomes the truth. We have to tell the truth. We have to tell it often. We have to tell it in letters to newspapers and magazines, talk radio and people at work. Of course, there is a fine line here between advocacy and the office pest. When people move away when you approach, you have crossed it.

I saw the DVD "Restless." It concerns old enemies from WW II settling scores some forty years later. Patience is usually a virtue but these people were simply procrastinating. In one scene an old spy goes into a British gunshop and buys a12 gauge. In the 1980's one could do that. The old spy specifies #4 shot, lead not steel. The clerk places two handy boxes on the counter and remarks that these "Will stop an elephant." In later scenes the shotgun has been sawed off. One suspects the old spy but I have heard of guns doing more peculiar things.

There is a TV series called "Penny Dreadful." In one episode set in late 1890's London a vampire hunter goes into a British gunshop and buys a 7.63 mm 1896 Mauser pistol. The clerk remarks on the velocity of the cartridge and says that these "would stop an elephant." Perhaps Britain has more fragile elephants than the rest of the world. It could be slang. There could be a species of British rabbit they call an elephant. In Africa a real elephant shot with such cartridges would stop what it was doing to be sure, but only to stomp the shooter into a greasy spot without filing an environmental impact statement.

In the Penny Dreadful TV series British vampires can be killed with gunshots to the head. In the rest of the world vampires are tougher to kill. Of course, the Mafia used to rub garlic into its bullets in the belief that made them more deadly. Garlic is deadly to vampires. Perhaps that is what is going on. More research is required.

I was contacted by a reporter for an anti-gun newspaper. It is not only anti-gun but a Bloomberg front. He wanted some background concerning a St. Louis shooting at year ago. A man saw a teenager rummaging around in his car, stepped outside his house and shot him. The St. Louis prosecutor claimed they could not prosecute him for murder because of the Castle Doctrine. The writer wanted to know if that was true. I was floored. I could not answer for a moment. It is a monumental falsehood. Yes, the Castle Doctrine applies to the area around your house, including the driveway where the car was parked. That does not mean that you can shoot anyone in this area, even if they are committing a crime. They must place the homeowner or person lawfully there in reasonable fear of "unlawful force." Unlawful force appears to be any amount of physical force not invited by the occupant. I would say that there should be an intent to hurt, the only case on point involves the victim being slapped across the body and kneed in the groin. The prosecutor did press charges for being a felon in possession of a firearm. The prosecutor may have taken the opportunity to slander the Castle Doctrine.

A St. Louis Alderwoman (who is running for mayor) has proposed a City Ordinance prohibiting "assault weapons" in the City. She also would make it a crime to fail to report a stolen gun. The Alderwoman is probably putting on a show for her voters. St. Louis cannot enact these laws, legally, under our preemption law. They are more restrictive than state law. However, St.

Louis can get away with it if no one complains. Our sister organization the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance promises to complain.

The annual Gun Rights Rally is April 12, 2017 in the Rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City Missouri. It will start at 10 AM. Please try to clear your calendars. If there is enough interest we will charter a bus or van. Please attend the March General Membership meeting so we can get a head count.

A local auction company has auctioned off a collection of firearms. It calls this auction "Freedom has a nice ring to it, and a bit of recoil." A good phrase.

The evil creature who killed nine people at a church in South Carolina gave a videotaped statement to detectives. He had decided to kill African-Americans for reasons sufficient to his demented mind. He said that he thought about killing drug dealers, but was afraid that they might shoot back. He picked the church because the people were more likely to be meek. This is what we have been telling people for nearly thirty years. "Gun free" zones attract mass killers.

I saw an internet news report of a cowboy who rode his horse to a Wal Mart where he discovered that a thief was riding off on a woman's bicycle. He swung his rope, lassoed the bike rustler, tied him to one of the decorative trees, and called the police. When the police arrived he asked for his rope back and rode off. It's the cowboy way.

There is a proposal in Canada to legalize the possession of peppergas and mace. The Canadian government's Minister for Women (there is such a post) is furious. She said, "[The proposal is unrealistic and offensive to women [and] places the onus on women to defend themselves." She promised instead a "federal gender-based violence strategy." The proposal does not place the "onus" on women to do anything. A "gender-based violence strategy" might be a useful weapon if engraved on an AR-15. That is Canada. That is what the usual suspects want here. We have had some success. The fight goes on.

We shall overcome.