

It is a good day for Liberty.

Adam Weinstein wrote a column for the Washington Post claiming that the NRA and its allies (that's us) use jargon to "bully" gun-control supporters. He claims to be a shooter and 3d generation gun collector. He claims to be doing a book on Gun Culture. I don't think that we will come off well in his book. He objects to our demand that anti-gun advocates know something about the guns they want to ban. He finds this unreasonable.

Missouri may have huntable elk herd in two years. Start saving for that elk rifle now.

A quote has been posted on my facebook page "It is easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled." It is attributed to Mark Twain. It certainly sounds like the great man, but it is not confirmed. There is great truth in this. The first statement someone hears is taken as true, no matter how foul a lie it might be. The first reports of the Zimmerman shooting called it a "stand your ground" case. Stand your ground had nothing to do with the Zimmerman case, the defense never mentioned it but to this day it is cited as being an example of the defense. It is frustrating to try to convince people that they have been fooled. They don't want to admit that they can be fooled. They feel embarrassed. I have told people that they don't have to believe me, they can check some authority. People don't want to check authorities. I once tried to point out a law to someone; he would not even look at the page.

A correspondent wrote to Miss Manners sobbing that relatives showed up to family gatherings "including a recent memorial" wearing camouflage and even (here the fainting couch was called for) NRA hats promoting guns! A wedding was coming up and the fear was that these creatures would show up in the same dress. Miss Manners gives her usual sound advice for dealing with buffoons. I am uncomfortable with the prejudice that gun owners do not know how to dress for weddings. There are occasions in which "in your face" attire is useful. However in dealing with snowflakes one does not win friends and influence people in this fashion. A more subtle approach is called for. The "in your face" approach will alienate persons who might otherwise listen. Any garment showing a skull has no business in a Second Amendment message.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" [Isaiah 6:8](#)

We are in great need of a webmaster for the WMSA web site. WMSA is also in great need of a gun show coordinator. These positions do not involve the drama of the Bible. At most they require a few hours here and there. Years from now your grandchildren will ask what you did to preserve their rights to own guns.

"FBI Miami Firefight" is a new book by Edmundo & Elizabeth Mireles. Edmundo Mireles is the agent who finally put down the psychopaths. This 1986 gunfight left 2 dead and 5 wounded out of 8 agents. The author draws important lessons from the gunfight and refutes several myths. The Young Brothers Massacre in Green County Missouri in 1932 saw six law enforcement officers killed and three wounded out of ten involved. They were also after two killers who used a 25-20 pump action rifle and Winchester 12 gauges loaded with #8 shot. The officers had .38 revolvers and little ammunition. Lessons were learned. It is regrettable that officers have to die before the suits take a lesson.

A naked man in Aurora Colorado was caught attacking an 11 year-old boy. The boy's grandfather shot the attacker stone dead. Grandmother had been on the phone to the police. Responding police heard the gunshots. What happened next is still unclear. The responding officers encountered the grandfather and shot him. The grandfather died in the hospital. The grandfather may have been looking for other intruders. It was 1:30 in the morning; darkness may have been a factor. The officers may have been given bad information from 911. It emphasizes the need for careful introduction to the police. Staying on the phone to 911 might have helped. Having an unarmed person make contact with responding officers might have helped. The internet swarms with condemnation and threats against the officers.

Missouri's governor visited Kansas City and was lobbied by the mayor to allow local control of "gun issues." This would create a patchwork of laws in which licenses to carry would be valid throughout the state, except in Kansas City and St. Louis. This is the case in New York State in which state licenses to carry are not valid in New York City. Our big city mayors complain that their citizens just cannot be trusted with guns like the rest of the state. This is easier that determining what they are doing wrong. As a start they might start to track down where criminals get their guns. It is interesting that other than a few small pawn shops gun dealers have shops in the suburbs, where crime is low. The suburbs have a higher proportion of guns than the city

itself. If you map the murders in town, and then the unemployment, poor schools, poor health care, venereal disease rate and the maps of other social ills, they will be nearly identical. The mayors are doing something wrong and want to blame it on the legislature. Contact the governor and help city people keep their rights.

Contact your federal senators to confirm Judge Kavanaugh for the US Supreme Court. Contact both of them. I know, contacting Senator McCaskill seems like a waste of time, but this is an election year for her. Why make life easy for her? Contacting Senator Blunt seems unnecessary, he is already on board. But, it helps if he can tell other senators that thousands of Missourians have contacted him in support of Judge Kavanaugh.

Words are meant to communicate, but sometimes the precisely accurate word does not do so. In teaching a class I mentioned a case in which a carbine was used. A student immediately asked "What's a carbine?" I had to stop and explain it is a short rifle. Now I simply refer to "a rifle." In another I mentioned the laws concerning blackjacks. A student immediately asked "What is a blackjack?" I had to stop and explain. I now have a blackjack as a training aide and thump the table to illustrate. I was teaching a class on ammunition when I referred to hollowpoints as legal for civilians in Missouri but not military use under the Geneva Convention. Another instructor interrupted to say it was actually the Hague Convention which banned their military use. This is true. The problem, as I saw it, was that few people knew about the Hague Convention but had some idea about the Geneva Convention and would grasp the concept. I now refer to "under international law" which is less specific but get the concept across. When I discussed wad cutter ammunition I pointed to an illustration of a semi-wad cutter. The same instructor interrupted again to complain that this was a semi-wad cutter and not a wad cutter. This was true, but was of zero relevance to the point I was trying to make. Again I had to stop to clarify the difference out of place in my narrative. Some people take precision in language as an excuse to nit-pick. If the precise word does not communicate to a lay audience, another word must be substituted. Teaching is hard and must be planned in order to communicate with persons who know little or nothing about the matter. Worse are the persons who know nothing of the subject, but insist that they do and pontificate on the subject. These people deserve whatever happens to them.

We shall overcome.