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The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance

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Member's meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post (Goff Moll) #101 2721 Collier Ave. Brentwood, MO just west of the Schnucks Store at the intersection of Brentwood Blvd and Manchester Rd. (see map on page 5)

THE ELECTION YEAR IS HERE

Well it's that time again, the commercials are already starting, and the campaign fund raising request is arriving in the mail. And it won't stop until we have our primaries in August and the election in November.

Regardless of what party or person you choose make sure they respect our Freedoms and Rights.

The most important things to do during an election year is vote, support and work for you candidates and last but not least is become an election judge in your community.

The election judge is what I want to stress as being a key ingredient in the election process. We all know about voter fraud but few of us understand how it can happen and what we can do about it.

One of the places where fraud can exist is at the polling place. When you are a judge you will notice that you have a counterpart like you from the other party. If you have 6 workers at the poll 3 will be Republican and 3 will be Democrat. This is supposed to balance out any situation that comes up at the polls, each side signs off on all issues.

Now suppose there is a shortage of Judges, (which there is) and suppose one side decides to declare they are from the opposite party and they want to be a judge, the balance is now lost and possibilities for fraud have just increased.

I will not go into details about how the possibilities for fraud now are increased, you will learn that when you volunteer to be a judge and go thru the training.

Call your Election Board, volunteer to be a judge, you will be paid to attend the training and paid for working the poll. The day will begin at 5:15pm at the poll and end around 7:30 pm. You will feel good about what you did and gain important knowledge about the voting process.

Good Luck

Frank Mercer
President, Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance

FREE NRA-ILA Grassroots Workshop
Register online at <http://www.nraila.org/workshops>

Thursday, June 17, 2004
6:00- 9:00 pm
(Registration from 5:00-6:00 pm)
St. Louis Marriott West
660 Marysville Centre Drive St.
St. Louis, MO 63141

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Good Legislation Only Comes From Good Legislators

By Gene Dultz

You may think that we have won. You how have the Right to Carry in the state of Missouri. Well, you would be wrong. You do not have a "Right" to carry in Missouri. What you have is a law that allows you to get a "License" to carry. Anything that is licensed is not a right and any law passed by legislators can be undone by the legislators. In order to protect your newly obtained licensed right to carry a concealed weapon for self-protection, it is critical that you help reelect and/or elect pro-license to carry legislators. Our friends in the Missouri legislature need your help in the up coming elections. Those that opposed us need to be replaced. Your pro-gun candidate's campaign office needs your help NOW. Contact the campaign office of your local pro-gun candidates, volunteer to help and do it and continue to help all the way through to election day. If you don't know how to contact a campaign then contact your NRA-ILA EVC (Election Volunteer Coordinator). Below is the list of the EVCs for the state of Missouri. EVCs are assigned by US Congressional District. Contact the EVC in your US Congressional District.

The next most important thing is voting. If you are not registered to vote in your county, get registered. There is no reason not to be registered to vote. Your county knows who you are from many lists besides the voter roles (ie. Driver's license, Non-driver's license ID, property tax, vehicle registration, to mention the most obvious). Also, you need to make sure that your pro-gun friends and neighbors are registered to vote and actually get to the polls on election day. If your pro-gun friend or neighbor will be unable to get to the poll on election day, help them get an absentee ballot, make sure they understand everything that needs to be done with the absentee ballot and bug them until you are sure that they have done it. This includes you too. Other than your own death (except in St. Louis City), there is no reason that you should not vote in an election.

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(The EVC does not work for the NRA and can not help you with anything related to the NRA).

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In conclusion, you can not have good legislation unless you have good legislators. You must not rely on whatever percentage of the registered voters that actually vote to elect the candidates that will protect and support your rights as a gun owner. You must help the campaigns of the pro gun candidates and get out the vote for them as well.

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GCLA Gunshow Schedule

Show times are generally 9am To 4pm for Sat. And 9am to 3pm on Sun.
When a show has a Friday date it will be open from 4pm to 8pm

- June 11-12-13 Machinist Hall
- June 26-27 Belle Clair Expo Center, Belleville, IL
- July 17-18 Gateway Center, Collinsville, IL
- August 28-29 Belle Clair Expo Center, Belleville, IL
- September 10-11-12 Machinist Hall
- Sept. 25-26 St. Louis Antique Arms Vfw Post #3944
10815 Midland Blvd.
- October 2-3 Belle Clair Expo Center, Belleville, IL
- October 15-16-17 Stratford Inn
- October 30-31 Gateway Center, Collinsville, IL

Members who would like to work at a gun show please call:
John Cuba 636-861-9265 or
Frank Mercer 314-892-8153

Donations Are Urgently Needed

(also see raffle tickets on page 7)

ALL moneys donated go to pay the defense attorneys who are battling to save the License-To-Carry Law.

Send your donations, payable to:

**LTC Legal Defense Fund
2000 East Broadway, Suite 307
Columbia, Missouri 65201**

73 Counties Now Taking Applications

May 4, 2004

From Tim Oliver's News & Information on www.learntocarry.com

73 Missouri counties are now taking applications, 42 are still on hold.

We've just updated the MO LTC Map. www.learntocarry.com/news/data/MO_LTC_Map.shtml

I love spring! Both the grass and the map are greening up nicely. When are the antis going to come to the realization that LTC **has not** been a problem anywhere it became law? They are not only threatening suit in every county, they are claiming they *won* in the Missouri Supreme Court. Now let's see, if 73-42 were a football, baseball, or hockey score, I would say we won. They must think it's like golf, low score wins. :) Sorry Mr. Miller and Mr. Newman, wrong again. There are currently 5400 people who have completed their training and have their applications on file for the Missouri LTC Permit, and more are applying every day. Criminals **know** they are ineligible and do not apply. Besides, what criminal wants to get an LTC Permit in order to practice their trade? None that I know of.

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Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance Training

Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance is offering training sessions that comply with the State of Missouri's requirements for obtaining an endorsement to carry concealed weapons.

If you are interested in getting on the list, **please contact Gil Pyles at training@gclastl.org**. Preference will be given to GCLA members.

Class dates are:

May 2004: 22nd - 23rd, 29th - 30th.

June 2004: 5th - 6th, 12th - 13th, 26th - 27th

More class dates will be announced soon. First day of session will be classroom work, and the second will be at the range. Classes will be offered to GCLA members for \$100 and Non Members for \$125 (Includes first year membership to GCLA!).

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Phone: 314-385-GUNS or 1-866-385-GUNS

Website: <http://www.gclastl.org/training.html>

E-Mail: training@gclastl.org

Concealed Carry Training Course Application

Please Print Or Type All Information

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-Mail : _____

Daytime Phone: (_____) _____ Evening Phone: (_____) _____

Date Of Birth: _____ Age: _____ GCLA Member? _____

Describe Any Special Needs / Physical Handicaps: _____

Pistol Shooting Experience (check one): None Limited Experienced

First choice of class date: _____ Second choice of class date: _____

Your signature on this application is considered proof of your acceptance of the following terms and conditions:

1. I agree to sign a statement releasing GCLA and its trainers of any responsibility for any injury that I may sustain during this course.
2. I certify that I am: at least 23 years of age, a resident of Missouri, a law abiding citizen without a felony record, and that I may legally use and possess firearms.
3. I understand and agree that the safety of the class depends upon my complete compliance with all firearm safety rules and that I will abide by all such rules. I understand that my participation may be terminated, without refund, if I do not conduct myself in a safe and responsible manner.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Why People Fear Guns

FOX NEWS, Saturday, January 03, 2004

By John R. Lott Jr.

FOX NEWS

People fear guns. Yet, while guns make it easier for bad things to happen, they also make it easier for people to protect themselves.

With the avalanche of horrific news stories about guns over the years, it's no wonder people find it hard to believe that, according to surveys (one I conducted for 2002 for my book, "The Bias Against Guns," and three earlier academic surveys by different researchers published in such journals as the Journal of Criminal Justice) there are about two million defensive gun uses each year; guns are used defensively four times more frequently than they are to commit crimes.

The rebuttal to this claim always is: If these events were really happening, wouldn't we hear about them on the news? Many people tell me that they have never heard of an incident of defensive gun use. There is a good reason for their confusion. In 2001, the three major television networks -- ABC, CBS, and NBC -- ran 190,000 words' worth of gun-crime stories on their morning and evening national news broadcasts. But they ran not a single story mentioning a private citizen using a gun to stop a crime.

The print media was almost as biased: The New York Times ran 50,745 words on contemporaneous gun crimes, but only one short, 163-word story on a retired police officer who used his gun to stop a robbery. For USA Today, the tally was 5,660 words on gun crimes versus zero on defensive uses.

Just take some of the 18 defensive gun uses that I found covered by newspapers around the country during the first 10 days of December:

-- Little Rock, Ark: After the assailant attacked him and his son-in-law with a poker, a 64-year-old minister shot a man dead on church grounds. The attacker had engaged in a string of assaults in an apparent drug-induced frenzy.

-- Corpus Christi, Texas: A woman shot to death her ex-husband, who had broken into her house. The woman had a restraining order against the ex-husband.

-- Tampa Bay, Fla.: A 71-year-old man, Melvin Spaulding, shot 20-year-old James Moore in the arm as Moore and two friends were beating up his neighbor, 63-year-old George Lowe. Spaulding had a concealed weapons permit.

-- Bellevue, Wash.: A man shot a pit bull that lunged to within a foot of him and his family. Police said the man's family had been repeatedly menaced in the past by the dog.

-- Jonesboro, Ga.: A father out walking with his 11-year-old daughter was attacked by an armed robber. The police say the father shot the attacker in self-defense and will not face charges.

-- Houston, Texas: Andrea McNabb shot two of the three men who tried to rob her plumbing business on the afternoon of Dec. 1.

-- Philadelphia, Pa: A pharmacy manager fatally shot one robber and wounded another after the robbers threatened to kill workers at the store. The wounded robber escaped.

Part of the reason defensive gun use isn't covered in the me-

dia may be simple news judgment. If a news editor faces two stories, one with a dead body on the ground and another where a woman brandished a gun and the attacker ran away, no shots fired, almost anyone would pick the first story as more newsworthy. In 2002, some 90 percent of the time when people used guns defensively, they stopped the criminals simply by brandishing the gun.

But that doesn't explain all the disparity in coverage. It doesn't, for example, explain why, in some heavily covered public middle and high school shootings, the media mentioned in only 1 percent or fewer of their stories that the attacks were stopped when citizens used guns to stop the attacks.

The unbalanced reporting is probably greatest in cases where children die from accidental gunshots fired by another child. Most people have seen the public-service ads showing the voices or pictures of children between the ages of four and eight, never over the age of eight, and the impression is that there is an epidemic of accidental deaths involving small children. The exaggerated media attention given these particularly tragic deaths makes these claims believable.

The debate over laws requiring that people lock up their guns in their home usually concentrates on the deaths of these younger children. The trigger and barrel locks mandated by these laws are often only considered reliable for preventing the access to guns by children under age 7.

The truth is that in 1999, for children whose ages correspond with the public service ads, 31 children under the age of 10 died from an accidental gunshot and only six of these cases appear to have involved another child under 10 as the culprit. Nor was this year unusual. Between 1995 and 1999, only five to nine cases a year involved a child wounding or killing another child with a gun. For children under 15, there were a total of 81 accidental gun deaths of all types in 1999. Any death is tragic, but it should be noted that more children under five drowned in bathtubs or plastic water buckets than from guns.

The gun deaths are covered extensively as well as prominently, with individual cases getting up to 88 separate news stories. In contrast, when children use guns to save lives, the event might at most get one brief mention in a small local paper. Yet these events do occur.

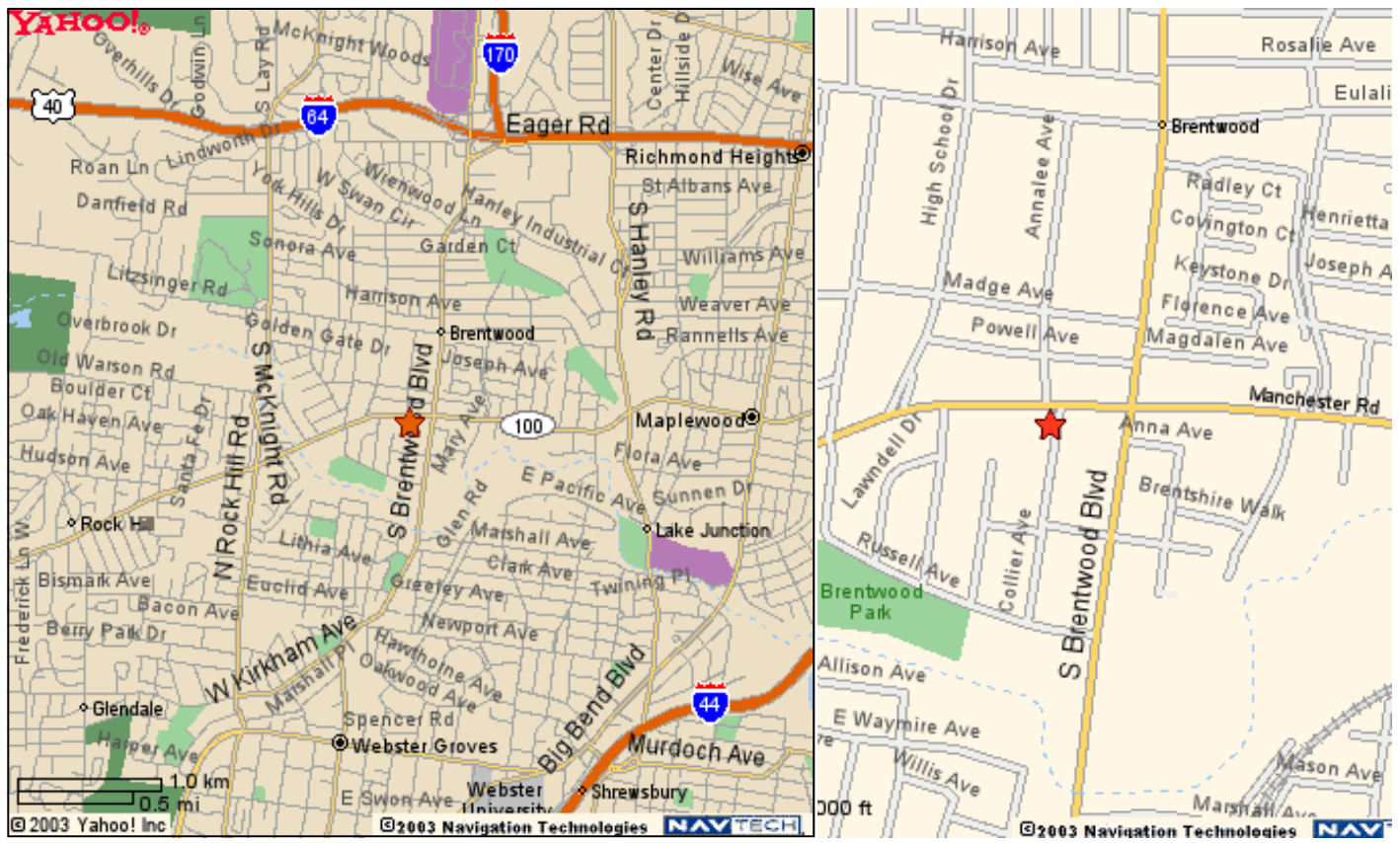
--In February, 2002, the South Bend, Indiana Tribune reported the story of an 11-year-old boy who shot and killed a man holding a box cutter to his grandmother's neck. Trained to use a firearm, the boy killed the assailant in one shot, even though the man was using his grandmother as a shield.

--In May, 2001 in Louisiana, a 12-year-old girl shot and killed her mother's abusive ex-boyfriend after he broke into their home and began choking her mother. The story appeared in the New Orleans Advocate.

--In January, 2001, in Angie, Louisiana, a 13 year-old boy stopped for burglars from entering his home by firing the family's shotgun, wounding one robber and scaring off the other three. The four men were planning on attacking the boy's mother--an 85-pound terminal cancer patient--in order to steal her pain medication.

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As a couple of reporters told me, journalists are uncomfortable printing such positive gun stories because they worry that it will encourage children to get access to guns. The whole process snowballs, however, because the exaggeration of the risks--along with lack of coverage of the benefits--cements the perceived risks more and more firmly in newspaper editors and reporters minds. This makes them ever more reluctant to publish such stories.

While all this coverage affects the overall gun-control debate, it also directly shapes perceptions of proposed legislation. Take the upcoming debate over renewing the so-called assault-weapons ban. This past summer CNN repeatedly showed a news segment that starts off with a machine gun firing and claims that the guns covered by the ban do much more damage than other guns. CNN later attempted to clarify the segment by saying that the real problem was with the ammunition used in these guns. But neither of these points is true. The law does not deal at all with machine guns (though the pictures of machine guns sure are compelling)--and the "assault weapons" fire the same bullets at the same rate, and accomplish the exact same thing, as other semi-automatic guns not covered by the ban.

The unbalanced presentation dominates not just the media but also government reports and polling. Studies by the Justice and Treasury Departments have long evaluated just the cost guns impose on society. Every year, Treasury puts out a report on the top 10 guns used in crime, and each report

serves as the basis for dozens of news stories. But why not also provide a report--at least once--on the top 10 guns used defensively? Similarly, numerous government reports estimate the cost of injuries from guns, but none measures the number of injuries prevented when guns are used defensively.

National polls further reinforce these biased perceptions. Not one of the national polls (as far as I was able to find) gave respondents an option to mention that gun control might actually be harmful. Probably the least biased polls still give respondents just two choices: supporting "tougher gun-control legislation to help in the fight against gun crime" or "better enforcement of current laws." Yet, both options ultimately imply that gun control is good.

But if we really want to save lives, we need to address the whole truth about guns--including the costs of not owning guns. We never, for example, hear about the families who couldn't defend themselves and were harmed because they didn't have guns.

Discussing only the costs of guns and not their benefits poses the real threat to public safety as people make mistakes on how best to defend themselves and their families.

John R. Lott, Jr., a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, is the author of "The Bias Against Guns" (Regency 2003)

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License to Carry – Legal Defense Fund Raffle

Firearms:

1. Kimber Pro CDP II
Donated by GCLA from Denny Dennis



2. Keltec P3AT
Donated by WMSA
.38 caliber



3. Ruger SP101
Donated by WMSA
.357 magnum, stainless, spurless hammer



4. Keltec P32
Donated by Target Masters
.32 caliber



5. Charter Arms 1382 Undercover
Donated by WMSA



1 ticket \$5.00 Donation
-or-
5 tickets \$20.00 Donation
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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GATEWAY CIVIL LIBERTIES ALLIANCE
P.O. Box 19739
Brentwood, MO 63144

Name: _____ Day Phone: _____

Address: _____ Evening Phone: _____

City/State: _____ Mobil Phone: _____

Zip Code: _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Membership Dues are \$24.00 per calendar year (first year can be pro-rated).

Membership: \$24.00 () Donations: \$_____ () (Sponsor: _____)

We are particularly interested in your comments. Please add your comments below.

It's not too late. Tickets must be received by June 18th.
Drawing to be held Saturday June 19th, 2004

1 ticket \$5.00 Donation -or- 5 tickets \$20.00 Donation
 Return the stubs that you wish to enter with the appropriate donation to:
GCLA, P.O. Box 19739, St. Louis, MO 63144
 Just ignore those that you do not want.

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 Missourians for Personal Safety-MPS, GCLA & WMSA-sponsors
 Prizes: **Kimber Custom Pro-CDP II, Ruger SP101,
 KelTec P32 & P3AT and more...**

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We are fighting for your Gun Rights in Missouri !

See www.gclastl.org, www.moccw.org,
www.wmsa.net, www.learntocarry.com
 for complete list of prizes & details.



Join GCLA April 21, 2004
 Jefferson City Capitol Rotunda
 Gun Rights RALLY!!

Drawing to be held Saturday June 19, 2004
 Winner need not be present to win. Winner must comply with all laws.

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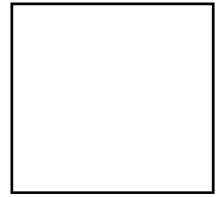
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