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"self-defense is a civil right, too!"

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Welcome to GunFax!

Welcome to the premiere issue of GunFax. It's been in the works for a long time, and it's great to finally bring it to you. To some degree, GunFax will be what the readers make it. We welcome your comments, feedback, suggestions, links, and submissions. And if you own or run a gun-related business of any kind or a gun club and you're not on the Web yet - we'll create, host, promote, and maintain a Web site for your shop or club for only ten dollars per month or one hundred

know that folks will be hoarding at

least a little cash. I've felt this all along. I've also felt that lots of criminals will realize this, too, I think there will be a higher incidence of mugging, robbery, and home invasion, starting around December 1st when government checks come. So please be aware and make your loved ones aware and advise them to take the threat seriously no matter where they are or what time of day. I have a real conviction about this. Be careful, and keep your powder dry!





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Safe & Secure

Safety is rule number one!

Y2K CRIME ALERT: Yeah, I know there's a lot of hype out there, but I think there is one quite serious possibility for trouble with Y2K. The Federal Reserve is making lots of extra cash available because they

Women and Children First!

The NRA is offering a new 24-page booklet from its Eddie Eagle firearm safety program designed to help teach kids firearm safety. You can call them at 1-800-4-EAGLE-4 for a free copy.

An excellent resource for women is the organization called "AWARE" (Arming Women Against Rape and Endangerment). Their motto is "Effective self-protection for intelligent women who want help, not hype". Among their many terrific resources is their "Self-Protection Quiz" at: www.aware.org/quiz.htm. The quiz outlines a few common dangerous scenarios in which a woman may find herself, lists possible responses from which to choose, and then explains the possible consequences of each decision. Your thinking may well be challenged, and you will probably learn some very valuable things from this quiz! AWARE also has valuable links and suggested reading lists, plus they also welcome and even insist that women please contact them for help if they are in danger right now! This is one of the best organizations to which a woman can turn for good, sensible, and effective answers and information to help keep her from harm. Visit them online at www.aware.org and be aware!

Tales of Self-Defense

Reprinted with the permission of the NRA. Studies indicate that firearms are used over 2 million times a year for personal protection, and that the presence of a firearm, without a shot being fired, prevents crime in many instances. Shooting usually can be justified only where crime constitutes an immediate, imminent threat to life, limb, or, in some cases, property. Anyone is free to quote or reproduce these accounts. Send clippings to: "The Armed Citizen", 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030-9400.

When an armed burglar wearing a ski mask broke into Patricia Mathias' basement early one morning, the frightened 63-year-old Keene, Ohio, resident went to investigate. Feeling a cold draft upon opening the door, Mathias retreated to her bedroom for a .22-cal semi-automatic pistol and returned to the basement stairs. When she stepped down, an exchange of gunfire followed in which Mathias felt a bullet whiz by her ear. Her tormentor was not so lucky and suffered a fatal wound. His body was dumped in a ditch by an accomplice and was found eight days later. (The Columbus Dispatch, Columbus, OH, 2/23/99)

With her husband and older sons on a camping trip, Kathy York and her 7- and 8-year-old sons were left to fend for themselves when a rabid skunk attacked the family dog at their Palmyra, Maine, home. Fortunately, the 8-year-old was more than up to the task of reloading the single-shot .22-cal. Rifle for his mother who fired at the crazed, wild animal seven or eight times before finally killing it, ending its relentless attack. (Portland Press Herald, Portland, ME, 8/18/99)

Just as Corpus Christi, Texas, resident Candace McLallen was about to step into the shower one afternoon. she was interrupted by the front doorbell. Looking outside, McLallen saw an unfamiliar car and three equally unfamiliar men. Determined not to let them in, and in a quandary as to what to do next, she was stunned by the loud noise and flying splinters of the front door as it was slammed open. McLallen raced to her bedroom, where she kept a .38-cal. revolver for home protection. Once there, she grabbed the gun in one hand and her one-year-old daughter in the other and let two shots ring out. The home invaders were so scared when they realized their intended "victim" was armed that they fled the scene, leaving the getaway car

behind. (Corpus Christi Caller-Times, Corpus Christi, TX, 5/7/98)

Quotes to Note

"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater ... confidence than an armed man."

- Thomas Jefferson, quoting Cesare Beccaria in On Crimes and Punishment (1764)

"A strong body makes the mind strong. As to the species of exercises, I advise the gun. While this gives moderate exercise to the body, it gives boldness, enterprise, and independence to the mind. Games played with the ball and others of that nature, are too violent for the body and stamp no character on the mind. Let your gun therefore be the constant companion of your walks.

- Thomas Jefferson, Encyclopedia of T. Jefferson, 318, Foley, Ed., reissued 1967

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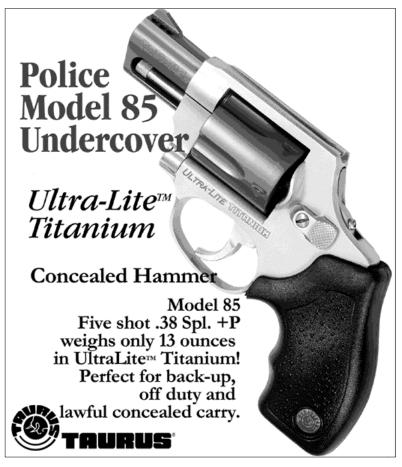
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and more.

Ideas for Action

I discovered only recently that Rep. John Hostettler (R-IN) introduced the "Interstate Commerce Freedom Act" (H. R. 1577) to "establish certain uniform legal principles of liability with respect to manufacturers of products". In essence, this bill will help protect manufacturers (such as gun makers) from being sued when their products are used in an illegal manner. Makes sense, huh? To see this bill yourself, see thomas.loc.gov and search for HR 1577. I plan to check on this further and urge its passage.

To take this idea one step further, I'm going to compose a letter to my Rep and a few others urging that they introduce a bill to extend similar protection to newspapers, TV & radio stations, Internet auction sites, and other media from being sued for accepting advertisements for firearms. Some popular Internet auction sites no longer accept gun ads, yet they do accept ads for gun parts and accessories.

In fact, the auction site SellGuns.com (www.sellguns.com) recently halted its operations, apparently fearing negative press and possible lawsuits. They now have their system for sale to anyone who has the guts (and the money) to take it over. They have over 15,000 registered users.

On a different subject, can you do us all a favor? In your discussions with anti-gun types, ask them why they support gun registration. Ask them how they would like to see guns registered. And finally, ask them what they hope that gun registration would accomplish. I sincerely would like to know the answers to such questions. Press them to be specific! I'll bet that even the anti-gunners themselves can't come up with the answers. I think it's just a trendy, "feel-good" thing they like to say.

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Reader Comments. We welcome reader comments by mail, e-mail, or fax, and all comments are subject to editing & space limitations.

"Thank you for providing this service!" - Craig, WI

Coming Up in GunFax

In addition to our regular features, some of which aren't even in this issue, we'll also be bringing you:

Gun Shows

We're still gathering our information, but we plan to list as many gun shows as possible each month. This will cover a lot of shows, and we'll be putting together a directory at our site that we hope will be as complete as possible. If you're a gun show promoter, please send us your schedules and flyers!

Gun Clubs & Shooting Ranges We want to let you know about gun clubs and shooting ranges in your area. Again, we'll have them listed on our site in the future, and we welcome your input.

Gun Mailing Lists & Forums

There are many forums, message boards, and mailing lists available online where you can discuss gunrelated issues, gun politics, tech talk, gunsmithing, tips, and much more. We'll bring you information on those, and we welcome your input on your favorites.

Guns in the Media

For a refreshing new twist, we'll cover radio & TV talk shows that cater to the gun enthusiast and support lawful self-defense & firearms ownership. Plus we'll also let you know about some upcoming TV shows of interest. Many talk radio shows can be heard online, too, and we'll let you know about it! Your suggestions are welcome!

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