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The decision to go armed on a daily basis is one of the most important and responsible decisions

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As you can imagine, I subscribe to practically every gun magazine available. These magazines review all the new firearms and firearm accessories. They have great photographs and great articles. This begs the question, "What is so special about *Concealed Carry Magazine*?" There are plenty of firearms publications available. Why do we need one more?

I'll tell you why!

Concealed Carry Magazine (CCM) is not about the gun being carried, it is about the **person carrying the gun**. In addition to the cover story and the regular department articles, each issue of CCM will have three feature articles. These three features form the backbone of CCM.

The first is the CCM "Profile." This article profiles an "everyday" person (usually one of our subscribers) who has made the decision to carry a gun. The article starts with a short biography of the individual which leads into an interview. This article will be an inspiration to our readers by helping them to realize that they are not alone in their lifestyle decision to always be armed.

The second feature is called CCM "True Stories." These are anecdotes or news clippings about people who have successfully defended themselves or their families with a firearm. Statistically, these types of events happen over 5,000 times per day in the USA alone. You'd never guess this by the news coverage we get from the mainstream media.

The third feature is called CCM 2nd Amendment Issues. This feature will contain commentary covering the broad range of political and social 2nd Amendment topics.

CCM will still have lots of cool guns and gear articles, but the focus of the magazine will be on **people**, the people with the courage and guts to be armed citizens. Whether you currently carry or are considering, I invite you to try a one-year subscription to *Concealed Carry Magazine*. You will not be disappointed.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Schmidt
Publisher/Editor

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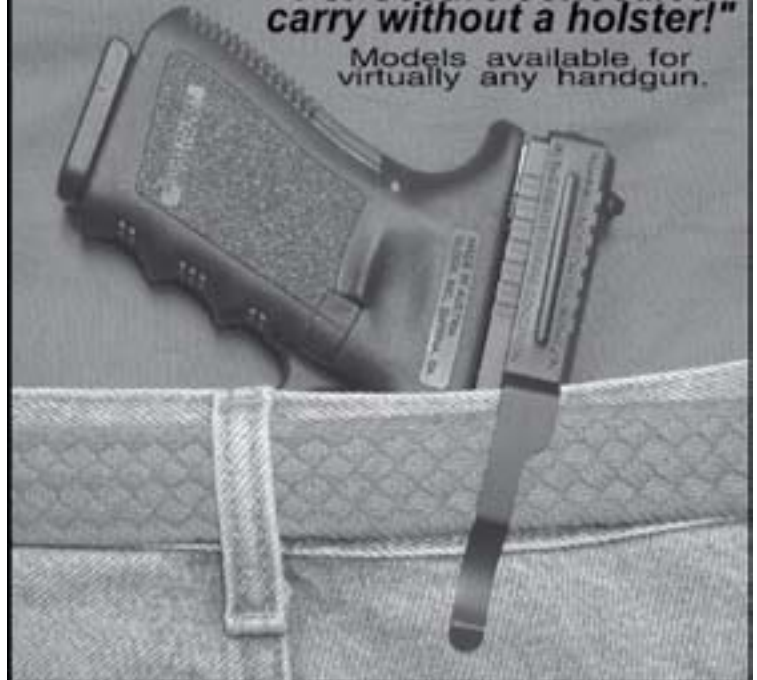
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KATE GRAHAM

CCM PROFILE

*Kathryn A. Graham
Timothy J. Schmidt*

Each issue of CCM will contain an article that "PROFILES" an everyday individual who carries a concealed weapon. This article will be an inspiration to our readers by helping them to realize that they are not alone in their lifestyle decision to always be armed.

My name is Kathryn Ann Graham. I was born at Mt. Sinai Hospital on Manhattan Island shortly after the hurricane blew through there in September of 1954. My father was a writer/director/producer of documentary films, and my mother was an advertising copywriter. How's that for a liberal background?



Kate with her Kimber Ultra Carry and her pistol-grip shotgun.

Actually, both of my parents were (and my mother, who is still living, still is) Libertarians, although few people knew the word in those days, and they were wise enough to get me out of New York before my third birthday. I was actually raised in Dallas, Texas. My folks taught me to believe in the Bill of Rights, and in a government that serves the people, rather than the reverse that we see all around us today. I was raised on some archaic concepts that would be disturbing to most children today, like personal responsibility and honor, and I was taught to respect and

revere the men and women who don uniforms and risk their lives to protect us, like the police. Remember Officer Friendly?

On my sixteenth birthday, as I was already a high school graduate, I found myself a job and started taking flying lessons. On my eighteenth birthday, I raised my right hand and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force – oh, not as a pilot. Women couldn't do that then. We weren't even trained in the use of arms. Nevertheless, I was a patriot. Vietnam wasn't quite over, and I joined up to serve my country. I served with honor, and was honorably discharged. And in those days, the military treated me with honor as well. I worked hard, long hours, but was paid a fair wage for it. I surrendered my freedom, but was offered a priceless opportunity for travel in return. I gave four years of my life, but they paid for my pilot's license. It was a wonderful four years, and I would have recommended then that any young person of my generation do the same.

Today, I am a private investigator in South Texas, a firearms instructor and a science fiction author. As a private investigator, I do those jobs that our police can't or won't do any longer. My specialty is solving cold cases for the families of the victims. As a firearms instructor, I try to teach others the legal and honorable use of force for the protection of their lives and the lives of their loved ones. Meanwhile, I work every day for bloodless political change. Our right to keep and bear arms was not protected by the Second Amendment for the purpose of self-defense, although self-defense and reduction of violent crime are very good things. It was protected for us as a deterrent against tyranny, and that is precisely why our political leaders hate and fear it so. 80 million gun owners in the United States have the ability to restore the country Thomas Jefferson gave us, without ever firing a shot, if they are willing to stand together as one.

I am jointly owned and managed by six cats, a German shepherd who is half angel and half holy terror, and my business and life partner, John Tarsikes. We manage to maintain a loving home for ourselves and our four-footed "kids," while still finding enough adventure to keep life tasting sweet.

Youth is a wonderful thing, but take it from me – life really begins at 45!



Kate takes aim with her Kimber.

The CCM Interview:

CCM: How long have you carried a concealed weapon?

Kate: I can't answer that question honestly without incriminating myself. A very long time. I have always believed in the principle that it is better to be tried by twelve than carried by six.

CCM: What weapon(s) do you carry?

Kate: I carry a Kimber Ultra Carry 3" .45 and two spare magazines 100 percent of the time. I also carry a second, or backup, weapon that I am not willing to discuss. In Texas, I am legally permitted to carry as many handguns as I can conceal.



Kate scores a student's target during one of her classes.

CCM: What type of ammunition do you carry?

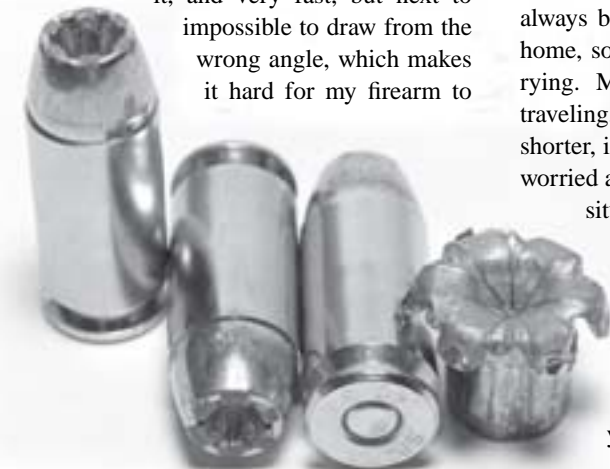
Kate: Exclusively hollow point. I prefer hollow point ammunition for several reasons. As a small woman, I need the additional shock effect. I cannot afford to grapple with an assailant at all, so the sooner I can take that assailant down, the safer I will be. The other good reason for hollow point ammunition is that it stops better – i.e., I am less likely to hit two folks with one bullet. This is especially important for a self-defense situation in my home, which is a manufactured house in a country community. Our walls are not very substantial. Hence, I have chosen a large, slow-moving bullet, and hollow points. Another advantage to .45 is that it can be found in ammo cans in garages all across the United States. Should the sale of ammunition ever become illegal in this country, that will be a consideration.

CCM: How often do you shoot/practice?

Kate: As often as I can. My weeks run to 100+ hours, so it is sometimes difficult to schedule range time. However, shooting is a sport I love, as well as a deadly serious means for defense, so I make time for recreation.

CCM: Which concealment holsters do you use? Which is your favorite?

Kate: Unlike many who carry, I do not always carry in the same place or in the same way. It is dangerous to become too predictable, although I do agree that practice with all methods is very necessary. I have three I particularly like. One is a Galco, horizontal small-of-the-back holster, which is surprisingly comfortable with the Kimber, as it is a very slim weapon. I also have a Galco shoulder rig that is very comfortable. The most comfortable method of all, though, is a Phobus, molded composite, that just slips over the waistband of my belt or jeans. The Phobus is very well designed. It is easy to draw from it, and very fast, but next to impossible to draw from the wrong angle, which makes it hard for my firearm to



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be taken away from me. Because of the large paddle that fits inside my pants, I am almost completely unable to even feel the weight of the weapon. In all cases, I wear a vest, or light shirt, over the weapon.

CCM: Why did you decide to carry?

Kate: I don't remember any particular epiphany, if that is what you mean. It was an evolution, a part of growing up for me. I gradually realized that if I didn't defend myself,

no one was going to do it for me. I survived a rather ghastly rape as a teenager, and studied martial arts as a sort of therapy afterward, which is when I began to take responsibility for my own safety. As I grew older and fatter and slower, I gradually realized that all the martial arts in the world weren't going to help me much against an assailant twice or three times my size. I've

always been a shooter, and kept guns in my home, so it was a natural progression to carrying. My parents insisted that I carry when traveling, so I guess the trips got shorter and shorter, if you follow me. Frankly, I've never worried all that much about it. I was rarely in situations where I was likely to come to the attention of the police – I've always been the goody two-shoes of the crowd – so I never worried about being caught and prosecuted for it.

CCM: Have you ever had to use your firearm in a defensive situation?

Kate: Oh, yes. Roughly four times

in thirty years or so. Twice, I was legally carrying as the owner of a business, and stopped armed robberies with my little Chief. On both occasions, said assailants became Olympic runners immediately upon seeing the outline of the firearm in my pocket. As both of those incidents happened within three months of that career decision, I took that as a cosmic message and decided to change careers again post haste. A few years later, a certifiable

nutcase threatened me in my own home. I held him unharmed at gunpoint for the police to come carry out the garbage. Finally, only a few months ago, a gentleman of considerable size accosted me on the street and would not allow me to reach my car. I didn't show the firearm in that case, although my hand was on it – I just told him about it in sweet and reasonable

tones, and he demonstrated his track skills as rapidly as the first two had. I have never pulled the trigger on a human being, and most sincerely hope I never have to do so.

CCM: Kate, what do you do for a living?

Kate: I am a licensed private investigator in the State of Texas, a firearms instructor, an aviation consultant, a computer technician, and a writer.

CCM: Do you have any advice for our readers?

Kate: Practice! Educate others about their rights and about firearms, and vote in every single election.

“Have you ever had to use your firearm in a defensive situation?”

“Oh yes. Roughly four times in thirty years or so...”

TRUE STORIES

Carry a gun...it will save your life.

Compiled By Sten Jackson

A 76-year-old Newberry Springs, California, man was awakened by the sounds of someone breaking into his home in the early morning hours. The resident retrieved a handgun and confronted the intruder. As he held the would-be robber at gunpoint and dialed 9-1-1, the interloper made a threatening move toward the homeowner who then shot him once in the chest, killing him. "He was definitely there to steal from or rob the victim," reported San Bernardino County Sheriff's Sgt. Gerrit Tesselaar. (Desert Dispatch, Barstow, CA)

The gun shoved in night manager Eric Golden's face during a robbery two weeks before at the Nashville, Tennessee, restaurant where he worked was enough to prompt him to start carrying his own firearm. Ten days later, evidently emboldened by the easy pickings,

the same two bandits returned to hold Golden up again. This time, Golden foiled the robbery by wounding one of the suspects with a gunshot. Both thugs were arrested by police and charged in the two incidents. (The Banner, Nashville, TN)

A 45-year-old Gwinnett County, Georgia, woman carried her gun into the kitchen to investigate a noise. There, she discovered her yardman, who had threatened her earlier in the day, had just broken into her home. She ordered the man to leave, but he replied she would have to shoot him first. She did. The man was hospitalized and police did not expect any charges to be filed against the woman. (The Journal-Constitution, Atlanta, GA)

The bandit brazenly barged into the Rochester, New York, market, shoving a gun into the

face of the owner's wife, who was working behind the counter, and demanding cash. The owner witnessed the confrontation and quickly pulled his own handgun out, shooting the armed robber. Hit in the arm, the suspect ran outside to a waiting car and went to a nearby hospital where he was arrested. Neighbors said the store had been held up several times in the past two years. (The Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY)

Lawrence Nelson immediately recognized the man who walked into his San Jose, California, liquor store as the same man who had robbed the business of \$3,000 three weeks before. In his hand was the same handgun and he even said the same words, "Put all your cash on the counter." But unlike three weeks before, Nelson had his own gun - a 9mm Glock that held 17 rounds - sitting on his counter instead of in a drawer. A single shot from Nelson struck the robber, who dropped his gun and made a quick retreat. Police arrested the injured crook nearby. (The Mercury News, San Jose, CA)

District Attorney Robert Schwarz refused to charge an Albuquerque, New Mexico, Dunkin'

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Donuts employee with any wrongdoing after the armed store clerk killed one of two would-be robbers. The two suspects had entered the store posing as customers. When the clerk turned to get their donuts they drew guns and demanded cash. The clerk refused. One bandit fired a single shot at the clerk, barely missing his head, and the other bandit jumped over the counter and attempted to shoot the employee, but his gun jammed. By then, the clerk had retrieved his own handgun and returned fire, fatally injuring the suspect who had jumped the counter. The dead crook's accomplice fled the building. (The Journal, Albuquerque, NM)

Daniel Shelton's Martinsville, Virginia, neighbors regard him as a hero after he confronted a man who broke into his home by shining a flashlight at him and holding a cocked .45 Government Model to his head. "Get on your knees or I'll blow your head off," he said. Shelton then contacted police who took the man into custody. Police applauded the homeowner for his restraint in not shooting the intruder. Shelton admitted though he was angry and fearful at the time, he too was glad no shots were required. Many of Shelton's neighbors, who reported being burglarized on numerous occasions, doubted they would have been so understanding. (The Bulletin, Martinsville, VA)

The drunken man asked the clerk in an Anchorage, Alaska, gas station to call him a cab, then in a fit of agitation at being asked to wait for it outside, pulled a gun and attempted to rob the place. Alerted by the clerk, two mechanics, one of them armed with a gun he keeps in his tool box, followed the man outside where the three became mired in a standoff. Upon arriving on the scene, the cab driver drew his own gun and shoved it into the robber's neck. The armed mechanic and the cabbie then forced the suspect to the ground where he was held for police. (The Daily News, Anchorage, AK)

As social unrest spilled across St. Petersburg, Florida, making headlines throughout the nation, criminals rampaged through the com-

munity looting businesses and burning them to the ground. While most store owners were left to sit helplessly, waiting on the overburdened police and fire departments to come to their rescue, pawn shop owner Oscar Kiesylis, "a staunch NRA member," stood ready. "I could have waited until the bastards came in the store and got them one by one," Kiesylis later said of the looters who crashed their car through his store window. Instead he opened fire with his semi-automatic AK-47 rifle as soon as the vehicle entered the building, sending the intruders on a hasty - and empty-handed - retreat. "They came very close to being with the Lord." said Kiesylis. (The Times, St. Petersburg, FL)

Gunshots erupted in the evening tranquility of the Colorado Springs, Colorado, neighborhood after an argument over a football debt turned violent, leaving two men wounded. From opposite ends of the street, two armed homeowners, insurance salesman Vaughn Zimmerman and cable company manager Tony McIntosh, ran from their homes and simultaneously confronted the shooting suspect, ordering him to the ground. There they handcuffed him and held him for police officers. McIntosh, a carry permit holder, and Zimmerman, a

former sheriff's deputy, had never met until the incident. "I think we should go for coffee sometime and talk," Zimmerman told McIntosh afterward. (The Gazette Telegraph, Colorado Springs, CO)

When a would-be robber grabbed a customer in an Asheville, North Carolina, store and threatened to kill her if employees did not turn over the money in the register, clerks Joey Allen and Larry Simonds reacted instinctively. In one motion, they both drew handguns and ordered the assailant to release the woman and lie on the floor. Surprised at the turn of events, the suspect did just that. (The Citizen-Times, Asheville, NC)

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COVER STORY

The Constitutional Right and Social Obligation to CARRY A GUN

By Robert H. Boatman

Carrying A Gun Is An Absolute Right

The framers of the Constitution were under no pressure from the NRA when they wrote “the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

In the same spare sentence, they reaffirmed their historical preference for a “militia” over a standing army, and indicated that this militia should be composed of armed citizens – citizens of a “free state” whose right to keep and bear arms must never be infringed.

Anti-freedom zealots, including academic invalids and the hypocrites of the mis-named American Civil Liberties Union, have stood on their

pointy heads in tortured attempts to misinterpret this sentence ever since. Those of us who know how to read the English language have no trouble at all.

The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. **THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE** to keep and bear arms shall **NOT** be infringed. The right of the people **TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS** shall **NOT** be infringed. The right of the people to keep and bear arms **SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED**. What part of **NOT** do the illiterates out to subvert the Constitution **NOT** understand?

The Constitution of the state of Pennsylvania (adopted September 28, 1776) allocated more words to make the point even more unmistakable: “XIII. That the people have a right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the state; and as standing armies in the time of peace are dangerous to liberty, they ought not to be kept up; and that the military should be kept under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power.”

Indeed, the individual right to keep and bear arms for personal defense is based on exactly the same principle as civilian control of the military. One wonders if the ACLU would argue with that.

The Second Amendment, like most other articles in the Bill of Rights, was adopted from the English Bill of Rights of 1689 which, in turn, was based on centuries of English Common Law. English jurist Sir William Blackstone observed that the English Bill of Rights clearly meant that Englishmen possessed “the right of having and using arms for self-preservation and defense” and that “having arms suitable for their defense” was one of the five auxiliary rights people possessed “to protect and maintain inviolate the three great and primary rights,” the first of which is “personal security.”

Unfortunately for the English people, they have been persuaded by their own far-left government and insidious anti-gun activists to allow the English Bill of Rights to be, as they might say, shat upon. Today, the



English do not have the right to keep and bear arms for self-preservation and defense. As a direct result, they live in a crime-ridden society that grows worse with each passing day.

The recent 2000 International Crime Victims Survey published by the Dutch Ministry of Justice, a highly respected and accurate measurement of the percentage of people by nation who are victims of violent crimes, ranked England far ahead of the United States (which ranked 8th), and second only to Australia (where English-style anti-gun laws are also in effect) as the most violent nation. A recently disarmed England now has twice as much violent crime as the United States.

The English Home Office, which cooperated in the survey, has refused to publish these findings in England. It's better not to remind the gullible subjects how empty were the promises of safety and security for which they so eagerly traded away their very real and priceless freedoms and responsibilities.

The great Roman philosopher and senator, Cicero, immortalized armed self-defense as an "inalienable right" more than 2,000 years before the U.S. Constitution did so. Cicero said:

There exists a law, not written down anywhere but inborn in our hearts; a law which comes to us not by training or custom or reading but by derivation and absorption and adoption from nature itself; a law which has come to us not from theory but from practice, not by instruction but by natural intuition. I refer to the law which lays it down that, if our lives are endangered by plots or violence or armed robbers or enemies, any and every method of protecting ourselves is morally right.

Even people to whom armed self-defense is but a remote abstraction often endorse, without even realizing it, the unquestionable principles underlying the right to carry a gun. Jaron Lanier, writing in Discover Magazine (Feb. 2001), said in reference to new copy-right-protection technology – "In a democracy, citizens are supposed to act as partners in enforcing laws. Those forced to follow rules without being trusted even for a moment are, in fact, slaves."

It is perfectly obvious that we have a natural right to arm ourselves and to kill any criminal or other force that threatens us just as surely as an elephant has a right to kill an attacking lion and a mother bear has a right to



kill a wolf grinning suspiciously at her cubs. Animal-rights extremists extend the animals' right to the killing of humans under such circumstances.

Even the Dalai Lama, Nobel Peace Prize and all, said in May of 2001 during a speech about "nonviolent resolutions to conflict" to 7,600 Oregon and Washington high-school students – "But if someone has a gun and is

“The Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms Shall Not Be Infringed”

trying to kill you, it would be reasonable to shoot back with your own gun.” So said the Dalai Lama.

There are criminals among us who are both homicidal and incorrigible. Their parents took a shot at civilizing them and failed. Their school teachers took a shot at them and failed. The odds are overwhelming that government welfare programs and penal institutions took a shot at them and failed. If it ever becomes your turn to take a shot at them, don't fail.

Carrying a Gun Has Always Been Both a Right and a Duty

There have been many societies in which not carrying a weapon was a serious and severely punishable crime. This was true in Greece, Rome, Europe, Britain and, though

seldom enforced, is still true in certain places in America today. This is as it should be. A citizen who shirks his duty to contribute to the security of his community is little better than the criminal who threatens it, and is better off living in a society that places lesser demands on his capacity to accept responsibility.

Armed Citizens Of the 21st Century

In 1987, a year after Glocks were introduced to the U.S., Florida enacted a pioneering “shall-issue” right-to-carry law that has served as the model for the rest of the country. The Florida law affirmed the right of a private citizen to carry a concealed gun and eliminated the abuses so typical of “discretionary” right-to-carry laws that resulted in gun permits being awarded arbitrarily to the political cronies of petty officials, limousine liberals, movie actors, athletes and various other celebrity representatives of the rich and famous crowd, but denied to so-called “ordinary” citizens. The Florida law made it crystal clear that any citizen with basic firearms training and a felony-free record would be issued a concealed-carry permit upon request, period.

Florida's landmark right-to-carry law was supported by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association and other law enforcement groups. And it was supported by Florida voters.

The media, however, was predictably vociferous in its opposition to the exercise of Constitutionally guaranteed rights, and in its total submission to the party line of radical anti-freedom, anti-self-defense and anti-gun forces. Headlines predicted vigilante justice and wild-west shootouts on every corner. “Florida will become the “Gunshine State.” “A pistol-packing citizenry will mean itchier trigger fingers.” “Florida's climate of smoldering fear will flash like napalm when every stranger totes a piece.” “Every mental snap in traffic could lead to the crack of gunfire.”

Such dire and colorful predictions, of course, proved totally false. Nevertheless, that same hysterical fear-mongering and bald-faced lying are used even today every time a new state gets ready to pass an enlightened right-to-carry law. In actual fact, the only notable thing that happened for the first five years after Florida passed its right-to-carry

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law was that, as homicide rates in the U.S. soared, Florida's homicide rate fell a dramatic 23 percent. A few of the opponents of concealed carry actually had the courage to admit they were wrong.

Thanks to the intensive lobbying efforts of the NRA, along with the tireless grassroots work of politically aware gun owners, 33 states now have Florida-style laws which require the prompt issuance to their citizens of legal permits to carry concealed weapons. Well over half of the U.S. population, more than 60 percent of all handgun owners, live in these free states, yet no more than one to five percent ever apply for such licenses.

Notwithstanding the fact that most people do not carry guns, the mere possibility that an intended victim could be armed with a handgun eliminates millions of crimes every year.

According to the FBI, states with "shall-issue" right-to-carry laws have a 26 percent lower total violent crime rate, a 20 percent lower homicide rate, a 39 percent lower robbery rate and a 22 percent lower aggravated assault rate than those states that do not allow their citizens to legally carry guns.

Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida State University, Gary Kleck, in *Point Blank: Guns and Violence in America* (Aldine de Gruyter Publishers, 1991)

found that "robbery and assault victims who used a gun to resist were less likely to be attacked or to suffer an injury than those who used any other methods of self-protection or those who did not resist at all."

Convicted felons reveal in surveys that they are more afraid of armed citizens than they are of the police. And well they should be. Armed citizens kill 2,000 to 3,000 criminals each year, three times the number killed by the police. And only two percent of civilian shootings involve an innocent person mistakenly identified as a criminal, whereas the error rate for the police is more than five times that high.

Kleck's research shows that private citizens use firearms to protect themselves and thwart crime about 2.5 million times a year. Citizens use firearms to prevent mass killings, bank robberies, gang attacks, carjackings, rapes, kidnappings and hostage-takings. They use them to help capture prison escapees and murderers, to come to the aid of outnumbered or ambushed law enforcement officers. Yet only a handful of these 2.5 million life-saving uses of firearms are ever reported in the mainstream press.

If a lot more people carried guns, what kind of a society would we have? Certainly not the kind predicted by anti-gun fanatics. Those hysterical doomsayers have been proven absolutely wrong one hundred percent of the time. Would we have a crime-free society? Certainly not. Criminals are as natural and immune to total eradication as fruit flies. But a better-armed society would severely limit the violent damage criminals wreak before

they are stopped. Criminals are naturally self-destructive. The reasons they are don't matter. To assist them in their self-destructiveness is the polite and civilized thing to do. Thus another ageless axiom: **An Armed Society Is A Polite Society.**

In 1998, John R. Lott, Jr., senior research scholar in the School of Law at Yale University, authored the most comprehensive and exhaustive study of crime and gun control laws ever conceived, based on the largest data set on crime ever assembled. His landmark book, *More Guns, Less Crime* (The University of Chicago Press, 1998, 2000), now available in an updated second edition, includes thorough analyses of more than 54,000 observations and hundreds of variable factors across more than 3,000 counties in all 50 states for 18 years.

The assiduously researched conclusions reached by Lott immediately set off a wave of panic among anti-gun fanatics and drew organized, systematic personal attacks of the most vicious and dishonest nature, including death threats leveled at Lott and his wife and children. Yet not a single serious academic challenge of Lott's research, his methodology or his incontrovertible conclusions has ever been successfully mounted. In fact, Lott's conclusions have reluctantly been called "bullet-proof" even by the liberal mainstream press.

Bottom line, in keeping with the title of his work, the more guns there are in society and the more these guns are carried by private citizens, the less crime there is.

These are some of the reasons why police, who fight crime for a living and are well aware of the realities of street criminals, support right-to-carry laws for private citizens by an overwhelming three-to-one margin. This is an even higher margin of support for right-to-carry than the strong support voiced by the civilian population.

Policemen are nobody's personal bodyguards. Their jobs are to find and arrest people who have committed crimes, not to prevent such potential crimes from happening in the first place.

Clearly, the responsibility for victim-prevention lies with the victim-to-be.

The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals (*Bowers v. DeVito*, 1982) did not mince words when it ruled, "There is no Constitutional right to be protected by the state against being murdered by criminals or madmen."



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Your moral responsibilities are to fire your gun into another human being only when the line of necessity has clearly been reached, and then to fire without hesitation and to full effect. Remember the words of Cicero.

Your legal responsibilities are to justify your actions to those who would call you a criminal at the drop of a hat, and quite possibly to a jury of your peers, most of whom have neither the competence nor the courage to carry a gun in their own defense. Read the findings of the Citizens' Self-Defense Act of 2001.

Your tactical responsibilities are to carry your gun with confidence, to be well trained in your ability to operate it effectively, and to have instilled in yourself an iron will to use deadly force to prevent or end violence com-

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Violence happens either at random, or directed toward the obviously vulnerable, or toward someone in particular for a reason. You can rest assured it will not happen at the shooting range when you are all suited up in your speed rig with a plan of action worked out for the coming run-and-gun stage. It will happen when you are home sleeping in your bed, shopping at the grocery store, walking out to get the mail, mowing the grass, at dinner, at church, at the theater.

The most dangerous places in the world are those called "gun-free safety zones" by their ignorant political creators and known by criminals and psychopaths as "safe-to-kill zones." Even an adolescent school kid can figure out that an advertised killing field where no one is allowed to shoot back is the safest location in the world to carry out a mass shooting. Don't even consider going to a place like that unarmed, whether it's your kid's school or a national park. If you can't handle breaking the law, don't go.

The assistant principal of a high school in Pearl, Mississippi, broke the law. He kept a .45 in his car parked on the school grounds. When a deranged student opened fire, Joel Myrick ran for his gun. Two students were killed because Myrick had to retrieve his gun from his car instead of his holster. But the .45 eventually prevailed, and Myrick stopped the massacre long before police arrived on the scene. God only knows how many lives he saved. But assistant principal Joel Myrick wasn't awarded any medals. Of the several hundred newspaper and television stories about the incident, only a few even mentioned his name. Almost none revealed the fact that he used a gun to stop the killings.

When you bodyguard someone for a while, or when you just live a normal life with your eyes wide open, you realize how vulnerable we all are to becoming another tidbit-of-opportunity in the relentless food chain that sustains the life of this unpredictable world. It's a realization not of paranoia but of reality. That's the way it is, always has been, always will be. You can ignore it out of faint-heartedness, deny it out of lunacy, submit to it out of a fatalistic contempt for your own life and the lives of others, or you can face it with courage and intelligence and prepare yourself to deal with capricious reality's predisposition toward danger.

Most of those dangers can be met with nothing more than a strong I'm-not-a-victim mindset and body language. Many others may

GUN OWNERSHIP SAVES LIVES

- **Gun ownership also saves money. Nationwide, each one percent increase in the number of people owning guns reduces crime victim costs by over \$3 billion.**
- **Concealed handgun carry by private citizens reduces violent crimes, including rape, murder, aggravated assault and robbery, throughout the entire community and in surrounding communities.**
- **When a state passes a right-to-carry law, crime reduction is immediate and substantial, and crime-reduction benefits continue to grow the longer the law is in effect.**
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- **The largest drops in violent crime from concealed handgun carry occur in the most urban areas with the greatest populations and the highest crime rates.**
- **Citizens who do not carry guns benefit equally from the crime reduction which results when other citizens carry guns. The people who benefit most from this "halo" effect are women, children, the elderly and blacks.**
- **Of all the methods studied by economists, the carrying of concealed handguns is by far the most cost-effective method for reducing crime. Each and every concealed handgun permit issued reduces total economic losses to crime victims by \$3,000 - \$5,000.**
- **Accident and suicide rates are unaltered by the presence of concealed handguns.**
- **The effect of increased penalties for using a gun in the commission of a crime is small.**
- **The Brady Law, other mandated waiting periods, safe-storage laws and one-gun-a-month laws all increase crime, especially rape.**
- **Background checks, training requirements and age restrictions have no crime-reduction benefits.**

shrivel with the demonstration of superior verbal skills. Still others may require a fundamental knowledge of martial arts, a container of pepper spray, a makeshift club, the presence of a well-wielded knife or the sight of a firearm. A few, perhaps one in a lifetime, will not be affected by any kind of less-than-lethal response and will not end until you churn your attacker's dreams and determination into a chunky red stew and spew it all over the street with a couple of big-bore hollow points. The trouble is, you never know when or where that last one is coming.

If you ever find yourself under attack by an armed criminal, you will be on the defensive and he will be on the offensive. In other words, he will have a strong advantage going in. And, though he will not have trained himself to shoot nearly as well as you have trained, he will be far more experienced in the art of killing. The odds are, any criminal who is intent on killing you has probably killed men before, knows how to do it, knows how it feels and likes it. You're not going to talk him out of it, scare him out of it, or wound him out of it. You're going to have to kill him.

Studies show that simply brandishing a weapon saves many lives, but I am personally against the idea of waving a gun around while

your adversary thinks. The way to overcome his offensive advantage is to strike without warning. Once you make the decision to free your Glock from its holster the entire situation should be over and done with in a second or two. The most important component in practicing your draw is firing the instant you have a sight picture on your target, and continuing to fire until your assailant no longer exists.

More than a century of military and police research tells us that most people, including up to 85 percent of trained soldiers and cops, are psychologically unable to use deadly force in a life-or-death situation no matter how compelling the circumstances may be. If you can't kill, there is no reason for you to carry a lethal weapon.

Carrying a loaded gun with the ability and will to use it is not a casual fling meant to bring some excitement into your boring life. It is an all-embracing lifestyle and must take precedence over your respect for law, your fear of social criticism, your love of humanity, your wardrobe and your drinking habits.

You can never be unaware of the weight you carry on your hip or under your arm. You can never forget your responsibilities. You must wear your Glock with the same allegiance as your wedding ring. If you're not

married, your Glock is your wedding ring. Wear it for life. Don't even think about leaving home without it. Be prepared to use it at a moment's notice. Carry it all the time. And shoot to kill.

"Liberty or death," the meaning of which is clear and absolute, is but a trivial phrase if you do not carry a gun. For freedom-loving Americans, the five most important words in the English language are, and always have been – from my cold dead hands.

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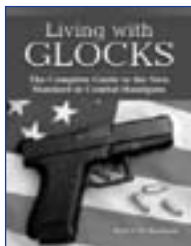


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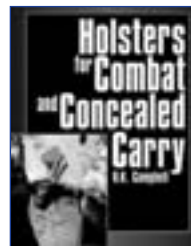


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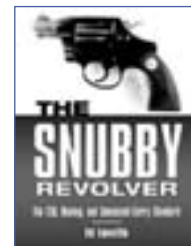
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CARRYING A GUN IS NOT A HOBBY

TACTICS & TRAINING

Oleg Volk

Carrying a handgun has a lot in common with riding a bicycle. Both are skills which require practice, good hardware and are typically done for enjoyment and health benefits. Both practices require common sense for safety. For example, donning black clothes and riding a bike in the middle of a busy highway after dark would negate any benefits from improved cardiac health. Many smart people who are new to carrying a sidearm do things which are at least as counterproductive. Let's consider the case of a certain Joe Above-average.

Joe's first handgun was a full-size model. For the first days, he relished the feeling of heavy metal riding on his hip. By the second week, that weight became a bit of a nuisance. After a month, just as the weather got hot and concealing that gun became difficult, he left his pistol at home when running errands. After all, making a run to the local grocery store wasn't a high-risk mission. One day, he read about a hold-up at his local convenience store, thought about the large handgun left in the safe and decided that a small gun in his pocket would be far more useful than a big gun behind. He got the smallest weapon available and carried it with him at all times.

We all rationalize going with the most comfortable solutions. Joe reasoned that bringing any gun to a fight would be enough to scare any potential adversary. If that failed, surely a few shots would be enough to get him out of trouble. Fortunately, he got to test that theory and survive.

Joe's kids were playing in the yard when a clearly rabid raccoon wandered in. Joe had his tiny pistol in a pocket holster. As a good father should, he shot to stop the immediate threat to his children.

He hit the animal with all six rounds and watched it limp off into the nearest bushes. Although the danger was averted, Joe got to thinking about the incident. If a full magazine from his gun did not stop a twenty-pound critter, what good would it do against a motivated two-hundred-pound human adversary?

Why not get the best of both worlds, a gun which is powerful yet light and small? Joe did just that, and found this solution to have drawbacks of its own. Painful recoil discouraged regular practice.

Joe did the manly thing and ignored the pain until he could no longer feel his right

“Fortunately, he got to test that theory... and survive.”

hand. At that point, he decided to talk to other gun owners and find out which other bright ideas did not work so well in real life. Learning from their experience would save him time and money.

Too many gun owners treat the serious business of going armed as an extension of their shooting sports hobby. Some carry a revolver one day, a double-action autoloader the next, and a single-action collectible on the weekend. Alternating between dissimilar designs invites trouble should one of the weapons be actually needed for defense. Why? Drastically

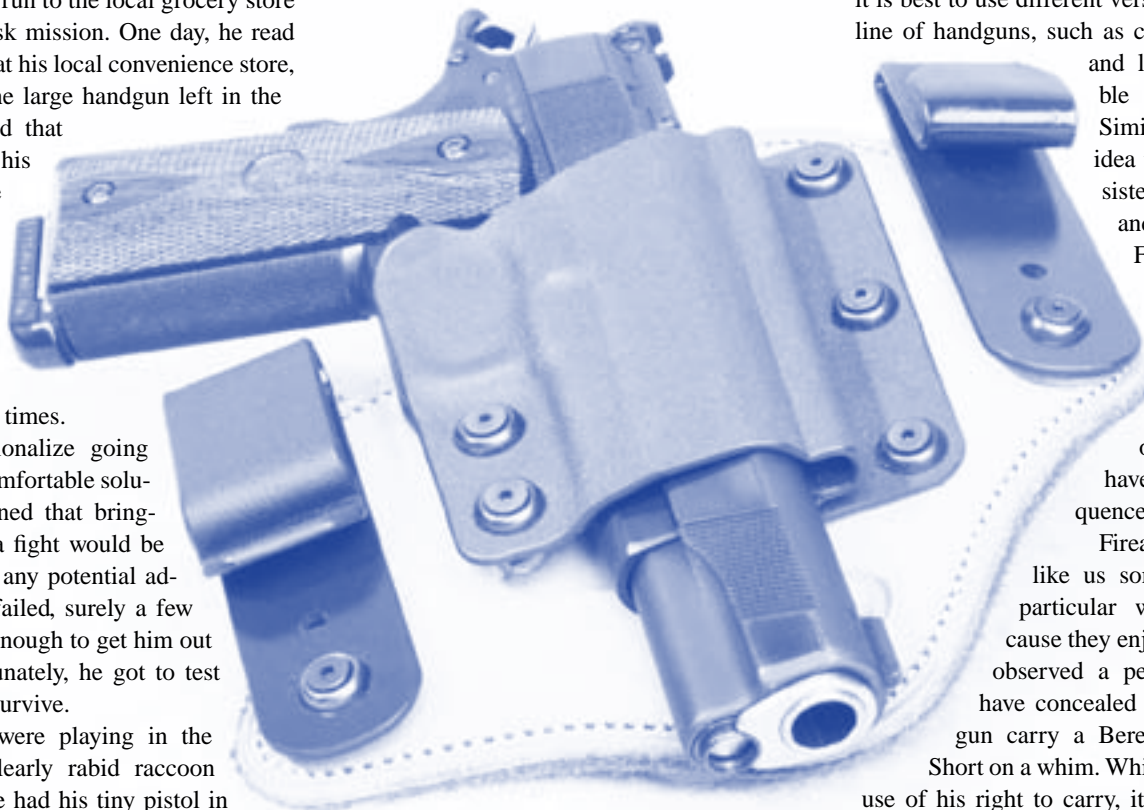
different manuals of arms within the various handguns can lead to confusion during operation. An M1911 requires a downward swipe to disengage the safety. Consequently, a person accustomed to that design is like-

ly to re-engage the safety on a Beretta 92 or a S&W autoloader, which require an upward sweep to make ready. A user habituated to using a Glock would find a Sig decocker lever where the slide stop was expected. In general, it is best to use different versions of the same line of handguns, such as compact, medium

and large frame double action revolvers. Similarly, it is a good idea to stick to a consistent holster type and carry location. Forgetting which pocket contains the weapon, or neglecting to disengage a thumb-break on a holster could have fatal consequences.

Firearm enthusiasts like us sometimes carry a particular weapon just because they enjoy variety. I have observed a person who could have concealed a full-size handgun carry a Beretta Minx in .22

Short on a whim. While doing so made use of his right to carry, it provided only a tentative defense from any real threat. On another occasion, he carried a .45 Colt Derringer for a week before learning that the gun was



Practice with what you carry; it could save your life someday.

extremely inaccurate, shot well away from the point of aim, and that the trigger was so heavy that both hands were required to press it. Unusual or classic designs may be fun to use, but most of them are much inferior to the more conventional options.

The phrase "It will never happen to me" is an obvious example of comforting self-delusion. A slightly less obvious example is "This gun is meant for close range." That statement presumes that the defender will get to pick the range of the encounter, an obviously optimistic statement. Moreover, if the user can barely hit a passive, stationary silhouette target at just a few feet, how would he do against a moving, ducking opponent who is shooting back?

At the other extreme, selecting a target .22 pistol would help with scoring hits...but human foes are far more resilient than paper silhouettes.

Fans of small calibers like .22 Magnum like quoting paper ballistics to support their choices. They overlook the much-reduced velocity due to short barrel, and the unimpressive terminal effects of the diminutive projectiles. Although no handgun offers truly impressive stopping power, most common chamberings work well enough. The benefits of choosing exotic guns or calibers are slim



Whether you're carrying a mouse-gun or a full size government model, you must practice accordingly or suffer the consequences.

compared to the high cost and certain hassle of procuring enough ammunition for regular practice. Despite the advertising claims, magic bullets simply do not exist. At two dollars per round, few people can afford even a day's training with unconventional ammunition.

Carrying untested cartridges is an invitation to malfunctions at the worst possible times.

Realistic and extensive training is essential for safe and effective deployment of the sidearms. In seeking training, it is wise to

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The lessons of competitive shooting tend to be of the “what not to do” variety. Learning that a gun cannot be drawn from under a zipped up full-length coat, or that glove material can get under the trigger of a revolver, disabling it, is best done at a safe range.

Uncover the weak links before the weapon has to be used in a real fight. If an enthusiastic draw breaks the holster in half, or causes the front sight to come off the gun, then the choice of gear may have to be adjusted. Same goes for trying new loads, testing new magazines and any other variables introduced to the personal protection equation.

Even simple techniques are best tested under controlled conditions, with hearing and eye protection. For example, most people instinctively get close to their cover. Not only does that expose them to hostile fire, it also reflects revolver cylinder gap flash off the nearest surface back into the shooter’s face. Training with a partner and an Airsoft pistol also discourages other common but dangerous ways, like carrying an autoloader with an empty chamber.

Few people can make both hands available to rack the slide while fending off an attack. Point shooting, sometimes advocated to the exclusion of other techniques, should be similarly tested with targets placed above, below or to the side of the shooter. Learn your personal limitations as well as new skills.

Carrying a handgun is not a hobby. First and foremost, your sidearm is a tool for stopping aggression against you and yours. Just as a surgeon would not use antique tools on a patient, you shouldn’t carry a weapon just because it is neat or unusual. Considerations such as effectiveness and efficiency should take precedence over all others.



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GEAR REVIEW

Fred W. Black

I've always been a skeptic of ankle holsters. They must be slow on the draw and high on discomfort. James Bond and Magnum P.I. wore ankle holsters, not Hank O'Meara. When I was assigned this article, I groaned out loud in disgust. If I have to write an article on an ankle holster, that means I'll have to actually wear one for an extended period of time.

My professionalism as a writer and "gun-nut" (That's right, I am a professional gun nut!) took over and I called Galco International and placed an order for one "Ankle Glove" leather ankle holster.

First Impression

When my new holster arrived I was immediately impressed with the workmanship and overall quality. The holster part was custom-formed leather made to fit my Glock perfectly. However, when I first tried to slide my pistol into the holster, I could barely get it in. I couldn't believe how snug the fit was. "There must be some sort of mistake," I thought. I finally decided to read the product manual that was still in the box. Sure enough, Galco stated that a short "break-in" period would be required to achieve the perfect fit.

I proceeded to jam my pistol into the holster and snap the retention strap. The snap was impressive. It required the perfect amount of "snap closure force." The leather snap strap extends about 5/8" above the top of the pistol. My right thumb could easily find this area for quick snap disengagement.

The leather holster portion was stitched to a thick, wide neoprene strap. This strap was then wrapped around your ankle and fastened with a very robust Velcro-style closure. The portion of the strap directly behind the holster was covered with a sheepskin-like material. The rest of the strap was soft neoprene. The addition of this "sheep

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1. Stretch velcro around ankle.



2. Firmly secure velcro.



3. Insert pistol into holster

skin” provided for a really comfortable fit. I’ll talk more on comfort later in the article.

Overall, my first impression was favorable. This holster looked and felt great right out of the box. My skepticism was slowly receding, but I still wondered just how comfortable this thing would be after 12 hours.

Comfort

If you’ve never worn an ankle holster, it takes some getting used to. Before I started my first week of “ankle-holster” carry, I was estimating it would be as comfortable as dragging around a bowling ball that was strapped to my ankle. Much to my surprise, it was not that bad at all.

I wore the Galco ankle glove for 12-14 hours per day for one week straight. The comfort was fantastic. I would strap the holster on nice and tight and after a few hours, I would forget it was there. Due to the soft layer of sheepskin, I never felt any sharp edges digging into my ankle.

Another surprise was how little the gun moved around while walking. I tend to walk pretty fast and was impressed how tight the gun remained to my leg. I did notice that if I tried to strap the holster slightly above my ankle bone, any amount of vigorous walking would cause it to slip down to the bottom of my ankle. Galco sells a calf strap as an additional accessory that is supposed to eliminate this problem.



4. Fasten holster retention snap.



5. Holster is firmly in place.

The function of the calf strap is pretty self explanatory so I won’t go into extreme detail. There is a small, steel, rectangular ring that is located right behind the snap strap of the holster. The calf strap accessory has a thin Velcro strap that hooks onto this ring. This thin strap is connected to a wider strap that wraps around your calf right below your knee.

In theory, the calf strap sounds like a great idea. In practice, it’s not so great. First of all, if the holster is sliding down on you, you’re probably trying to wear it too high. Secondly, with the holster and calf strap on, it feels like you’re wearing a lower leg girdle. Lastly, even with the calf strap on, the holster still wants to slide down the lowest point on your ankle.



6. Loose pants obscure holster well.

KLE GLOVE

In my humble but accurate opinion, I think you should just wear the ankle holster at the lowest point of your ankle. That is where the holster wants to be.

Conceal-ability

If you're a person that likes to wear tight fitting jeans or pants that stop before they get to your shoes, then an ankle holster is probably not for you. With that said, the conceal-ability factor for this holster was pretty good.

I like to wear pants and jeans that are pretty loose fitting. I also like the legs of my pants to be plenty long. This combination is perfect for the Galco Ankle Glove. The holster and gun were practically undetectable under a pair of jeans or dress pants.

The only time you could see something out of the ordinary was when you were walking up a flight of stairs. This occurred when the holstered leg was completely extended on the lower step and the other leg was stepping up onto the next step. At this very instant the butt of the pistol tended to poke against the pants fabric for a brief second. In my opinion, this is not really a big deal.

Quick Draw-ability

The most important aspect of any conceal carry holster is the ability to draw quickly. As I mentioned earlier, I initially could barely get my Glock into the holster. I proceeded to follow the Galco "Holster Fit/Break-In" procedure and within a few days my pistol fit perfectly. With the retention strap secured, the gun does not move around at all. However, with a quick flick of the thumb and forefinger, the gun slides out quite easily.

I learned that there are three factors that come into play when learning to make a quick draw from the Galco Ankle Glove. These are practice, practice and more practice. I know this saying is as old as the hills but it really applies here. Galco has done their part in making a perfectly fitting holster that stays put and doesn't allow the gun to move around. Now I had to do my part in learning how to quickly and efficiently operate this rig.

I broke the draw down into 4 distinct steps as can be seen in the photographs.

The first step is the "Pant Leg Pull."

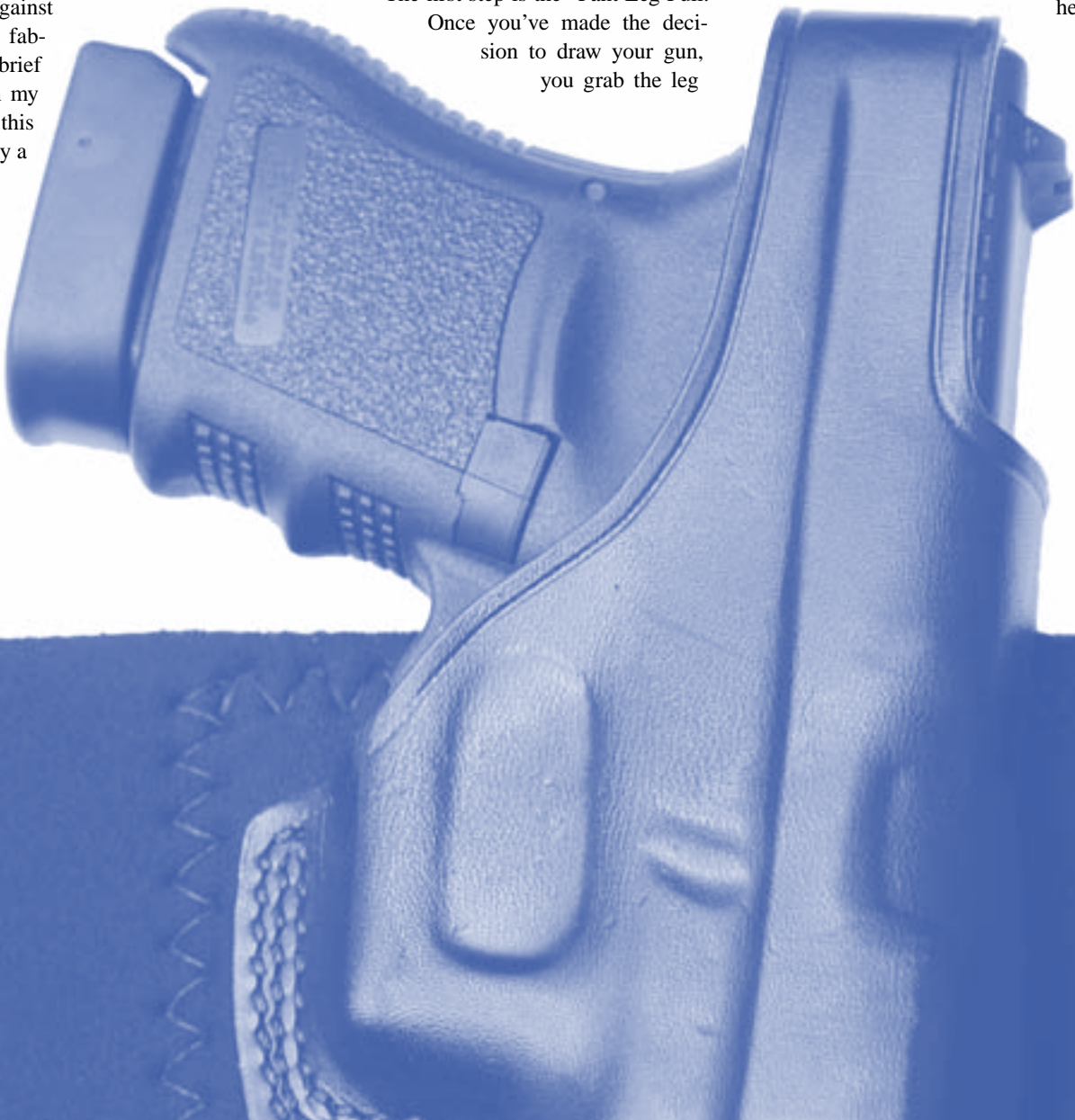
Once you've made the decision to draw your gun, you grab the leg

of your pants with your weak hand and pull upward, exposing the holster and firearm. As you are pulling up on your pant leg, your body is crouching down as your strong hand goes for your gun. Step two starts when your weak hand lets go of your pant leg and arrives at the holster a split second before your strong hand. The thumb and forefinger of your weak hand flick open the retention strap as your strong hand arrives to draw the pistol. The third step starts when you pull your weak hand as your strong hand pulls your firearm from the holster. The fourth and final step is coming to a shooting stance and taking proper aim.

With practice, this can be done in less than 2 seconds.

Maintenance

Galco recommends cleaning the leather part of the holster once a month with Galco Leather Lotion or a hard bar glycerin soap. In addition to regular washing, Galco also recommends that you keep your holster away from direct heat sources. With proper care, this holster should last for quite a while.





STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4

Aesthetics

Reviewing the aesthetics of a piece of equipment that is designed to be hidden seems kind of pointless. However, if any of you are like me, then you don't like buying things that are not well designed or are just downright ugly.

Rest easy, the Galco Ankle Glove is a good looking piece of equipment. The leather and neoprene used are of the highest quality. There are no loose threads flapping around and there is no glue oozing out of any seams. The holster is designed and manufactured well.

Negatives

The only negatives I can come up with are of the tactical nature. While it is possible to perfect a less than 2 second draw from the Galco Ankle Glove, you really need ideal conditions to make this possible. Furthermore, if you were ever in a situation where you needed to draw your gun while drawing little attention to yourself, you'd have a hard time doing it while reaching all the way down to your ankle.

Conclusion

In an ideal world, we'd all walk around with multiple firearms for primary and backup protection. In this ideal case, I think the Galco Ankle Glove would be the perfect "second-weapon" holster. Unfortunately, we don't live in an ideal world and it is sometimes difficult if not impossible to carry multiple weapons. For the above mentioned tactical reason, the Galco Ankle Glove is not my first choice as a primary concealed carry holster. For some people, an ankle holster may be their only option. In these cases, I would highly recommend this rig.

I started this assignment with the notion that it would not be a good one. I sure was wrong. I am now an ankle holster convert. The Galco Ankle Glove is a well-built and extremely functional holster that is well worth the money.





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A WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE

Maria Heil

Women who carry concealed firearms... are we an oddity?

According to the latest figures, there are approximately 17 million women who own guns. Yes, you read that right, 17 MILLION! Now, I don't think all those women carry, but I would be willing to bet that a majority of them do carry.

I did not grow up with guns. I lived in the suburbs of Chicago, first Oak Park and then Wheaton. My husband introduced me to guns shortly before we were married. He wanted to be able to share his love of the shooting sports with me.

Being comfortable carrying a gun took some time for me. It was not that I was afraid of the gun; it was that it just didn't seem "normal" to me. I always felt like I was an oddity. I did not know any other women who carried a gun. I rarely talked to any of my women friends about it. There were no women I knew of who openly talked about carrying a gun. My siblings (7 brothers and 2 sisters), once they found out, were not openly supportive, and a few even argued with me. My father never said what he thought about it one way or another; he just asked us if the guns were safe from the

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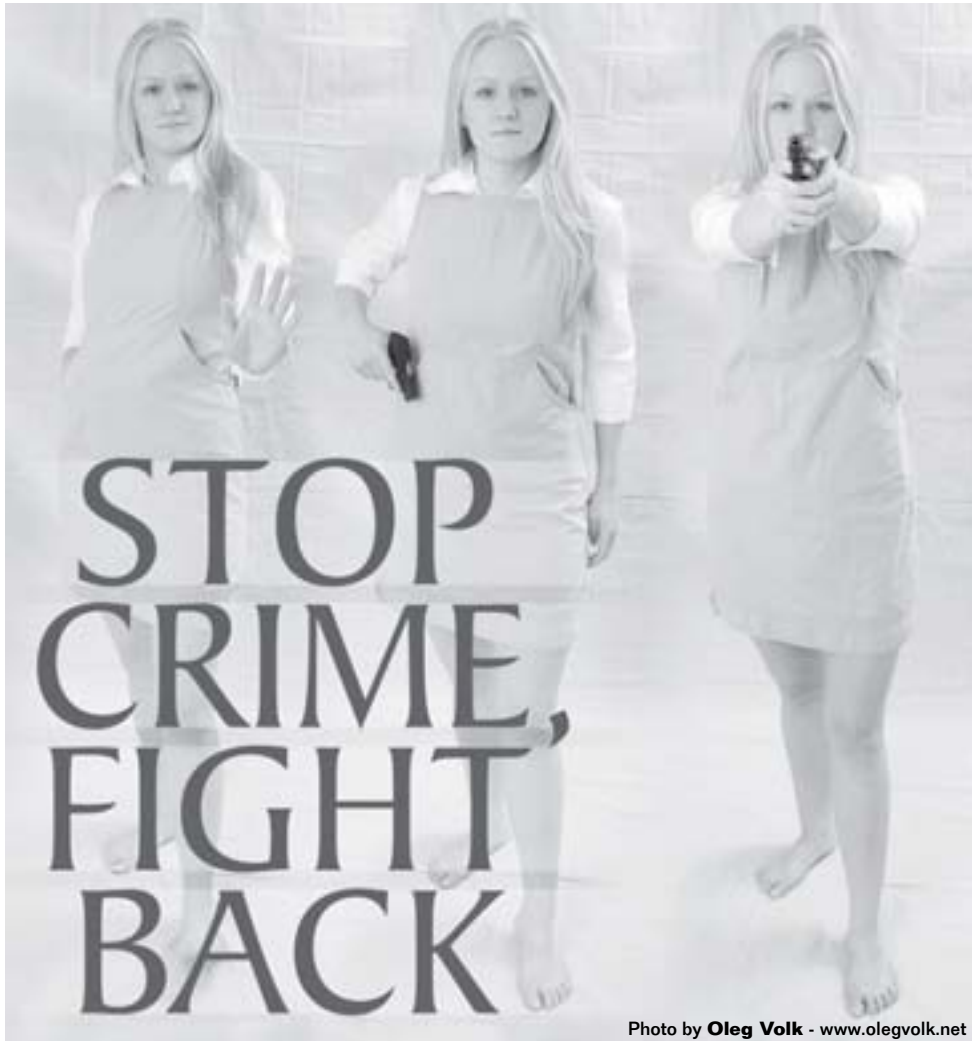


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kids. There was no woman I could look to for guidance, no modern day role model.

Then, one day, my husband came home with information on a program called B.O.W. (Becoming an Outdoors-Woman). It was a Friday through Sunday program, which stressed introducing women to a variety of outdoors experiences. I have four children, my youngest was 2 and my oldest was almost 7 at the time. My thought was, "Ok, Girl Scout camp...and it's a weekend AWAY! I'll do it!"

B.O.W. became a turning point for me. I met other women who had guns! Some of them even hunted, too! We had some terrific discussion during meals and free time. I was not alone! Other women were experiencing the same things I was! I think I attended B.O.W. weekends for five years in a row. It was a very empowering program for me.

As a result of my B.O.W. weekends, I was invited to some "Ladies Shot Gun Shoots" and those really fired me up. I came home from my first one of those shoots, having broken a clay for the first time, and told my husband that I wanted to do more shooting. We took a Sporting Clays class at our local gun club. The Sporting Clays class was yet another turning point for me. The instructor, Paul Beckman, made shooting so much fun, as well as "normal."

I don't remember exactly when I got my first carry gun, but I do remember that I really did not have much interest in it. My husband said I should carry a gun, but I didn't really see the need, at the time, but I humored him. It was a .38 snub-nose and I carried it in a fanny pack. I carried it because I told my husband I would. I hated wearing a fanny pack because it made me look and feel like I was pregnant again. After a long shopping trip, my back would hurt from the weight, even though it was a pretty light gun. Shooting the gun was an ordeal. It would hurt. I could only shoot a maximum of 10 rounds before it got too painful to shoot any more. We discovered that if I did "double-taps" then I could shoot nearly 50 rounds, and that was much better.

In late March of 2000, I became a part of Second Amendment Sisters (SAS). SAS was founded to counter the so-called "Million" Mom March on Mother's Day of 2000 in Washington, D.C. This is when things got really interesting, and I realized that I really was not alone in my desire to protect my family and myself.

SAS got "Thank God" calls from across the nation. Women were calling us, thrilled that they were not alone in their belief that having a gun could save their lives. They were also thrilled that a woman's group had been formed to

ured it out. Men or law enforcement cannot be there if we are ever attacked. Self-defense means just that, defending yourself!

So, to my "sisters-in-arms," I say, "You are not alone. You are one in 17 million!"



put forth their point of view.

With the media, however, we are still an oddity. Since 2000, I have been interviewed a lot because the mainstream press still sees me as an oddity. This does not bother me, however, because I know that I am part of the strong sisterhood. If my perceived "oddity" gets our point of view out in the media, then I can live with that. I have gotten so many communications from women who are so happy to see their point of view getting some major media coverage.

One of the most satisfying things in my work is hearing from women who thought they were alone. They've heard me on the radio, or saw me on television, and then they knew they were not an oddity. This is very empowering for all involved. Those women have a new sense of belonging and security and I become renewed and re-energized in my work to preserve our Second Amendment rights.

Women who carry concealed firearms for self-defense are not oddities; we are actually an elite class. We are women who have fig-

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GLOCK 36

GUN REVIEW

Fred W. Black

The Glock 36 has been around for quite awhile. Why is *Concealed Carry Magazine* doing a review of a pistol that has been available since the spring of 2000? Because the Glock 36 is one of the most concealable .45 caliber pistols available. This little black beauty can be hidden practically anywhere.

Mechanical Specifics

The mechanical specifics of the Glock 36 are outlined in the table below. If you like numbers and measurements, then this table is for you. If you are more of a touch and feel

person, then you'll like the story of my trip to the gun shop to buy my Glock 36.

I love to go to the gun shop. My gun shop of choice stocks practically every Glock available. I usually do a lot of research before I buy anything. Buying pistols is no exception. My main goal today was to compare the difference in feel between the Glock 30 and Glock 36. As my table outlines below, the 36 has a single-stack magazine that carries 6 rounds. One more in the chamber gives a total of 7. The 30 has a double stack magazine which holds 10 rounds with the additional one

in the chamber for a total of 11 rounds of .45 ACP. My gut feeling was that the 10 +1 round Glock 30 would be the winner.

I am 6'4", weigh 225 lbs. and have pretty big hands. As I stood by the display case and handled each of the two pistols, I couldn't believe the difference in how they felt in my hand. The Glock 30 felt like I was grabbing a 2x4 piece of lumber, while the 36 fit my hand comfortably. After about 10 minutes of handling and dry fires, the choice was clear. The Glock 36 was the pistol for me.

How did I justify the four fewer rounds? The 36 was that much more comfortable. Besides, 7 rounds of .45 ACP ought to get the job done.

Conceal-ability

I've never seen a concealed carry holster that I wasn't willing to buy and try. You could say that I am searching for the elusive "perfect" carry holster.

If you have decided to make the .45 ACP your carry caliber then you are most likely thinking you will be sacrificing some level



Glock 36 Specification

Slide Length	6.77 in.
Height	4.76 in.
Width	1.13 in.
Dist. Between Sights	5.95 in.
Barrel Length	3.78 in.
Magazine Capacity	6
Weight (w/ Empty Mag.)	22.51 oz.
Weight (w/ Full Mag.)	26.99 oz.
Trigger Pull	5.5 lbs.
Discharge Trigger Travel	.50 in.

of comfort or convenience. Not so with the Glock 36. The area of conceal-ability is where the Glock 36 really shines. My three favorite carry holsters for my 36 are; 1.) Smart Carry holster 2.) Galco Leather Ankle Glove and 3.) Galco USA-1 holster. The Glock 36 works well with each of these very different carry methods. With all three holsters, comfort level is extremely high thanks to the 36's ultra-slim profile and minimal dimensions.

I will go into the specifics of each of these holsters in future issues. Suffice it to say that having a .45 ACP close at hand is very comforting. With the Glock 36, it can be comfortable as well.

Reliability

I think the Glock pistol is the most reliable pistol ever designed and manufactured. The Glock 36 holds true to this level of reliability. I've fired over 1,000 rounds through my 36, both rapid fire and slow fire. I've never had a failure to feed, failure to fire, or failure to extract. The pistol just works.



After a week or two of carrying, a good amount of clothes lint and dust will build up around the trigger mechanism and the frame-slide interface. Nevertheless, every time I have taken the gun to the range, it has fired flawlessly. You should be willing to bet your life on the reliability of the pistol you decide to carry. I trust mine with my Glock 36.

Maintenance

The Glock 36 is fantastically simple to field strip and clean. The steps for field stripping are as follows:

- 1.) Remove magazine and rack slide to clear chambered round. Re-check that pistol is unloaded.
- 2.) Point pistol in a safe direction and dry-fire.
- 3.) Pull slide back approximately .25 inches or until the slide catch groove lines up with the rear witness line of the slide lock lever. If you pull too far, you'll hear the trigger reset and you'll have to start the process over.
- 4.) Using your left thumb and middle finger, pull down on the both slide release tabs at the same time.
- 5.) When both of these tabs are fully pulled down, use your other hand to pull the slide off the frame.

Of course you should clean your firearm regularly, but when it comes to lubrication, please do not over-do it. The Glock 36 requires very little lubrication. Glock recom-

mends a single drop of a gun lubricant on each of the slide rails, the inside top surface of the slide, the barrel, barrel lug, and barrel hood, and finally the trigger bar area. That is a grand total of 5 drops of lubricant! If you over-lubricate, your Glock will accumulate crud at a rapid rate. This will lead to failures to feed, fire or extract. You do not want any of these to happen with your carry gun.

Aesthetics

Some people think Glocks are ugly. I think Glocks are beautiful. The Glock pistol is an exercise in function over form. The first few handguns I ever purchased were either stainless or nickel plated. I think I was going for that Pulp Fiction/Terminator look. If you are someone who really dislikes black or blued guns, well you might have a hard time

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with Glocks. Me? I think a Glock looks mean and efficient.

Specifically, the slide of the Glock 36 looks like every other one of its siblings. The racking serrations on the rear of the slide are more than adequate and not too sharp. The

stock sights of the pistol leave a bit to be desired. I would recommend an aftermarket product like Trijicon night sights. Not only do these sights work in the dark, but they are much more durable.

The frame/grip portion of the Glock 36 is



Pictured above is the Glock 36 six round magazine with its OEM mag floor plate. Note the large gap between the grip and the plate.



Pictured above is the PEARCE GRIP "PlusOne" grip extension. This accessory will not only increase your firepower, it also makes the grip a lot more comfortable.

really a fantastic piece of mechanical design. Like all other Glocks, the molded-in checkering on the grip is adequate. Some people would argue otherwise, but it seems fine to me. The highlight of the frame is the upper grip contour that is on both sides near the top of the grip. This contour provides the perfect place to rest your thumb and forefinger. Your thumb naturally falls into this contour on the left side of the gun. This same contour on the opposite (right) side of the grip is the perfect place to rest your trigger finger while in the ready (finger off trigger) state.

If you like Glocks, you'll love the 36 and if you don't like Glocks, well maybe you should buy a nice 1911!



Negatives

There is no such thing as a perfect gun. The Glock 36 has one little problem that will frustrate some yet go unnoticed by others. I'll call it the pinky pinch. Depending on the size of your hand and how you grip the pistol, you may experience the pinky pinch when the pistol is fired. This is caused by a little gap that exists between the grip and the magazine floor plate. This problem can be completely eliminated by removing the stock Glock magazine floor plate and replacing it with a PEARCE GRIP "PlusOne" grip extension.

The photos on the left show the drastic difference between the Glock floor plate and the PEARCE GRIP floor plate. Not only does the "PlusOne" grip extension give you an additional round of ammo, it also completely eliminates the pinky pinch problem.

One additional "PlusOne" grip extension feature to make note of is the plug located in the back of the magazine floor plate. The picture on the right shows how this plug will effectively fill the gap that exists on the lower grip of the Glock 36.

Conclusion

Yes, I like Glocks. Yes, I like the Glock 36. To be honest, I like every gun I own. I have done my best here to point out all of the positive aspects as well as the negative aspects of the Glock 36.



This picture is to illustrate the overall length increase when adding the PEARCE GRIP "PlusOne" grip extension.

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The Difference Between a PACIFIST and a VICTIM

2ND AMENDMENT ISSUES

Kate Graham - Guest Editor

One of my greatest personal heroes, Robert A. Heinlein, once stated flatly that a male pacifist was a contradiction in terms. Heinlein was a brilliant writer, one hell of a philosopher, and very seldom wrong.

He was wrong this time.

He should have said that a male victim is a contradiction in terms.

Heinlein may be forgiven, though. No writer is perfect, and it is a common mistake to confuse the ideologically committed pacifist with the chronic, or professional, victim. Heinlein himself was a pacifist, although I do not believe he ever realized it, but he was never a victim – and he certainly had no shortage of testosterone!

This subject has been very much on my mind for the last day or so.

I have a lifelong and very dear friend who is utterly and absolutely opposed to everything I stand for concerning firearms. I am aware of this, and I have tried and tried to accept it. I am seldom too terribly shocked by what comes out of his mouth, but this time he caught me totally flat-footed and left me completely speechless.

He related to me just yesterday that a couple of years ago, his thirty-year-old daughter came

to visit him. He was talking to her as she was unpacking in the guest room of his home, and when she got to the bottom of her suitcase, there was her little handgun that she traveled with.

He was shocked and enraged. He informed her that he had not only never fired such an abomination, he had never even touched one, and he insisted that she remove that instrument of Satan from his home immediately and leave it in her car.

Unfortunately, she did as he asked without a murmur. I would have removed the pistol also, but I would certainly have removed myself as well, both from his house and from his life. Permanently. Then again, I may have misjudged his daughter just a bit. It's true that she's never come back for another visit. Smart girl.

I wonder if my friend has any idea of what that little tale that he related to me with such glowing and self-righteous pride reveals about him, and about his feelings for his daughter. Let's take a closer look.

First of all, and most obviously, it is very, very clear that he does not love his daughter. I have a bit of insider knowledge there, as I was aware that he had made no effort

to see her in twenty years, but I would have realized this particular fact anyway.

He actually considered his blind terror of an inanimate piece of hardware to be more important than his daughter's safety, and she had just driven from California to Texas to visit him!

As an aside, my own father loved me very, very much. If my father had ever learned that I had made such a trip without a firearm, he'd have tanned every scrap of hide right off my backside, thirty years grown or not! As a matter of fact, he'd have raised holy un-shirted hell with me for leaving it in the bottom of my suitcase and not in my purse or pocket!

Not Harry. He was able to pull his soul out and polish it and tell himself what a wonderful Christian he was, and he's been patting himself on the back for it ever since.

Sadly, my friend Harry is a professional victim. He subscribes to the pseudo-morality that says that it is better to suffer any indignity – even die – than to use force in your own defense or the defense of another. If he is ever mugged or robbed, I am quite sure that I will have to attend his funeral, because he will not lift a finger to help himself.

Harry really isn't an evil man. If anyone came to his door hungry, he would feed them. He is kind to animals. He pays his bills. He drinks in moderation. And he has a sense of humor that is wicked and delightful. I enjoy his company very much – or I did until he found out I carry a gun. Now that I know his views on the matter, I will never visit his home again (because I am never, ever unarmed), although we have a professional and friendly relationship on the Internet and the telephone.

Harry's personality has a fatal flaw. He is a murder victim looking for a place to lie down and die. He isn't alone.

Actually, it is a peculiar form of cowardice, although certainly not the usual sort. Harry is a very religious man, and I am fairly sure that death is



not what frightens him. Harry is utterly terrified to look deep into his soul and see the beast looking back out at him. He fears his own inability to control himself once that beast is out in the open. So he holds himself to total and absolute non-violence, regardless of the level of threat brought against him, and he has convinced himself that this is somehow virtuous.

Harry has been very lucky in his eighty years of life. He has never been attacked, or watched someone else be attacked, and tasted the helplessness that would be the natural result of refusing to prepare himself for such an eventuality. So he has never experienced the self-loathing that would result from his inaction. Harry doesn't have too many more years left to him, and I honestly hope he is never forced to learn that lesson.

Harry calls himself a pacifist, but he is very wrong. He is a victim. Sad and pathetic.

On the other side of the coin, my partner and closest friend in the whole world is a pacifist, as I am. He is definitely male, but the resemblance to Harry stops right there. John

is possibly the most dangerous man I've ever known.

Contradiction? Not at all.

John believes, as I do, that to initiate force against another human being – or government – is wrong. I've known him for years now, and I have seen him under enormous stress and enormous provocation, and I can state with

solved immediately, he will try to walk away from you so that all parties can calm down. If you will not let him walk away, and you insist on fighting, he will break some portion of your anatomy in very short order (not any particular skill – just age and treachery).

If you are stupid enough to attack John with any kind of lethal force – especially by reaching for his gun – I absolutely guarantee that you will die before your eye even registers that he has reached for his holster. Attack me, and it will happen even faster (although I would certainly try to beat him to it – but he's fast!).

John is a pacifist, not a victim. And he cares about me, so he will not

allow me to be a victim.

It is not immoral to resolve a physical conflict efficiently. It is only immoral to start one. A pacifist is committed to never, ever starting a physical conflict.

You see? No contradiction in terms.

Male pacifist.

John is a pacifist. And John is a man.

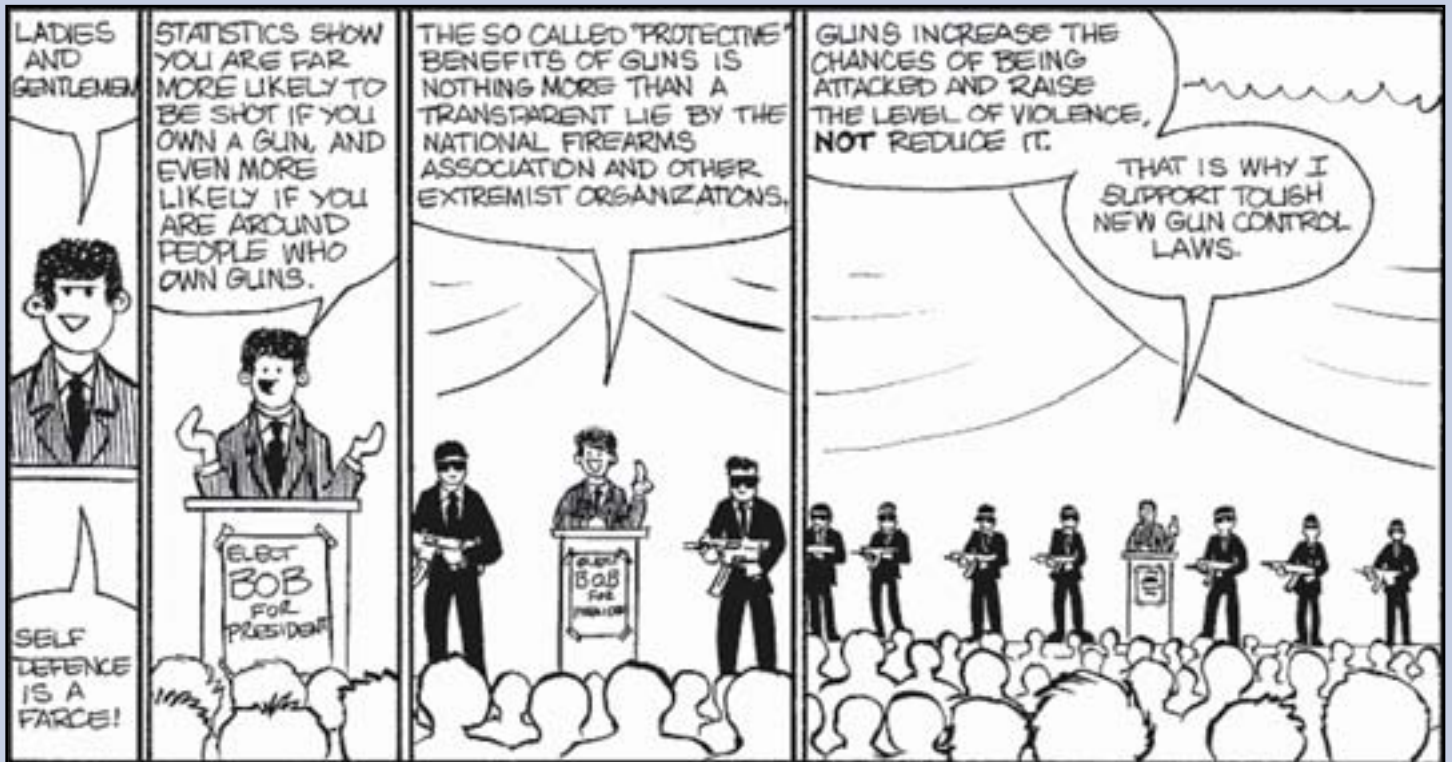
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absolute moral certainty that nothing – nothing at all – can make him cross that line.

So he is a definitely a pacifist. Say anything you want to him. He will not escalate the conflict. Tell him that his mother is a scum-sucking whore, and he will grin and ask you where you met her. Bring him a real grievance, and he will try to resolve it so that everyone goes away happy. If it cannot be re-

The “Anti-Gun” Politician

By Daniel Nauenburg





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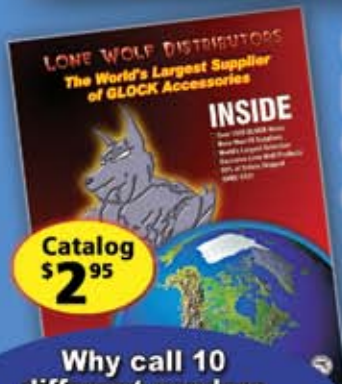
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GLOCK® Grip Accessories



Grip Extensions (Sub-Compact)

Suggested Retail \$9.95

These products do not alter magazine capacity

- PG-19 Model 19/23/32
(Fits all mid and Full Size Models)
- PG-26 Model 26/27/33
- PG-29 Model 29
Model 30 (9 round mag.)
- PG-30 Model 30 (10 round mag. only)
- PG-360 Model 36 (Plus Zero)

Grip Enhancers (Compact and Full Size) Models w/frontstrap cut-out

Suggested Retail \$ 9.95

- PG-NFML 9mm/40 SW/357SIG
Non Full Metal Lined Mags.
- PG-FML 9mm/40SW/357SIG
Full Metal Lined Mags.
- PG-2021 Model 20 (10mm)
Model 21 (45 Auto)



Grip Enhancers are available in red, green, blue, and black

Plus One Extension (Sub-Compact Model 27, 33 and 36)

Suggested Retail \$9.95

- PG-2733 Model 27 (40SW
Model 33 (357SIG)

This product adds one round to the model 27 or model 33 converting the factory nine round magazines to ten rounds. (legal limit)

Note: It is unlawful to alter a post ban magazine's capacity to hold more than ten rounds.



- PG-36 Model 36 (45AUTO)

This product adds one round to the model 36 converting the factory six round magazines to seven rounds.

Magazine Extensions (All Pre-Ban High Capacity Magazines)

Suggested Retail \$9.95

- PG-G9P2 Plus Two for (9mm)
Plus One for (40SW)/(357SIG)
- PG-G45P2 Plus Two for (10mm)/(45 ACP)

Note: It is unlawful to alter a post-ban magazine's capacity to hold more than ten rounds.



Frame Cavity Insert

Suggested Retail \$6.00

- PG-GFI Glock Frame Insert for models
17/18/19/20/21/22/23/24/25/31/32/32/34/35

This product fills the cavity behind the magazine well utilizing the lanyard hole for retention.



KAHR® Grip Extensions

Grip Extension

Suggested Retail \$ 14.95

- PG-MK9 Fits All Kahr Models
(two extensions per package)

Also fits Colt's Pocket Nine



Sig 228/229, Beretta® 92/Browning HP

Plus 2 Magazine Extension (All Pre-Ban High Cap. Magazines)

Suggested Retail \$9.95

- PG-BHP9 Plus Two for (9mm)/(40SW)/(357SIG)
Fits other similar framed models



MAKAROV IJ-70

Rubber Grips

Suggested Retail \$19.95

- MAK-8 (8 ROUND)
- MAK-10 (10 & 12 ROUND)

Fits Russian, East German, Bulgarian, and Chinese Models



Beretta® Tomcat/Bobcat

(Not for extended safety model)

Rubber Grips

Suggested Retail \$17.00

- PG-21 (Side Panels) M3032 or 21A
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- Taurus PT 111
- Keltec P11

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Grip Extension

Suggested Retail \$9.95

- PG-XD Fits Compact and Full Size XD Series



Taurus® PT111 and Keltec® P11

Grip Extension

Suggested Retail \$9.95

- PG-11 Fits Taurus Model PT111
and Keltec Model P11

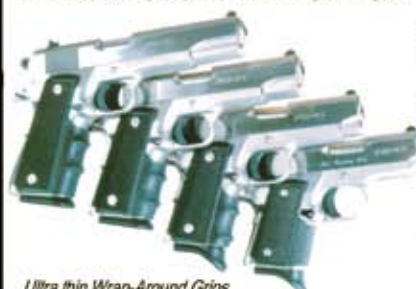


PARA-ORDNANCE® Grip Accessories

Rubber Grips

- PG-P14 Model P14/16
- PG-P13 Model P13
- PG-P12 Model P12
- PG-P10 Model P10

Suggested Retail \$19.95



Ultra thin Wrap-Around Grips

Grip Extension

- PG-P10E Fits All Models

Suggested Retail \$9.95

Gov't Model 1911

Full Size and Compact Rubber Grips

- * Add Finger Grooves to your existing wood panel grips.
- * Use the rubber side panels alone or with the front finger groove component for an ultra thin wrap-around rubber grip.



Full Size	Suggested Retail	Compact
PG1911-1	Finger Groove Only \$11.00	PG-OM1
PG1911-2	Side Panels Only \$14.50	PG-OM2
PMG-1911	Panels and Grooves \$24.00	PMG-OM

AR15 and Equivalents (M1911 Grip Adapter)

Adapter and Rubber Grips

Allows for the use of Government Model 1911

Pistol Grips on your AR15!

- PG-AR15 (adapter only)
- PG-AR15M (adapter & rubber grips)

Suggested Retail \$19.95

Suggested Retail \$36.00

