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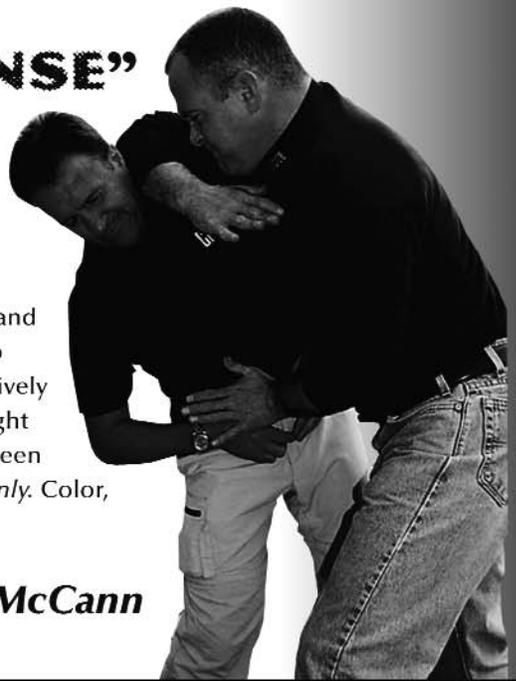


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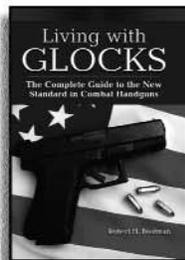
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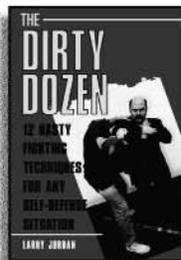
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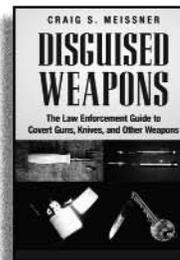
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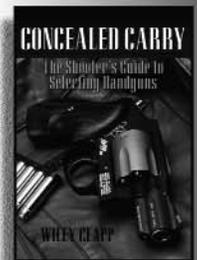
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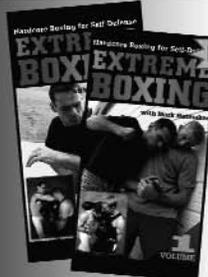
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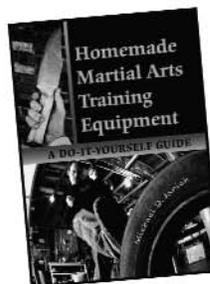
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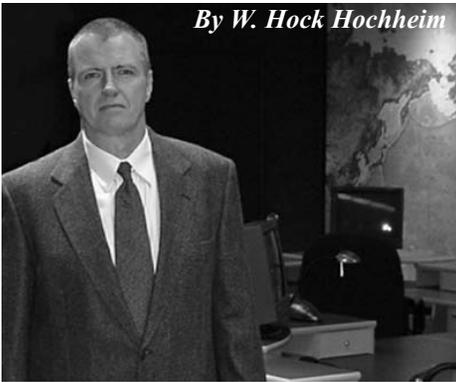
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By W. Hock Hochheim

“Whattchu Looking At?”

Losing Your Way in the Martial Sciences

There is an old Zen parable about a man pointing at the moon. The lesson of the tale is that all too many people look at the finger rather than where it points – the moon. You’ve seen it in movies, paintings; I even have a statue in my office of an old Chinaman with his finger and face turned upward. *The point* has been around forever because this ancient riddle is a timeless critique for politics, religion and even martial training.

Why are hand, stick, knife and gun tapes, manuals, books and magazines often so boring and so incomplete? Why do they virtually miss their mark? Because they leave us stuck looking at the finger – or more succinctly, a finger shaped into a fist, or what the finger is holding such as a knife, a stick or a gun.

In fact, we have been tricked, misled, marketed or brainwashed into obsessing about perfect punches, foreign sticks, macho knives and mechanical guns. We have learned to revere them, haven’t we? We pay hundreds, even thousands of dollars to learn the perfect kick or buy the SEAL knife or SWAT gun. We put pictures of them on our t-shirts, our logos, our business cards, cups, hats and even tattoos. We worship the finger. And yet the full moon looms large on the horizon entirely unnoticed. Gun people look at the firearm. Knife people look at the edged weapon. Stick people look at the stick. Martial artists look at grandmasters, sports and themselves doing katas or

obsessing about the perfect job.

Lets talk here and now. Let’s get right to it! Here’s the dirty little secret, the ugly, straight-shooting truth. Hands, sticks, knives and guns hurt, maim and kill people. They bash people down. They blow people up. They break people apart. They cleave people open, and smelly insides spill out.

The moon in our parable is...the enemy. How you hurt the enemy, is with the finger. The complete relationship in training is between two (or more) combatants. What-you-do *plus* what-he-does *combines* to become one.

The word is – Interactive. The realistic combat scenario is king of all practice, the mother of all lodes. All roads lead to this Rome.

There! I said the bloody, politically incorrect thing. And until somebody does, our bearings will never be straight. Our training systems will always run askew. And our very survival remains in jeopardy.

Good, solid military and police training

at its best serves as a great example. I went through the Vietnam-era, Army basic training, and vets would report on what we could expect from the enemy in combat. They told us how the NVA and Viet Cong thought. How they attacked. How they tricked and ambushed you, and what you needed to do. The same is true of the best police training. I was taught to interweave with the enemy soldier and the criminal. Symbiotic.

Veterans and even hunters know this from actual experience. Hunters purchase gear based on their knowledge *of* and in a thoughtful and direct relationship *with* their prey. Think about how intense that hunting relationship is. How many gun-fighters or karate instructors pay this much attention to the ways, looks and locales of a criminal? How many study the situation or the prey as intensely as—say—an average hunter planning a pursuit of a deer! The poor enforcement and corrections officers try, but their finger points to lawyers instead of criminals.

I want to keep this veteran approach alive. Via this magazine and my courses, I want to spread the message of truth so clear that your jaw drops with enlighten-

ment because you know deep in your heart, “My God! This will keep me alive!” Many chuckle when they hear me frequently declare that I really don’t care about differing brands of knives, sticks and guns. Like Shane said, “they’re just tools,” I hope this essay explains why. Past a point of simple practicality, I cannot and refuse to fixate on them. If I do, I will lose my way.

So you see, when I gaze at the new tactical knife enlarged on the cover of a pretty magazine, so polished with a green, velvet backdrop suitable to sell diamonds upon? I instantly see in my mind’s eye the a throat slit open, and a dead body collapsed in a stinking mass on the street. That’s just what I see!— Like a time warp, like a fortune-teller. Because I know: This *plus* this *equals* that.

When I see some obese guy that fancies himself a gun combateer, shooting the latest pistol on a range in a gun magazine, in an instant, in my minds-eye I see him dead, simply because he is too out-of-shape to run for cover, or hasn’t been taught by a real vet to run in the first 2 seconds of a gun fight. I see the exploded man he shot at. In one second, I picture two dead guys. Real pretty gun there on the ground! *Two dead guys*.

Finger *plus* Moon *equals* Interactive Combat.

When you look, do you see a pretty new gun? A perfect jab? A shiny knife? A grandmaster? Or are you stuck on the finger.

Whattchu looking at? •





E-Mail: Hock, I have a question. I know that there are tons of officers and security personnel that have trained in your Tactical Folders for Handgun Retention modules, but I need to know: do you by chance know how many agencies are actually officially employing the knife tactical folders in their training? – P.M., VA

Answer: No. I don't think anyone does. It is an un-retrievable stat. But I know, hands down, there are thousands of cops wearing folders every day. I do know that very few agencies take the time and effort to ban the carrying of folders. Few have official policies, and there are very few incidents of police using their knives against suspects. If an officer is down to the knife while fighting for his or her life it is a very bad, lethal force situation. With all weapons, common sense, use-of-force principles must apply.

Land Mail: Great carjacking article in last issue. I must tell you this. I was driving home to Pretoria, South Africa, which was approximately 40-45 minutes away. Now I have this habit of being very alert when driving because I often carry thousands of rands [dollars] worth of gear with me. This happened in the evening. I noticed a Ford Sierra with two, perhaps three occupants following closely behind. I sped up, slowed down, just to see what the situation was and also to make doubly sure that it wasn't just paranoia...This was confirmed when this car stayed on my tail.

Now normally when I drive at night, I always keep either a Glock 19, or a Combat modified Colt 45 with me, usually on my lap! As I took the off ramp and approached the traffic lights, the Ford parked in front of me at an angle, cutting

any escape route, and I immediately threw the car into reverse to get some distance...(Dual way with an island in the middle so no chance of making a U turn.). As I started to pull away, one of the passengers got out and shot at me with the AK...all I could do was HIT THE DECK...as he approached my car (By this time both front and rear windshields were shot out.) I had the Glock ready and as soon as he came closer he shot again and I distinctly heard a miss-fire...as he looked into the car to probably shoot again, I fired...(My ears were shot for a few days after that.)...Double tapped him in the torso...no time to aim just point shoot and hope for the best.

I subsequently kept shooting at him and I guess when his buddies realized what was happening they took off...most probably to Alexandra township which

I was traumatized at the idea that I could have been 6 feet under, and I challenge any of those anti-gun namby pambys to try and convince me about not owning a firearm...MY GUN SAVED MY LIFE.

was the closest Township and is notorious for it's chop shops and criminal element.

I got out and kicked the rifle away...(boy this sounds like a movie...except that it's a real (reel :-)) life one) called the nearest cops who were on the scene in about 15 minutes. By this time a crowd had gathered and were ready to beat this guy up even though he was already dying. By the time the cops got there they had one look and decided not to charge me as the evidence of my shattered windshields was proof enough as well as the AK. They picked out my shells and gave them to me and the cop in charge basically said that I should just go home and forget about it...else he'd have to charge me and even though I would win the case in all probability, the shock and trauma and expense was not worth it plus the months of running up and down to court. The irony of it all was that the black partner of this cop started kicking this guy in the ribs before calling the ambulance.

The entire shootout took place in

about 60-90 seconds...I guess it played out in slow motion to me and I can remember this as clearly as if it had happened yesterday. What added to this was the fact that just a week before this incident a 22-year-old singer who worked with us was shot dead in an armed robbery at a jeweler in Sandton so needless. To say I was pissed off was putting it mildly. So when this happened, I just went ballistic.

I played this incident over in my mind many times, and I thought that it would affect me (taking human life) but you know Hock, under the same circumstances, I'd do it again.

I was traumatized at the idea that I could have been 6 feet under, and I challenge any of those anti-gun namby pambys to try and convince me about not owning a firearm...MY GUN SAVED MY LIFE. Gun control is not the answer. Responsible gun ownership is the way to do it. – BA, South Africa

E-Mail: "We have been the cowards, lobbing cruise missiles from 2,000 miles away," said Bill Maher on his show, "Politically Incorrect." "That's cowardly." He went on to say, "Staying in the airplane when it hits the building, say what you want about it, it's not cowardly." With that quote in mind, I found it somewhat unusual that an excerpt from Maher's recent book was included in Issue 17 of *CQCMag*. Is Maher now considered an expert on airport security? I note with wry amusement that he now considers Mohammad Atta an "angry, twitchy prick." Given that his show's popularity fell like a stone after he uttered his comments about 9/11, I can't help but think that Maher is compensating for something. While the excerpt did identify real holes in U.S. security, its contemptuous assessment of the American people is an insult rivaled only by Maher's proposed solution. Throwing a billion dollars at the problem might seem like mere pennies to someone accustomed to being generous with other people's money, but it is a simplistic "solution" at best. – Phil Elmore, <http://www.philelmore.com>

Answer: I had dinner with a group, one of whom was a Vietnam vet fighter pilot,
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Evolution of the USMC Biddle Method

By Daniel Trembula, U.S. Navy

From the end of the First World War through World War II, if you were a Marine, there was one man you trusted to give you the edge in hand, stick, knife and bayonet combat: Colonel Anthony J. Drexel Biddle.

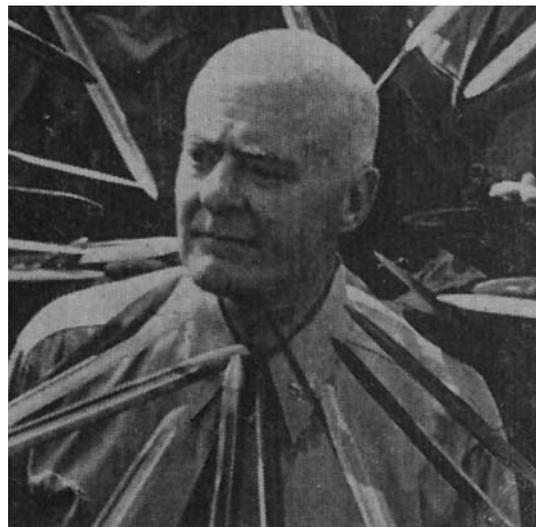
Biddle was one of the most unique Americans to live during the first half of the century. Robert Myers, a *Leatherneck* staff writer described him as, a “rich man, sportsman, social figure, teacher, preacher, publisher and adventurer.” Walt Disney even made a movie, “The Happiest Millionaire” about him. But it was in the Marines that he found his true calling and left his indelible mark on the history of close quarter combat.

Biddle was a very accomplished amateur boxer, sparring with everyone from Theodore Roosevelt to Bob Fitzsimmons to Gene Tunney. In 1917 he joined the Marines as a 41-year-old Captain. He was stationed in Quantico and France as a bayonet instructor and was also responsible for the introduction of boxing into recruit training. French policemen introduced him to Savate and Jiu-Jitsu and made Biddle realize, “you have to be an all-around man. The slightest little advantage may make all the difference.” When he returned to the United States in 1919 and transferred to reserve status, he continued his Jiu-Jitsu training in Philadelphia, Hawaii, and even traveled to China to train.

Despite his skill as a boxer and Jiu-Jitsu practitioner, the art and science of the knife and bayonet was where Biddle achieved his legendary fame. Biddle was one of the finest swordsmen in the United States, having trained with noted French, British and American masters. As a young man, he studied knife and dagger fighting in several European colonies. “There are, roughly, three methods of knife fighting, of which the bowie knife is the most scientific. One is the overhand method of fighting in which the knife is held as if it were a dagger; the second is with the knife hand held in close to the body, and the free hand (usually the left) extended. The first type was originally known as the Cossack, and the second as the Portuguese.” In another Quantico Sentry article, Biddle claimed that, “I am attempting to revive the art of dagger fighting as it was taught by Colonel Bowie.” Stephen Stavers, a student of Biddle, said “Colonel Biddle has adopted Bowie’s method, added some ancient principles of broad sword and saber fighting, and made other adaptations to suit the altered position of the knife in the scheme of weapons, the limited time available, and the function of the knife today.”

Between the World Wars, Colonel Biddle trained Marine demonstration teams, and thousands of Marines at the Philadelphia Basic School, San Diego and Quantico. He also trained Philadelphia Policemen and taught at the FBI Academy. In 1937, at his own expense, he published a small, 74 page manual with a blue hardback cover entitled: *DO OR DIE A Supplementary Manual on Individual Combat*. Subtitled, “Showing Advanced Science in Bayonet, Knife, Jiu-Jitsu, Savate and Boxing for Those Whose Duties May Lead Them Into a ‘Tight Spot’,” it is the best source of information for the “early” Biddle Method. The 1937 edition of *Do or Die* has generated

great criticism, much of it undeserved. Some critics, like Colonel Rex Applegate accused Biddle of being a “dilettante and showman,” while others went so far as to say, “The Biddle Method will get you



Biddle illustrated in a circle of bayonettes.

killed.” When Biddle penned that edition, there were very few books to use as inspiration and printing costs were high, which no doubt contributed to its brevity.

Another point, brought out by a Quantico Sentry staff writer in one of the many articles written about Biddle was, “All classes conducted by the Colonel are not for beginners in the art of combat fighting, but are advanced instruction for men who have had experience in handling both the bowie knife and bayonet.” The crux of the matter is that the “Biddle Method” illustrated in the 1937 edition of *Do or Die* was state of the art material. And it worked, as evidenced by statements by Marines schooled in the Biddle Method like this Naval Aviator:

In Nicaragua the two drew their bayonets against an attack of the enemy and successfully hand-cut their way to safety through this force of some 20 machete fighters. He testified that the knowledge of knife science saved their lives. Thus, two Marine skilled knife fighters defeated 20 machete-fighting opponents.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Biddle was 67 years old and had been retired for four years. Despite his age, the Marines placed him in charge of individual combat training. There were two reasons for this. First, he was “the nation’s most distinguished master of the arts of the arts of jujitsu, sword, bayonet, and dagger fighting.” Second, admitted by his daughter in her biography of Biddle, “in truth, there was nobody else available for it.”

... Biddle found himself responsible for training tens of thousands of Marines, most much less than a third of his age, who did not care that their instructor was a “bald, fattish old man,” resembling their grandfather, wearing the rank of full bird colonel. These Marines demanded “blood tomorrow” training

Feature



< Biddle teaches the killing shift in 1944.

Bar” style knife instead of a 16” long unfixed bayonet. Knife throwing was never part of the classic Biddle Method, but stick fighting

was. In the so-called “long end” technique, you used “the stick in the same way you would use a knife.” The innovation for the other, more unusual method was given to Colonel William Kengla, USMC. In the

“short-end” technique, the stick was held with only a few inches projecting from the top of the fist, the balance resting along the forearm, (similar to some Japanese “Jo” techniques). In both the “short” and “long” end techniques, two-handed grips on the stick were used for close-quarters blocking, striking, and choking.

1944 was the beginning of the end for the Biddle Method. In one year, the Marine Corps lost the Master of the Bayonet himself to a stroke, and his protégé, Captain Stephen Stavers, who was killed by a sniper during the invasion of Peleliu. The Marine Corps also came out with NAVMC 3660, the *Officer Candidates’ School Course of Instruction in Combat Conditioning*. The Combat Conditioning program was begun in 1942, and encompassed physical training, combat oriented games, “Judo” or “hand-to-hand” combat, knife fighting, stick fighting, bayonet training, and swimming. In 1943 a series of training films was produced and the strong influence of the

that would keep them alive while fighting the allegedly super-human Japanese. This led to the “golden era” of the Biddle Method.

Biddle streamlined his system for the rigors of modern jungle warfare. His “new kind of bayonet fighting” could be summarized in one sentence: parry, sidestep, hand cut, slash. He modified his knife program in a similar fashion, de-emphasizing thrusting there as well in favor of an “advanced, flat blade, slashing [based] system.” An increased emphasis was made on striking, and the few joint cranks that were kept are high percentage moves like finger locks and the outer-wrist torque throw. In 1944, the Marine Corps Association published the “New Illustrated Edition” of Colonel A.J.D. Biddle’s *Do or Die*. The differences between this edition and the first are enormous. One hundred and nine pages long, it features the colonel himself in most of the pictures and most of the techniques are explained with at least one photograph. Printed



< Biddle instructing a student in bayonet tactics 1944.

Biddle Method is quite obvious when viewing them. At the time of Biddle’s stroke in the

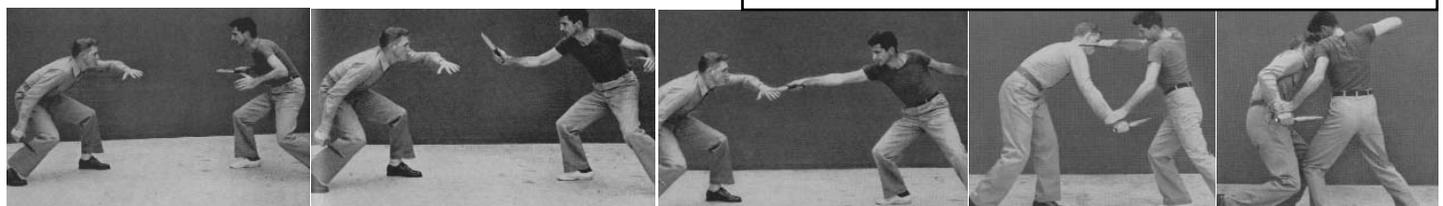
summer of 1944, the Biddle Method of knife, stick and bayonet combat was still being taught. Later in the year, the Combat Conditioning manual hit the Fleet Marine Force and other than a brief renaissance during the Korean Conflict, the Biddle method quickly slipped into obscurity. The current Marine Corps Martial Art program includes none of combat-proven techniques of “the Biddle Method that made the Marines the best-trained fighters in the world.”•

with a red hardback cover and a green dust jacket featuring a Marine executing the classic bayonet “throw point,” a cash strapped jarhead could purchase a copy for as little as one dollar. John Styers’ magnum opus, *Cold Steel: Technique of Close Combat*, is the final volume in the “Biddle Method” trilogy. Following World War II, Styers continued to train, introducing thousands of Marines and soldiers to the Biddle Method. Originally published in serial form by *Leatherneck Magazine*, *Cold Steel* is a conceptual outgrowth of Colonel Biddle’s teachings. The bayonet material is essentially identical, but there are significant changes between some of the material shown in *Cold Steel* versus the ’44 edition of *Do or Die*.

The three most noticeable changes are the inclusion of knife throwing and stick fighting into the text and the use of the “Ka-

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Biddle’s students demonstrate the hand cut attack 1952. (below)



Body Guarding in the 21st Century

A Crash Course in Personal Protection *By W. Hock Hochheim*



Over the last three decades I have taken multiple assignments in the protection business starting as a military policeman 30 years ago working to protect the Governor of Oklahoma on an installation tour. Since then, I have been attached to Secret Service details for President Bush (the 1st) and Carter, organized security and protected NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani, escorted tens of movie and TV stars, authors like Tom Clancy, recording artists, and some sports professionals. I have protected people afraid of their spouses, business partners and threatened victims. I have guarded and delivered witnesses in criminal and civil trials. I have been formally trained in these aspects but consider my actual experiences more educational. I am routinely asked about careers in the somewhat slang term “body guarding,” better referred to as personal protection, or just simply security. Even personal protection is a misleading term among the public, who seem to consider the title as a self-defense approach. To satisfy curiosities and clear up confusions, I offer this crash course for you to consider.

Becoming A Bodyguard

Some form of experience, training, government licensing and insurance is required if you plan to advertise and operate legitimately in the personal protection business. This is strictly a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction mandate. I suggest you check with your local regulatory organization before you proceed with any training. Many of these regulations are so difficult to satisfy and so expensive, that you may not even want to consider going into this profession in your area. But, say you do. Then what! What if you get all set up and the phone rings...

The Name of Your Subject

In all these years interfacing with the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Military, Federal, Local Authorities and many security firms, none of these organizations have ever referred to their subject/client as the “principle.” The subject is either given a code name, nickname or just called by his or her name. I have heard the term principle used in movies, books, and civilian schools and also by some pros in Europe and Australia who seem to take the term more seriously. Based on my experience, I will not use the word *principle*. Any

nickname will only confuse the naïve, not the hard-core professionals. When the radio transmission declares, “Wayfarer is coming in the back now.” *Wayfarer*, *principle* or whatever term selected is not fooling the professional enemy. Establish a name to refer to your client based on the threat level – it could be as simple as *he* or *she* or their real name – for all communications and planning.

The Why of Your Subject

Who is your client, and why do they need protection? Many times your subject is making a public appearance or attending a business meeting. And/or both? Establish the mission of your job?

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The Who, Who are the Enemies of Your Subject

What is the level of interest of your subject? Ask yourself who wishes to hurt your client? Generally speaking you are dealing with three groups – political enemies, criminals and crazies. Once you have identified your enemy, research how sophisticated they are and how intricate their attack might be. With your opponents profiled, a level of protective intensity is established. Simply put, will an attacker throw a tomato at your football player, or snipe your politician. The pros set up ambushes, create distractions or strike from afar. Establish the enemy, and you'll establish their methodologies.

What is your I.A.C. – Immediate Area Circle?

I have always used abstract circles in plotting the basics. Circle the immediate area once. This is a range in which your person could be assaulted by pistol, stick, knife, gas, thrown objects, pushed, shoved...any close quarter attacks. Laid ambushes like bombs may also fall into this range. This circle includes immediate escape routes. Establish each immediate area of travel and familiarize yourself with it.

What is Your N.I.A.C. – Non-Immediate

Area Circle?

This constitutes everything out of the first small circle, in a range-of-vision area. Rifles and lobbed explosives are a problem. This area includes mapping out larger escape routes.

Establish the non-immediate areas of travel and familiarize yourself with them.

Where? The Traveler – Expect Eating, Sleeping, Transporting, Visiting

All clients travel. They have itineraries. These short and long-range circles of concern move constantly. Travelers typically need transportation, they sleep, they eat and they visit. In the scheme of things, transport could be by golf carts, trains, planes, cabs, cars and the most common – walking. I know agents who have ridden elephants on tour with their subject. Expect anything. Plot and run the routes of travel. Evaluate the landscapes. Record the traffic flow. Clients sleep on the plane, in cars, hotels and houses. Recording stars often sleep on buses. Your client needs working smoke and fire alarms to escape calamity in places such as hotels. Who responds? How fast? Have you alerted the local police or fire station. (Beware however that a simple handle pull of a fire alarm could provoke your client to exit outdoors in a sudden, chaotic manner, and



open themselves to an attack.) They eat on the road, in the air, in restaurants, homes and hotels. They visit business contacts, stores, friends and attractions. You are responsible for security AND safety. Is a defibrillator handy? Clear routes to a hospital? Staff on standby? Blood supply available? Establish the itinerary.

Searching –The Grunt Work

These traveling circles of urban and rural settings must be examined. You search before, during and sometimes even after your client passes through. Depending upon the client's threat level, the lots, halls, rooms, bathrooms, walkways, stores, etc. must be searched and once cleared, guarded. You search by sight, smell, feel and electronics. You may need dogs to detect drugs and explosives, metal and electronic detectors to find dangerous devices. Every locale is different. One note on bathrooms – the most predictable surprise stop requested by your client will



Hock with America's Mayor, after another safe and successful appearance in Chicago, IL.

be a bathroom run. Identify safe ones on your driving and walking routes.

The Team

Do you need a team based upon all the above? How many protectors? How well trained? How skilled must the drivers be? How *hard* will the vehicles be – that is bomb and bulletproof? I usually hire the area police SWAT team along with other people I trust with my expense account. The scope of the person and surrounding events dictate who and how many team members I need.

What Do I Do?

What exactly do I do during the actual process? I investigate and answer all the above questions. While organizing security for a NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani speech, I worked days in advance with Chicago PD Intelligence, Rosemont PD, Cooke County SO, NYPD Executive Protection Unit and the corporation (my employer) sponsoring the conference; planning to make the Mayor the hardest target possible from the very second his private jet appeared on the horizon until it disappeared back toward the Big Apple. During events like these, I float between all posted assignments and the subject, maintaining mobile phone or radio communication with all points. In any given moment I may be trolling the basement, scoping the parking lots, or standing right there beside America's Mayor with NYPD. I do not watch the show. I do not listen to the speech. I am not their fan. I am their guardian angel.

The Career

We started this article with a ringing phone. However, that phone might not ring a lot. For an elite few in the U.S., this career may be financially rewarding. However, statistically speaking, it is not. You may increase your odds of making your business profitable by seeking out a background in police or military work, first, to build your resume. I have many friends who have retired from the British and Australian SAS, who can work consistently in protection. If you want to work in the protection business, I advise you to become a police officer or enlist in the military first for a job description that offers the experience and contacts to get these jobs. I train people in South Africa, many of whom are without police or military training and are running full-time security teams – such is the nature of the beast in that part of the world. High crime. Dangerous times. High demand for a

suit and a gun.

South of Texas, the criminal enterprise of choice is kidnapping of all types, but especially traveling businessmen. I have no direct, professional contacts on the ground in Central and South America, but am vicariously aware that a great many civilians, sans quasi-military backgrounds, are running protection services.

I can't overstate the importance of acquiring your experience from the vets by becoming a police or military vet. All too many graduates of expensive, civilian protection schools wind up as minimum wage, security guards paying off education loans, or back at their old jobs with a new piece of paper on their wall.

In Summary

I hope this overview has helped you make decisions or sated your curiosity about protection work. Books of instruction cover each general topic in more detail than I've sketched out here. This outline has guided me through all the events I've ram-rodged, and I've not had one single, serious problem. Solid strategy, redundant planning, and lots of good luck make a difference. Plan. *Hope is not a strategy!* You can't control luck, but fortune favors the prepared. ◌

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Sanity Pill: In a 6-5 majority vote, the Federal Court of Appeals in St. Louis ruled that the State of

Arkansas could force a death-row inmate to take anti-psychotic medicine so he will be sane enough to execute. The court determined it was more humane than letting the prisoner, Charles Laverne Singleton, rot in his cell, sick and untreated. Singleton received a death sentence in 1979 for killing a grocery store clerk. He came to believe his cell was possessed by demons. In 2001, he wrote to the appeals court, claiming his victim was alive "somewhere on earth waiting for me—her groom." The Supreme Court barred executing the insane in 1986, although it is legal to forcibly medicate inmates for their own good. Singleton's lawyer said once his client's execution date is set, taking the medicine "is no longer in his medical best interest."

. 64 percent of cities nationwide that have lost police to National Guard and military reserve call-ups

. 21 percent of cities have lost fire fighters to call-ups

. 26 percent of cities say they are less able to provide services as a result of call-ups

Lying Lie Detectors: Experts from a National Research Council committee determined current lie detectors aren't sufficiently accurate to handle national security demands. Polygraphs work only slightly better than chance when specific questions are used, and only if the person questioned has not learned specific ways to defeat the machine. However, it does not perform well enough to screen federal employees. When specific questions are not used, too many loyal employees appear deceptive, while genuine security risks go undetected. In light of the study, U.S. Senators Pet Domenici and Jeff Bingaman asked Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham to suspend current use of polygraph tests for screening at federal

laboratories. The committee also concluded that brain imaging performed only slightly better than polygraphs. (See Popular Science article "Liar, Liar," in the Aug 2002 issue for details.) – *Dawn Stover (condensed)*

Police respond to 38 million private burglar alarms each year, and 98 percent are false alarms, according to a Justice Department report. Faulty equipment, user error, dead batteries and pets usually trigger the alarms. In many communities, false burglar alarms account for 10 percent to 25 percent of all police calls. – *New York Times*

American troops most likely to fight and die on the front lines are now disproportionately white. Blacks make up 20 percent of the military—compared with 12 percent of the population—but fill only 5 percent of the high-risk positions such as infantryman and pilot. – *USA Today*

More than one-fourth of British soldiers buy their own equipment. The soldiers complain that standard-issue boots fall apart or melt in the hot sun, uniforms are uncomfortable, and radios and rifles jam up in the sand. Some say they buy equipment simply to express personal taste. – *Associated Press*

Frankfurt, Germany's deputy police chief admitted Friday his officers threatened to torture a suspected kidnapper for refusing to tell them the whereabouts of an 11-year-old boy. Police say they were only trying to save the boy's life. Jakob von Metzler, son of a prominent Frankfurt banking family disappeared on his way home from school on Sept 27th. Three days later, police arrested law student Magnus Gaefgen after observing him pick up \$1 million in ransom. Deputy Police Chief Wolfgang Daschner said he told interrogators to threaten him with torture. Within 10 minutes Gaefgen admitted the boy was dead and led police to his body.

The Los Angeles Police Department has three new mobile substations that can be moved quickly to a crime site. The substations – built by the Mattman Company, of San Marcos, CA – help officers coordinate communications and develop strate-

gies on site, the company said.

The LAPD ordered at least 10 specialty vehicles. The department recently received a 39-foot high-tech mobile command post. This vehicle contains a GPS system, 15 two-way radios, a switchboard with 11 phones, six cellular lines, exterior work stations, a networked computer system, two flat-screen monitors in the interior conference room, two monitors in the communications galley, one 27-inch monitor for exterior viewing and a roof platform.

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A new uniform based in part on the U.S. Army's Objective Force Warrior system is being modified for police and corrections officers in special operations assignments.

A prototype Law Enforcement/Corrections Tactical Uniform System is being designed by the National Protection center, at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, in Natick, MA. For example, the uniform will include the Objective Force Warrior's helmet design for fragmentation and impact protection. The helmet has an illuminator, global positioning system and radio antenna suite, image intensifier and infrared imaging device that will send the information into an adjustable head-up display. Laser detectors will identify the wearer as friendly, while drop-down eye-wear will guard against laser beams and debris. Forced-air cooling from an electric blower prevents the eye protector from fogging.

A detachable mask guards against thrown objects or punches during a riot, while another mask protects against chemical and biological agents. The user can breathe filtered air or compressed air from a tank.

The suit has several layers. A light-fabric undergarment has built-in monitors that track physical status. The second layer is a one-piece suite made of blended nylon, cotton and Lycra. The third layer protects against weather and chem-bio agents. A vest with removable armor shields against 9 mm rounds and fragmentation.

FBI agents walk through a Rockville, MD neighborhood during the Washington area sniper shootings last fall. Law enforcement is one of the many security fields with growing job opportunities.

Forty-one years after being busted for brewing moonshine, Kenneth Copley of Centerville, TN has received a full presidential pardon.

Copley was nailed by the "revenuers" back in 1962 when he was 20. A teetotaler, he only operated the still because it paid \$6 a day—twice what he could get as

a farm laborer. He didn't think much about his felony conviction until 1998, when he was turned down for a weapons permit. So he paid a lawyer to appeal to President Bush, who granted his pardon on Christmas Eve. Copley has no apologies for his past. "I'm proud of my days as a whiskey man. In those days, there was nothing else to do around here."



The Manhattan district attorney's office has filed charges against 98 people, and is investigating more than 100 others, for conning relief agencies in the wake of the World Trade Center attack. People who fraudulently claimed that relatives had been killed collected at least \$2.5 million from government and private agencies — *The New York Times*

At least 34,000 Catholic nuns, or about 40 percent of all nuns in the U.S., have been victims of sexual abuse either before or after taking their vows, says a church-financed survey that was completed in 1996 but never publicized. Many of the abusers were priests and other nuns. Women responding to the survey told of priests fondling them in confession and encouraging "sexual experimentation" to combat depression. — *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*



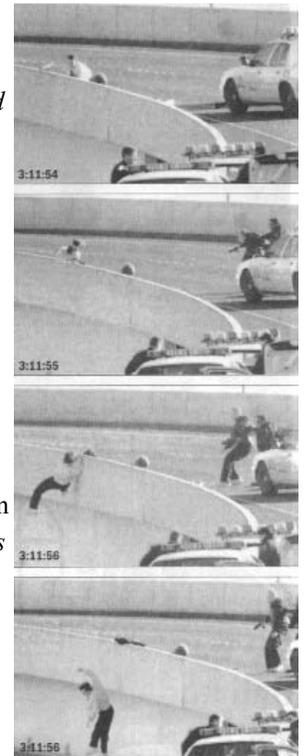
Investigators in the DC sniper case turned to former Vancouver police officer Kim Rossmo, who creates computer-generated probability maps from crime details to determine where suspects live. Though previously successful, geographic profiling did not aid in the October arrests of John Allen Muhammad and John Lee Malvo.

The Los Angeles Police Commission said earlier this month

that it will no longer allow police chases for minor traffic infractions like broken tail-lights or expired license plates. The decision, which police believe could reduce the number of chases by up to 60 percent, was met with a flurry of snickering, including suggestions that this entire chase-obsessed city might need psychological counseling. Los Angeles is, after all, the police-pursuit capital of the world. In 2001, the last year for which data are available, there were 781 chases on its broad boulevards and ubiquitous freeways — more than in any other city in the nation. Dallas, for instance, had 424. — *Betsy Streisand*



Ronald E Wright, 35, jumped to his death New Years Eve 2003 just seconds after an Arlington police officer fired a stun gun at him. (Photos by Ron Baselice courtesy of Dallas Morning News).



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A New Breed of Jailer

By Raghuram Vadarevu

Mark Roskowsky spends every workday with five-dozen or so inmates inside a cavernous room at the Bergen, NJ County Jail.

Roskowsky is not allowed to carry a gun or a baton. His only defense is a tiny canister of pepper spray and several panic buttons attached to his uniform. If one of the electronic alarms is activated, a troop of fellow corrections officers will storm the lockup.

Yet officials say that's becoming increasingly unnecessary, and Roskowsky is not at risk.

That's because the 29-year-old Garfield native represents a new generation of corrections officer – don't call them jail guards – who rely more on people skills than brute force to defuse disorder.

"You're the eyes and ears in there," Roskowsky said. "The inmates see the officer and they're more careful in what they do."

Direct contact with inmates is the cornerstone of a decade-old concept called "direct supervision." Popularized on the cable-television show "Oz," it came to the Bergen and Morris county jails three years ago. It's also being used in Hudson and other counties statewide, and is being considered in Passaic.

Nationwide direct supervision has reduced the number of reported assaults on officers, fights among inmates, and incidents of vandalism, says the U.S. Justice Department's National Institute of Corrections.

The approach makes sense when you staff the facilities with officers skilled at dealing with that population, said Kenneth Kerle, author of *American Jails: Looking to the Future*.

"In the long run, if you do the training for the officers, the inmates are not as violent," he said.

In the past, jail officers were separated from inmates and entered cell blocks only for their rounds or whenever trouble erupted. Under the new approach, officers placed inside communal "pods" look to prevent unrest before it begins.

"We have control of the environment," says Bergen County Sheriff Joel G.

Trella, who supervises the county jail in Hackensack. "You're able to defuse hostile situations from the inside. The officers have to be firm, fair and model appropriate behavior."

The approach has reduced the number of violent incidents at the 525-bed Morris County Jail, said Chief Ralph McGrane.

A longtime veteran of the Riker's Island prison in New York City, McGrane said he's also seen a drop in the number of sick days in his five years at the Morris lockup, primarily because of the new approach. In 1998, officers at Morris' cramped, old jail took roughly 13.5 sick days each, he said. In 2002, McGrane said, that average was more than halved, to 6.5 days.

"That's what direct-supervision jails are supposed to do," he said.

Even under the new approach, fights still erupt.

"You've got 60 guys or women living in a closed environment," says Roskowsky, who has worked at the Bergen jail since 2001.

"Sooner or later, they're not going to get along."

When a fight does break out, today's officers are carefully trained not to get involved without backup – lest he or she walk into a trap.

If you're on the floor trying to break it up, you might get consumed," Roskowsky said.

That danger to officers is exactly why Frank Lucianna, a longtime defense attorney in Bergen County, thinks they should not be in the inmate pods.

Although Lucianna acknowledges that conditions have become better for his clients than they were in the dingy, old River Street lockup, he says the officers seem intimidated in the pod. At least the old jail had a clear line separating inmates and guards, he said.

The new approach "imposes a terrible burden on the officer," Lucianna said. "How long would it take these people to set up and beat him up?"

The pod concept was developed 25 years ago for federal detention centers that hold inmates awaiting trial, said Kris Keller of the National Institute of



Corrections Jails Division. A wave of inmate lawsuits protesting jail conditions forced local authorities to follow suit.

The first direct-supervision jail was built in Contra Costa, CA, in the early 1980s. Since then, Keller said, more than 300 lockups following the same basic design have been built across the country.

"Jails began to realize that you need to monitor and control inmate behavior," Keller said. "If the officer is separate from inmates, he can't do that."

When Lt. Vito Pecoraro of the Bergen County Sheriff's Department began his career in the late 1970s new corrections recruits received four weeks of instruction in the "care and custody" of inmates, searching cells, fingerprinting, identifying drugs, and handling weapons.

The new generation of recruits such as Roskowsky are molded into an 18-week academy akin to a military boot camp. They awake at 5:30 a.m. and must make their beds according to a diagram they receive on the first day. Then they run four miles and do hundreds of push-ups and sit-ups.

"They are trying to form you into becoming a team," said Roskowsky, now a two-year veteran of the department. "Once you walk into that jail, you have to work together."

Besides the exercise regimen, the recruits attend classes that include the traditional care and custody, as well as training in sensitivity, ethics, and discipline, said Pecoraro, who is now a trainer.

For the 6-foot, 185-lb.. Roskowsky, it has meant changing the way he thinks. He is now more aware of his surroundings, even outside the jail.

"You pay attention a lot more," he said. "You are conscious, especially if you are with your family or something."

Squad Room - Feature

The son of a retired Fair Lawn police officer, Roskowsky had previously worked at East Jersey State Prison off Route 1 in Avenel. The facility was “filthy” and inmates often fought one another, he said. Each officer was responsible for upward of 100 inmates and armed with a whistle and two-way radio.

“It’s as old school as it gets,” Roskowsky said.

Roskowsky worked there only a year. On his last day, in June 2001, he wrote in his personal log book: “Leaving for a real job.”

That was at the climate-controlled, smoke-free jail on River Street, a state-of-the-art facility that prompted former colleagues to call Roskowsky, “Mr. Goodlife.”

As at the other direct-supervision jails, Bergen’s pods have no bars and are populated by the general jail population. Corrections officers carry no firearms.

The inmates’ cells, which occupy two floors, have metal doors with narrow glass windows. The cells encircle a day room, where inmates can play chess or checkers on tables bolted to the ground. Off to one corner are shower stalls, replacing the communal washdowns of old. Mounted on a pillar is a public telephone.

Next to the day room is a recreation area – basically a giant box – where inmates can play basketball. A giant metal screen at one end lets fresh air in.

When Roskowsky arrives at work at 8 a.m., he puts his gun in a locker. When he reports to a pod, he takes the radio, keys and body alarms from the officer leaving duty. Then he takes an inmate head count and radios supervisors to check the total.

Roskowsky then settles into his station: a U-shaped desk outfitted with computers. At 8:30 a.m., he unlocks the doors, and the day in “the pod” begins.

Roskowsky said he feels safe in the pod, primarily because supervisors are always watching via closed-circuit hookup and can rush in reinforcements if trouble breaks out. He says he also makes sure he remains vigilant, a product of his training.

“Something you overlook on an 8-to-4 [shift] can get someone hurt on a 4-to-12,” Roskowsky said. “You never know when a guy is making a shank [knife] in his cell.

“You never want to do your job so-so, mediocre, and put it on the next guy.”

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(Dispatches continued from page 5)

after a seminar not long ago and this subject came up. (He carries two pistols and a neck knife to describe his personality.) He agreed with Maher on the statement, making a long dissertation on bombing versus hand-to-hand combat. People like Bill Maher, George Carlin, Dennis Miller, even Jeannie Garofolo – who said recently, “It just wasn’t hip to protest against Clinton and Bosnia. That’s why libs didn’t.” – have really sarcastic minds with all kinds of messages that often trample over liberals, moderates and conservatives. Frankly, I do too.

Many start from such a non-foundational, free-form scratch that is hard sometimes to fit them into a conventional mindset or context. Maybe, Maher would like to drop the millions spent on art funds that promote the “crucifixes-in-urine” displays and put it toward airport security? He has said as much in the past. He has also said on his show well before 9/11 that the military, police and security should be government’s number one job. All else waits in line. (There’s the funding for airports?)

Maher has been in some damage control over his late-night show remark, but I have heard him say things far, far worse on both sides of the coin for years. Sometimes these quips by folks like Maher, Carlin, Miller, et al, have been so smart, so on the money that I cannot completely dismiss them for certain digressive remarks. Everyone has a personal litmus test for dismissal. For ABC that was that! For HBO? It was an invitation. For me? Well, it was typical Bill Maher, the host and creator of a show I have watched for a decade, throwing invisible tomatoes and waving imaginary flags from my lazy-boy chair. ◦

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San Antonio Gun Fight

The Shoot Out Step-By-Step *By W. Hock Hochheim*

Who: Four San Antonio PD Officers and One Ex-Con
What: Attempted Homicide of Four Police Officers
Where: Denny's Parking Lot, Loop, 410 San Antonio, TX
When: 3:30 a.m., 3 January 2003
How: Ambush. Sucker Punch. The Disarming of Two Officers

About a dozen patrons of a San Antonio, TX Denny's restaurant took cover shortly after 3:30 a.m. last January, after a man punched SAPD Detective John Bocko, breaking his jaw, and grabbed the police officer's service weapon, and shoot Bocko. His actions touched off what was said, by local law enforcement, to be one of the most vicious attacks on police in recent years. A burly ex-convict turned a romantic dispute into a shooting rampage that left four officers wounded with their own guns. About 40 rounds were fired in a five-minute gun battle witnesses said, "sounded like the gunfight at the OK Corral."

The gunman, Jamie Lichtenwalter, a large, muscular 26-year-old parolee who had become jealous after seeing his girlfriend with another man, was eventually killed outside the Denny's restaurant by a rookie officer who Lichtenwalter shot four times.

In March 1993, Lichtenwalter, then 16, fired a semiautomatic pistol at a group of youths milling around an E-Z Food Mart in Universal City. Edward Lee Escobedo, 18, was left paralyzed from his neck down and died several years later. Universal City, TX, Police Lt. Charles Dewey called that act a "cold-blooded random act of violence" and said Lichtenwalter did not know any of the victims. Prosecuted as an adult,

Lichtenwalter pleaded no contest to attempted murder and received a 12-year prison term. He was paroled in July 2001 after serving seven years.

Event 1: Earlier that evening, a jealous Lichtenwalter called his girlfriend on her cell phone and told her he had a shotgun and was going to kill her. He had seen her with another man earlier at the Denny's, Ortiz said.

Event 2: Lichtenwalter found her at Denny's and she asked the manager to call the police when she spotted him on the lot.

Event 3: Officer David, 51, Evans and Detective Bocko, 34, arrived separately at the restaurant about 3:30 a.m. Evans, a 51-year-old patrolman with 25 years of experience, and Bocko, an evidence detective who happened to be nearby



A SAPD Officer examines a police duty belt, witnesses say was literally ripped off an officer.

when the call was broadcast, believed they had quickly defused the argument. Lichtenwalter had voluntarily handed

over his girlfriend's car keys. Bocko and Evans talked to the man and thought they'd resolved the problem.

Event 4: But as the officers allowed him to leave the restaurant, as he walked out in a procession with Evans walking toward his squad car, the girlfriend whispered to one of the officers that Lichtenwalter – a former bouncer at several area strip clubs, might have a shotgun in his car.

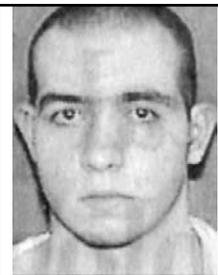
Event 5: At that point, authorities assumed he heard that whisper and, without warning, in front of the restaurant, Lichtenwalter whirled and punched Bocko in the jaw, breaking it instantly in several places. Witnesses told police Bocko fell to the floor, "like a sack of potatoes." Insiders tell *CQCMag* that the criminal began a vicious attack on the pistol of Bocko's gun belt, standing over him and literally ripping the belt off of his body to try to defeat the retention capabilities of the holster. The gun and holster held.

Event 6: Lichtenwalter, described by police as having arms as thick as tree trunks, then turned on Evans, knocked him to the floor with hands and forearm strikes and pushes, where he wresting this officer's .40-caliber Glock free from that retention holster. As Evans lay stunned and without his bulletproof vest, Lichtenwalter stood and shot three times into Evans' chest, stomach and arm. The dozen or so diners in the restaurant dived underneath tables. As several called 9-1-1, the police switchboard flashed with green and red lights. "I could hear

him pounding away, just 'Bam, bam, bam,' "said witness Eric Detloff.

Event 7: By that time, Detective Bocko

Squad Room - True Cop



Jamie Lichtenwalter

was back on his feet, but he was dazed and stumbled through the restaurant. The gunman then started firing at him, and he grazed him across the back.

Event 8: When Lichtenwalter ran out of bullets, he

charged, kicked and pistol-whipped Bocko with Evans' empty Glock until Bocko fell. Lichtenwalter resumed the tug of war on Bocko's gun until he cleared it from Bocko's holster. Officers said later that Bocko's body was manhandled and even lifted off the floor in this process. Evans, some feet away and not under the criminal's attention, crawled and then staggered out of the restaurant.

Event 9: Now armed with Bock's loaded handgun, Lichtenwalter gave chase to Evans.



Statistics and interviews tell us this pistol grip is commonly used against a close quarter assailant.

A desk clerk at the adjacent Econo Lodge said he was in the hotel lobby when he saw Evans began banging on the front glass window.

Event 10: Michael Muniz, 22, fresh out of the training academy five months prior, and Nathan Murray, 33, a North Side patrolman with eight years on the force, were next to arrive. They spotted Evans in the parking lot and went straight to him. They began to help Evans.

Event 11: Lichtenwalter opened fire at the three officers. A bullet pierced Murray's cheek. Muniz was shot in the neck and three times in the leg. Insiders say the criminal virtually marched up to the officers, and Muniz rose off the ground to in essence-save his own life or die fighting.

Event 12: Lichtenwalter and Muniz grabbed each other's arms and fell with Muniz on his back, on the bottom, his pistol in his hand. The suspect's left hand grabbed Muniz right wrist. Muniz canted



Here, we reenact the last seconds of the fight. The surviving officer on his back with his suspect atop him.

his hand inward and shot Lichtenwalter at very close range. Lichtenwalter, who was shot at least six times, collapsed on top of Muniz and died, authorities said.

Event 13: When a group of backup officers arrived, Muniz, too weakened to move, was still lying underneath the gunman. All officers were taken to the hospital. Somehow, all survived.

Studies show that tripping, sucker punching, pushing and tackling are the four main ways, and in that order, for an officer (and even soldiers and citizens) to hit the ground. In this case, the sucker punch was the physical catalyst. Witnesses say the suspect was walking away with his back turned to the Detective Bocko. He turned suddenly and with this body momentum – punched.

The four policemen wounded by Lichtenwalter — Officers David Evans, Michael Muniz and Nathan Murray and Detective John Bocko — are recovering at two area hospitals.

If you would like to contribute to the fund established for the four surviving officers, send donations to City Employees Federal Credit Union, Account #751800-S1. Thanks to Elaine Aradillas, John Tedesco, Jesse Bogan, Lisa Sandberg and Rebecca Rodriguez and police officers of the San Antonio Police Department for contributing to this story.

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Equipment Stopped from Reaching Iraq

A colorful Iraqi born American businessman was quietly handed over to Germany recently to stand trial for allegedly scheming to ship advanced German weapons technology to Saddam Hussein, Sahib Al-Haddad, a former Nashville commodity dealer who once owned the estate of country-Western Legend Tex Ritter, was arrested by police in Bulgaria at the Germans request. Without fanfare, last week Bulgaria extradited Al-Haddad to Mannheim, Germany. Prosecutors there expect to put Al-Haddad on trial later this year for allegedly plotting to send to Iraq German made equipment that Saddam could use to build giant cannons capable of firing shells containing chemical, biological or nuclear weapons. The equipment apparently was going to be shipped to Iraq via Jordan. Two German businessmen were already convicted in the same plot. Known while a Nashville resident for his outspoken public support for Saddam Hussein Al-Haddad was reportedly involved in an attempt to ship 1,100 lbs. of potassium fluoride, a chemical used to make sarin nerve gas, to Iraq from New York's JFK airport in the early 1980s; U.S. Customs seized the chemical, but Al-Haddad was not prosecuted. — *Mark Hosenball*

Fatty Soldiers

American soldiers face plenty of dangers, but at least one has been eased; fat-filled mess hall rations. Scientists at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, MA have just finished a three-year mission to cut the fat from the military's 1,700 mess-hall recipes. The changes were made to deal with an uncomfortable reality: like many other Americans, too many soldiers are paunchy, despite weight requirements and physical training. — *By Lisa Takeuchi Cullen*

Don't Do Drugs

The U.S. government makes an interest-

ing exception in this war on drugs, said *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. For military personnel fighting a real war, the use of drugs, is not only accepted — it's official government policy. That surprising truth has emerged from the ongoing court-martial of two U.S. fighter pilots, who are accused of killing four Canadian soldiers with an errant bomb in Afghanistan last April. The pilots' defense? The Dexedrine tablets that the Air Force routinely dispenses to starve off fatigue on long missions crippled this judgment. Military brass insight that these "go pills" are tightly regulated, thoroughly tested, and have never caused an accident.

Military vs. Medicare

In 1955, military spending represented 62 percent of the federal budget. Payments to individuals, such as Social Security and Medicare, accounted for 21 percent. In 2001 the figures were reversed; defense, 17 percent; payments to individuals, 61 percent. — *The Washington Post*

Oppressed Russian Soldiers

Russian soldiers are deserting en masse, said Yulia Latynina in *The Moscow Times*. Conditions in the army have always been abysmal — brutal hazings for new recruits, near-starvation rations and often, sadistic officers. So it's not unusual to see an 18- or 19-year-old conscript snap, killing the officer who tormented him and racing home to his mother. Officials announce the deserter as a drug addict and say conditions of his unit are not abnormal. But excuses do not hold up. The army is made up of the "most oppressed and alienated" class in Russia and few have the money to bribe local draft board officials.

European Union a Go

The European Union wants its own army, and on Dec., 13, NATO gave it to them, approving the creation of a new European rapid-deployment force and allowing the European Union access to NATO military and planning capabilities. The 60,000 strong force is designed to deploy within 60 days, and will enable Europeans to respond to crisis situations independently of NATO. The force is

slated to take on its first peacekeeping mission in the Balkans early next year.

Special Forces Missions

Special Forces are carrying out missions in at least 35 countries, including Afghanistan and Iraq. In Colombia, three armed opposition groups control much of the province of Arauca, where they killed three Americans in 1999 and kidnapped two more last month. U.S. Green Berets are advising the Colombian military as it fights to defeat the so-called narcoterrorists. One-third has cut exports of illegal drugs from Colombia in the last 12 months.

Jogging "Out"

On hot days around the world, joggers take to the streets, nearly always a sign of their American or British national origin. However, many have given up jogging in foreign countries, as they should. Jogging marks them as easy targets for terrorists. After the killing of U.S. diplomat Laurence Foley outside his Amman, Jordan house, the U.S. embassies banned employees from running in the streets. Joggers in places like Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have always had a tough time if for no other reason than the hot weather. No one wants to be a target.

Saddam beats, whips, uses electric shock and acid bathes on his prisoners according to Capt. Michael Craig Berry who was captured in Jan 28, 1991. •



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CIA Lands In Beirut

By Robert Baer



“You’re it for Beirut, right?” the loadmaster asked, taking my duffel bag and handing me an inflatable life vest. “It’s a one-hour trip. We’re taking two birds over. If one goes down, the other will pick up the survivors. And I’m here to tell you, these things don’t double as boats. After it hits the water, it’ll be less than a minute before it sinks to the bottom. But don’t just jump into the water right away, either. If the

blades are still rotating, they’ll chop you into hamburger. It’s all in the timing.” He winked and smiled his best stewardess smile.

“Oh, one more thing. We’re on the ground only 20-seconds, and not a second more. If we take fire, don’t even try to get out. You won’t like flying back to Larnaca from a skid.”

The two helicopters lifted off the tarmac in tandem, turned slowly to face the sea, dipped their noses, and headed off, going from 0 to 220 knots in about two seconds. We flew at a little under 2,500 feet side-by-side. It was a clear day. The Mediterranean shimmered below us.

About 10 minutes from Beirut, the crew shrugged on inch-and-a-half thick Kevlar flak vests, while the loadmaster shoved open the cargo door, letting in a blast of air. The pilots then took the helicopters down to about 20 feet over the water, an altitude hard to see from land and nearly impossible to shoot at. I’d heard the helicopters were flying even lower than usual these days because they had recently been painted by radar – probably by Syrian surface-to-air missile batteries.

If Lebanon was there, I couldn’t see it. A thick brown haze hugged the coast. We flew right through it, and I found myself directly over the shore and coastal highway. I expected the helicopters to turn south over the highway and fly in a straight line to the embassy. Instead they continued, one after the other now, straight into and up a ravine. We were still only about 20 feet above the ground. People came out on their balconies to look at us.



After losing two embassies, the State Department finally built a fortress in Beirut. This photo taken in 1987.

Just as the ravine tapered off, the helicopters veered right, flew perpendicular to the ground for a second, then leveled off and popped up over a ridge. Immediately on the other side was what remained of the four-story embassy in East Beirut. A suicide car bomber had destroyed it on Sept 20, 1984 killing 14 people, just 17 months after its seven-story pred-

ecessor along the waterfront had been blown sky high. The siding that hadn’t been blown off in the explosion was tripped off afterward, leaving a skeleton. A haunted building on haunted ground.

Two gunners on the roof manned belt-fed .30-caliber machine guns. They faced away from the helicopter pad, ready to shoot anyone foolish enough to pop his head up while the helicopters were on the ground. These guys took their jobs seriously. A couple of months before, they had fired on a UN helicopter that strayed too close to the embassy, wounding the pilot.

As I watched, the two Blackhawks diminished to a dot, then disappeared as they skimmed away over the Mediterranean. Even after I’d flown into Beirut more than 50 times, I always felt like I had been abandoned in the bottom circle of hell. The eerie quiet after the beating of the rotors, the shells landing around the port and tracers from a .50-caliber machine gun arcing over the city, the thick pall of black smoke from burning buildings that always seemed to sit over the down-town – anyone who stayed on in Saigon in 1975 and watched the last helicopter taking off from the embassy roof must have felt something similar.

The new Beirut embassy, a two-story villa 100 yards from the skeleton, was among the most heavily protected properties in the world. The 10 acres of land surrounding it were covered with a sea of coiled razor wire, fortified bunkers, watchtowers, machine-gun positions, and sandbagged trenches. Foot-thick

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steel walls protected the villa from artillery and rockets. Anti-rocket screens covered the roof. With more than 600 local guards, the U.S. embassy had the fourth largest standing militia in the country. An armored division would have had a fight to capture it.

But the ring of protection extended only so far. During the provision three years, the CIA had lost two chiefs, another five officers, and plenty of agents. And, of course, Beirut and Lebanon weren't dangerous just for us. Thirty-seven foreigners had been taken hostage since January 1984. A half dozen of them were executed.

About the time I got to Beirut, the assassinations started creeping into the Christian East, where the embassy was. The French military attache' was shot at point-blank range in the parking lot of the French embassy. The deputy in the French intelligence station was machine gunned

darmes were shot one afternoon on their day off. Since American officials were on the same hit list as the French, we took these attacks seriously.

To cope with the violence, the State Department imposed a rule that Beirut embassy officers never set foot outside the embassy compound, except to go home. Even then, they traveled in heavily armored cars, accompanied by a dozen heavily armed guards in lead and chase cars. Embassy residences were protected around the clock by guards and roving patrols carrying automatic Uzis. Just to be extra safe, State Department officers met their contacts in the embassy, screened by metal detectors and protected by marines with M-16s.

As a general rule, only the ambassador ventured out, and then in a 12-car convoy with sirens and bodyguards shooting in the air to clear traffic. The point vehicle was an armored Suburban

crowned by a shooter manning a .50-caliber machine gun, finger on the trigger. He was more serious about his job than the guy who shot up the UN helicopter. Seeing the ambassador move around Beirut was impressive, even for the Lebanese who'd seen it all.

In the CIA, we took a different approach to staying alive. Sure, we carried guns, but in a country where just about everyone from the age of 12 owned a machine gun, small arms weren't all that useful. Instead, we relied on a tradecraft learned from the terrorists: Constantly move around, blend in with the environment, and stay completely unpredictable. We must have had some 30 apartments and twice as many cars. Switch residences and cars often enough and you become a moving target; move fast enough and you're impossible to hit. I might spend one night in an apartment

in Ashrfiyah, an old part of Beirut on the Green Line, and the next at a beach condo 20 miles north of Beirut.

Sometimes we used two or three dif-

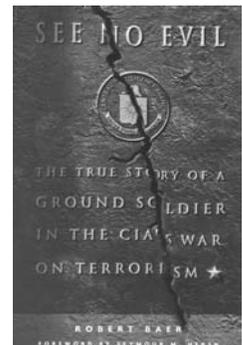
ferent cars in the same day, generally old rust buckets indistinguishable from any other Lebanese car. From time to time I drove a dented broccoli-green 1964 Mercedes taxi. It fit in beautifully. Lebanese would wave me down from the side of the road for a ride, never suspecting an American was at the wheel.

Years later, Chuck McKee walked me out to the helicopter pad to see me off on my last ride out of Beirut. I'd been reassigned to Paris and wouldn't be coming back to Beirut again. As we watched the two Blackhawks approaching low over the sea, we shook hands and promised to keep in touch. I offered him a couch to camp on if he ever passed through Paris. I have no idea why, but for some reason I said jokingly, "If you don't leave here soon, Chuck, you dumb son of a bitch, the terrorists are going to get you."

Chuck laughed as he reached down and patted the Walther PKK – James Bond's preferred sidearm – which he kept taped to his ankle.

"They'll have a fight."

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The author at Beirut's Greenline 1987.

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Question: Do the Gurkhas carry pistols?
 Larry Reynolds, Nebraska

Answer: The British Army regards the pistol as a weapon of self-defense – and one of last resort – as even the best military pistol is only accurate at very short ranges. As such, those whose work makes it impractical to carry a rifle, or who are working under cover or on special operations only carry a pistol. The standard army pistol is the Browning nine millimeter automatic with a magazine of 12 rounds. It is reliable, and is a ‘stopper,’ but the chances of hitting a moving target over a range of about 30 meters are slim.

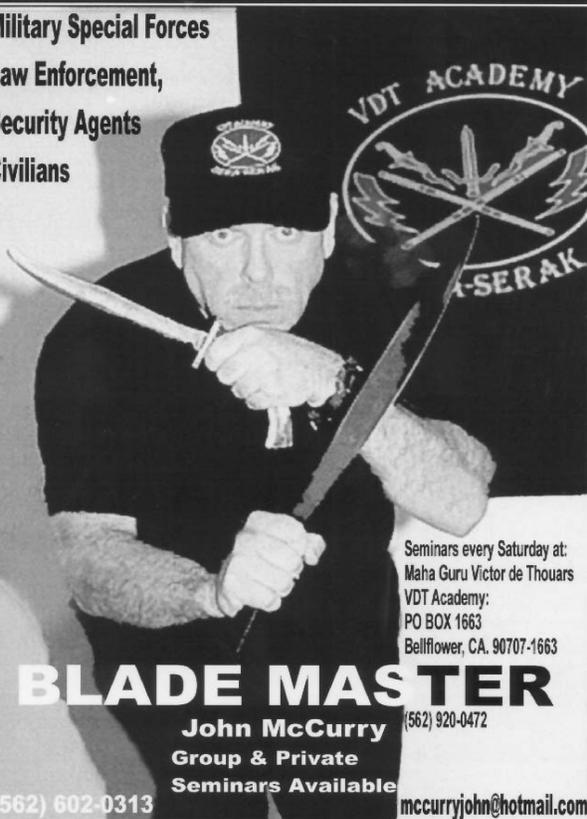
The pistol should be held in both hands, arms outstretched, both eyes open, with the point of aim being the target’s waist belt. As the pistol has a tendency to kick high, this point of aim should allow a hit on the largest part of the target. For special operations, or working undercover, the pistol of choice is the Glock, as stoppages are rare and it is easier to draw and fire from a concealed position than the Browning. All Gurkhas are trained on the Browning, unless they are employed on special operations, when they will be trained on all types of military and civilian pistols. ◦

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Anatomy of a DMZ

By W. Hock Hochheim

In 1976, while stationed in South Korea I visited Pamujon, the treaty city and center point for the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea. I found Pamujon a solemn and unfriendly place. North, South and U.S. troops brandished axe handles instead of M-16s so, if cajoled tempers flared, no shots could be fired, no international incidents with which to contend. Border guards were heavily screened for temperance and stoic appearance.

For decades now, military insiders have called South Korea the most dangerous place in the world to be stationed. And, on any given night, I would see helicopters flying pell-mell to the north. The official news carried no information as to why. Usually we learned from a visiting

Colonel's driver or messenger that there had been a gunfight at the DMZ. Snipers. Raiders. Assassins, and then there were also our little forays north. (See last *CQCMag* issue's The Military Unit From Hell.)

A "DMZ" is a term we take for granted and instantly recognize in modern culture. Those three letters signify to us a somewhat resolved conflict between two relatively hostile geographic neighbors. How does a DMZ like this come to be?

The Korean Demilitarized Zone, the truce line between North and South Korea, is 2.5 miles wide and 155 miles



long. Each half of the deemed "No Man's Land" that 2.5 mile width is bordered by fencing, barbed wire, guards, lookout posts and patrols outside. The DMZ is a leftover legacy of the Cold War. In 1905 the Japanese occupied and then later annexed Korea, and the country remained under Japanese domination until World War II. At war's end, the Soviet Union occupied the north and the U.S. the South. A charismatic young army officer called Kim Il Sung, who had been fighting the Japanese in Manchuria, returned to Korea and formed the Communist Party in the North. In 1948 he declared the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and two years later, backed by Soviet sponsors, he invaded the South. This war lasted until 1953 and ended with the establishment of the DMZ on the 39th Parallel of the globe, but it by no means follows a perfect map line, rather it favors the practical, natural terrain in and around the parallel.

The DMZ and the terrain therein of the No Man's Land vary across the rugged landscape of the Korean peninsula. At its most Eastern point, it encounters the Sea of Japan, and on the West, the Yellow Sea. The DMZ can be blanketed in white snow, or barraged by monsoon rains, as the country experiences all four seasons. Soldier's stand guard in mucky summer heat, or their dog tags freeze to their chest from a cold Siberian front in winter.

On the ground in and around the DMZ, we see Asian topography not so unique to that part of the world. Parts of Oklahoma, U.S. look like Korea. The TV



American officers on a tree-trimming mission in the No-Man's Land were killed by North Koreans brandishing axe handles while attempting to trim the tree shown in this photo I shot in 1976 while stationed in South Korea. Despite the regular, quiet violence on the DMZ, this event was covered by international news, and the wired photos made the murders an international incident. Photo by author.

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Some United Nations Command guards and army officers were hacked to death with axes during a tree trimming venture at the DMZ in 1976.

show MASH was shot in southern California because of these resemblances. It is made unique by its peoples, their rice patties, hootches, villages and oriental flavor of construction buildings and cities. But below we have discovered cavernous tunnels secretly burrowed from North to South, wide enough for tank transport and surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles to pass through.

Each coast line of the DMZ, especially on the west side has many islands and bays that are conducive to spies and intrusions. Whether by sea, tunnel or clipped fence, the NKs were frequently sneaking through the DMZ into the south. Midnight curfews were in effect. Roadblocks pockmarked major and minor highways on both sides of the line.

The U.S. maintains some 37,000 troops there, spread throughout the south. (In the 1950-1953 Korean War we lost 36,500 men) in 23 U.S. bases. The South Korean Army currently

consists of 683,000. Few know of what is called Plan 5027 in the U.S. Pentagon—an outline to establish rapid deployment of up to five Army and two Marine Divisions to the peninsula, but focus remains on U.S. Navy and Air Force with long range strike weapons to brandish the U.S. presence in case of war, leaving the South Koreans to hold the ground at the DMZ.

Prompting a national, paranoid and martial psychology in Korea, is its 2000 years of recorded history, it has faced 900 invasions, mostly from China, Russia and Japan. North Korea's military might stands poised on the north fence with a million troops and more than 13,000 artillery pieces that could rain 300,000 to 500,000 shells per hour on Seoul in 24 hours. In February 2003, North Korea brought machine guns into this axe-handle-only zone, violating the armistice.

Of its communist population, the UN declares three are 22 million malnourished people in North Korea, and famine has killed 2 million in the last 10 years. South Korea's population is twice this size, and its economy is 37 times larger. Generations of well-fed and comfortable southerners born in peace have lost touch with the violence of 50 years ago, making the DMZ in their eyes a *Berlin Wall* with a limited life span.



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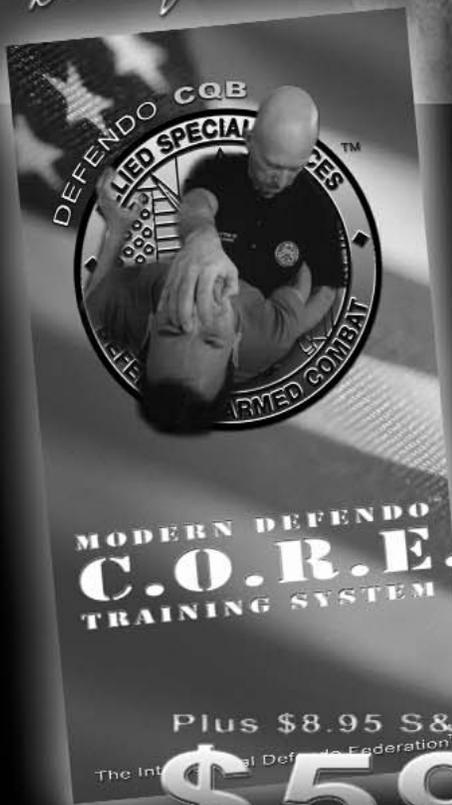
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Woman catches knife thrown by would-be robber

A deli worker in New York caught a butcher's knife after a robber threw it at her. Rosa Dela Cruz managed to grab the knife by its handle, stopping it just inches from her face. A raider who tried to leave the deli in Long Island with a bottle of beer he'd taken threw the knife. "I got angry. I said, 'What are you doing with that knife? Give me that knife! Give me that knife!' He threw it at my face," she told *The New York Post*. Dela Cruz, 42, then ordered the stunned robber to get out before calling for help. Police arrested the man outside the store. He's been charged with robbery. Detective Lieutenant Tom Fitzpatrick said: "We think she's a ninja. She was very calm and cool when we spoke to her. It's incredible she wasn't hurt."

Screeners Screened

Airport screeners have seized more than 4.8 million items – including guns, knives, a kitchen sink pipe and a circular saw – in the 13 months the federal government has been in charge of security. The Transportation Security Administration on Monday gave its most thorough accounting of seizures at the nation's 429 commercial airports. The Transportation Security Administration's tally on items confiscated since February 2002 included: 1.4 million knives, 2.4 million sharp objects, 1,101 guns, 15,666 clubs, more than 125,000 incendiary items and nearly 40,000 box cutters. Local police arrested 922 people at checkpoints, though how many of those resulted in convictions is not known. During March, the first full month the TSA was in charge of screeners, 409,801 items were confiscated, including 4,711 box cutters and 55 guns. Last month, 326,793 items were taken, including 1,132 box cutters and 61 guns. Airports have various ways of getting rid of items taken from passengers. Washington Reagan National Airport sends them to a metal grinder before they're melted down, while several California airports – including San Jose Mineta International Airport and Oakland International Airport – offer them on the eBay online auction site, Turmail said.

Citizen World Travel Tips

Asia now has the world's highest concentration of Al-Qaeda operatives outside of Afghanistan. These cells are the action arms of the Al-Qaeda network. They are well organized and a formidable force in Asia, that no tourist, or business person or advance protection team should ignore. It should be taken for granted that Al-Qaeda has operational cells in each of the following countries, and proper security practices should be observed.

India

Kidnap-for-ransom is a serious and growing problem. There are also unconfirmed reports of Al-Qaeda sleeper cells living and moving freely unnoticed. Airports Mumbai Intl and Delhi's Gandhi Intl Airport have poor security management, which places the service reliability in question. There is no clear delineation of security responsibility.

Thailand

Police corruption, selective law enforcement, military imperiousness, and political interference with law and order causes major segmentation of government. Airports Bangkok Intl Airport security personnel do not possess a high degree of readiness. Historically they do not respond effectively to security threats. Phuket Intl Airport has no long-term vision for anti-terrorism capabilities saying that no specific or credible threats exist there.

Vietnam

Unprotected Westerner's are considered easy targets for armed bandits roaming the outskirts of Ho Chi Minh and Hanoi. The majority of crime comes from ex-Vietnamese armed forces and disorderly gangs of street thugs. Airports Ho Chi Minh's Tan Son Nhat Airport and Hanoi's Noi Ba Airport security manpower staffing and planning is not sufficiently developed. Security forces integrity and effectiveness is lacking.

Laos

One of the 10 poorest countries in the

world, violent crime, police and government corruption hinder national development. Police service reliability is very low and is forecasted to deteriorate in 2003. As a consequence of the poor socio-economic conditions, security forces at Wattay Airport are unable to meet international security expectations.

Cambodia

No long-term vision for anti-terrorism capabilities made due to lack of economic development. Most Cambodian businessmen feel bribery is the normal way of dealing with police and governmental agencies there. Security forces at Poechtenong Airport do not have adequate skills, resources, or motivation to secure the airport or its mission critical systems or parked aircraft on the airfield.

Indonesia

The most corrupt Asian city, Jakarta is crime-ridden and riddled with corruption. Extreme economic hardship, complex and overlapping social and political factors contribute to this problem. The recent bombings in Bali and Jakarta have been powerful deterrents for tourists and overseas businessmen. Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta Intl Airport has a weak mechanism for preventative security action. Extra aircraft security provisions are fully justified. Bali's Ngurah Rai Airport security personnel are not replications of *best practices*. Personnel do not vary daily patrol activity or stay unpredictable when checking mission critical systems.

Philippines

The Kidnapping Capital of Asia, kidnap-for-ransom groups continue to prey on the wealthy. Kidnapping is the most lucrative criminal activity in the country. Airports lack budgeting and resource allocations for additional needed security personnel and equipment. Manning levels are seriously under strength. Parked aircraft on airfields are open to threats, both criminal and terrorist.

Japan

Appears orderly, however under its surface a powerful criminal organization thrives. The Yakuza operates in the densely populated areas of Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe

and Tokyo. The Yakuza has 90,000 members. Their criminal activities include production and supply of amphetamines, designer-club drugs, prostitution, labor racketeering, extortion, and gunrunning. Airport security forces use a management style and security techniques that are very bureaucratic. They are non-adaptable to the shifting terrorist trends in the region. Security forces do not address the importance of guarding private foreign-parked aircraft on the airfield. Instead, manpower and resources are used on passenger screening, congregation areas, and commercial airline safety.

China

Demonstrates widespread corruption and thievery, along with a repressive government. The government does not acknowledge the rising concerns over these issues, and

may be protecting its own business interests. Bands of highly skilled pickpockets roam the streets. Police have a low efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability levels. Airport security tactics at the major airports are not comprehensive, not flexible, or adaptable to the growing threat of terrorism.

South Korea

Government is lacking in the task of metropolitan management. There is major segmentation. None of the law enforcement and emergency agencies work or train together as a team. Each element is separate. Historically, this has caused confusion and major service reliability breakdowns. Security units do not work together as a team.

North Korea

Racked by economic tensions, environmental, ecological, and poor socio-economic conditions. Civilian police manning levels are seriously under strength. All government efforts and resources are concentrated within armed forces. Security arrangements at the airports and service reliability are questionable. The manning levels and security technology are seriously lacking.

Taiwan

Lone street criminals pose a threat to

executives on a regular and unpredictable basis. Robbery is rampant, mostly at knifepoint after-dark. Most crimes against visiting executives never even make the local news anymore, because it is so prevalent.

Taipei's security personnel at Chiang Kai-Shek Intl Airport is lacking in skill, preparation and information.

Operationally, they do not take proactive measures. They do not use initiative when dealing with potential threats. This could cause grave damage when dealing with a major of security situations.

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Pilots and Guns

By Investigator Jeff Johnson

The Homeland Security Act of 2002, which created the Department of Homeland Security and mandated that TSA create the armed pilots' program, supports Price's claim. Section 1402 (f) of the law states that: "Notwithstanding any other provision of federal or state law, a federal flight deck officer, whenever necessary to participate in the program, may carry a firearm in any state and from one state to another state."

The law also states that: "In consultation with the Secretary of State, the Under Secretary may take such action as may be necessary to ensure that a Federal flight deck officer may carry a firearm in a foreign country whenever necessary to participate in the program."

Price believes TSA's narrow interpretation of the statute and their public disclosure of that information amounts to a serious threat to the safety of pilots.

"It's a massive, huge hole and it's a huge problem, and it's something we had hoped and everyone had agreed, we thought, that we wouldn't let out," Price explained.

Airline pilots supporting the law that allows them to carry guns to defend against potential terrorist hijackings said Monday they are "shocked beyond belief" that federal aviation security officials have publicly revealed weaknesses

in the Bush administration's plan to implement the law. A spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) acknowledged Friday that pilots who participate in the program will only be allowed ready access to their guns when they are inside the cockpit with the door locked.

"The jurisdiction of use of the weapon is in the cockpit and the cockpit only," explained TSA spokeswoman Heather Rosenker. "The weapon needs to be re-secured in the locked box if the cockpit door opens."

Capt. Tracy Price, a commercial passenger airline pilot and chairman of the Airline Pilots Security Alliance (APSA), was livid upon learning that the TSA had disclosed the vulnerability." The TSA is advertising that to would be terrorists and telling them and pointing out to them that the best opportunity that they will have to take over the cockpit is when the cockpit door is open because they know the weapon will not be accessible to the pilot," Price said. The disclosure caused Price to "seriously question the TSA's motives" for allowing the information to be made public.

"Are they truly concerned about airline security, or are they concerned about building their own empire?" he asked. "If they had a serious concern with airline security, they would have never let that information out like they did. We're shocked beyond belief."

TSA has justified the decision based on its interpretation of the legislation that mandated the arming of qualified commercial airline pilots. The law calls for the creation of a "Federal Flight Deck Officer Program."

"They are called 'Federal Flight Deck Officers,'" Rosenker explained. "If somebody tries to intervene into the cockpit of that aircraft, they have the right to use their weapon."

Asked if there were no other circumstance, under which a pilot would be justified in using the weapon, she replied, "That's correct." Rosenker acknowledged that the regulation would include times during flights when one of the pilots leaves the cockpit to use the restroom or get food.

Price rejected Rosenker's explanation. "We agree that our jurisdiction is strictly

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Cargo

planes are vulnerable due to exclusion from the program. The firearm storage and transportation requirements are not the only problem that pilots have with the federal flight deck officer program, as Price explained. "At the 11th hour, cargo pilots were removed from the legislation that authorizes pilots to be armed, and they were removed by simply inserting the word 'passenger' before the word 'airline,' so passenger airline pilots only are the ones that are authorized to carry firearms," Price said. "We've got serious, grave concerns about that because cargo pilots have at least as strong a requirement for being armed, or maybe even stronger than passenger airline pilots."

The first armed pilots are expected to begin flying by May, a TSA spokesman said. Pilots criticized as unsafe the TSA's plan to require them to carry their assigned .40-caliber weapons in lockboxes through airports to aircraft. Pilots would prefer to carry the guns in holsters, concealed from public view. "It won't take you long to figure out" which pilots have guns, said Dennis J. Dolan, chairman of a security task force for the Air Line Pilots Association. The lockboxes could make the pilots easier for terrorists and other criminals to identify, he said. Loy decided that pilots could open the lockboxes only after they are inside sealed cockpits. The guns are to be used only inside cockpits.

The agency and the Federal Aviation Administration are studying the effects of firing a .40-caliber handgun aboard an aircraft. The TSA is also negotiating agreements with nations that have strict gun-control laws to allow U.S. pilots to carry guns on flights to those countries.

NRA Armed Citizen (courtesy NR)

A man was shot and killed when he broke into his ex-wife's Laguna Hills, CA home for the second time in several days and tried to force their 10-year-old daughter to drink an unidentified, caustic liquid. Eric Kiefer had been arrested for violating a restraining order when he broke into his ex-wife's home and assaulted her and their daughter. He broke in again only days later in the early morning and tried to force his daughter to drink the liquid. He then attacked the girl's grandparents with a hatchet when they tried to intervene. That's when the young girl's grandfather fatally shot Kiefer in the neck with a shotgun. — *Press-Telegram*, Long Beach, CA

A newspaper carrier saved the day, and a man's life, when he shot a man holding a gun to the head of a Birmingham, AL convenience store clerk during a robbery. Sam Harper was outside a convenience store filling newspaper racks when he saw a man put on a wig and burst into the store, screaming at clerk Tom Burnett and pointing a shotgun at Burnett's head. Harper acted immediately by drawing his own gun, entering the store and firing three times at the gunman. The wounded robber dropped his shotgun but ran toward Harper, who shot him twice more. "I just reacted," Harper said. "It was total chaos, and it was pretty terrifying." Burnett credits Harper with saving his life. — *Dothan Eagle*, Dothan, AL

Mack and Wanda Crawford were awakened about 1:40 a.m. by a thump in the night. When Mack Crawford grabbed a 9 mm handgun and went looking for the source of the noise, he encountered a masked man in his kitchen. The masked intruder demanded Crawford's prescription for OxyContin and then pulled a weapon. Crawford reported that he thought it was a gun. A struggle ensued, and Crawford fired his gun several times,

hitting his assailant twice in the torso. Crawford then removed the man's mask and discovered it was an acquaintance of his. The intruder was taken to the hospital where he was listed in critical condition. During their investigation, police took into evidence a straight-blade knife that Crawford said did not belong to him. — *Kingsport Times-News*, Kingsport, TN

A Berwick, PA convenience store owner's stepfather shot a man when he attacked the owner with a claw hammer. Owner Barry Masick was waiting on a "customer" who wanted to buy soda and chips, but didn't have enough money. The man left the store and went over to a truck and then returned with a claw hammer and struck Masick on the side of his head. Masick shouted for Albert Evans, his stepfather and partner who lives with him in a house next to the store. Evans came running with a handgun loaded with birdshot. When the assailant saw the gun, he raised the hammer toward Evans, who shot him. The suspect later turned himself in to receive medical treatment and was charged with felony robbery, theft and simple assault. — *Press Enterprises*, Bloomsburg, PA

A man was fatally shot when he went into his ex-girlfriend's Algiers, LA home and attacked her boyfriend. Bryan Parent entered the home through a pet door at the back of the house about 5:30 a.m. and began to choke Jeff Dorson. Dorson struggled with the intruder and then pulled a .357 Mag. Revolver from his briefcase and shot Parent. New Orleans Police Department Spokesman Sgt. Paul Accardo said the suspect's ex-girlfriend had a "stay away" order against Parent, who had a history of violence against her. — *The Times-Picayune*, New Orleans, LA

A couple was sleeping in an Omaha, NE apartment when three people broke in about 4:30 in the morning. The intruders began beating the male resident, and he and the woman staying with him each grabbed a handgun and fired on the trio, shooting two of the suspects. — World-

Herald, Omaha, NE

Marine Corps Sgt. James Lowery was on leave in his hometown of Gardendale, AL at the end of an eventful year. Lowery had started the year by marrying his sweetheart, April Leigh Fitzgerald, and soon after he spent two months in Afghanistan. Now he was home enjoying the holidays with family and had stopped at the drive-in window of a local McDonald's for a quick bite. That's when a man with a .38-cal. handgun ordered him out of his customized Chevy Suburban. Lowery complied and got out of his SUV, but the man then shot the Marine in the face. Lowery reached back into his vehicle, drew a .45-cal pistol and shot his assailant several times. The robber, Thaddeus Antone, was pronounced dead at the scene. Lowery was listed in fair condition at a local hospital. — *The Birmingham News*, Birmingham, AL

A Lenwood, CA man shot one of two men who broke into his home early Christmas morning. The 66-year-old man called 9-1-1 at 12:20 a.m. to notify authorities. He said he had shot at the men, and one had escaped on foot. Police investigating the scene discovered a Barstow man, dead from a gunshot wound to the head, dressed in dark clothing and armed with a handgun. Further investigation revealed the deceased and an accomplice had forced their way into the home to commit burglary. — *Desert Dispatch*, Barstow, CA

Two masked men, both armed with guns, burst into Robert's Super Market in Kansas City, MO, about 7:45 p.m. and attempted to rob the store. One robber jumped over the counter, and a clerk shot him. The second masked man struggled with another store clerk until the clerk shot him as well. One robber died at the scene. The other managed to flee the store, but he later turned up at a local hospital, where he died of his wounds. — *The Kansas City Star*, Kansas City, MO

Billy John Brown was just trying to get away from the man attempting to steal his brand-new Ford Explorer, until the man

threatened to kill him. The attempted carjacking took place at 1:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Golden Gallon convenience store. A man approached Brown as he left the store, asking for a light for his cigarette. The suspect then jumped into Brown's SUV and demanded he start the vehicle. Brown later told authorities the man made the demand three times, and he refused. As Brown tried to exit the vehicle, the would-be-carjacker said, "I will kill you." Brown responded by pulling a .44-cal. Taurus revolver. When the suspect raised his hand as if he had a gun, Brown opened fire, hitting the man several times. The carjacker, identified as Jerry Williams, Jr., of Nashville, died at the scene. An accomplice, who had fled during the shooting, was later arrested and charged with attempted carjacking. — *The Tennessean*, Nashville, TN

Medgar Flower was watching television in his living room and his wife, Marsha, was preparing dinner late one night when they heard a knock at their door. Marsha Flowers said two armed men forced their way into the home as she opened the front door, firing several shots. Medgar and one of the armed invaders fell to the floor in a scuffle as Marsha ran outside. The second intruder followed her and fired several times at her. One bullet grazed the back of her neck.

Mrs. Flowers said she ran from door to door on her street, begging neighbors to open the door or call police, but no one responded. "I can't blame them for not opening their doors," she said. "They didn't know who I had behind me." Meanwhile, Medgar was in a life-and-death struggle with the other home invader in his living room. Flowers was trying to reach the 9 mm handgun he kept on his coffee table while struggling to keep his attacker from drawing a gun from his jacket. Finally, Flowers was able to retrieve his gun and fired several times at the intruder. "I didn't even know if I had hit him," he said. "There was no blood, and he never fell. It was like I hadn't shot him." The struggle ended when Flowers' tormentor stumbled out of the house and died a short time later. The second gunman was not found. — *Morning Advocate*, Baton Rouge, LA

The owner of Borla's Service Station in Waterbury, CT couldn't believe his eyes when he glanced at the closed circuit security monitor in his office. He saw a man threatening his cashier with a crowbar and demanding money. James Borla watched the scene play out on the monitor as the clerk, who'd only been on the job two weeks, became flustered and failed to open the cash register. It soon became apparent the clerk was in imminent danger as the man became agitated and slammed his crowbar against the counter, demanding she open the register. Borla grabbed the .44-cal. handgun he keeps in his office and came up behind the suspect, ordering him to drop his weapon and lie down on the floor. Borla held the suspect at gunpoint for police, who arrested the man and charged him with first-degree robbery. — *Republican-American*, Waterbury, CT

A Naples NY man shot and killed an intruder who broke into his house in the middle of the night and threatened him. Michael Wojtowich's 11-year-old son awakened him and told him someone was in the house. Wojtowich loaded his 12-ga. shotgun and started down the steps to find out what was going on. Brian Dibble, who had previously dated Wojtowich's girlfriend, confronted him. Chief Deputy Don DeSmith of Ontario County Sheriff's Department reported, "We're not sure exactly what was said, but apparently Mr. Dibble threatened Mr. Wojtowich with bodily harm." After being threatened, Wojtowich shot Dibble once in the chest. The intruder was pronounced dead at the scene. Prior to the incident, Dibble was said to have broken into his old girlfriend's home next door. — *Finger Lakes Times*, Geneva, NY

A 19-year-old Midtown, MD man was shot and killed when he opened fire on two motorists stopped at a red light. The man in the second of the two cars drew his own gun and shot back. Andre Lamont Hill approached a car stopped at a red light in Baltimore at 10:20 p.m. and fired multiple times, hitting that car and a car directly behind it. When the second car was sprayed with bullets, the driver, who had a permit to carry a gun, fired back, striking Hill several times in the head.

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The motive for the attack was unknown, according to Baltimore Police. – *The Baltimore Sun, Baltimore, MD*

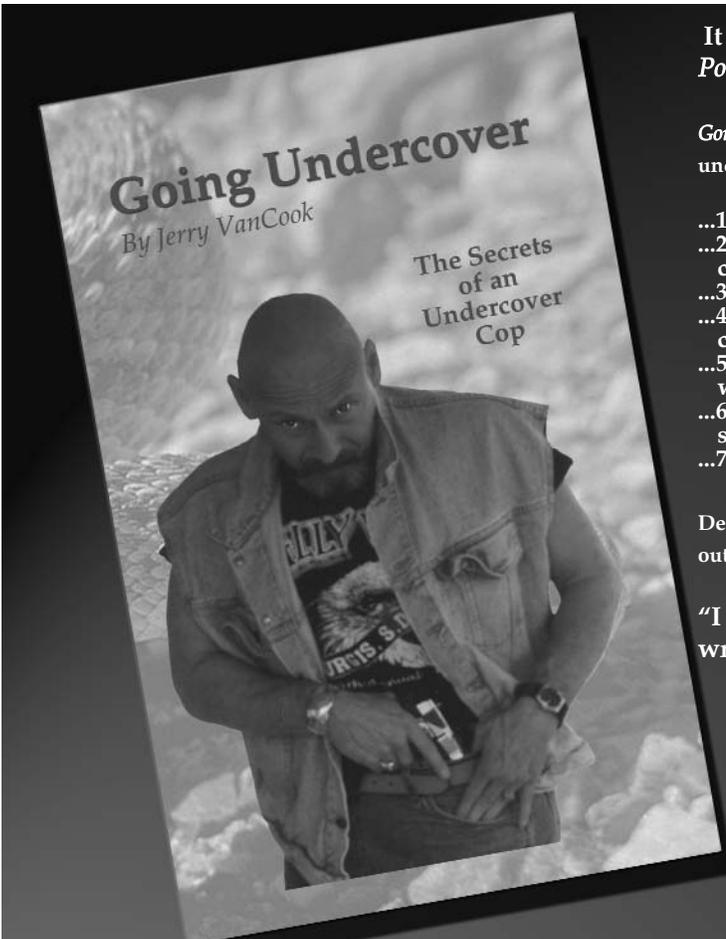
From the moment two young men walked into Gary Lee's Market one afternoon, the owner's wife, Cathy Lee, knew they were trouble. She noticed the pair avoided eye contact with store employees and the hooded jackets they wore were too warm for the season. Her fears proved right moments later when one of the men pulled a gun and aimed it at a store clerk. Cathy had alerted her husband that there was trouble, and he emerged from the back of the store with a 9 mm pistol. He aimed in the direction of the robbers and fired. The pair of would-be bandits flew from the store, empty-handed. Three Brunswick, GA men were arrested in connection with the attempted robbery. Store proprietor Lee said he felt he had to stand up to the gunmen. "When they had the gun, they were in control, but that changed when I came out with my gun," he said. – *The Brunswick News, Brunswick, GA.*

Bureau of Justice Statistics

- Police receive more reports about crimes committed by strangers than crimes committed by acquaintances.
- Crimes committed by gang members are less likely to be reported.
- Women and old people report crimes more often than men and young people.
- People report crime committed by a family member less often than crime committed by a stranger. This is especially true if the family breadwinner commits the crime.
- People who report crime say they do it to prevent further crime, stop the offender or protect themselves. Eight percent say they called the police because they wanted to punish the offender. If the crime was a sexual offense, 12 percent reported

for this reason.

- Reports of violent crime rose 43 percent in 1992-1999 to 49 percent in 2000.
- Only about 39 percent of the estimated 25 million crimes were reported in 2000. Car thefts or attempted car thefts were reported about 81 percent of the time.
- Pickpockets were reported only 28 percent of the time.
- 49 percent of crime against blacks was reported, 42 percent of crime against Whites, 40 percent of crime against Asians and 44 percent of crime against Hispanics was reported.
- More than half the violent crimes where a weapon was used were reported to police. Sixty-five percent involved firearms. Victims only reported 38 percent of crimes where no weapon was used. ◊



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Threat Psychology *By Mike Gillette*



What is the psychological component of violence? Now, I'm not talking about what types of personalities become criminals, or why. My purpose is to help you differentiate between threat situations that have escalated and those that are planned.

Physical assaults may be classified into two primary categories. The first category includes those assaults that occur as the result of a high level of immediate emotional excitation. I will refer to these as **Spontaneous Assaults**. The emotion most commonly associated with these assaults is anger. Although serial killers and terrorists get the most headlines, spontaneous assaults still account for the vast majority of violent incidents.

The other category of threat is the type that may be associated with a predetermined criminal or even terrorist act. These are threats that are based upon the execution of a specific plan of action. A person of any religion, race, color, gender or national origin may initiate these acts. My term for this type of action is a **Strategic Assault**. The emotion most commonly associated with these assaults is Nervousness. Nervousness does not suggest that the individual is necessarily

afraid. Nervousness in this case relates to the anticipation a criminal may feel before executing his or her plan.

Given our current political climate, it is essential to remember this fact: only behavior can be dangerous, not race or religion or ideology. To be effective, your threat assessment efforts must stay focused on observable behaviors and not superficial physical characteristics.

Whether we are discussing spontaneous or strategic assaults, some type of observable behavioral cues will generally precede both types of assaults. These cues correspond with the emotional component associated with each type of assault.

As you look over the list you will notice that regular people who may simply be angry or nervous exhibit some of these cues. But it is when behaviors appears to be out of the ordinary that you need to pay closer attention. If something seems unusual, remain alert and analyze the specifics of what you are observing. Anything that catches you eye or doesn't seem to fit is worth examining further. This may sound simple but it is critically important. No one will ever know just how many crimes are prevented because people are alert to what is going on around them. ◦



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Anger:

- Redness in face
- Pointing of fingers
- Arms or legs cross ed
- Rapid Speech
- Short or rapid breathe
- Rapid body motions
- Frequent repetition of certain phrases .
- Muscular tension
- Tightly closed lips
- Rigid posture
- Shaking
- Uncontrollable arm movements
- Conspicuously ignoring you
- Excessively emotional behavior

Nervousness:

- Eyes darting back and forth
- Tapping hands, fingers, feet
- Contraction of the body (curling up)
- Fidgeting with pens, jewelry, etc.
- Shifting weight from side to side
- Clearing the throat
- Crossing and uncrossing arms or legs
- Coughing nervously
- Biting the lip
- Unnatural sweating
- Looking down
- Becoming silent
- Rapid smiling and then returning to a normal expression

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What's Your Position on Reversed Grip? Should That Position Be...Reversed? *By W. Hock Hochheim*



“When I tackled him and he hit the ground, his knife went into him,” the officer explained to his Sergeant. The officer had confronted an angry husband, holding a knife in a reverse, or ice pick grip. The long kitchen knife was buried clean up the handle inside the suspect’s torso. - *COPS, FOX Network*

“We crashed against the wall. Hard. I tried to stay away from the bayonet and it was on his far side. When we stuck, he let out a growl with a lot of wind. His mean eyes got round. Mad. Then

empty. I hit him down with my hands and saw that when we hit the wall, he had stabbed himself in the ribs. The had held the bayonet in a blade down grip. The pommel hit the wall and he fell on the knife as I drove the knife in him. He was shocked. When he died, his hand fell and the knife stuck there in his chest.”- *Sgt. Bernard Horn, WW II: The Europe Theatre*

Many like to debate their favorite knife combatives grip. Saber-like a sword, or reverse grip-like the ice pick? There are even baseless myths from self-proclaimed experts who love to say, “watch out for a guy who holds his knife this way (or that way) HE really knows the secret. He knows what he is doing.”

Fact is there is no one perfect grip, just advantages and disadvantages to both on a case- by-case basis. To me, the reverse grip is best utilized from a concealed grip start, a smart survival tactic. Also it functions well in a superior, knee-high ground position. What I would like to present here is one of the least known and potentially most dangerous aspects of the reverse knife grip for your consideration.

The myth of the knife duel, fueled by a lack of experience and research, skewers training doctrine. Few comprehend that a knife fight, whether knife versus knife or unarmed versus the knife is not a clean, organized fencing duel, a game of steel tag, where the loser drops to the floor dead upon tapping contact. These conflicts are close, ugly, rough and tumble. The knife fights of military and criminal history, categories I have researched extensively for books and police cases, prove that these struggles crash into walls, trees, furniture, cars, whatever! And they may often end stumbling onto the ground with a fall and a struggle.

The saber grip points at the enemy, or away from the holder. The reverse grip may naturally point back the holder. Pressure on the weapon-bearing arm, a loss of balance, a crash into a

wall, a fall to the floor and there is your knife tip, looming with a propensity to plunge into you. Numerous knife fights have occurred when a reverse grip holder was accidentally stabbed in his own thigh, stomach or side. At times the enemy actually turned the blade onto the holder while CQC wrestling, an act far easier with a reverse grip than a saber grip.

Because of the surprise fall or tackle, I have students practice falling in all directions holding a knife in saber and reverse grip, acclimating them to the weapon tip whereabouts as well as learning to take a combat fall. I regret to report that in one such falling session, a student with a reverse grip did a forward roll and when he finished, his plastic training knife was so tangled up inside his shirt collar it took him a few seconds to extract the knife from his own throat area. I shudder to think what would have happened had it been a real knife and if had been pushed from behind or stumbled. Also realistic knife “horse-play” in close-quarters standing, kneeling and on the ground positions builds grip and tip awareness.

Consummate knife fighters strike and kick while brandishing the knife and another common self-wounding accident occurs when a person attempts a round kick while holding a reverse grip edged weapon. Body dynamics

often cause the arm to drop as the leg swings in, causing the thigh puncture.

So, the next time the grip debate comes up, mention how that prevalent, cancerous myth of the knife duel hides the fact that real fights are a chaotic mess, and that inside one, the reverse grip can be self-wounding. The myth of the sterile duel and its game of tag, establishes a lack of realistic training that fails to include falling, tackling and crashing, hardcore tackles.

Prior to World War II and during the Japanese/Chinese hostilities, A Japanese soldier and an expert enemy lines sapper, once wrote, “When I see a Chinese with knife down grip. I hit him in the face. Makes mind loose. Then (I) hit (him) hard in the upper arm. Makes arm loose. Then I grab his hand holding the knife and stick him! Maybe in the thigh. Maybe in the body. Depends where his knife points.”•



Bass Boats

By *W. Hock Hochheim*

All martial arts instructors have friend or student stories. At some point certain friends become students, and students become friends, some very close friends. It's common somewhere in that transition for instructors to feel uncomfortable collecting a fee from students who are friends. And it may become uncomfortable for students who are friends to pay! In fact, some may begrudge it. They assume, because they are your friends, that they are entitled to your services for free.

Maybe at one time they were your pals and you worked out together. Maybe at one time they were fellow students, who went to class for a hobby while you took classes with a specific goal – like becoming an instructor and advancing your knowledge to an advanced level.

Back in the 1980s I have a student/friend who came to me one month and said that times were very rough for him, and he just couldn't pay the \$30 per month tuition. Could he just come awhile for free and when things picked up, he would get back on the paying rolls again. He was a friend, and I said, "sure." The trouble was, no one had defined the term "awhile."

One month. Two. Three. Six! His attendance was impeccable all the while, and he never broached the subject of class payment again. I could only assume that things hadn't picked up yet?

Seven months later my friend pulled up in front of the gym, towing something on a trailer to show off. You guessed it! A new boat. Well it wasn't completely new. It was used, so Mr. Empty Pockets had bought it-outright. I did restore his payment plan immediately.

Maybe it isn't completely their fault? You've been just as inept and sloppy about this relationship as they have, and you're supposed to be the professional! You offer a service (training) for a fee. Your time and your expertise are valuable. If you don't believe you are a professional deserving of a fee, no one else will either, and you will be out of business and into charity work rapidly.

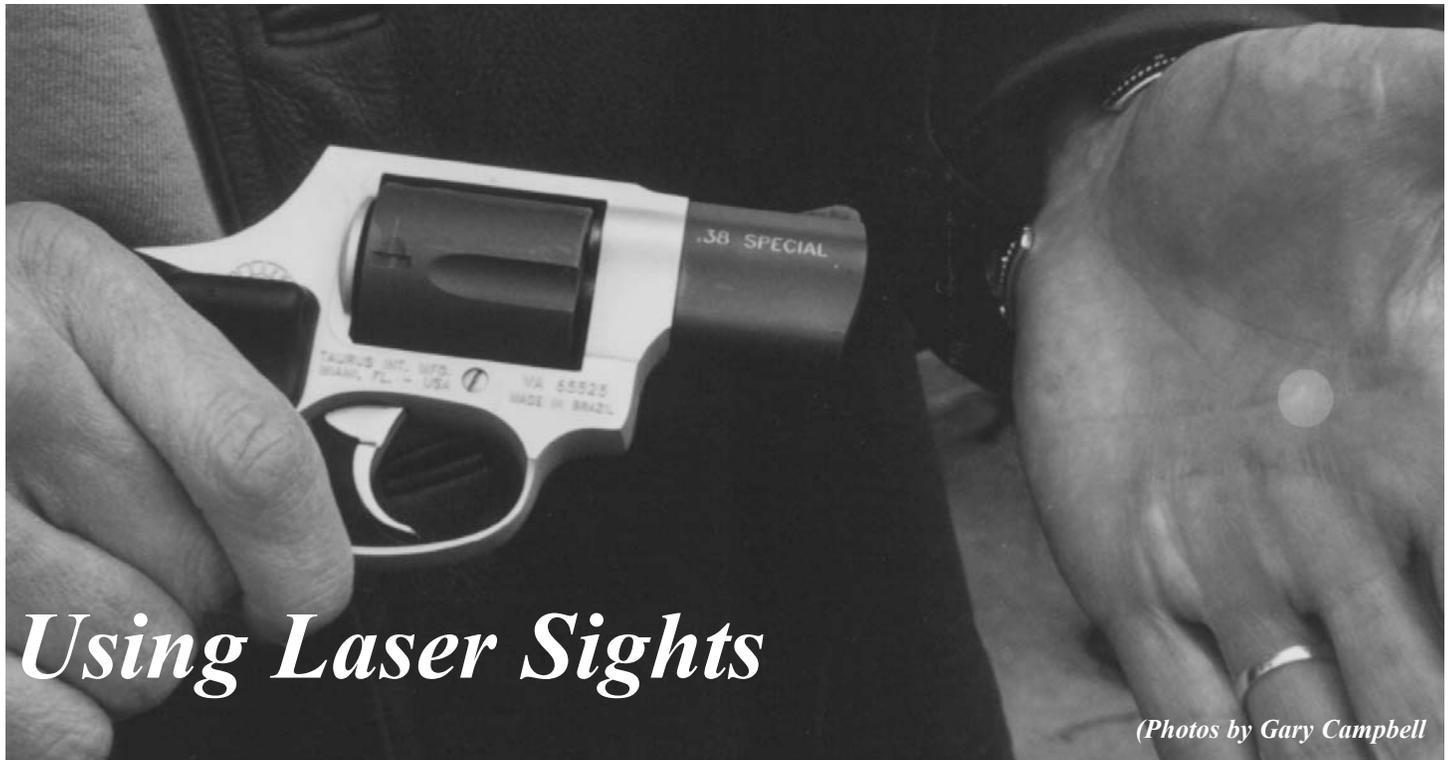
Popular business models

offer many solutions to these circumstances. Now there are contract services that keep you clear of debt collection. You sign up friend, neutral or foe and get them committed to a contract. Or you must set out some serious parameters for collection. Some instructors mail regular bills to the student's home, avoiding that uncomfortable confrontation.

Establish clear boundaries regarding personal and professional relationships. You can do this by providing your clients with a list of clearly stated, services fees and due dates. Let them know that you are running a business. That there are people who rely on you to meet a payroll and you have a responsibility to them. Once the doors of your business open and you have employees, the choice to offer up your services for free is no longer entirely up to you. People count on you. Nothing personal! You like your good old buddies. You'd be happy to see them for a drink or for a meal. You hope they will participate in your events and buy your products. After all, have they not witnessed the long hours of work and dedication that's taken you to a level of marketable skill? And if they don't understand, you mustn't take it personally. That's business.

Gone are the old days when hard-core karate types would act like mafia henchmen making collection rounds. Hmmm, wait a minute...maybe we should keep that image alive as long as we can!.





Using Laser Sights

(Photos by Gary Campbell)

By Jerry VanCook

Not long ago a friend of mine recommended that I write a column around my views on laser sighting systems. Good idea. So here goes.

First, this age of technology has brought to light (pun intended) the notion that gadgets may replace human thought and action. In the firearms world, it's pretty clear that some people believe technology can take the place practice, skill, and hard work.

During my life I've seen lots of people buy a gun, go shoot it a few times at the range, then stick it in the closet and wait for the burglar. By the time he comes—if he ever does—they no longer remember where the safety is, how to cock it, or even if it's loaded. It's like me every six months when I try to change the heater and air conditioner filter. I haven't done it for six months, and I can't remember if the hairy side goes out or in. Anyway, some gun buyers don't even bother to go to the range at all before they store the gun away. Now, these same people are buying laser sights without learning what lasers can, and can't, do.

Now, before we go on, let me get this in up front. I LIKE laser sights. They definitely have their place, and they're a giant leap for mankind in the pursuit of "smart guns." (*Real* smart guns—not those ridiculous "do it for the children" guns with so many safety devices that they're *dangerous*). But you've got to keep in mind that lasers, while great, aren't magic. They won't think for you and they won't keep the barrel on target if you flinch or otherwise move it when you pull the trigger.

After several years of experience with a variety of laser sights, here are my personal ideas of what they're good for, and what they aren't:

Lasers are great for beginning shooters—as long as they don't come to rely on them totally.

They're good for those personality types who actually have to SEE something to believe it's possible. People who don't trust their instincts (Homesteaders?) find real comfort in that red dot on the target.

People who do trust their instincts (Explorers) can put lasers to good use, too. But they don't need the psychological boost the Homesteaders will get from them. Lasers are great for point shooters because they extend the range in which point shooting is reasonable. Looking for the red dot before you pull the trigger will take a little longer than just pointing—but not nearly as long as trying to find that front sight when your eyes refuse to focus on it and keep instinctively telling you to LOOK AT THE THREAT, STUPID! That's what humans do naturally—they look at the THREAT. It's kind of like shooting a basketball. You look at the basket, not the ball.

Laser sights make hip-shooting (which is NOT the same as point-shooting regardless of how many times certain writers try to suggest it is) a very viable method of gunfighting. With a laser you can not only hip shoot to your heart's content, you can shoot over your shoulder, under your arm, behind your back, standing on your head, or any other way you want. If you can see the red dot on the target, and it's still there when the gun goes off, you'll hit what you're shooting at.

Now, what laser sights simply will not do, and should not be expected to do, is work in bright sunlight. But since the majority of shootings take place in dim lighting, or indoors

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(where lasers work well day and night) they're well worth having. Just make sure you know how to shoot without them should you find yourself in a bad fix on Main Street at High Noon.

Now, if you want to know my personal favorite laser sights, I'd have to tell you it's Crimson Trace. I've got them on all of my self-defense guns including the new model for the Browning Hi-Power. One of the things I like best is the fact that the light comes out of the grip. This means absolutely no exterior wiring, and no little "bumps" which some manufacturers will tell you won't affect the way the gun fits your holster, but *will*. With the Laser Grips, I can carry my .40 S&W Hi-Power in all the rigs I've used for years. (It also fits the 9 mm version, by the way.)

Last but not least is the tremendous boost lasers give to point-shooting practice. It's very simple. UNLOAD your gun, stick it back in your holster, draw, point and squeeze the little button. See how far off the target you are. Reholster, adjust, repeat. Bingo! Immediate feedback. And you can do this without spending a penny (unless you want to count a few cents for

battery power) and over time, you'll get the hang of pointing at very small targets in your living room or larger targets farther away.

Okay, I guess that wasn't last after all. Last is this: Laser sights aren't cheap, and I've heard people say, "For that amount of money I could buy another gun!" To some of these people I wanted to say, "Yeah, and then you'd have TWO guns you couldn't hit anything with." ◦



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Stampede

By Joe Reyes

Over crowding is probably the number one situation that goes bad every time in a nightclub. Recently it caused some serious *bad* in a nightclub in Chicago.

Twenty-one patrons died and 55 were seriously injured. Some owners of nightclubs just have no regard for occupancy laws, they figure that all that can happen is a fine or a warning and that's it. They just want to pack the place and make the money. But then something goes wrong and all hell breaks loose.

The Epitome nightclub in Chicago was said to have 1,500 patrons in it on Feb 17, 2003 when a fight broke out on its upper level. The nightclub has been cited for repeated building code violations and the city has been sparring in court with the owners of the nightclub since July 2002, officials said. Fire commissioner James Royce said that, "the owners know that they are not supposed to open the second floor facility. Witnesses said the deadly stampede was caused when security guards used mace to break up a fight. Victims were trampled or smothered when hundreds of screaming guests rushed the exits of the club. No. 1 rule never uses mace inside! To many innocent people get a taste of it, and nobody likes it. In this case it caused a panic, and you have hundreds of people trying to get out of a doorway that's big enough for a few people at most.

In my eyes the security is at fault for this one. If you have a big fight going on involving a lot of people and you don't have the manpower to stop it right away, then try to contain it and let them punch themselves out and keep everybody else back or get them to safety, it's the innocent people that get hurt that ticks me off, in this case 21 of them died. All but one of the exits were locked or blocked, in some cases by bags of laundry from the first floor restaurant. The locked doors are a clear fire-code violation. These are things that I always check every night that I work; you never know when it might be you that needs to get out of there quick! Firefighters had to use sledgehammers and pry bars to open locked or blocked doors that prevented club goers from flee-



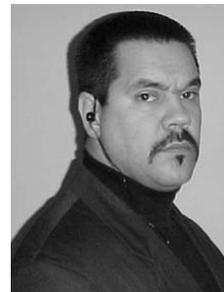
ing. Bodies were stacked up at the front door and people were screaming according to witnesses.

One security guard admitted using pepper spray and now is being held responsible by lawyers of the survivors that are suing the club. This was a bad move for this guy. I'm sure that he thought he was doing the right thing but come on, mace inside, no way! I've said it before-the safety of the patrons is paramount! You go out to have a good time and you die, it's just not right. Some club owners are going as far as making announcements in the beginning of the night and throughout the night to point out the emergency exits, or have the DJ do it. This takes about 2 minutes and can save hundreds of lives. Fascinated by this story I found out the following things.

Security video taken inside the club during the panic and stampede shows the patrons rushing into a stairway, becoming wedged "like a cork ina bottle," then gasping for air then disappearing under a crush of bodies trying to escape the club. A source that viewed the video surveillance said that it did not show anyone using pepper spray to break up a fight. As police continued to sort through witness accounts of the disaster at the south

Michigan avenue club, it was still unclear whether security guards attempted to block the exit. Several witnesses have said that the guards did block doors, contributing to the deadly bottleneck.

Judge Diane Larsen ordered the city and the club owners to preserve the evidence, including surveillance tapes, company files and information from an identification scanner. However, clubs rarely use the scanners to check every patron. Most clubs just use them to create a mailing list to promote future events. All in all this one could have been easily prevented. Guys, learn from someone else's mistake. Never, never use mace inside. It will always go bad, in this case extremely bad.



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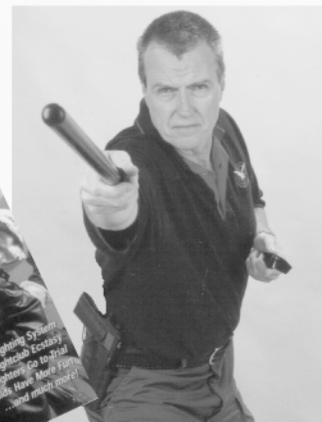
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By Buffalo Nickels

Whizzz!

The 11 o'clock news ended. Stark naked, I stepped out the back door into the brisk New England Fall, night air. Ahhhhhh... Ahhh! Life! I breathed deeply. The wind flapped the hair on my chest. No one could spot me with-

out infrared, I thought. But through the darkness I could see the lights from the windows of houses that backed up to ours. The wind caressed my manly nipples and rustled through the trees in our back yard.

King. King of all I survey.

I hummed a little tune –

“Every single breeze seems to whisper Louise....”

Barefoot, I padded to the end of our balcony. An almost nightly ritual, and without any hand-held steering, I just let the call of nature have its way. Sweet wild abandon! I put my hands on my hips like Superman. I drained the used martini sack. For you slow thinkers and draft dodgers out there? This means I took a piss – A wicked piss. It simply does not get any better than.....

WHACK!

“What?”

WHACK! Whack...whack, whack, whack....

In all my ecstasy, I did not hear Mrs. Buffalo step outside. Armed with a rolled up newspaper, usually reserved for times when Fido fucks up, she beat me about the shoulders.

“You are out here peeing off the DECK????”

Whack across my head. For one brief second, I knew what the dog must feel like. The loud crashing... Didn't hurt much but...wow!

The once quiet stream, no longer landed blissfully in the lush, green grass below. Instead it splashed on the wooden planks of the deck in a misguided, random spray. Unmanned, the urine sputtered across my feet.

Whack! Ms. Buffalo dared take a swing at the little king!

“What is it with you men!” She declared in a satanic growl,

“Do you (*whack*) have to mark your territory (*whack*) everywhere you go?”

What is it?

What is it with us men and pee?

At jump school, there were stories of veteran paratroopers, who suddenly, on their – say, 115th jump, peed their pants. Falling through space, a body quickly reaches 125 miles an hour, or about 60 yards a second. Easy for pansies to go pee-pee, but we are talking paratroops here. They weren't scared, yet for some inexplicable reason – Whizzzzzz? On the ground, they were dumbfounded as their buddies just laughed at the prospect of ruining their reputations with tales of Sgt Rock and his wee-wee stains.

Dead guys defecate upon their death. Their muscles loosen up, and if he's carrying? Out comes the juice and the hard stuff. Wonder if your enemy's dead? Sometimes do an air check. Sniff.

Usually the enemy won't go that far to have a successful ambush. “Yeah, yeah...here's the plan Turbi, lay down and take a shit. Yeah! When the GIs smell poo-poo? They'll think you're dead and we'll bushwhack em! Yeah!” Not likely.

If your bladder is full during combat and it gets nicked? You are a candidate for internal poisoning. Always go potty before killing bad guys, boys and girls. Lean, mean fighting machines don't carry you-know-what!

Peeing is good for the sole! That's right S-O-L-E of the foot, not soul. If you are having foot problems short of Malaysian jungle rot or “immersion foot,” your own tweedle-medicine shot down on your feet will help cure all kinds of fun-gusseessesse, er, I mean fungi.

On leave in Japan from Vietnam, Corporal Bobby “Troubadour” Minken found an opportunity to locate a certain Captain Truman's toothbrush in a hotel bathroom. The Troub grabbed it, laid a steaming piss on the brush, whipped it through the air to dry it (the brush, not Troub's tube) and replaced it atop the officer's dop kit. Though unwitnessed, we all knew Truman brushed his teeth with Mink's musky, yellow toothpaste. We all laughed so hard until-well-we peed in our pants. The Troub died of cancer about three years ago. I hope Truman reads this now. He was a chicken-shit, rock-painting punk. In this man's Army you use a toothbrush for a hundred things, from cleaning your rifle to your boot soles. That's the first time I knew of a brush used for revenge.

Animals mark their territory with urine. Mrs. Buffalo is actually convinced that I am in some kind of biological turf war with Fido – who bathes the yard like it's his Alamo. But I am not Santa Anna! She really wouldn't care, but she thinks we are scorching her flowers yellow, plus – she thinks the widow Melroski next door might have a heart attack if she sees me active in the competition.

A few nights later, when Mrs. Buff is conveniently in the basement...I walked outside.

I take a hard look at Melroski's window. No silhouette.

I take a real quick, refreshing pissola off the back deck.

Fido, awakens and stands watching me from the sliding glass door. He looks none to happy. I say, “Yeah! Take that! Ya little, leg-lifting bastard, ya!”

I don't know why, I just have too!

Keep your socks dry and a scout's eye on your toothbrush, troopers!

Bye-Bye .

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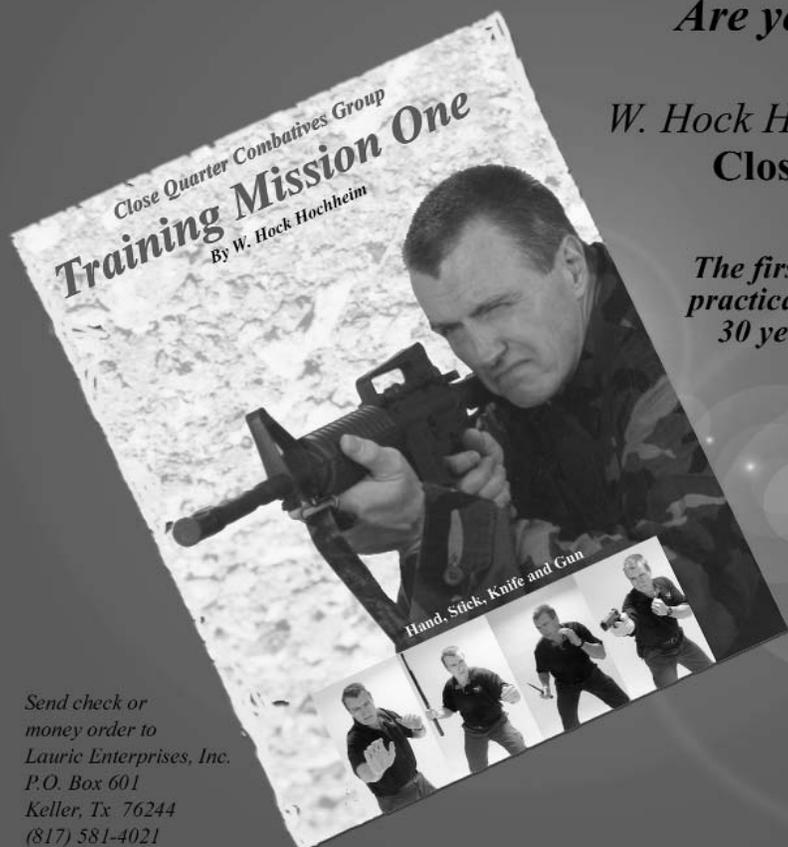
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