De-escalation

By Joseph Andalina

My rear end. Really — it’s come to this? We have to be told to de-escalate interaction with the public? Like us flat-foots don’t do that every day in the last few hundred years?

Give me a break, please. It’s all so stupid. The press, politicians, and the public have now come up with this gimmick to “fix” all that is wrong with the s---heads of society. De-escalate. Be nice.

That’s what we do every time there is a traffic stop. “Sir/ma’am, may I see your driver’s license and registration, please?”

Domestic? “Sir, would you please stop beating the snot out of your wife and children? Please?”

Bar fights? “Sir, would you put down your glass of whiskey and please stop harassing the woman next to you, or the 6’8” bartender?”

Armed robbery? “Sir, put the gun down, please, and freeze or I’ll blow your head off!”

Isn’t that de-escalation? We give a warning first. This de-escalation crap has been around for a long time. It never works.

Cops don’t want to kill people. Yes, there are bad ones out there. You just don’t shoot someone 20 times, or someone unarmed in the back numerous times while they are fleeing. They are rare instances, but the press would have you believe it’s the norm.

If bad guys would stop being bad, if everyone complied with orders, these instances would be reduced. Then if an incident would occur that is questionable, justice would prevail against officers who truly do bad things.

Here’s another technique we use: Sir, put your hands on the car and don’t reach for your weapon. I’m not f---ing kidding!

Having police de-escalate interactions with dangerous, disturbed nut jobs or those hell-bent on mayhem will only get more cops and innocent folks injured or killed. Darn, was I politically incorrect again? Too bad, so sad.

The idea itself is not new. The days of “brawn over brains” has been over for a long time. There was in the past the theory that cops should be hired by how tough they were. Big Irish
By: Thomas Ross

My column this month I call “We all have family.” I want to today address an issue of tremendous practical importance, namely, how we ought to engage in fraternal correction. Scripture says, with utter directness and simplicity, “If your brother wrongs you against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.” What a world of significance in that little recommendation! It holds off the tendency of running to everyone but the person in question and complaining about them behind their back. This strategy is utterly unproductive and harmful, for it does nothing to help the person you are criticizing, and it puffs up your already inflated ego. I know it is exceptionally difficult, but going to the person directly is both productive and uplifting. It has in my experience a world of significance in that little recommendation! It holds off the tendency to forgive — NOT CONDONE — in any way, but MOVE, I say for the better good, we are encouraged to FORGIVE — NOT CONDONE — in any way, but MOVE, I said MOVE, towards forgiveness. As a nation, we have had to do this a lot — especially after Pearl Harbor, JFK’s death, 9/11 — just to name of the big ones. I like to think of human hurts this way, — say you burn your hand on scalding hot water — it scars, then healing begins and the skin around mends. But forever you can point to that spot as it is always there. So how do we seek to forgive?

Today we talk of seeking, we would first think of GOOGLE, Search engines, for answers. That is not the seeking here! It is so human of us to decide who belongs and whom we should exclude when we talk of forgiveness. Sometimes we, too, can act with extravagant generosity, beyond the rational rules of justice. Then on the other side we can hold beyond belief a hurt within and refuse to allow ourselves to release it from our insides. Remember the burn on the skin? If left untreated it will boil and cause infection and it leads to hurts that can leave walls of scar tissue. And now imagine the wrongs against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. And of course, no one on the board apparently thought of informing the public, either.

Over the years, I have talked to many families about broken relationships that sometimes are so deeply rooted they strain to remember the absolute cause of the hurt. It just sometimes reaches so deep, they cannot begin to dig out of the hurt. That should never be the end of the story for we always have a way out if we choose to face it front and center. You see, Life is too short to harbor hurts against each other. There is always a way to forgive. But maybe I’m wrong. Please enlighten me — one who does not receive two pensions.

Mr. Elaine Nekritz, the press’ favorite pension expert, has resigned. Recent reports said she said it’s time to resign, that she has done everything she knows how to do. She found herself without the energy to tackle state issues and frustrated due to the budget battle. She was frustrated! Just think how the public-sector workers felt, as she tried, with Republicans, to re-work public pension laws. Her and others’ efforts were ultimately overturned by the courts. I’m sure, however, she meant well.

Did I just write that? Sorry, she is gone. It looks like she is supporting Senator Daniel Biss in his candidacy for the Democratic governor’s race in 2018. He was part of that pension cabal. So be wary of these wolves in sheep’s clothing. Just sayin’.

Double dipping the pension

Chief Robert Marshall of Naperville can continue to do so. Yay for Robert. And a judge says so. So there. So he collects and contributes to another pension while receiving an earlier pension from years of services in Naperville. I do not begrudge his desire to “make more money.” That’s what leadership does while they are leading. But let’s be clear that there are very few grunts, if any, who get to do this. It is the hallmark of the brass to get these benefits. But maybe I’m wrong. Please enlighten me — one who does not receive two pensions.

Bloomington’s, Illinois’ Police Chief Frank Giambalme (nice Italian boy) is retiring this fall. But he is not leaving the department. I hope he will be following many other suburban chiefs and coming back as the Village Director of Public Safety. In this case, a newly created position. So he stays on and will be responsible for all oversight of the police department. Isn’t that nice?

But guess what? He won’t be able to arrest anyone! I am not making this up. He can’t collar the wicked among us. You know, like he did all the time as a chief. He will make about $133,000 per year in a newly created salary. The mayor says he didn’t want the chief to retire because he is “a great leader” among other nice things.

Nice to have a mayor create a position just for you! No, not you. The connected always find a way and you are not among them. Sorry.

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Federal

The craziness in our federal government continues as the hating, back-biting, backstabbing, and fake news continues unabated.

Still waiting for America to become great again

Still waiting for Hillary to get lost in the woods

Still waiting for health care

Still waiting for the tax reform

Still waiting…waiting…waiting

Janus vs AFSCME

This case is going to the US Supreme Court, probably on the fall calendar. The crux of this case is to outlaw fair share by the litigation section of the Illinois Policy Institute. It is funded by the National Policy Institute.

This began as a political scheme by Governor Rauner the Bruce, who signed an executive order and filed a lawsuit attempting to ban fair share fees. It is an assault on our freedoms to form strong unions. We shall see.

State

• Chicago is still eating its young, old, women, and children. More murders and attempted murders.

• Does not stop. Maybe it’s time to let cops be cops. Trump needs to get tough — okaaay.

• Lawsuit says Rahm and alderman must let people speak at council meetings. So now 10 people a meeting can speak for three minutes each while no one listens.

• Chicago has to repay millions of dollars to thousands of people they cheated with red light tickets. Wait long enough and justice prevails.

• Budget — Hey, Illinois has a budget and a 32 percent increase in income taxes. Why aren’t you smiling?

• 500 legislative bills heading to Rauner the Bruce’s desk. Decisions, decisions, decisions. What to veto first? What to override next?

• Abortion rights is a topic. Can you Medicaid?

• LGBTQA rights is another. No more gay bashing or panic defense for murder, where one claims they acted because they were “hit on” by a LGBTQA individual. Also, it will now be easier to get a birth certificate and change what you are, were, or want to be.

• Inmates will get training so when they get out, no one will ever, ever commit a crime again. Unless they forget.

• As a cop, if you shoot someone or at someone, you will take an alcohol and a drug test before shift’s end. They say only if you injure or kill someone, but we know better, don’t we? More rules to make cops “do nuttin.”

• School districts must make feminine hygiene products available for free, but only in rest rooms. It’s a public health issue to ensure that students won’t miss class because they can’t afford tampons or sanitary napkins. More time to catch a smoke or bogart that joint while in the john, too.

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• Tough gun sentences. A vote of 70 – 41 in the House after a two-hour contentious debate.

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A quick fun item:

A minister pulled into line at Full Service gas station and discovered a long line for service. He saw the attendant was doing the best he could to move everyone along. Finally, it was his turn and the attendant said “I’m sorry for the long wait. You see it’s a holiday weekend and everybody seems to want till the last moment.”

The minister smiled and said, I understand as it’s usually the same in my line of business!

Legislative News

by: Joseph Andalina

Who shot the sheriff? He did??

As I wrote in the last issue, Lake County, Indiana, Sheriff John Bunch was tagged for accepting bribes in an illegal towing scheme. While his two co-defendants pled guilty to the scheme, Honest John, protector of all that is good, said he was innocent of all charges. He went to trial, where he got to look at and see photos of the surveillance of his two co-defendants and him.

Late Breaking: At press time, the sheriff was found guilty of five counts of wire fraud and one count of bribery.

Who shot the sheriff?

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out of the hurt if one seeks a solution. Sorry works to begin the healing process. Now, it is not always going to work perfectly, but try it is the most important element. And if the other party does not want to resolve, then you have faced it straight on and they need to live with the results. Is this unique to just your family? That would be a big fat NO as it is too common place in this world of social media and self indulgence we too often experience. Hopefully it gives some insight to the issue and helps move to seek and grant forgive-ness.

Remember 9/11 memorials and pause to give tribute to all the souls whose lives were cut short by this terror. Watch out for each other and watch out for yourself. Take care and God Bless.

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Chief’s Follies

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He says he’s not guilty. Sentencing awaits.

Three times and it still isn’t the charm

The Kane county, Illinois City Council told the newly elected mayor that her pick for the police chief position was not going to cut it. This comes after the last two chiefs walked out a month from each other.

After the new mayor, Charitsty Wells Armstrong, won the election, the longtime chief, Larry Regnier, resigned.

She replaced him with Lt. Robin Pasowatter, who resigned less than a month later, giving a two-day notice before returning to his rank. She then appointed Price Dumas, I believe from the ISP, as an interim chief.

The position apparently serves at the whim of the mayor. But the council says he is unqualified. No reasons given for this allegation, but can there be trouble in paradise?

Editor: Can it get any worse than what we have been getting from our leaders? Well, yeah. I had more “stuff” but it will have to wait for next issue.

Until next time.
An unfair labor practice primer

By: Joseph Andalina

The Illinois Labor Relations Board, under Section 10 of the ILRB Act, ensures the legislative rights of public employees, labor unions, and employers. If you feel your rights under the Act have been violated, you can file an unfair labor charge with the local or state panel through your union rep or on your own. Various rights are secured, generally falling under these guidelines.

1. The right to join labor groups without fear of retaliation. This is a big one, as most of the time it protects groups wishing to unionize but getting implied or real threats of retaliation by a particular administration, in order to deter unionization.

2. The right to collectively bargain with the labor union/organization of your choice. (As governments become under republican rule, the efforts to change to a right-to-work state threatens this right.)

3. The right to participate in lawful efforts for the purpose of collective bargaining.

4. The right to refrain from participating in any of these activities.

5. The right to dispute bad faith bargaining, unfair bargaining, stalling, or changing contractual negotiations. This particular right opens the door to various possible charges against an employer. Speak with your union rep to get answers to your inquiries on bad faith contract bargaining.

Remember, the individual filing the charge has the burden of proving that the unfair practice has been committed. Along with your union rep, the charge will be either affirmed (unless, of course, it is resolved before a hearing can be scheduled) or dismissed outright.

It is also important to be aware of time limited approved by the ILRB. Generally, a charge must be filed within six (6) months of the alleged unfair labor practice or six (6) months that you should have been made aware of an impending charge.

Appeal rights apply to both parties involved. You may appeal the actual ruling by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to the full ILRB as long as the appeal is made within 30 days of the initial ruling. Parties can also appeal the full board’s decision to the regional appellate court.

As you can see, the process can be daunting and time consuming. It is designed to have both parties try to resolve their issues during any stage of the filings. If a charge goes all the way to the appellate court, you’re going in for the long haul.

Next time: What happens during a hearing and possible remedies.

De-escalation

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cops were the norm, bless their Irish brogue.

Our new motto now is “be firm but fair and treat all with a sense of dignity.” But that is easier said than done. Back on the street in the “old days” dispatch would always send the biggest cop to some of our calls. When the fight broke out, I must admit he was a pleasing sight to behold. But he eventually got fired for being “too big.” Poor guy, everybody liked him but the boss. Too aggressive or too intimidating.

But sometimes that’s what good policing needs — badasses. (Kind of like hockey enforcers!) Maybe this was a harbinger of things to come, because look at us now. It takes training, self-control, and great presence of mind for our officers to keep it all together in a dangerous or emotional crisis. And bad dudes who have no respect for laws aren’t making it any easier.

While I submit that we must be ever alert and continually strive for self-improvement, the thugs out there make this goal ever-so-difficult.

We have a code of ethics. Bad folks have one too — it’s called don’t get caught. The press has one too — it’s called make the police look bad. It sells papers. I can never understand all the bad press — maybe they have gotten too many tickets from us.

And now besides dangerous individuals who are hell-bent on mayhem, we must now be psychologists to safely navigate the challenges of dealing with mentally ill people. You have to be kidding.

Lordy, oh Lordy.

We are told to employ specialized questions to people in crisis to enhance non-forceful outcomes and to prevent physical confrontations. Well, we did receive training for that, back in the day. So that’s been done. Must have been a failure to communicate.

Back in the past century, circa 1980, a lady shrink wrote a couple of books: The Gentle Art of Verbal Self-Defense and The Last Word on the Gentle Art of Verbal Self-Defense. This tome of incredible wisdom included the famous (or not) “Blueberry Muffin Interactive” about being rude. It had something to do with linguistic land mines and how to avoid them. It’s verbal self-defense. And why the Blueberries? I can’t remember. I’m sure it was dumb and I am not making it up.

My colleagues and I at the Barn were also sent to lectures presented by a very annoying fellow on “verbal judo.” He wrote other books on the same topic and was very famous but his name escapes me. So he lectured: I appreciate you are angry with your life and would like to kill me, sir…but…"

The “but” was the key here and you can use that in all instances to de-escalate anything. “I appreciate it — but…That’s all one needed. Practice. So we all practiced. Some officers who were not listening intoned “I appreciate your anger, sir — but — you are an asshole!”

I don’t think I fully “appreciated” the seminar because my eyes might have been closed, sitting way back in the auditorium.

However, later, a rookie or two in attendance said the first time they used it, they got popped in the choppers. So that stuff all wound up in the trash bags with many other brilliant ideas of those with many chevrons and those who believed you can make evil people nice by not talking dirty to them.

As usual in life, however, everything is recycled. Now it’s “use of force” training, “diversity” training, “realistic de-escalation,” “cops are from Venus, bad people are from Mars,” and “run away, officer, and lock yourself in your car until the whole thing blows over.”

Meh. Garbage, all. Cops need to do what cops do. It is not my job to be some guy’s shrink, priest, or counselor. We are here to serve and protect, give people dignity and lock up bad people. And bad people include the black woman in the recent Boston protests (riots) when she called a black officer trying to keep the peace a black bitch and said he was supposed to be on her side.

Sure, I’m all for not making a bad situation worse, but if the bad guys have a gun, I have a family, too. And I’m damn sure I’m going to go home tonight and see them. I hope you all “appreciate” that.

Vita e bella
Legislative News

• Cycling will be the state exercise. That’s all we need, chubby legislators riding bikes now, increasing taxes.

• Milkweed (not to be confused with buffalo milk from an earlier bill) will be the new state flower.

• Corn will be the new state grain. Don’t know if it’s GMO corn for those of you who care about that sort of thing. It’s already the state veggie. Kind of corny, eh?

• There will be a designated state park area where you can spread cremated remains. I wonder how much that will cost you, or if it’s in a dog park.

• No Asian or African elephants allowed in traveling acts anymore. Someone should tell the legislature that circuses are no more. African elephants are never used in circuses. They are too mean. Like cats, only bigger. But legislature that circuses are no more. Someone should tell the legislature.

• Legislative oversight. I did not know this was a problem if it truly, really, really, is a catfish. Legislators did not want to discriminate.

• That ain’t no catfish: Restaurants can only label a catfish as a catfish if it truly, really, really, is a catfish. I did not know this was a problem that needed legislative oversight. I feel better now for knowing.

• Divorce is painful. If your pet isn’t going to be your pet, then it’s time to decide. That’s a decision. Not a waste of time. It just means you need to move on.

• Rahm and Sanctuary Violence: So Rahm says he will not cooperate with the Department of Justice over illegal aliens who are harbored by the sanctuary city designation, which Chicago has been for many moons. As of press time, the city has over 500 murders this year and a great many attempted murders. Therefore, the US Governments and DOJ is withholding millions of dollars from the government of Chicago. So Rahm has filed a lawsuit against the DOJ. He wants to block Trump’s administration from enforcing the withholding of funds to Chicago. The DOJ says sanctuary cities foster crime by illegals by giving them safe harbor. Rahm says “Chicago’s welcoming city ordinance” promotes public safety by ensuring that no city resident or visitor, regardless of immigration status, is afraid to cooperate, report criminal activity, testify, or seek help as a victim. Are you doing anything about it?

• It’s about time. Good news for every able-bodied young Italian. Illinois could become the latest state to legalize switchblade knives.

A bill now in the governor’s desk would eliminate a decades-old ban on switchblade knives. Senator Bivins says Walmart even sells knives that you can open with a finger. There are many other applications where one-handed operation of a knife becomes very important. Like if you only have one hand! Or maybe if you need to cut out your seatbelt after a crash, especially if you end up in a lake. So maybe the law will be repealed and you can carry with impunity. Oh yeah — politicians. They always have to muddy up the waters. So along with the switchblade, you will have to get an FOID card.

Oh well, soon, maybe, somewhere, I’ll find that old blade when I pretended to be “that guy” in West Side Story. Nuts, isn’t it? So glad they spent all their valuable time on the above instead of getting things done that truly matter. Except, of course, the gun legislation, which is the start of good things.

One last quote, from a Chicago cop. “I’d argue with the guys whoidsay they’re all animals. I’d say ‘They’re growing up in an atmosphere that produces this type of despair and poverty. It’s the environment that does this, it’s not the person.’” And they would say “You’re an idiot!”

Bits n Pieces

Thoughts and Prayers
Salvatore Molinaro: Our heartfelt thoughts are with Al Molinaro of Reimer and Associates on the recent loss of his father, Salvatore. Peace and blessings to you, Al.

Larry Rosenbarski of our Mt. Prospect chapter passed away in March. Our sympathies to his family.

Kelly J. Tyrell: Our sympathies to the family of Kelly J. Tyrell, who passed away last July. Kelly did governmental affairs work for me and this union for many years. He was my mentor who became my friend. Kelly showed me how politics worked in Springfield. Over the years, we worked together on many legislative issues promoting MAP, spending many hours at the Capitol, downtown Chicago, and at Centerpoint Properties, discussing projects and laughing over many facets of our lives, and, of course government. He showed me the ropes…but what stood out was how everyone loved him in Springfield. Hugs and warm wishes from the friends he developed across both parties.

I last spoke to Kelly a while ago, where we discussed getting together over lunch to talk about some projects and commiserating about each of our recent cancer treatments.

God bless this man. He was one of the most decent of all humans. I will miss him.

We mourn for the recent loss of our police officers ambushed by the cowards among us. Particularly for Miosotis Familia, a New York City officer and mother of three. Gunned down for being a cop.

Death Penalty News
Well, you tell me — do we need to keep these examples of devils here any longer than we have to?

• Bianca Roberson, an 18-year-old, just graduated, stuck on a highway in West Chester, PA, when David Deeper pulled a .40 caliber firearm and shot Bianca in the head because she had the audacity to merge her vehicle in front of him. She is black. He is white. Was it road rage or race hatred?

You know, I don’t care. Either way he is inhuman and needs the “needle” in his future. Seneless, stupid, and scary.

• Yingying Zhang, a 26-year-old Chinese student, was kidnapped in June after accepting a ride from 28-year-old Brendt Christensen. Under surveillance, he was overheard stating that he kidnapped Zhang. He apparently read about “the perfect kidnapping” on a fetish-oriented social network website.

He admits to picking her up, but letting her out a short distance away. Yeah, right. There is evidence he had her in his apartment against her will. Zhang is not believed to be still alive. Every family’s nightmare. Her family hopes for a harsh punishment. If they find her body, a harsh punishment would be bye-bye and have a good time in hell.

But no, we are a compassionate state for killers.

• Twelve-year-old Alexis Stubbs was a happy young lady all the time. She lived with her mom and her mom’s boyfriend in Chicago, even though he was sent to prison in 2014 for attacking her mom. That boyfriend, John Singleton, age 31, with a history of domestic violence got into an argument with Alexis’ mother over the phone.

During the call, he decided to beat 12-year-old Alexis with a hammer and stabbed her repeatedly while she begged the man she considered her dad “Please Daddy, don’t.” Mr. Garbage fished the scene and was found hiding in a port-a-potty a couple blocks away wearing a blood-soaked t-shirt.

If we can’t erase him from society with a legal injection, how about locking him in that same port-a-potty. Shit is shit and they belong together.

Miosotis Familia, mentioned above, a Latina cop, was murdered by a monster. No need for the death penalty for her killer. Her fellow coppers lit him up after he pulled a gun. You won’t see him anymore.

I beat the same dead horse every issue here, Madam, mayhem, and torture goes on every day and the offender lives are spared out of the sense of being compassionate. But not in Ohio.

• Last July, child killer Ronald Phillips was put to death by lethal injection while lawyers failed to get a reprieve based on the cock-
Uniforms: all new employees shall receive a full allotment of equipment provided by City.
Increase in uniform allowance and allowing officers to run a negative balance for new uniforms with certain restrictions and requirements.
Increase in insurance contribution from 14% to 17% over 3 year period.
Increase stipends for detectives and school liaison to 1.25% of base pay.

Richard Reimer
Lisle
Four-year term. Wages of non-probationary employees were increased by 2.5% retro to 5/1/2015, 2.5% retro to 5/1/2016, 2.5% retro to 5/1/2017, and 2.5% as of 5/1/2018.
Established an annual allowance for detectives of $1,600 paid in equal amounts each payroll;
Included Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin to states which arbitrators may be selected from.

Streamwood patrol
The highlights are as follows:
2.5% across the board wage increases with a new lower starting rate for entry level, probationary officers,
The long-standing Merit system has been modified to reflect "straight longevity" for tier one and tier two officers after a set amount of service.
We have negotiated the performance standards and included them into the agreement for the merit pay.

Jerry Marzullo
Mundelein
Four-year contract. COLA increases: 2.5%, 2.25%, 2.25% and 2.25% full retro. 85% ER, 15% EE split of premium for all plans.
Remainder of contract status quo.

Park City
Three-year contract, 5/1/17 through 4/30/20.
5/1/17 3.5% (full retro), 5/1/18 3.5%, 5/1/19 3.5%.
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Remainder is status quo.

Peoria
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Remainder of contract Status Quo.

Serious about the death penalty
The crazy dude running North Korea in the last five years has ordered the execution of more than 100 of his staff and military people, including his own family.
Kim’s preferred method is to aim an anti-aircraft gun at the individual, blasting them to bits. He then uses flamethrowers to incinerate any remains. Beats lethal injections for cruel and unusual.

Miscellaneous
Same state, two acts with different outcomes.
On the west coast of Florida in the Gulf area, a family of three or four were being swept out to sea by rip currents. People on the beach, of all races, color, and gender, to the tune of 80 of them, made a chain of human hands wading out to rescue the family. The video was astonishing and heartwarming that these caring people saved this family.

In Miami, however, five teens watched, laughed, and made a video as a disabled man drowned in a retention pond. The assholes, ages 14 to 16, can be heard laughing at the victim, who could be heard screaming in the audio. Sickening, isn’t it?

Reptile Lives Matter
What you’ve been waiting for — I know!

Kinda cool There is a video that went viral and many people have spazzed out. It shows a beautiful 12-foot albino Burmese python resting comfortably on a couch as a child watches TV, probably a rerun of Steve Irwin. Hey, if it’s good enough for Harry Potter, it’s good enough for this kid.

Kinda not An Ohio woman who had a rescued pet boa called 911 pleading for help when the boa, showing no gratitude whatsoever, bit her on her face and wouldn’t let go. Firefighters almost had to use the Jaws of Life but substituted a pocket knife to cut off the serpent’s head. This happened on July 31, 2017.
Press reports, however, indicate the snake jaws were still imbedded in her face. Asked how she is doing, the woman replied, You get used to it, but she didn’t tag me; they usually don’t.

And finally, me and a beautiful Western Hog Snakes. One of my besties. Hogs are slightly venomous creatures. If they bite, and they can, it will cause pain and swelling but little more. He didn’t tag me; they usually don’t.

That’s it for the wonderful world of snakes. Bet you can’t wait for the next issue!
If a politician found he had cannibals among his constituents, he would promise them missionaries for dinner.

- H.L. Menchen
American Journalist
1880 – 1956

MAP Chapters that participated were:

**Arlington Heights PD**
- Officers Mike Butler and K9 Max,
- and Jeff Tegtmeyer and K9 Yara;

**Bolingbrook PD**
- Officer Jason O’Hara, K9 Johan,
- and Officer Bob Liazuk, K9 Leon (Carol’s personal favorite.)

**Elk Grove Village PD**
- Officers Rick Meyer and K9 Mac,
- and Kevin Wsol and K9 Uber

**Schaumburg PD**
- Officers Nate Miller, K9 Apollo, and Denis Schmitt and K9 Majic.

They successfully completed their yearly certification in narcotic detection and dual purpose patrol dog certifications. This year’s competition was among 115 K9 teams from around the United States, including local and state PD’s, Department of Defense, and Judges from four continents. They competed in eleven narcotic events (Residence Detection, Warehouse Detection, Vehicle Exterior Detection, Scramble Detection, Certification Event, Vehicle Interior Detection, Building Detection, Open Area Detection, Door Bottoms Detection, Luggage Detection, Road Clearing Detection) and ten Patrol Events (Tracking, Obstacle Course, Control Event, Hard Dog/Fast Dog, Area Search for Man, Obedience, Building Search for Man, Hogan’s Alley Event, and Decoy Event).

**Arlington Heights PD**
- Officer Tegtmeyer and K9 Yara
- 1st Place - Scent Logic
- 2nd Place - Scramble Detection
- 3rd Place - Narcotic Team Overall (3 man team event)

**Officer Mike Butler and K9 Max**
- 1st Place - Interior Narcotics
- 3rd Place - Scramble Detection
- 3rd Place - Narcotic Team Overall (3 man team event)

**Bolingbrook PD**
- Officer Jason O’Hara and K9 Johan
- 1st Place - Narcotic Team Overall (3 man team event)
- 2nd Place - Overall Narcotic
- 2nd Place - Overall Patrol Team (3 man team event)
- 3rd Place - Vehicle Interior Detection

**Officer Bob Liazuk and K9 Leon**
- 1st Place - Overall Narcotic
- 1st Place - Narcotic Team Overall (3 man team event)
- 1st Place - Narcotic Luggage
- 1st Place - Building Search for man
- 2nd Place - Overall Patrol Team (3 man team event)
- 2nd Place - Narcotic Residential
- 2nd Place - Narcotic Vehicle Exterior
- 3rd Place - Overall Patrol

**Elk Grove Village PD**
- Officer Rick Meyer and K9 Mac
- 3rd Place - Area Search for Man

**Officer Kevin Wsol and K9 Uber**
- 3rd Place - Narcotic Team Overall (3 man team event)

**Schaumburg PD**
- Officer Denis Schmitt and K9 Majic
- 1st Place - Narcotics Road Clear

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