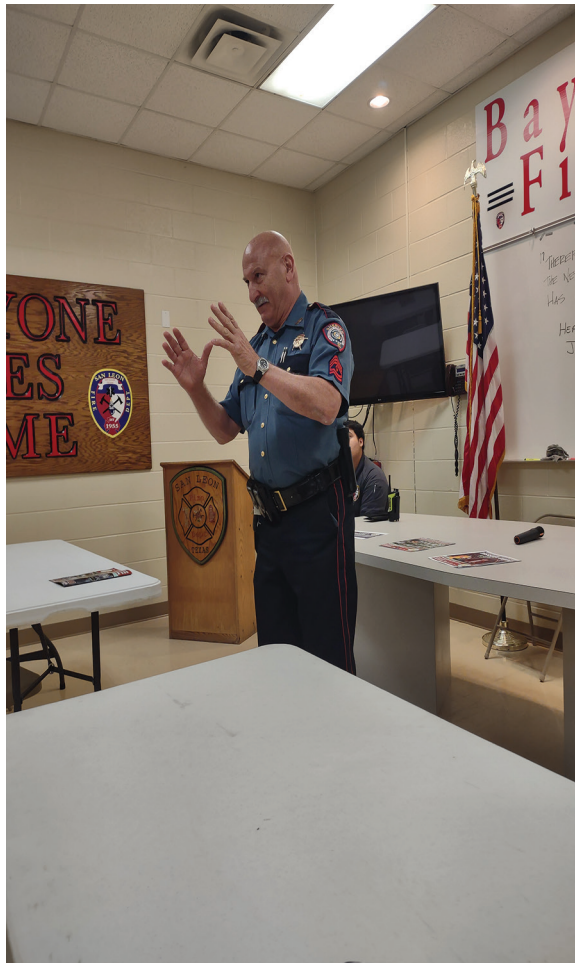
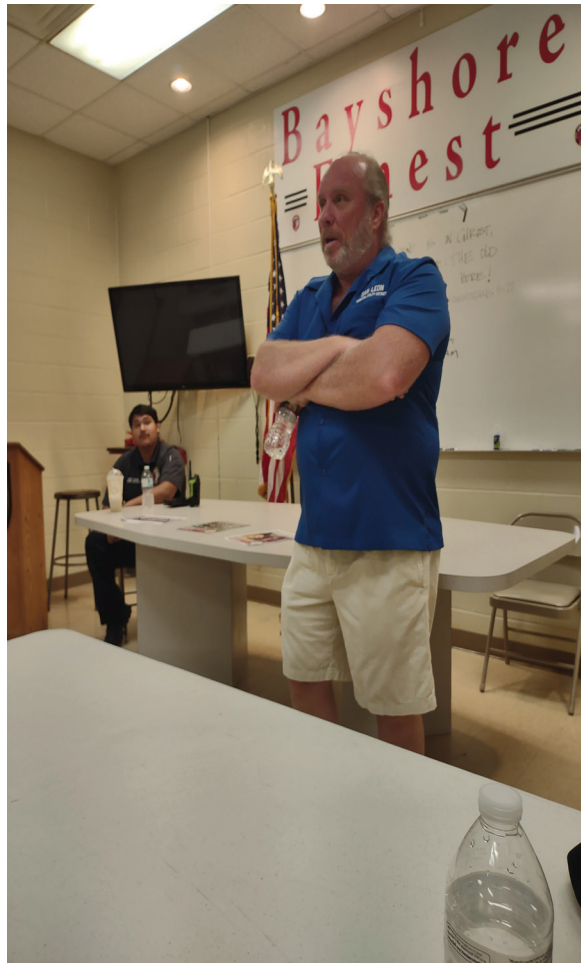




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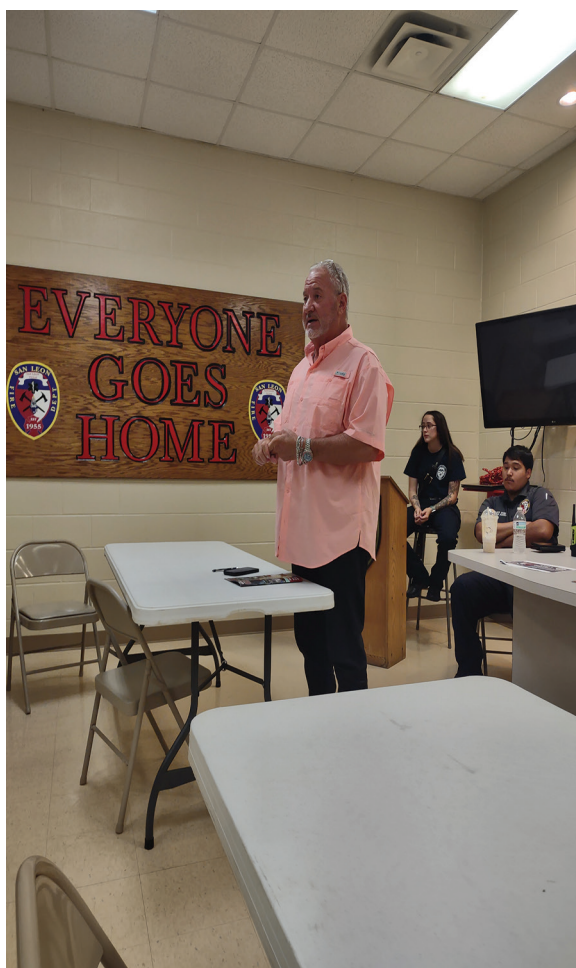
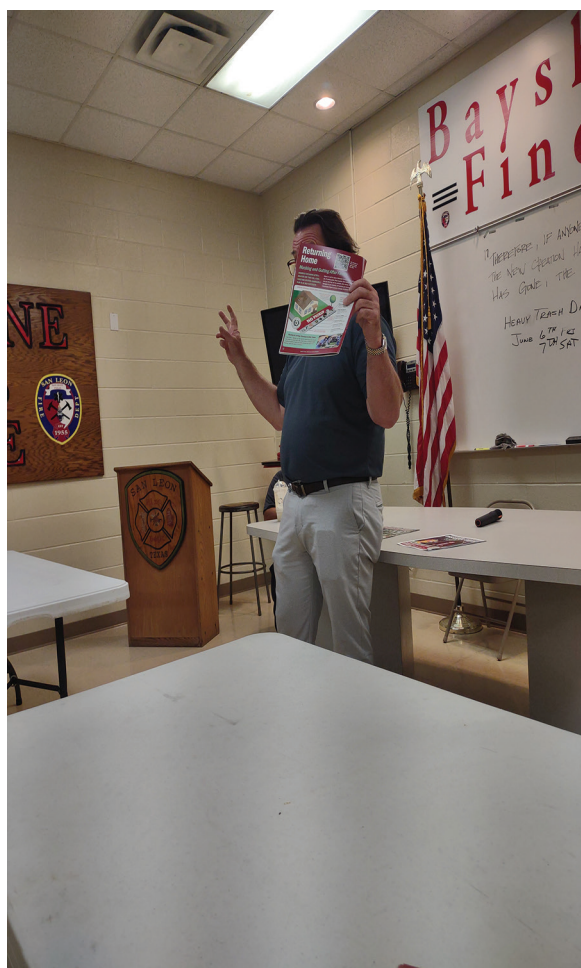
## You Missed The "A" Team

At the recent Bayshore hurricane preparedness meeting, the "A" team of county government was on hand to inform, answer questions and provide updates on things disaster related in the county. Commissioner Darrell Apffel, Road and Bridge Director Lee Crowder, San Leon MUD board president Ken Bishop and Sgt. Porretto from GCSO are pictured here. Also present but not pictured were Jack Ellison from Nuisance Abatement and Zach Smith, also from Road and Bridge.

Lee Crowder filled in for the Office of Emergency Management and thoroughly explained the plans for recovery and debris management in the aftermath of a major storm. Commissioner Apffel spoke further on the preparations the county makes for severe weather events like hurricanes and flooding. Ken Bishop spoke extensively on how the San Leon MUD reacts to such events including severe freezes which can challenge the water infrastructure in that community. Jack Ellison spoke on the upcoming heavy trash event taking place at Spillway Park and emphasized that that event provides an opportunity to dispose of items that might be problematic during a hurricane if they are flying or floating around the communities. Sargent Porretto went over the efforts that county law enforcement makes during and after a storm.

San Leon VFD Chief Vicente Garcia of course as head of the organization hosting the event spoke about the department's desire to work with the county and other organizations within the community to help with all types of disasters and emergencies, not just fires and first responder events.

All in all, a good but not heavily attended event. EPP appreciates all those who showed up, both in leadership and from the community as building resilience to disasters from the ground up. EPP will continue to provide hurricane preparedness information throughout the storm season without resorting to hype and "clickbait".







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# Build a Kit

## Personalize Your Supplies

### BASICS



- ☐ Water (a gallon per day, per person)
- ☐ Food (3 day supply non-perishable)
- ☐ Baby food/formula
- ☐ Flashlight with batteries
- ☐ Road maps
- ☐ Cash and bank cards
- ☐ Weather appropriate clothes, sturdy shoes
- ☐ Tent, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags

### HYGIENE



- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Dental care products
- ☐ Diapers and wipes
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Masks, hand sanitizer, wipes

### TOOLS/MISC.



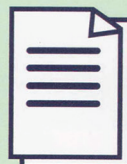
- ☐ Pet food
- ☐ Pocket knife
- ☐ Saw or hatchet
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Matches
- ☐ Tarp
- ☐ Duct tape

### COMMUNICATION



- ☐ Cell phone
- ☐ Contact list
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Writing supplies
- ☐ Charger/battery

### DOCUMENTS

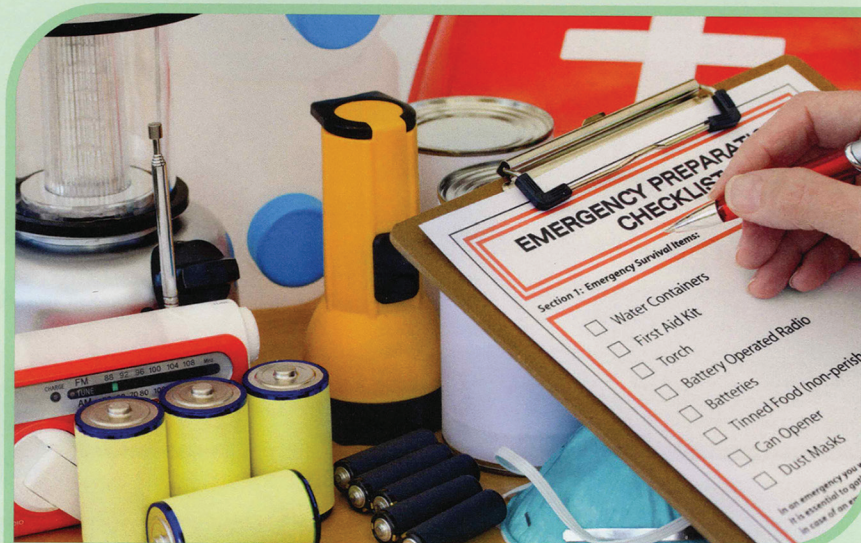


- ☐ Insurance policy
- ☐ IDs, birth record, SS card
- ☐ Deeds, leases, and titles
- ☐ Home inventory
- ☐ Family photos
- ☐ Digital backups
- ☐ Photos of property
- ☐ Vet records

### FIRST AID/MEDICAL



- ☐ Prescription medication
- ☐ Allergy and pain medication
- ☐ Bandages and gauze
- ☐ Antibiotic cream
- ☐ Medical gloves
- ☐ Tourniquet
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Bug spray



## 18 Year Olds Can Get An LTC

Straight from the DPS website, a person 18 years or older can get a license to carry. The time to quit infantilizing youth is now. If they can fight and die for our country, Get married or not and have kids, vote and do other adult things, they have a right to self defense and per the information below, the courts agree.

A federal district court has ruled the Department can no longer apply the License to Carry statutory eligibility criteria that prohibit otherwise eligible 18-to-20 year-olds from obtaining the license. Firearms Policy Coalition, Inc. et. al., v. Steven McCraw, et. al., No. 4:21-cv-1245-P. The Department will therefore no longer deny applications solely on the basis that the applicants are 18-to-20 years old.



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## One Outburst Too Many

At the May San Leon MUD meeting, a man had to be ejected from that meeting for being disruptive, unruly and failing to follow the meeting rules. EPP will not name this man as feeding his desire for attention may only result in more unacceptable behavior. The backstory is that this individual who owns property in San Leon, but does not appear to live there at this time has for an extended period of time been loud, bullying, accusatory and disruptive at the regular public board meetings. He yells the United States Pledge of Allegiance then continues to insert loudly the state pledge though it is not on the agenda. While the room is full of people who love and respect the Great State of TEXAS, there is no sense of respect when its pledge is inserted loudly by a single individual.

At this meeting, while the board president was informing and discussing the fact that the San Leon MUD does not have an official Facebook page and that any that purport to be that are in fact not legitimate, this individual took issue with the information being provided and began a rant/outburst that disrupted the meeting. EPP understand that this individual may well be associated with the Facebook page pretending to be from the San Leon MUD.

The president of the board asked the individual to leave and then escorted him from the building along with his video equipment that he regularly brings to the meeting. That video recording has also been an issue in the past as prior to new rules being implemented, the individual would video record not only the room, but using a handheld camera, point it at whoever was speaking, possibly to intimidate. He later began to use a body camera to perhaps perform that function surreptitiously.

After the individual was removed from the meeting, several women in attendance and likely others were concerned that he might return and enact violence on those in the room or the board members themselves. EPP notes that there were likely more than a few in the room that were prepared to protect and defend their fellow citizens and neighbors should something of that nature occur. This is the great State of TEXAS after all.

**Publishers Note:** The publisher was in attendance at this meeting and witnessed the entire event. That event as described as accurately as possible in this brief story reflects the personal observations and analysis of the event. Being "fair and balanced" is a basic tenet of the Eagle Point Press and that effort is reflected here.

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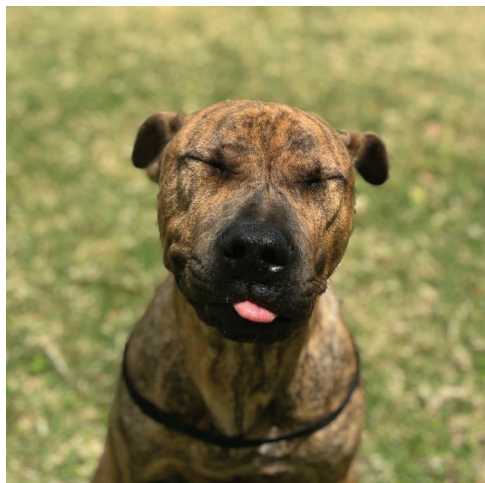


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Videos of the Pets of the Week can be viewed on [www.facebook.com/garcpets](https://www.facebook.com/garcpets) and [www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

## Some Didn't Get It

EPP ran this information in the previous issue and noticed an improvement in local drivers going around those stopped and turning left, but far too many folks are still coming to a near stop on the roadway before turning into a side street or parking lot. As a result, one again here is the Texas Law straight from the transportation code. Share it with the other drivers in your household, friends and neighbors. Let's make driving a safer and more pleasant experience at least in Galveston County.

This comes directly from the Texas Transportation Code and is particularly relevant given the number of local highways with only one traffic lane each way or with many side streets and driveways accessed by a roadway with a high speed of travel. So keep traffic flowing safely and smoothly and use those shoulders legally as described here.

Sec. 545.058. **DRIVING ON IMPROVED SHOULDER.** (a) An operator may drive on an **improved shoulder** to the right of the main traveled portion of a roadway if that operation is necessary and may be done safely, but only:

- (1) to stop, stand, or park;
- (2) to accelerate before entering the main traveled lane of traffic;
- (3) to decelerate before making a right turn;
- (4) to pass another vehicle that is slowing or stopped on the main traveled portion of the highway, disabled, or preparing to make a left turn;
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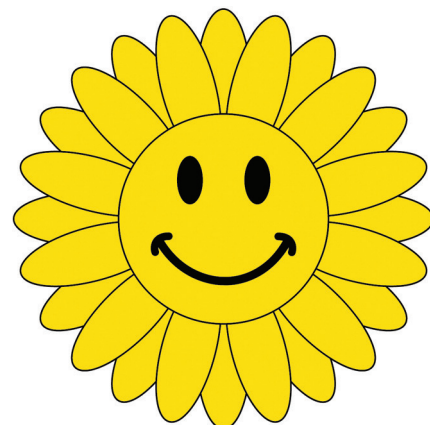
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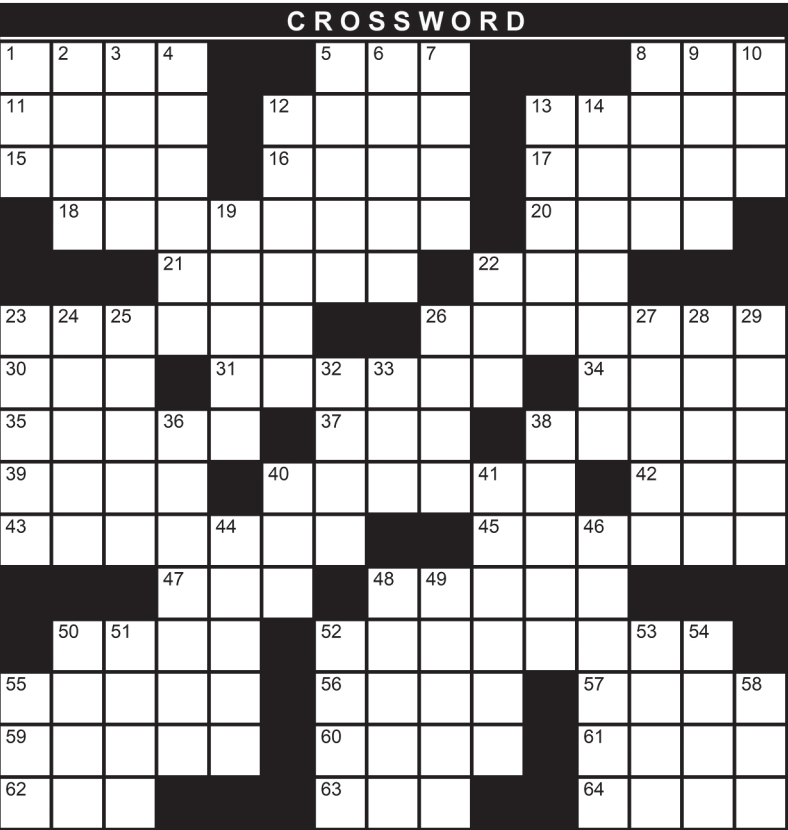
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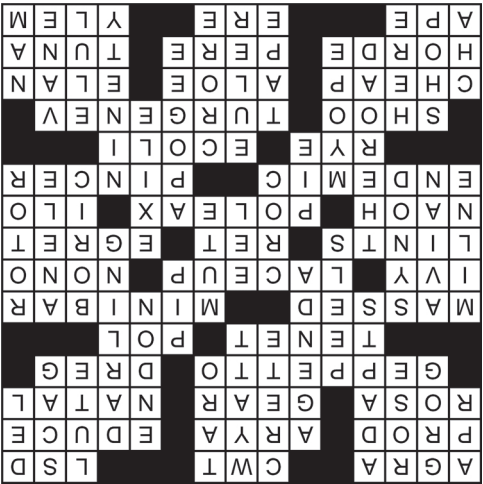
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1. Home to Taj Mahal  
5. Centum weight, acr.  
8. Psychedelic drug, acr.  
11. Elephant trainer's poker  
12. \*Ned Stark's youngest daughter  
13. Draw out a conclusion  
15. Parks of Civil Rights fame  
16. Toothy wheel  
17. Birth-related  
18. \*Pinocchio's father  
20. Fortune-telling coffee remnant  
21. Religious doctrine  
22. D.C. mover and shaker, abbr.  
23. Assembled  
26. Raidable hotel room amenity  
30. Evergreen creeper  
31. "Fasten" a shoe (2 words)  
34. Nay, to a baby  
35. Dryer accumulation, pl.  
37. Expose to moisture  
38. White heron  
39. Sodium hydroxide  
40. Same as battle-ax  
42. UN labor grp.  
43. Like localized disease  
45. Crab's grabber  
47. Catcher in the what?  
48. Food-borne bacteria  
50. Begone!  
52. \*"Fathers and Sons" author  
55. Not expensive  
56. Medicinal plant  
57. Joie de vivre  
59. Batu Khan's posse  
60. \*Fils' father  
61. Chicken of the sea  
62. \*Tarzan's adoptive dad  
63. Before, poetically  
64. Big Bang's original matter

DOWN

1. Financing acronym  
2. Hot rum drink  
3. \*Official flower of Father's Day  
4. Adjusts  
5. Minotaur's island  
6. \*Kurt Russell's son of "Thunderbolts" fame  
7. Tropical tuber  
8. Stringed instrument  
9. Slang for heroin  
10. Marina \_\_\_\_ Rey, CA  
12. "To do" list  
13. "\_\_\_\_ a high note"  
14. \*Fictional Mr. \_\_\_\_ who banished children's nanny to a doghouse  
19. Banana refuse, pl.  
22. Gladys Knight's band member  
23. \*Christopher Robin's father A.A. \_\_\_\_  
24. Like certain flu  
25. Church assembly  
26. Speechless  
27. Gabriel of Chile  
28. Administer ceremonial oil  
29. Chopper blade  
32. Nile dweller, for short  
33. Snake-like reef dweller  
36. \*Cormac McCarthy's post-apocalyptic father/son novel (2 words)  
38. Expatriate  
40. Dream in the sky  
41. Climactic stage  
44. Nearsited one  
46. Degrees in right angle  
48. Prolific Swiss mathematician  
49. Ten million, in India  
50. Mercantile establishment  
51. This location  
52. Cassette contents  
53. Twelfth month of Jewish calendar  
54. Rooftop contraption  
55. Cuban dance step  
58. "Platoon" setting, for short

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## Texas Legislature Supports Misery And Cartels?

Rather than moving in the direction of personal choice and freedom as well as common decency, some members of the Texas legislature are moving to reduce improvements to the medical marijuana laws, hemp based products and more. Whether they think they hold the moral high ground, seek to flex their control over the "common folks" or are simply misguided, their thinking and actions are against the people of TEXAS.

Supporting misery means that politicians feel that it is right to deny marijuana and THC containing products from those that may seek relief from various afflictions. EPP once talked to a retired veteran who stated that he had served his country honorably and if he wanted to sit on his porch and smoke a joint, he had earned that right. EPP agrees. Whatever their issue, real or imagined, people have the right to control what they do with their bodies. If a man or woman can sail alone across an ocean, climb Mt. Everest or jump out of a perfectly good airplane or have cocktail or three, they should be able to choose their other reliefs or pleasures as they see fit.

Supporting cartels means those same politicians refuse the lessons of history and still think that prohibition works. By making and keeping illegal commonly available drugs, the lawmakers play right into the greedy hands of the drug cartels and criminal organizations. Further, they actually increase the death toll from drug use and abuse. When Johnny could get prescription drugs right out of the family medicine cabinet he knew what he was getting, who made it and what the strength and purity was. Street drugs carry none of those safeguards. When that same Johnny cannot get the marijuana from a legal source, he may choose something smaller and much more potent of unknown manufacture, purity and strength. Pot may only be a gateway in the sense that when it becomes overly expensive or hard to obtain, its users reach for other potentially worse sources for their relief or satisfaction. EPP is not aware of any overdose deaths from unaltered marijuana, nor for example any unpredictable deaths from commercially produced beer, wine or liquor.

Unintended consequences are still consequences and Texas politicians need to recall that there was no Al Capone before prohibition and the drug cartels weren't buying governments and building submarines before the "war on drugs". Neither was Johnny dying from unknown substances he ordered on Facebook....

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