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LCRC Executive Board



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President's Message:

"Courage Is Contagious" Pass it on.

Violence vs. Gun Control



While listening to all the talk about gun control as a solution to "gun violence" I keep thinking that as usual the Progressives are deliberately misconstruing the issue to suit their own needs. Circumventing our 2nd Amendment rights is not the solution! Background checks that prevent felons and people with certain types of mental health problems from obtaining guns are reasonable, provided that these checks are not used to identify gun owners for confiscation. Guns are certainly not the only way to harm people, but we don't hear of a call to ban knives, slingshots, cars, hammers, bats, etc. Longer mandatory sentences for those convicted of crimes using guns might help deter some of this type of violence, provided the perpetrators really consider this type of thing before they commit a crime. Progressives ignore the fact that gun ownership is a RIGHT we have in order to protect ourselves from anything, including a tyrannical government. Oh, wait; maybe that's their objection! What part of "shall not be infringed" is unclear? The only part of "gun control" we really need is to "use both hands"!

The real problem is, once again, PEOPLE! Our mental health system has been eroded over the past several years. Many of the hospitals designed to house and treat the mentally ill have had their funds cut so that only the most profoundly mentally ill are treated, or the hospitals are closed altogether. There must be a solution to this problem, and this is an area worthy of our tax dollars to not only find but also to implement the solution. Certainly, this would be of greater benefit than having the CDC study violent films and video games to determine their effect on people! These games and movies are already rated; how about if parents pay attention to these ratings and to what their kids are doing? Young children are very impressionable and susceptible to the overwhelming violence in some of these movies and games, which is why they are rated PG-13, M or R in the first place. Parents, PAY ATTENTION!

We need, as a country, to regain some common sense, and practice personal responsibility. Parents, schools, and society as a whole must hold those guilty of an action responsible for that action, and demand that the guilty pay some price in return. Only criminals should lose their rights, not the law-abiding citizens! There is a lack of respect for personal responsibility that has permeated our society. The basis for the solution to these problems keeps coming back to parental responsibility to educate, train and raise their children to hold "old fashioned" ideals dear – ideals such as a strong work ethic, personal responsibility, respect for elders, honesty; you know, how most of us were raised!

Let's hope our society wakes up before we are all forced to arm ourselves and stand guard over our property!

God Bless America!
Joanna Bowen



Minutes of the Meeting Lake Country Republican Minutes General Meeting Minutes January 22th, 2013

The LCRC met at the Quitman Library, Goode Street, Quitman, TX. At 6:14 PM our president, Joanna Bowen, called the meeting to order.

Roger Tune led the prayer and Terrell AronSpeer led the pledges.

Joanna welcomed numerous guests and thanked the following elected officials for attending: Constables Steve Bowser and Ed Shadbolt, Precinct 1 Commissioner Virgil Holland, Precinct 4-4 Chair Terrell AronSpeer, Michael Kinzie, Editor of Tea Party 911, and Tea Party leader, Char Doonan.

Minutes of the prior meeting were accepted as written in the *SENTINEL*.

Treasurer, Becky Vann, gave the balance.

Terrell AronSpeer invited folks to sign a sheet at the Membership Table to receive the *SENTINEL*.

Joanna announced an essay contest on the Constitution, open to 11th graders in five towns with first, second and third prizes to be \$100, \$50 and \$25. The winners will be invited, along with their families, to read their essays at the April meeting.

In his introduction of speaker, Daniel Miller, Terrell said that incrementalism isn't working for us—it's time for a bold move and the only way to get this fixed is through the states. Lincoln contended the constitution is a contract. This makes sense and a contract can be terminated if in breach. We as the injured party can certainly claim this.

Daniel Miller of the Texas Nationalist Movement said that his organization has been polling each county and, to date, approximately 70% are in favor of a complete, total and unencumbered political, cultural and economic independence of Texas, subject to constitutional protections like that of the United States. Daniel's presentation was thorough and riveting, followed by an enthusiastic Q & A session. The entire membership seemed to leave more energized and uplifted.

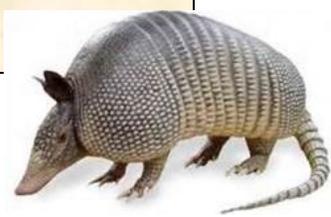
For more information: 800-662-1836 / facebook.com/texasnatmov / www.texasnationalist.com

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next LCRC meeting will be on February 26th, 2013.

Submitted by

Lynn AronSpeer, Secretary





Membership:

Lake Country Republicans,

We had 21 people pay their dues at our January meeting, 18 of our members and 3 new members were add to our group. New members we are welcoming, Walter & Leta Barnes of Grand Saline and also Mike Ferguson of Mineola.



Norma Shoemaker
Membership chair

LCRC February 26th Meeting

Program Notes: John Capps with the NRA speaks on the Second Amendment.

LCRC meets on the 26th this month. What else happened on this date in American History:

In 1979, on this date, Egypt and Israel signed the Egyptian-Israeli peace accords. Well you can kiss those goodbye.

LCRC meets in the Quitman Library at 6 PM. Enter on the east side toward the back.

Hospitality: Jay Gorman's mother passed away. I sent a sympathy card. Jay and Jan Gorman run "All of Us" and the "Texas Tea Room."

Thank you.
Janice Logan, Hospitality Chair

To report hospitality issues:
Contact Janice Logan at 223 County Road
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phone 903-383-3247, cell # 903-850-3267.



Treasurers Report:



Bank balance \$2049.16

Submitted by: Becky Vann, Treasurer

What's Up:

Lake Country Republican Club (LCRC):

Club Meetings: February 26, 6PM - Quitman Library
Program: Speaker John Capps of the NRA

SENTINEL Submission Deadlines: Tenth of Publication Month

SENTINEL Publication Date: Fifteenth of Publication Month

Republican Women of Wood County (RWWC):

Club Meetings: February 18, 11:30 AM - Texas Tea Room
Program: Rodney Watkins on the impact of Obama Care

Holly Lake Ranch Hawkins Republican Club (HLRHRC):

Club Meeting: March 11, 6:30 PM - Holly Hall
Program: Miriam Hill, Insurance specialist speaks on Obama Care

Wood County Republican Website www.republicanpartywoodcounty.com



2013
Lake Country Republican Club

COMMITTEES

1. FUNDRAISING This committee shall be responsible for development and conduct of the club's fundraising activities, in compliance with the rules and regulation of the Texas Ethics Commission and the laws of the state of Texas.
 1. **Open Position**, Chairman
 2. Joe Blair
 3. Gene Shoemaker
 4. Terrell AronSpeer

2. LEGISLATION This committee shall be charged with keeping the club informed and aware of legislative events, votes and processes which could have an impact on, or may be of interest to the club. This shall include but not be limited to the coordination and notification of the club's membership of the need for urgent action of a political nature.
 1. Philip Winter Chairman
 2. Isabel McGuffin
 3. Travis Burk
 4. Pat Nelson
 5. Rick Shoemaker
 6. Eugene & Joyce Spencer

3. PUBLICITY and COMMUNICATIONS This committee shall establish and maintain contact with local media outlets and shall actively work to publicize the club's activities, newsletter, website and events.
 1. Terrell AronSpeer Chairman
 2. Lynn AronSpeer
 3. Betty Dubbs
 4. Rick Shoemaker

4. PROGRAM This committee shall be responsible for producing monthly and special club meeting programs, including the procurement of speakers, and shall keep the Publicity Chairman informed in advance of future programs, to allow news releases to meet local media deadlines.
 1. Dr. James Marvel Chairman
 2. Terrell AronSpeer
 3. Isabel McGuffin
 4. Greg Bowen

5. MEMBERSHIP This committee shall be responsible for the development of special membership drives and programs. It also should be charged with keeping members informed about club meetings and activities by means of telephone and/or email notification.
 1. Joanna Bowen Chairman
 2. Sheryl Nelson
 3. Gene and Norma Shoemaker
 4. Eugene and Joyce Spencer
 5. Roger and Sandy Tune

6. HOSPITALITY This committee shall be responsible for the decoration of facilities used for special meetings and events and for appointing "greeters" for meetings and special events.
 1. Janice Logan Chairman
 2. Joanna Bowen
 3. Sheryl Nelson
 4. Lynn AronSpeer
 5. Tera Burk
 6. Shirley Daugherty
 7. Betty Dubbs
 8. Norma Shoemaker



IMPORTANT!

SENTINEL NOTICE

Due to a dearth of speakers available on that date,

the Lincoln Day Dinner

has been

Rescheduled

and repurposed.



The top hats are off.

The Cowboy hats are on.



As the

Republican Party of Wood County

Pays

A TRIBUTE TO TEXAS

Date: *March 8*

Time: *6:30 PM*

Attire: *Dress Casual*

Venue: *Fore Seasons*

Tickets: *\$20 per Attendee*
See your local precinct chair.

Featured Speaker:

Borah Van Dormolen

National Committeewoman, RNC





Legislative Report:

Submitted (and edited) by Malinda Carter,
RWWC Legislative Chair

COMBS: Lawmakers Will Have \$101.4 Billion for Budget
by [Aman Batheja](#), [The Texas Tribune](#) January 7, 2013

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, citing a robust economy, releases the Biennial Revenue Estimate showing that the state is projected to have over \$100 billion available for spending in the next biennium.

The Texas Legislature will have \$101.4 billion to haggle over in crafting its next two-year budget, along with an extra \$11.8 billion in the Rainy Day Fund, Comptroller [Susan Combs](#) announced Monday morning.

Combs' official biennial revenue estimate sets the limit of the state's general fund, the portion of the budget that lawmakers have the most control over. The general fund typically makes up nearly half of the state's total budget.

Combs predicted that the state will collect \$96.2 billion in revenue from taxes, fees and other income during the 2014-15 biennium. The fund already had \$8.8 billion left over from the current biennium. Of the new revenue, \$3.6 billion will be transferred to the state's Rainy Day Fund, which Combs predicted will grow to \$11.8 billion.

Factoring in federal funds and other revenue sources, the total available revenue for the next budget is \$208.2 billion.

Monday's news sets a different tone for the legislative session that begins tomorrow compared with the previous one, in which lawmakers faced a multibillion-dollar shortfall and a protracted budget battle over how to spread the pain.

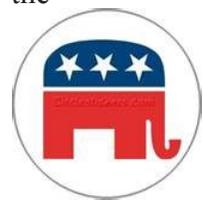
Combs said Monday that many economic forecasters did not foresee the size of the recession and that the ensuing volatility has continued to make budget estimates difficult to pin down.

In January 2011, Combs projected \$72.2 billion in general revenue would be available for the current 2012-13 biennium.

"We had a whopper of a recession, and my hope is we don't see a sort of European-style slowdown," Combs said.

Combs offered a similar defense two years ago, when she acknowledged that her previous revenue estimate for the 2010-11 biennium had been overly optimistic by about \$4.3 billion.

Anticipating the announcement of a surplus, Republican leaders in recent months have been speaking about the need to [control the state's spending growth](#). Gov. [Rick Perry](#) has called for a constitutional amendment making it tougher for lawmakers to increase state spending by more than the combined rate of inflation plus population growth. Lt. Gov. [David Dewhurst](#) has pledged to keep the next budget's growth within that rate, which would be less than 10 percent, according to one estimate provided by the Legislative Budget Board. ▶





Various Democrats and education groups are pushing for lawmakers to restore the cuts from the last session and to account for the state's population growth over the last two years.

"\$108 billion is what it takes to actually undo the last session and get us back to where we used to be," said Eva DeLuna Castro, senior budget analyst for the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a left-leaning Austin-based think tank.

Early in the session, lawmakers are expected to commit several billion dollars to paying off bills that were purposely left unpaid at the conclusion of the 2011 session, including nearly \$5 billion for Medicaid. That leaves the actual size of the surplus unclear.

"A lot of that gets sucked up right away just paying for the last session," Castro said.

Talmadge Heflin, a budget expert with the conservative Texas Public Policy Foundation and a former legislator, said lawmakers should see last year's budget cuts as a good start. He and other conservative groups have offered suggestions for ways the state could further trim expenses, including privatizing parts of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and eliminating the Texas Commission on the Arts.

"They didn't cut everywhere they could," Heflin said. "There are still a number of programs or agencies that could be reduced or eliminated."

House Speaker Joe Straus has signaled an interest in using the state's better financial position to make investments to prepare Texas for its more crowded future. The state is expected to grow from its current population of 26 million to 33 million by 2030, according to some estimates.

"Those of us who have been chosen to lead this state need to focus on the core functions of government so that Texas continues to be a place where businesses want to expand, where people have the opportunity to reach their full potential, even when there are 33 million of us here," Straus said at a luncheon of Austin business leaders last month. "To put it another way, we have to get serious about our future."

In Monday's announcement, Combs projected that the Texas economy would, adjusted for inflation, grow 3.4 percent in the 2013 fiscal year and in 2014 fiscal year. She predicted the state's unemployment rate, currently at 6.8 percent, would average about 6 percent by 2015.

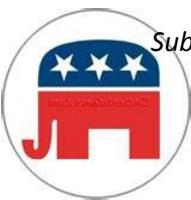
While she praised Texas lawmakers for passing conservative budgets, Combs said the state's booming oil and gas sector and a boost in motor vehicle sales contributed significantly to the rosy budget picture.

"Other states do not have some of these extra benefits," Combs said. "If you were in North Dakota, you would see a lot of the same picture. California, however, does not. It's going to be very different state by state."

Combs urged the Legislature to not assume that the surpluses will keep coming. She recommended that lawmakers use the Rainy Day Fund for one-time expenses instead of recurring needs.

"What goes up must come down and what you have in the agricultural sector is you have droughts and rain and you can have financial droughts as well," Combs said. "It's always best to be prepared for upturns and downturns." ❖

Submitted by Malinda Carter



Lake Country Republican Club
February 2013

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March 2013

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We Are the Elephant in the Room



Editorial Page:

Gun Culture



“Gun culture” is a pejorative term used by lefties and other control freaks intended to engender visions of a red neck who shoots a neighbor because his dog took a whiz on the red neck’s monster truck’s new mud tires. Making a cartoon of your enemy is a manipulation intended to draft people who otherwise would not care about your petty opinions to your own point of view.

But the use of guns is only reflective of the culture in which we live. To an honest, hard working couple, raising a family in the suburbs, a gun is a defensive tool to hold an intruder at bay or send him to the Lord until authorities can respond. The cultural paradigm at work here is that law abiding citizens have a right to self defense and a duty to protect their family and property.

To the drug entrepreneur in a gang infested ghetto, a gun may be an offensive tool used to take and hold new territory. The cultural paradigm at work here is that power belongs to the powerful, that there is no right beyond might. A law abiding citizen, forced by circumstance to live in this same ghetto, will have much more in common with the law abiding family living in the suburbs, but the reality is she lives in the culture of the drug dealers.

Guns can be a civilizing influence in a civilized society, one which values life as the greatest earthly gift from God. In a culture where the sanctity of human life is paramount, a gun is only a reminder to those who experience a momentary lapse of memory. The gun, in this case, makes each of us more reasonable and more considerate in dealing with each other. It demands respect and in so doing creates a polite society. (See “*Reason or Force*” on page 25)

But this is not the case in cultures where there is no recognized sanctity to human life. Throughout the Middle East guns are used offensively to force one to the will of the other. A culture of force develops. In the absence of guns, anything which can be used as a weapon, will. In this circumstance, the gun is simply more convenient. The gun is not different—the culture is. Where a good and moral culture does not prevail, the gun will be a tool of tyrants and tyrannical behavior will be the norm. In such cultures, property is meager and life tenuous. Iranian leadership is famous for the contention that the West cannot win because the Iranian leadership loves death more than Americans love life. Theirs is a culture of death and in such cultures guns do not create respect or politeness.

Politics can attempt to regulate guns, but there will be no safety coming from this activity. If, through tyranny, they were successful in eliminating all guns, the culture would belong to the strongest and least caring amongst us. An extreme form of politics could eliminate guns, but it would not make us safer because it would not make us better. This problem is not political, it is cultural. The only solution politics can provide makes a more restrictive, a more resentful, a more dangerous and hostile society.

The solution therefore is cultural. Respect must be inherent in our culture. We must teach it and live it. It begins with self respect and an understanding that respect for others is a logical extension of that. We must understand that there is little more to which we are entitled. Criminals take your stuff because they think they are entitled to it, at least as much as you are. Notice how a welfare state which encourages a sense of entitlement creates a world view sympathetic to that of the criminal. What we are entitled to is a short but powerful list. We can use it to create a life of abundance. We must commit to memory this powerful list: Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

The re-founding of America will be a cultural act, not a political one. Some political action will be necessary, but as a single approach, politics will not be effective. As a people, we must concentrate our efforts in the direction of reestablishing the *American culture*. The America of the past was a dynamo. If the culture of America’s past were applied to the technological advantages of our present, the future of America and, by extension, of liberty-loving people everywhere would be assured. I invite all readers to give serious thought to this issue and to share your thoughts here in the *SENTINEL*. I will endeavor to write on these issues each month. Your thoughts and ideas will be greatly appreciated. ❖





Editorial Page:

“What Difference Does it Make?”



In what seems like a few short decades, Hillary Clinton has dragged Democrats from, “I have a dream” to, “What difference does it make?” To Democrats, all questions are rhetorical. All you need do is actually provide an answer to set them back on their heels. Hillary tried to substitute outrage and indignation for reasoned argument. She is not the first Democrat to do this and I suspect she will not be the last. Questioned in front of a congressional committee as to how the administration came to so blatantly mischaracterize the incident in Benghazi, Libya, Hillary said, “What difference does it make?” Perhaps I can shed some light on this vexing question.

Hillary followed her, “What difference does it make?” with, “Four Americans are dead.” She failed to mention they were from *her* unresponsive department. Then she said, what mattered was that it never be allowed to happen again. But decades of experience in trouble-shooting have taught me the first thing you try to assess is what caused the problem, which was precisely the question Hillary was avoiding when she made her “What difference does it make?” comment. Knowing the cause is fundamental; that’s what difference it makes. Hillary would have us believe it does not matter *who* attacked our diplomatic outpost or *why*. “What difference does it make?” I cannot imagine how one is to effect a solution without knowing the answers to these questions.



It also makes a difference if the people running the State Department are trying to cover up their own incompetence or corruption. It makes a difference if your intelligence services lack a fundamental understanding of, or are in complete denial about apparent security threats. It makes a difference if the foreign relationships developed by this administration are so poor that investigators can’t get to the site to investigate the cause, but journalists and neighborhood kids can wander through and pickup evidence and sell it on E-bay. It makes a difference if the President is so unconcerned about the threats that he can’t be bothered to interrupt his campaign for office. It makes a difference if the truth would turn the election, but the President suppresses the truth for that very reason. It makes a difference if this same President, using numerous television networks, corrupts officials within his administration by having them tell lies to the American people and the world at large. It makes a difference to the thousands employed in the Foreign Service who depend on the responsiveness of this administration to ensure they do not go home in body bags.

It makes a difference if a few months after this incident more Americans are killed in a hostage taking scheme in Algeria by elements advancing the same cause. It makes a difference if we are told al Qaeda is decimated and the truth is that they are expanding their reach into additional countries. It makes a difference if we think there is a fundamental difference between Americans being killed by al Qaeda or any of the scores of other Islamist terror groups. This is but one war, with one enemy and many fronts. It makes a difference if we act as if we know this. It makes a difference if the American people can trust that their elected leaders will not manipulate them with outright lies and half truths.

Some may have found it curious that Hillary Clinton came to the hearings wearing Buddy Holly’s glasses. FNC explains that the glasses are a hat tip to her undiagnosed concussion. I could not help reflecting on “Brain Games,” ([Episode 1](#)) an interesting series currently running on The National Geographic Channel. In this series you learn how what we see and even *what we hear* are altered by light, shadow and context. I asked myself, ‘are these glasses just a prop to make the obviously stupid and blatantly inaccurate things Hillary was saying sound intelligent and accurate?’ To me, this is an obvious manipulation. When you are being manipulated, it makes a difference if you know it. ❖

[The Hillary Shuffle](#)

Reprinted from Tea Party 911





Quick Comments:

Tiny Tim Geithner resigns as Secretary of the Treachery, as my honey likes to call him, to take a position as a fellow on the Council on Foreign Relations, a NY based think tank, just one more job he is ill suited for.

Mali, explodes into the news although the French have been engaged with Al-Qaeda there for over half a year while American media obsessed over a football player's imaginary girlfriend and a bicyclist's imaginary lung capacity . [Al-Qaeda in Mali](#)

President Obama campaigned on Jobs and the economy, but as soon as he took office in his second term he realized all that really matters is gun control, climate change and gay rights.

Right leaning pundits are almost giddy exclaiming now the cat is out of the bag, that Obama, with his speech at his second inaugural, revealed himself as a true liberal. Liberals do not obsess about the collective, (socialists seldom do), but talking about "the collective" is the bread and butter of communists. I say call a spade a spade, but everyone knows you can't do that anymore.

Hillary actually said, "What difference *at this point* does it make?" The "at this point" is significant. Did she mean what did it matter after this obfuscation because they managed to get the President reelected in spite of this incident? Or did she mean that since she was able to complete her term as Secretary of State before we could hang this on her, it no longer mattered? Either way, pretty damning. We only got to "at this point" because of her stalling tactics.

The President held a joint interview with outgoing Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton. All in media were surprised because he had not shared the spotlight in interviews even with Vice President Biden. I'm going out on a limb here - perhaps his allowing Hillary to use him as a prop to kick off her 2016 run for the Presidency is just political pay back for covering his butt on the Benghazi matter and obscuring the whole sordid affair before Congress.

Congratulations women! You fought for equality and now it is all bearing fruit: Increased incidents of lung cancer, heart disease, incarceration and single parenthood. And now, you too can take your place as cannon fodder as the US lifts its ban on women in combat. What a proud day this must be for you. One more reason God is turning his back on us.

Obama claims "he is doing it for the children" as he strips them of their right of self defense with one hand while picking their pocket with the other.

"**If**, with this action, we save just one child, it will have been worth it." We hear this line all the time and each time you hear it you can be sure of one thing - you are about to be screwed. If there were any truth to this manipulation, they would immediately fill every swimming pool in the country with concrete. This would save many more children than a total gun ban. Next they would outlaw forever the use of automobiles for transportation because I assure you many more than one child would be saved. You're being manipulated.

Obama's foreign policy has been masterful, or so we are told. He managed to convert Iraq into a defeat. We are abandoning the Middle East with Afghanistan in shambles. Our citizens are used for target practice all across the region, from Libya to Algiers. We have abandon our ally, Israel and converted their ally, Egypt into an enemy. All while the President works on his golf game and his tan. The good news? They tell us the economy is recovering.

Wisdom comes with age, yet Obama looks to 8 year olds for an effective gun control policy. He also stood behind innocent women, victims of Sandy, and promised the help that has yet to come. Who, besides Islamic terrorists takes shots from behind women and children?

The Obama Care Survival Guide can be purchased at local book stores. What other President's policies have spun off an industry instructing citizens on how to survive it?

Joining Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday into one day and calling it Presidents' Day to be more inclusive would be like renaming Groundhog Day to be Rodents' day to be more inclusive. The similarity is striking.

Christopher Dorner, Rogue LA police officer who went on a killing spree, said he would keep killing until his name was cleared. How low are the standards when a person with such impaired thought processes can be given a gun and a badge? ▷





Quick Comments Continued:

Al Gore sells his TV network “*Current*” to Al Jazeera. Some are calling Gore a hypocrite because of Al Jazeera’s ties to big oil. But they miss the bigger story. When Glen Beck tried to purchase *Current TV* from Gore, Gore refused to sell. When Beck asked why, he was told Gore would not sell to someone with whom he was politically incompatible. Seems like Gore and Jazeera share more than a first name.

Chuck Hagel has been nominated by Obama for Secretary of Defense. How can this work? If you have been watching the confirmation hearings, it is apparent Hagel cannot defend himself. So how’s he supposed to defend us? [Ted Cruze vs Chuck Hagel](#)

MSNBC is at it again, selectively spiking elements of a story to create a bias in the consumers of their “news.” The incident occurred at a congressional hearing in which a father of a six-year-old slain at the Newtown massacre asked anyone in the audience why they needed an “assault weapon or a clip with more than ten rounds?” When a person in the audience attempted to answer the question, he was instructed by the chair not to interrupt the father. When MSNBC aired the clip, they edited out the father’s question and claimed the grieving father was heckled by gun advocates. State run media? The Soviet Union’s *Pravda* could have used this incident as a training exercise.

Senate Democrats are all excited to vote for Chuck Hagel to be our next Secretary of Defense despite his abysmal performance at confirmation hearings. The reason they are in favor of Hagel is that he had served as an enlisted man. Using this same logic, Lee Harvey Oswald would also have made a great Sec Def. Hagel’s approach to the job or past performance is irrelevant to Democrats. For Democrats this is not an unusual approach. They were excited to vote for Obama because he is black and they are already lining up to vote for Hillary because she is a woman. Again, using this logic, Idi Amin could be our next great President and Lizzy Borden our next great Secretary of State. Sure the approach may have some superficial flaws, but at least you do not have to waste a lot of time actually thinking.

Chris Wallace ripped Wayne La Pierre a new one because La Pierre, who sometimes travels with security, had criticized Mayor Bloomberg for traveling with security. The difference is that NRA president La Pierre is an advocate for the Constitutionally guaranteed right to personal security for all, while Bloomberg would deprive you of that. La Pierre is right, Bloomberg is a hypocrite, and Chris Wallace is just brain dead.

Senators attending Hagel’s confirmation hearings witnessed a miracle before their very eyes. After making an impassioned defense of Obama’s containment policy for Iran, Hagel was told that Obama did not favor a containment policy. Instantly, Hagel had an epiphany and extemporaneously gave an impassioned defense of non-containment. It was a wonder to witness. I wonder if it will make a difference.

Chris Kyle, war hero who spent his career covering the backs of fellow soldiers, former navy seal and author of “American Sniper,” was senselessly murdered this last weekend by a fellow soldier with PTSD whom he was trying help. On hearing the news, Ron Paul tweeted, “He who lives by the sword dies by the sword.” I thought you should know.

Match.com hooked-up a young woman with “her match” only to have her match assault the woman who is now, predictably, suing *match.com*. If you will remember, it was *match.com* who ran an ad encouraging people, who had been turned down by *E-Harmony* as not up their standards, to list with *match.com*. Who would have thought that lowering standards would have such dire consequences?

Post Office Nazi’s say, “No Saturday delivery for you,” as the PO vows to suspend delivery of mail, but not packages, on Saturday. So since they will be out making deliveries anyway, where is the savings?

911 mosque Imam, Feisal Abdul Rauf, stands accused of embezzling funds to purchase personal luxuries. “*The Tree shall be known by its fruits.*” ❖



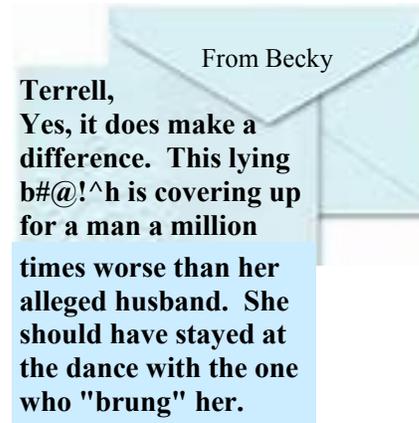


Letters to the Editor:

Regarding January's SENTINEL . . .



Regarding "What Difference Does it Make" on page 12 of this issue . . .



With hardly any segue at all,
A SENTINEL Quiz :
Who Said It?

- 1) ***"We're going to take things away from you on behalf of the common good."***
a) Karl Marx b) Adolph Hitler c) Joseph Stalin d) None of the above
- 2) ***"It's time for a new beginning, for an end to government of the few, by the few, and for the few..... And to replace it with shared responsibility for shared prosperity."***
a) Lenin b) Mussolini c) Idi Amin d) None of the above
- 3) ***"(We)can't just let business as usual go on, and that means something has to be taken away from some people."***
a) Nikita Khrushchev b) Josef Goebbels c) Boris Yeltsin d) None of the above
- 4) ***"We have to build a political consensus and that requires people to give up a little bit of their own ... in order to create this common ground."***
a) Mao Tse Tung b) Hugo Chavez c) Kim Jong Il d) None of the above
- 5) ***"I certainly think the free-market has failed."***
a) Karl Marx b) Lenin c) Molotov d) None of the above
- 6) ***"I think it's time to send a clear message to what has become the most profitable sector in (the) entire economy that they are being watched."***
a) Pinochet b) Milosevic c) Saddam Hussein d) None of the above

Write down all your answers and compare them with the list under the star on page 21



Guest Article:



Daniel J. Mitchell, formerly with the Heritage Foundation, is a member of the Cato Institute, a supply side economist and a tax expert. The following article quotes extensively from another article by Larry Correia. Correia's article is too long for the SENTINEL but interested readers are encouraged to read it. It is accessible by clicking the link "his article" in the fifth paragraph below.

Thoughts on "Assault Weapons" and "Magazine Limits" from an Actual Gun Expert

I'm not a big gun owner and I'm not part of the gun culture. So why, then, do I frequently [post about the issue of gun control](#)?

Mostly because I believe in freedom and the Constitution.

But I also appreciate facts and analysis and I know that [law-abiding citizens are safer and criminals face greater obstacles](#) when good people have the right of self defense.

Last but not least, I think there's a non-trivial possibility that the United States will suffer some sort of social chaos and/or breakdown of law and order because of the damage caused by reckless fiscal and monetary policies. As I explain in [this interview on NRA-TV](#), that's when firearms ownership can mean the difference between life and death.

But now it's time to get some analysis from Larry Correia, a real expert. Here's some of his background, which may help explain why [his article](#) has been viewed more than 1,000,000 times and attracted about 2,500 comments.

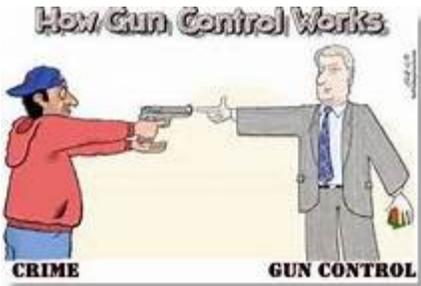
I owned a gun store. ...that means lots and lots of government inspections and compliance paperwork. This means that I had to be exceedingly familiar with federal gun laws, and there are a lot of them. ... When I hear people tell me the gun industry is unregulated, I have to resist the urge to laugh in their face. I was also a Utah Concealed Weapons instructor, and was one of the busiest instructors in the state. That required me to learn a lot about self-defense laws... I have certified thousands of people to carry guns.

Here's what he has to say about stopping massacres. In this section, he's specifically talking about the value of armed teachers, but the message obviously applies more broadly. *The single best way to respond to a mass shooter is with an immediate, violent response. The vast majority of the time, as soon as a mass shooter meets serious resistance, it bursts their fantasy world bubble. Then they kill themselves or surrender. This has happened over and over again. Police are awesome. I love working with cops. However any honest cop will tell you that when seconds count they are only minutes away. ...cops can't be everywhere. There are at best only a couple hundred thousand on duty at any given time patrolling the entire country. Excellent response time is in the three-five minute range. We've seen what bad guys can do in three minutes, but sometimes it is far worse. ...So in some cases that means the bad guys can have ten, fifteen, even twenty minutes to do horrible things with nobody effectively fighting back. So if we can't have cops there, what can we do? The average number of people shot in a mass shooting event when the shooter is stopped by law enforcement: 14. The average number of people shot in a mass shooting event when the shooter is stopped by civilians: 2.5. The reason is simple. The armed civilians are there when it started.* ▷



In this passage, you can see that he's not overly impressed by "gun-free zones."

Gun Free Zones are hunting preserves for innocent people. Period. Think about it. You are a violent, homicidal madman, looking to make a statement and hoping to go from disaffected loser to most famous person in the world. The best way to accomplish your goals is to kill a whole bunch of people. So where's the best place to go shoot all these people? Obviously, it is someplace where nobody can shoot back.



Sort of the same message as [this humorous video](#).

In all honesty, I have no respect for anybody who believes Gun Free Zones actually work. You are going to commit several hundred felonies, up to and including mass murder, and you are going to refrain because there is a sign? That No Guns Allowed sign is not a cross that wards off vampires. It is wishful thinking, and really pathetic wishful thinking at that.

You probably won't be surprised to learn that the Aurora theatre was a gun-free zone.

The man that attacked the midnight showing of Batman didn't attack just any theater. There were like ten to choose from. He didn't attack the closest. It wasn't about biggest or smallest. He attacked the one that was posted NO GUNS ALLOWED. ...Over the last fifty years, with only one single exception (Gabby Giffords), every single mass shooting event with more than four casualties has taken place in a place where guns were supposedly not allowed.

He then deals with the issue of "semi-automatic" weapons. He first explains that these weapons are not machine guns, notwithstanding the inane/biased commentary in the press.



Semi-automatic means that each time you pull the trigger the action cycles and loads another round. This is the single most common type of gun, not just in America, but in the whole world. Almost all handguns are semi-automatic. The vast majority of weapons used for self-defense are semi-automatic, as are almost all the weapons used by police officers. It is the most common because it is normally the most effective.

Anti-gun zealots often use "assault rifle" as a pejorative, and they probably are similarly clueless in thinking that such weapons are machine guns. Correia addresses some of the specific issues of these weapons.

...real assault rifles in the US have been heavily regulated since before they were invented. The thing that the media and politicians like to refer to as assault rifles is basically a catch all term for any gun which looks scary. ...The US banned assault rifles once before for a decade and the law did absolutely nothing. I mean, it was totally, literally pointless. ...And the reason was that since assault weapon is a nonsense term, they just came up with a list of arbitrary features which made a gun into an assault weapon. Problem was, none of these features actually made the gun functionally any different or somehow more lethal or better from any other run of the mill firearm. Most of the criteria were so silly that they became a huge joke to gun owners, except of course, for that part where many law abiding citizens accidentally became instant felons because one of their guns had some cosmetic feature which was now illegal. ▷



Here are a couple of examples he discusses.



Does this make a gun more dangerous?

For example, flash hiders sound dangerous. ...Problem is flash hiders don't do much. They screw onto the end of your muzzle and divert the flash off to the side instead of straight up so it isn't as annoying when you shoot. It doesn't actually hide the flash from anybody else. ...Barrel shrouds were listed. Barrel shrouds are basically useless, cosmetic pieces of metal that go over the barrel so you don't accidentally touch it and burn your hand. But they became an instantaneous felony too. Collapsible stocks make it so you can adjust your rifle to different size shooters, that way a tall guy and his short wife can shoot the same gun. ...Now are you starting to see why "assault weapons" is a pointless term? They aren't functionally any more powerful or deadly than any normal gun. In fact the cartridges they normally fire are far less powerful than your average deer hunting rifle.

One of the big issues in the gun-control debate is whether there should be limits on the number of rounds in a magazines.

...why do gun owners want magazines that hold more rounds? Because sometimes you miss. Because usually—contrary to the movies—you have to hit an opponent multiple times in order to make them stop. Because sometimes you may have multiple assailants. We don't have more rounds in the magazine so we can shoot more, we have more rounds in the magazine so we are forced to manipulate our gun less if we have to shoot more. ...ten rounds sucks when you take a wound ballistics class like I have and go over case after case after case after case of enraged, drug addled, prison hardened, perpetrators who soaked up five, seven, nine, even fifteen bullets and still walked under their own power to the ambulance. That isn't uncommon at all. ...Also, you're going to miss. It is going to happen. If you can shoot pretty little groups at the range, those groups are going to expand dramatically under the stress and adrenalin. ...or the bad guy may end up hiding behind something which your bullets don't penetrate. Nobody has ever survived a gunfight and then said afterwards, "Darn, I wish I hadn't brought all that extra ammo." So having more rounds in the gun is a good thing for self-defense use.

He then responds to the assertion that magazine limits will make life more difficult for bad guys.

...he's not going to walk up right next to you while he reloads anyway. Unlike the CCW holder who gets attacked and has to defend himself in whatever crappy situation he finds himself in, the mass shooter is the aggressor. He's picked the engagement range. They are cowards who are murdering running and hiding children, but don't for a second make the mistake of thinking they are dumb. Many of these scumbags are actually very intelligent. They're just broken and evil. In the cases that I'm aware of where the shooter had guns that held fewer rounds they just positioned themselves back a bit while firing or they brought more guns, and simply switched guns and kept on shooting, and then reloaded before they moved to the next planned firing position. Unless you are a fumble fingered idiot, anybody who practices in front of a mirror a few dozen times can get to where they can insert a new magazine into a gun in a few seconds. ▷



So what will happen if the government imposes a new magazine restriction?

Magazines are cheap and basic. Most of them are pieces of sheet metal with some wire. That's it. Magazines are considered disposable so most gun people accumulate a ton of them. All [the 10-round limit] did was make magazines more expensive, ticked off law abiding citizens, and didn't so much as inconvenience a single criminal. ...So you can ban this stuff, but it won't actually do anything to the crimes you want to stop.

Correia closes with some remarks on the importance of self defense.

...the vast majority of the time when a gun is produced in a legal self-defense situation no shots are fired. The mere presence of the gun is enough to cause the criminal to stop. Clint Smith once said if you look like food, you will be eaten. Criminals are looking for prey. They are looking for easy victims. If they wanted to work hard for a living they'd get a job. So when you pull a gun, you are no longer prey, you are work, so they are going to go find somebody else to pick on.

Which then brings us back to the key question: If gun control does nothing to stop bad guys, and it makes life more dangerous for good people, why do so many politicians want to undermine our constitutional rights?

THE EXPERTS AGREE . . .



Adolf Hitler Fidel Castro Joseph Stalin Mao Tse Tung Muammar Gaddafi Idi Amin Pol Pot Kim Jong Il

GUN CONTROL WORKS!!!

I don't think American politicians have the same evil motives as some of the world's most reprehensible dictators, all of whom [supported gun control as a way of controlling – and in many cases slaughtering – their people](#).

Indeed, I suspect some of them simply are unaware of the facts that Mr. Correia provides in the article.

Last month, I [posted an article by a leftist who openly admitted that gun control was impractical](#). Our goal should be to help more people on the left reach this logical conclusion.

But since life shouldn't be totally serious, here's some [gun control humor – including links to several additional jokes about the issue](#) ❖

Editorial Comment:

Democrats think the Constitution should be interpreted.

Republicans think the Constitution should be understood.



The following is an address I gave at an LCRC meeting in 2009. It is reprinted here because of its relevance to the general theme of this month's SENTINEL.

The SECOND AMENDMENT

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

On its face, the Second Amendment of the Constitution appears less specific and less clear than the First Amendment. Some historical knowledge is necessary for a true understanding of our right to *keep and bear Arms*.

Historically, militia refers to an independent local association of men between certain ages who were trained ("well regulated") in the use of firearms and who could be called up on a moment's notice for the purpose of common defense. Some states required men in this age group to maintain a musket and supplies. Militias were composed of citizen soldiers, farmers and tradesmen, and preferred to standing professional armies which historically had been used by rulers and tyrants to subjugate people. A militia was seen as a counter to an army and a guarantee of a citizen's liberty. Your Second Amendment right insures *all* your rights.

The language "the right of the people" as used in the First and Fourth Amendments, refers to an individual right. Logically, it refers to an individual right here too. It was assumed that individuals would defend themselves. The militia was an obligation to use the arms held by an individual for the common defense. Common defense was applied to bands of outlaws, renegade Indians and oppressive governments, all of which constituted common threats.

Too often we see the Second Amendment defended as a concession to gun "hobbyists" and hunters. This is ludicrous. One does not bear arms against a rabbit or form a militia to bring down a deer. To be sucked into this defense of our rights leaves us at the mercy of PETA pandering politicians. We refuse to cower in our closets while thugs rob our homes and threaten our families. Criminals are always in a hurry because they know there is a response time. However, they went into this profession because they know there is a response time. An armed citizen drops the response time to zero. Remember, when seconds count, your local police are just minutes away.

The lack of specificity is intentional. It does not say "congress shall make no law." It says this right "shall not be infringed." *by anyone*. It is everyone, federal, state and local government, who are prohibited from infringing on our right to keep and bear arms. This right protects us equally against threats both criminal and political. Only the political and criminal classes wish to infringe upon this right - and there may be some overlap here.

The left claims we in the heartland often "cling to God and guns." Well aren't those the *First* and *Second* Amendments? And as Americans should we not only cling to these rights, but also defend "with our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor," these founding principles? ❖

NOTE!

The founders, in establishing this new form of government, asked themselves not how they could secure this power for themselves and their progeny, but how they could keep themselves from becoming just like the oppressive government they sought to replace. They wanted to know what mechanism they could put in place to stop themselves if they were to follow this historically ever deepening rut. I know of no clearer demonstration of the character of these extraordinary men than the inclusion of the Second Amendment in our Constitution.





The following came to the SENTINEL attributed to Maj. L. Caudill USMC (Ret.) My research leads me to believe this may be a fictitious character. The military attribution may be an attempt to give the article more weight. This is unnecessary as the eloquence and logic of the piece is sufficient. I believe the correct attribution is to a **Mr. Marko Kloos** who's original post from 2007 can be seen here (<http://munchkinwrangler.wordpress.com/2007/03/23/why-the-gun-is-civilization/>). Commentary on this post is occasionally as good as the article. I encourage all to read the original article which follows:

Reason or Force?

Human beings only have two ways to deal with one another: reason and force.

If you want me to do something for you, you have a choice of either convincing me via argument, or force me to do your bidding under threat of force.

Every human interaction falls into one of those two categories, without exception. Reason or force, that's it.

In a truly moral and civilized society, people exclusively interact through persuasion. Force has no place as a valid method of social interaction and the only thing that removes force from the menu is the personal firearm, as paradoxical as it may sound to some.

When I carry a gun, you cannot deal with me by force. You have to use reason and try to persuade me, because I have a way to negate your threat or employment of force.

The gun is the only personal weapon that puts a 100-pound woman on equal footing with a 220-pound mugger, a 75-year old retiree on equal footing with a 19-year old gang banger, and a single guy on equal footing with a carload of drunk guys with baseball bats. The gun removes the disparity in physical strength, size, or numbers between a potential attacker and a defender.

There are plenty of people who consider the gun as the source of bad force equations. These are the people who think that we'd be more civilized if all guns were removed from society, because a firearm makes it easier for an armed mugger to do his job. That, of course, is only true if the mugger's potential victims are mostly disarmed either by choice or by legislative fiat--it has no validity when most of a mugger's potential marks are armed.

People who argue for the banning of arms ask for automatic rule by the young, the strong, and the many, and that's the exact opposite of a civilized society. A mugger, even an armed one, can only make a successful living in a society where the state has granted him a force monopoly.

Then there's the argument that the gun makes confrontations lethal that otherwise would only result in injury. This argument is fallacious in several ways. Without guns involved, confrontations are won by the physically superior party inflicting overwhelming injury on the loser.

People who think that fists, bats, sticks, or stones don't constitute lethal force watch too much TV, where people take beatings and come out of it with a bloody lip at worst. The fact that the gun makes lethal force easier works solely in favor of the weaker defender, not the stronger attacker. If both are armed, the field is level.

The gun is the only weapon that's as lethal in the hands of an octogenarian as it is in the hands of a weight lifter. It simply wouldn't work as well as a force equalizer if it wasn't both lethal and easily employable.

When I carry a gun, I don't do so because I am looking for a fight, but because I'm looking to be left alone. The gun at my side means that I cannot be forced; only persuaded. I don't carry it because I'm afraid, but because it enables me to be unafraid. It doesn't limit the actions of those who would interact with me through reason, only the actions of those who would do so by force.

It removes force from the equation... and that's why carrying a gun is a civilized act. ❖



Hillary Clinton

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.



Jane Fonda



Michelle Obama

I guess we all have our heroes.



Just sayin.'



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www.republicanpartywoodcounty.com

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[To Subscribe to the Tea Party 911 Newsletter](#) Subscribe here.

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[Newtown Citizen Speaks Out](#)

[A Country With No Water](#)

[USS Arizona After Hours](#)

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[No AR-15?](#)

[Cruzing for a Bruising](#)

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[Gun Free Zone](#)

[So God Made a Liberal](#)

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Who Said This:

"Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?"

Answer below the star on page 28

Ruger is coming out with a new pistol to honor members of the US House and Senate.



It's called The Congressman. It doesn't work and you can't fire it.





SENTINEL Hat Tip:

The SENTINEL takes a moment to recognize the RWWC for confronting issues head-on. Republicans have been too timid in confronting the culture war and an unprincipled Democrat Party for too long. RWWC's January program was a solid first step reversing this disturbing trend. Our hats are off to you, ladies.

In January the RWWC conducted a poll of its members, the results of which can be seen below:

GOP S.W.O.T. ANALYSIS

Strengths. Weaknesses. Opportunities. Threats.

What are the strengths of the Republican Party?

- 1 We Have Strong, Conservative Values
- 2 We Are Loyal Supporters
- 3 We Believe and support of the Constitution
- 4 We Believe in God, Family & Country
- 5 We Believe in Free Enterprise
- 6 We are Fiscally Responsible
- 7 We are Volunteers

What are weaknesses of the Republican Party?

- 1 We have no strength at the National Level or in the Party Leadership
- 2 We are perceived to be non-Inclusive
- 3 We have no Age appeal (we are a party of seniors)
- 4 We are not active with minorities
- 5 We are Weak on the issues (national representation caves)
- 6 We are Poor at communicating what we believe
- 7 We Lack of follow through
- 8 We Fail to control/take advantage of the media
- 9 We need to listen to the opposition not just one another (Avoid Group Think)

What opportunities do Republicans have? (Potential sources of strength.)

- 1 Turn the Swing States Red
- 2 Promote quality Minority candidates
- 3 Promote More aggressive use of Technology to attract younger members
- 4 Outreach to Minorities
- 5 Active Education – what it means to be a Republican (Kiwanis, Rotary, Church, College Campus etc across the country)
- 6 Selection of Super, Strong Candidate Early (not the primary process, endless debates, etc) we had this last election cycle
- 7 Communicate one message, consistently and often. Starting now
- 8 Hold elected officials accountable
- 9 Consolidate with the Tea Party
- 10 Improve our “Image” – Republicans are not “cool”
- 11 Cooperate for the Common Good

What threats are there to the Republican Party? (Potential causes of weakness.)

- 1 Losing Texas and the Swing States
- 2 Liberalism is widely accepted as the “Norm” (this effects anything related to God, Guns,Gays as well as abortion)
- 3 Hollywood
- 4 Perception that Republicans represent loss of opportunity to women and minorities
- 5 Non-voting Republicans
- 6 Collegiate liberalism and lack of Republican presence on college campuses
- 7 Fear of not being elected
- 8 No consolidated messages
- 9 Liberal education system
- 10 Lack of a strong, political machine
- 11 No immigration plan

Action Items - Ask National Party Leaders to develop our sound bites/messages now. These must be POSITIVE in their presentation. Have these good, strong messages formatted as thought provoking questions. For instance, question the debt in the context of how would you pay for these programs (credit card, etc). Run on every radio station, TV, billboard and in every Republicans speeches from now until the election. We don't need Republicans debating the message. We need every one singing the same song at the national level.

For a franchise whose parent group, the TFRW, featured Joe Strauss on the cover of their newsletter last year, suggesting consolidation with the Tea Party shows real courage. The Sentinel salutes the RWWC.



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Blood On The Hands Of The LEFT

I was just about to publish my latest editorial as promised, on Canada's Supreme Court Decision to suspend Freedom of Speech, in favor of promoting one language over all others.

THEN THE CONNECTICUT SCHOOL SHOOTING HAPPENED.

Next to language issues in Canada, and a failed Judicial System in both of our countries, what happened in Connecticut takes precedence.

I won't waste words describing my feelings, because how I feel about as many as, and maybe more than 26 people murdered, including 18 children is indescribable.

BUT I WILL TELL YOU WHY IT HAPPENED:

It didn't happen because of the so-called gun culture, or because of poor security at the school. It happened because of the modern LEFTIST culture that has removed all semblances of personal responsibility and respect.

It happened because of the Hollywood and television types who lecture the Conservatives on how people should live, while they make FORTUNES producing absolute FILTH in their movies and on television programs.

It happened because of reality television shows that demean humanity. And shows that make people laugh at the pain and humiliation of others.

It happened because multi-millionaire computer game producers create UGLY digital scenarios that poison young minds with abject and gratuitous violence.

It happened because the school system doesn't teach values, and promotes the idea that everything goes. And that all people are equal regardless of the truth. And that no one ever fails.

It happened because LEFTISTS won't allow concerned and loving parents to discipline their children, or raise their children the way they want to.

It happened because far too many Liberals spend far too much time and effort ridiculing and attacking people who want to live by the lessons of the Bible and the Torah.

In truth . . . This and other horrible acts of violence happen, because our society from our entertainment industry, to schools, to the media, and our governments have created the social and cultural foundation that is eating away at our countries like a cancer.

I know that what I just wrote WILL inflame those on the LEFT, and that's OK, because if they don't like it . . . They can ROT in @#!*% along with the demons of their own creation.

I want my old country values back . . . When we stood in school when an adult entered the room. When we were really disciplined for bad behavior. When we were measured by our successes and failures. When not everyone had to waste years of his or her life in college studying basket weaving instead of taking a trade course, or going to work right after finishing high school. When your mom was a woman and your dad was a man.

If you want to stop the sickness . . . IT'S TIME TO STOP THE LEFT.

In Sadness . . . Howard Galganov. ❖



GUN CONTROL - USE BOTH HANDS

The Sentinel received the following information in an email:

These are interesting Facts:

It appears to me we should join the current hysteria and suggest the evidence shows that all Guns of registered Democrats should be confiscated.

We know who they are - they're registered!

Why is it that those who steal guns, who then go and kill movie goers and children in school have never been a **conservative NRA member?**

Ft Hood - Registered Democrat – Muslim

Columbine - Too young to vote; both families were registered Democrats and progressive liberals

Virginia Tech - Wrote hate mail to President Bush and to his staff - Registered Democrat

Colorado Theater - Registered Democrat; staff worker on the Obama campaign; Occupy Wall Street participant; progressive liberal

Connecticut School Shooter - Registered Democrat; hated Christians

John Hinkley Jr. Hated Ronald Reagan, Registered Democrat

Common thread is that all of these shooters were progressive liberal Democrats.

Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, Member of Charles Manson Cult All Liberal Democrats.

Sirhan Sirhan Registered Democrat and Muslim

Chicago: December 28, 2012 Murders reached 500 for the year 2012, and 2013 is ahead of that pace... Want to guess how many of the Shooters are Democrats?

INTERESTING..., isn't it? ❖

Why do Progressive Liberals want to take away Guns from **Law Abiding Conservatives??**

["Liberals With Guns!"](#)

SENTINEL **Observation:**

If an pentathlete is an athlete who competes in five different athletic events (a pentathlon), and a triathlete is an athlete who competes in three different athletic events (a triathlon), what do you call an athlete who can't complete a single athletic event? - A Halfathlete.





Tea Party Meets In Emory

On February 12, your intrepid reporter set the State of the Union to record and, along with LCRC past president, Greg Bowen, made the relatively short drive to Emory to take in the local Tea Party action.

The Tea Party of Rains County, led by the capable Gus Metz, meets in the Best Western in Emory at 7PM on the second Tuesday of each month. On this particular rainy "State of the Union" evening, over 50 concerned citizens braved the weather to hear Tammy Blair speak on the important and pressing issue of Texas Nationalism.



The venue is well appointed. The seats are comfortable. Guests are made to feel welcome and beverages are available. The venue is funded by voluntary donations.

Unlike the State of the Union address, which was a shameless self-congratulatory exercise in hyperbole and prevarication, Tammy delivered a well reasoned and occasionally impassioned case for Texas nationalism. In terms of important political content delivered respectfully to thoughtful citizens, my heart goes out to the millions stuck at home watching the State of the Union Address. We enjoyed the better speaker and the more honest message.



Again, unlike the State of the Union, there were no claims to know the unknowable. And the presentation was not a sales pitch. It was an honest appeal to the reasonable citizen to apply reason to this subject. The more thought I apply to the notion of Texas Nationalism, the more convinced I am that this is the proper political path for Texas and citizens of other states which share our concern. It is easy to dismiss this notion as "radical," yet how much sense does it make to remain hitched to a train which is already derailed and headed for catastrophe. Hope is not a strategy and, in this context, it is just a futile exercise by the willfully blind. Surely, by now, we have enough life experience to know when the situation requires action by the adults in the room.

The program concluded with Q&A. The questions were well considered and probably the ones you would have asked. The answers were honest and in my estimation encouraging. And I encourage you to check out the Tea Party of Rains County. ❖

O! Blue

A young cowboy from Nevada goes off to college. Half way through the semester, he has foolishly squandered all his money. He calls home....

"Dad," he says, "You won't believe what modern education is developing! They actually have a program here in Laramie that will teach our dog, O! Blue how to talk!"

"That's amazing," his Dad says. "How do I get O! Blue in that program?"

"Just send him down here with \$1,000" the young cowboy says. "I'll get him in the course."

So, his father sends the dog and \$1,000.

About two-thirds of the way through the semester, the money again runs out.

The boy calls home.

"So how's O! Blue doing, son?" his father asks.

"Awesome, Dad, he's talking up a storm," he says, "but you just won't believe this - they've had such good results they have started to teach the animals how to read!"

"Read!?" says his father, "No kidding! How do we get Blue in that program?"

"Just send \$2,500, I'll get him in the class."

The money promptly arrives. But our hero has a problem.

At the end of the year, his father will find out the dog can neither talk, nor read.

So the young cowboy from Nevada shoots the dog.

When he arrives home at the end of the year, his father is all excited.

"Where's O! Blue? I just can't wait to see him read something and talk!"

"Dad," the boy says....

"I have some grim news.

Yesterday morning, just before we left to drive home, O! Blue was in the living room, kicked back in the recliner, reading the Wall Street Journal, like he usually does.

Then he turned to me and asked, "So, is your daddy still messing around with that little redhead who lives down the street?"

The father exclaimed, "I hope you shot that SOB before he talks to your Mother!"

"I sure did, Dad!"

"That's my boy!"

The kid went on to law school, and now serves in Washington D.C. As a Democrat Congressman representing the State of Nevada...

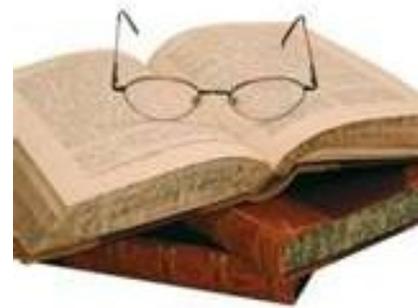


BOOK REVIEW:

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Negroes With Guns

By: Robert F. Williams



I ordered this book with the intention of reviewing it for this month's SENTINEL, but long before I finished I was telling friends there was no way I could write this review. I sit here waiting for inspiration.

At under 90 pages it is a quick, but not an easy read. I picked it up after hearing Glen Beck comment on what a good defense of the Second Amendment it was and how the NRA had come to the defense of a group of African-Americans who were being persecuted by the Klan. Beck's show aired around the same time that Jason Whitlock was referring to the NRA as the new KKK, so I was intrigued.

The book will be difficult reading for anyone with "Southern sensibilities," as it picks at the scabs of the civil rights movement. It will be difficult reading for anyone whose blood runs conservative, as it's author, Mr. Williams, is an avowed communist. In the book, he proudly prints his wanted poster and pictures of himself after he retreated to the "workers' paradise" of Cuba.

But, if you can overlook all the caveats, and there *are* plenty, much can be learned from the book. I grew up in Houston and it seemed to me that the vestiges of segregation were gone long before the civil rights movement took off. This may not have been true all across the south, and certainly it was not true in Monroe, North Carolina. Monroe was thoroughly segregated and, if Mr. Williams is to be believed, the membership of the local Klan chapter and the staff of the sheriff's office experienced some overlap. Harassment of the local black community by the Klan was unchecked by local law enforcement.

Monroe's black community responded by setting up their own chapter of the NRA and training themselves in the skills necessary for self defense. Once the black community could defend themselves, law enforcement had to provide equal protection to all citizens, regardless of hue, to prevent a public blood bath.

At several points in the book, Mr. Williams provides eloquent defenses of the Second Amendment and credits it with not only the safety of his community, but also with providing a civilizing influence on local law enforcement. It is interesting that understanding this, Mr. Williams fled to Cuba where no one enjoys any constitutionally protected rights.

I have never before recommended a book which has been favorably reviewed by Louis Farrakhan (on the back of the cover no less) and I am not doing so now. However there are a number of insights for the careful and studious reader. One, as mentioned before, is the stabilizing influence of an armed populace. Additionally, but less obvious, is an explanation of why the American experience seems out of reach for so many black Americans. Today, a true African, immigrating to the US is often successful in business while native, black Americans feel held back. In an environment where many Americans are successful using the entrepreneurial skills of risk taking, others who *are*, or *were*, systematically denied the same experiences, often blame capitalism rather than their oppressors. This explains a lot about the period and the residual damage which is all too apparent to this day.

Negroes With Guns is not for entertainment and certainly not for the casual reader. However it has some value to students of history who already have a grounding in history and some ability to think critically. The NRA is mentioned only twice in the book, but the impact on local law enforcement is instructive. Readers who happen to venture into this book will find that much of the benefit will come from an ability to read between the lines and to comprehend far more than the author ever intended. *Negroes With Guns* was reprinted in 1998 and is available on Amazon. ❖



Jesus, on property rights. Matthew 20:15