

PERSPECTIVE

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I never forget a face, but in your case I'll make an exception - Groucho Marx

Brady Bill does not solve violence

All's safe in the world, the Brady Bill has passed.

Never mind that it infringes on our Second Amendment rights.

Moreover, who cares that only law-abiding citizens can purchase a gun legally anyway.

Now we, the innocent citizens, must wait five days to purchase a gun.

This bill was written by James

Brady, the Press Secretary for Ronald Reagan, who was shot in March, 1981. He believes it will

deter people from buying guns and thus reduce crime.

And he believes that maybe, just maybe, he would be walking today if the Brady

Bill were passed in 1980.

But the facts are James Brady isn't walking today because of John Henklely Jr., not a gun.

People kill people, guns sim-

ply assist them in doing such. And John Henklely Jr. bought his gun four years before he shot James Brady. So, the five day waiting period wouldn't have kept James Brady upright. The bill can only prevent an innocent citizen from instant piece of mind, if a gun is what they so desire to protect them.

Understand however, the Brady Bill isn't that big an issue anymore. About 20 states have already imposed a waiting period on handguns in their respective states. But the lack of technological advancement in this area is baffling.

Why does a 7-11 have electronic cash registers that can tell you everything about a hostess

Twinkie, but gun stores can't have computers that do background searches on customers?

After all, only criminals carry guns, right?

Wrong.

I've had a handgun since April of 1993. It was purchased around the time of the second Rodney King trials. It was purchased because we all just couldn't get along.

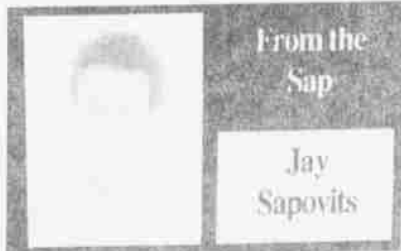
It's a Davis .380, five rounds. It's very small and would kill someone from 15 yards away. Which is about the same distance from my bedroom to the living room of my apartment, the only place a criminal could enter. So, what's the punishment for break-

ing into Jay's apartment: a gunshot if I can reach my gun fast enough.

It's a simple formula: Enter for a malicious purpose when you're not invited = bleed profusely from a gunshot.

The wild West wasn't so wild. They were all gun carriers. People had the same idea as I, protect yourself and your property. If a bandit would actually ride into town slinging a gun, he'd have been shot by every man in the town.

And like the criminals that the Brady Bill shelters from a well-protected society, he would have earned it.



From the
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Jay
Sapovits

Responsibility belongs to individuals

One of my colleagues from political science class stopped me in the hallway as I was attempting to make it to my next class. He was concerned

that I, in my last column on personal responsibility (which would have been about four weeks ago), slighted those who were

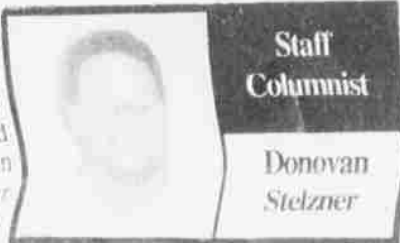
perhaps involved in the Los Angeles riots - as in, labeling those who destroyed their neighborhood as thugs who should be held responsible for their behavior.

I responded by saying that I did not specifically point to that particular example in my column. I did admit, however, that the analogy could be extended to include them.

Needless to say, he was not pleased. He continued by saying that since this country was racist in its inception and that the laws of this country were not written for black people, and, therefore, this notion that I had concerning the law and one's responsibility toward it was a 'white' notion and that I ought not to have it solely because of my skin color. And, also needless to say, I was not

moved.

The people who caused the Los Angeles riots should not be blamed for their actions. They were just poor minorities who torched their neighborhood all for the good, honorable cause of attracting the attention of the nation. And I shouldn't judge



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them.

"Sure, we started a world war. Sure, we killed over six million Jews and political dissidents. But, hey, so what? Germany was left in economic and political shambles after the Weimar Republic, so we did what we had to do to gain attention to our cause. We were under a sort of a mob mentality. Don't blame us; blame our leaders. Heil Hitler."

A difference? Not really. It's one thing to become trapped in circumstance; it is another to use that circumstance as an excuse for moral degeneracy. The committee at Nuremberg did not buy that excuse from the Third Reich, and neither should any court of law for any defendants tried for crimes committed in Los Angeles on that fateful day of April 1992.

Let me here post my notice: I DO NOT CONDEMN ANYONE FOR ANYTHING. But, I do believe that, eventually, the consequences of your actions will catch up with you. If you play in the snow without gloves or mittens, you stand a chance of getting frostbite. Those who play with fire are likely to get burned. If you don't put gas in your car, it will eventually flame out somewhere in the middle of the road. Shoot someone, and you stand about a 85 percent chance of getting caught and going to jail.

Good parents protect their children by setting guidelines for them in order to protect them from actions that inherently bring upon themselves negative results. Once children reach a certain maturity level, it is not wise for these parents to make decisions for them any longer, and at this point the maturing adult is forced to accept the consequence of each action. This is the sign of true maturity.

Go ahead, do whatever you want. I don't want to stand in the way of your fun. But just be adult enough to face the consequences of your actions. Don't blame them on your economic condition or the fact that your mother was beaten when you were a child or that you were abused yourself. It just makes you look rather immature.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Flash! Coach Horton elopes with Jim Weaver and takes the family jewels! City of Reno seethes with indignation. Old warrior Chris Ault returns to gridiron and vows to punish the rascals. High drama indeed! All this fun and games would be more appropriate in the simpler, safer world into which I graduated in 1955. That was a time when education was easily affordable and anyone with a degree was assured a good job. I'm afraid that world no longer exists.

While sycophant sports writ-

ers ask cosmic questions like: "Can he put the ball in the air?" and "Can he put points on the board?" others are asking: "Can my department keep its accreditation with these spending cuts?" or "Can we run a freshman English program with poorly paid, part-time instructors?" or "Can I get the classes I need to graduate this year?" or "Can I keep my marriage together while I work and go to school full-time?" or "How can a single mother support her children and pay tuition?" These are real questions—I didn't make them up.

Wake up Nevada! Grow up Nevada! Students, faculty, and taxpayers have every right to demand that the system get down to business and stop squandering time, money, and energy on non-essentials. There's a brutally competitive world out there and the mission of the Nevada system for higher education is to prepare men and women to function in that world—at reasonable cost.

Robert Skaggs
Professor
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Student Spotlight

Does the university provide enough academic counseling for the students?

"I think the counseling is adequate, but most students don't know about it. That's the main problem with it."

Rob Fitzpatrick
Senior
Accounting



"In the business end I think the business college is very good at counseling. Education on the other hand, it's tough to keep counselors."

Bud Benneman
Senior
Economics/Education



"I really don't think they provide adequate counseling because I transferred in a special student. I had three months to go and they never told me I could get a counselor. They kind of left me hanging."

Jennifer Stagnan
Junior
Communications



"I don't think there is adequate counseling at UNLV because I've run into a lot of problems where counselors don't even know what they're doing, and then we're stuck here for an extra year."

Candy Clark
Junior
Communications

