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tinue to bless you for this.

#### Dear Brian,

It's been awhile since you for your "Excellence" in done such a tremendous service truly 'want to know'. God con-

C-Span has done such a citizens to watch the dis-courteous inept down-right abhorant behavior in 'their' House of Reprehensibles. It must be very hard for the truly dedicated few that must try to uphold the rights of the people they represent. God bless them all. I would only hope that the few that are trying would truly know their Constitutional responsibilities. And I mean this in the deepest sense of the word!

Do you think, Brian, that we indeed still do have a Constitution? This is not a joke question..with all the shenanigans that pass as "leggl" coming out of our current administration, I am fearful. Since when does a law such as THE BRADY BILL become leggl with only 3 congress people there to vote? ( I am having a hard time writing legal it must be ill-legal), for I believe that God directs my every action.

The main purpose of my letter is to inform you, and ask your help in getting the message of encouragement to the public about the "Freedom Rallys" started in the Florida area, first in Tallahassy, and this weekend in Martin County where thet are to hold the rally next to a huge boondoggle, expensive complex that must now be destrayed because of various inept problems. This complex was strongly supported by Janet Reno's sister who is a county commissioner. This is what I have heard from Talk radio shows, from people in Martin County. I thought you should know.

American citizens are VERY concerned about the 'dis-arming' of America...it is on the agenda. While the news media (thank God not C-Span) feeds Soap Opera mentality garbage to Americans to detract them from what is really coming at them, much is under-foot.

The sleeping Giant is finally awakening and I Thank Ross Perot for his involvment and telling Americans to take their country back. With all the Perot bashing by the liberal media, the truth will still come out. And when it comes to recognizing good from evil 'it takes one to know one' is the only fact I can offer.

My sincere thanks to you for your help and moral stance.

God bless you and C-Span.



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## behind the lines

Sunrise in America. 1994 may actually be a happy new year. In contrast to the plethora of dire warnings you read in these pages every month, I thought I would start the year off upbeat and tell you about some developments that may portend a sunrise of freedom in America.

Unfunded mandates. The major political debate of 1994 may not be health care reform or welfare reform, but the issue of unfunded mandates. Congress is fond of mandating an ever-growing number of federal programs upon the states that the states have to pay for. Florida, for example, has been told it must, under the Endangered Species Act, protect the Florida panther. The estimated cost is \$53 million per panther, and there are 40 some panthers: that's \$2 billion the Florida taxpayers have to cough up for just this one federal mandate — and there are dozens more. No wonder there is a revolution brewing among state officials.

Freedom-lovers, of course, want no mandates at all. Conservatives will be supporting very wellwritten legislation this term preventing unfunded mandates. Since Congress doesn't have the money for its mandates, this legislation may result in the elimination of entire federal programs. And it doesn't end there. Municipal governments are demanding an end to unfunded mandates from their state legislatures. Civil war is about to erupt between municipal, state, and federal bureaucrats throughout the country.

Land War. Another war that will break out this year between the states and Washington will be over federally owned land. The stakes are gigantic, for the federal government claims ownership of over 50% of the entire Western United States. On December 7, 1993 the Commissioners of Nye County in Nevada passed a Resolution (Number 93-48) recognizing that "the State of Nevada owns all public lands within the borders of the State," thus asserting state ownership of virtually all federal land in Nevada (88% of the entire state).

The assertion is that all states after the original 13 own all "unappropriated land" which Washington demanded their territorial assemblies cede to it as a condition of becoming a state. Since this condition was not placed on the original 13, under the "equal footing doctrine" where subsequent states must be admitted to the Union on the same basis as the 13, it is constitutionally invalid. This has been reaffirmed by the Supreme Court in a 1987 decision turning over a federally-owned Utah lake bed to the state of Utah (*Utah Division of State Lands vs the United States*).

#### by Jack Wheeler

A number of other Nevada counties, and counties in 16 other states, are following suit. The Nevada Lincoln County D.A. has taken away the guns, badges and all symbols of police authority from BLM and National Forest Service agents. Officials, including several governors, from 17 western states will meet in Salt Lake City next month to discuss reclaiming ownership of federal land in their states. They may send Congress a bill for all grazing fees, oil and mineral rights proceeds, and other monies collected on these lands over the last 80 years.

**Concealed weapons.** Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) will soon offer legislation giving law-abiding citizens the right to carry concealed weapons. Florida citizens now have this right (any resident not convicted of a felony may receive a concealed weapon permit), and crime against them is down 30%—and thus up against tourists whom the criminal knows aren't armed. The criminal won't assault someone who might put a .38 in his face and blow him away.

**Goodbye Bobby, Goodbye Slick.** Do not be surprised if Bobby Inman fails to be confirmed as Secretary of Defense. He is a technocrat with no vision, was fired by Bill Casey at the CIA (he didn't resign), and is an abject failure in business who drove a billion-dollar company (Tracor Corp.) right into the ground. But what may really sink him are his intensely negative views on Israel. The Jewish lobby may not stand for this — and rightly so. If its sights are trained on Bobby, he may not make it through the hearings.

I assume you have read David Brock's article in the *American Spectator*. Let me assure you: Troopergate (also known as Zippergate), is only the *tip* of the iceberg. There is *a lot* more to come folks. This is a doomed presidency. As the Freedom Research Foundation predicted in a report to Congress last spring, Bill Clinton will resign well before this November's elections. (For a copy of the report, write to FRF, 1400 Cola Drive, McLean, VA 22101.)

This means the end of what Congressman Chris Cox (R-CA) calls the Stalinization of American health care, the Democratic Party's program of Fabian Fascism for America, indeed of the Democratic Party's 60-year rule of America. So let's raise another glass of celebration for these wonderful possibilities of 1994. Let's be optimists and call them trends — and not be pessimists and call them anomalies. Let's toast the sunrise of freedom in America — and cross our fingers it's not a false dawn.



# **POSSESSING A GUN**

It's more than a right

### by Officer A. Rick Dalton

On the 7th of August, 1993, at 0331 hrs. in the morning, I learned firsthand why it is important that every American have the right to own firearms for the defense of his life his property and his family. My wife awakened me, having heard the loud report of a heavy object being slammed against our carport door. I went to investigate, and saw nor heard nothing for 2 to 3 minutes. Then, there at the back door, was the same unmistakable crash, as someone struck the back door.

I grabbed my handgun as my wife called the police emergency number, and I took a position in the hallway were I could see both doors. While my fellow officers were on the way, the intruders broke the window on the door, and I watched as one of them reached inside, unlocked the deadbolt, and opened the door. I had the sights on the chest of the 16 year-old gang member, as the intruder stepped into my house and walked toward the carport door to let the rest of the group in. I announced loudly that I had a gun and would shoot if the suspect didn't get down on the floor. I took the first one into custody. As I waited for the next intruder to enter, the police arrived and arrested a 26 year-old gang member as he fled through a neighbor's yard. He had taken my threat seriously. The others escaped.

I didn't have to kill anyone that night, but I would have, to protect my family. I'm certain that the fact I had a gun was the reason nobody got hurt. The mere threat of a homeowner with the intent and the means of defending his home was enough to convince them to leave.

Several facts were forcefully impressed on me and my family that night. First, the police can't always get there in time to prevent disaster. Though they arrived within three minutes, it was too late to prevent the forceful entry of my home.

Second, had I not kept a gun for protection, my family might have been injured or killed.

Third, had I chosen a different career, the same tragic result might have obtained. I am a police officer, and as such, I am assured that I can exercise my right to keep and bear arms. Depending upon where a person lives, other citizens not in law enforcement, are increasingly thwarted by unsound laws and political philosophies in their attempts to own firearms for defense or other lawful purposes.

In New South Whales, it's unlawful to keep a gun for self-protection. And that's exactly what is in store for America unless we stand up and stop the forces of personal disarmament.

Second Amendment...It's more than a right.







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