

## Another Feel Good Gun Buyback

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Here is the headline from a story in The Baltimore Sun on Sunday, December 16, 2012:  
“Baltimore buyback takes in 461 guns, gives ShopRite cards.”

The story ran two days after the tragic, horrific events in Newtown, Conn. So the sub headline of the story should have been no surprise.

“School shooting motivated many to turn in their guns.”

Nor should we be surprised at some of the quotes in the story, like this one from ShopRite vice president Howard Klein.

“It’s a poignant reminder of what can happen when you have guns in the home and what we don’t want to happen in our communities.”

Klein was talking about, and as it transpires oversimplifying— the events in Newtown. There the suspect, 20-year-old Adam Lanza, now deceased, apparently and allegedly engaged in the following scenario:

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He fatally shot his mother, Nancy Lanza; he shot her IN THE FACE. Several times. Then he took two handguns and an AR-15 rifle— all weapons Nancy Lanza had legally purchased and owned— to the Sandy Hook Elementary School, where he shot his way into the place. Then he shot the principal, five other staff members and 20 children.

For people like Klein, Adam Lanza's actions are "a reminder of what can happen when you have guns in the home."

For people like me— and I'll 'fess up that I'm a Second Amendment, Robert Franklin Williams guy all the way, and that includes the right of Americans to own so-called "assault rifles"— it's a reminder of what can happen when parents live in denial about a child's creeping mental illness.

I'll be even more specific: it's a reminder of what can happen when parents live in denial about a SON's mental illness. I don't think we're talking daughters here.

Think back on all the recent mass shootings. Has a woman carried out even one of them?

Yes, mental illness strikes women. And yes, there are women that have killed more than one person at a time.

However, if you check, you will see it's a mother who snapped and did in her own children. You almost NEVER see— if we have ever seen it at all— a woman take handguns or rifles and then methodically slaughter scores of people she doesn't even know.

Nah, I think we're talking a strictly guy thing here and I'll be even more blunt: we're talking a WHITE guy thing, usually a young white guy.

A couple of those shooters have been Asian Americans. And John Allen Muhammad and Lee

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Boyd Malvo certainly weren't white. But when it comes to the mass slaughter of people with firearms here in America, the profile does seem to be young, white and male— and possibly mentally disturbed. Was Adam Lanza?

New reports now surface that Nancy Lanza thought her younger son was “spiraling out of control” and that she was “losing him.”

This should have been a signal to Nancy Lanza to get the guns far out of Adam Lanza's reach. Unfortunately for her and now 27 others, that didn't happen.

It's time to remind America's gun control advocates— oh heck, let's just call them what they are: the repeal-the-Second-Amendment posse— that firearms are inanimate objects.

In the hands of reasonable people that know how and when to use them, firearms pose no threat to anyone, except criminals.

In the hands of the mentally ill, they pose a grave threat.

That's why the gun “buyback” is a farce. (Why the term “buyback”? Did the Baltimore Police Department, which collected all the guns, SELL any of these firearms to anyone?) It's a feel good measure, designed to make people believe they're making themselves safer— and preventing future incidents like the one in Newtown— from happening.

However, you can rest assured that not one member of Baltimore's criminal element who are responsible for most of the city's violent street crime— showed up at the December 15 “buyback.”

Only law-abiding citizens did. Does not having a gun in their homes now make them safer?

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If home invaders break into one of those homes intending to commit murder and mayhem, can Baltimore police guarantee that officers will show up instantaneously and prevent that from happening?

Those that “sold back” their weapons might soon find they’ve made a bet with their derrieres that Baltimore cops can’t possibly cover.