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Sinclair instructor is a Holocaust survivor

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Samuel Lauber is one of three Holocaust survivors living in the City of Dayton. Lauber is an adjunct instructor in the sociology department at Sinclair Community College, where he has taught for three years.

“It’s very important for me to teach,” says Lauber. “To have a feeling of sharing my knowledge and experiences with students...so they can gain the greatest benefit, it’s a pleasure for me to do that.”

Lauber’s sociology and social work classes give him an ideal opportunity to talk about his background and about the themes of diversity and deviance.

“I’ve been well supported, and I enjoy my students and the experiences they share,” says Lauber.

Born in Belgium

Lauber was born in Nazi-occupied Belgium in 1942. Although Lauber was too young to remember many details, he knows he was born into a hostile environment. The local population in Antwerp was largely sympathetic to the Nazis.

Gentile children were forbidden from playing with Jewish children, Jewish doctors were barred from treating non-Jews, and Jews were ordered to wear yellow *lulif* stars, making identification and discrimination easy. Jewish business owners were also forced to close their doors.

Lauber’s mother owned an artificial flower business, which he said was destroyed during those early years.

With Antwerp looking increasingly bleak, Lauber’s family relocated to Brussels, where the locals were more sympathetic to Jews. From there, his father attempted to procure train tickets so the family could flee the country. On the way to the station, he was warned that Nazis were there checking records, deporting those caught and using their information to capture their families.

That was when Lauber’s parents made the decision to send him away.

“My parents said, ‘even if we’re arrested, if we’re caught, we want our son to go on living,’” says Lauber.

They contacted a group of nuns in a church in Brussels. The Mother Superior arranged for Sam, then 3 years old, to be sent to live with a gentile family in Lalouviere, Belgium, 50 kilometers from Brussels.

Hidden in Lalouviere

In Lalouviere, Lauber was taken in by the Detrys, where he lived as a member of the family.

The transition was difficult for Lauber. “I had questions, I had all kinds of problems, because I was attached to my parents,” says Lauber, “when a child is born, he develops a bonding relationship with his parents, and that was cut.”

The family Lauber stayed with didn’t tell anyone else that he was a Jew.

“Nobody else knew,” says Lauber.

“Except for a physician who took care of me at the time.”

Because the Jewish faith mandates circumcision, young boys such as Lauber were at a greater risk of being exposed than girls.

Lauber said he attended Christian church services with the Detry family, and did not know that he was Jewish. He remembers going to the cellar during the



photos contributed by Samuel Lauber

Left: The house Lauber was hidden in, text was written by the father of the family which hid him for a year and a half. Top: Lauber and his mother in their home in New York City.

Allied bombing of the city.

Lauber stayed hidden with the family for about a year and a half.

In 1944, Allied forces liberated Belgium. “The next thing I realized,” says Lauber. “I was back in Bussels with my parents.”

Lauber’s parents never talked to him about what happened to them after they were separated. To this day, he does not know how they survived.

Move to New York

Lured by better employment prospects, the promise of a good education for their son, and the presence of relatives in New York; Lauber’s parents decided to move the family to America.

In 1948, after a weeklong journey, they arrived in New York.

“When we saw the statue of liberty, you can not image how cheerful [we were]. Everybody roared,” he says.

His father found piecemeal work sewing fur together for coats, his mother making artificial flowers from scratch. They lived in low-income projects, in what Lauber says was “the most difficult, gang-ridden neighborhood in Manhattan.”

When Lauber was 15, his mother passed away. His father followed three years later. Lauber attributes their early deaths to the stressful conditions they suffered through during the war.

Lauber joined the Air Force from 1963 to 1967 and went to school, earning a bachelor’s in sociology and a master’s in social work. He worked for 36 years as a civilian in the armed forces, moving around to 12 bases during his career, including several in Germany and Holland.

“For many years, I never discussed my story,” says Lauber.

In 1998, there was a conference for hidden children hosted by the Anti-Defamation League in New York, but he was unable to attend.

Lauber later planned a trip that took him past Lalouviere, where he visited the Detrys, the family that he said had saved his life many years before.

“It was wonderful,” he says. Lauber kept up correspondence with the Detry family for many years.

Lauber’s work for the military in Europe also gave him the opportunity to visit many of the most notorious Nazi concentration camps. He visited camps and ghettos in Germany, the Czech Republic, and Poland, including Treblinka, Dachau, Terezin (infamous for the killing of children), and Auschwitz, which was only half an hour’s drive from his father’s home town of Chrzanow, Poland.

Lauber said that the experience was very personal, as he had lost family in the camps. “It’s horrendous,” he says. “I can not imagine how this happened and how bad it was.”

Sharing his story

The Hidden Child Foundation held another conference for hidden children in Detroit. This time, Lauber was able to attend in 2006.

Since then, he has been meeting with different groups, including university classes, Jewish Hillel groups and the Air Force Academy, to share his story, which has also been recorded in two books.

Lauber’s work on mental health issues with the Air Force has earned him two medals, the meritorious service award and the outstanding military service award.

Lauber says he’s very happy with Sinclair and with his department.

“I love this school,” he says, “I feel like this school is the number one community college in the U.S.”

*Read about Lauber’s story in: Holocaust Survivor Cookbook, by Joanne Caras
A Gift of Life, by Sylvain Brachfeld*

Conservation might be the key to saving money

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Even though Ohio is more rust belt than Sun Belt, alternative energy is still very relevant in the Buckeye State, according to Dr. Bob Gilbert, professor of energy technologies at Sinclair Community College.

“During the longest summer day of the year, we have 87 percent of the solar resource in Dayton, as much or more solar resource as Miami Beach, Fla.,” Gilbert said. “This has to do with the affect of latitude on the length of the summer day.”

Sinclair offers programs that combine instruction on alternative energy such as solar and wind power with other areas of energy studies. Meeting the nation’s energy needs is not just about producing more energy from renewable sources, according to Gilbert.

“The biggest bang for the buck is conservation,” Gilbert said. “Turn your lights off, turn your computer off, turn down your thermostat or provide mechanical means to do so.”

For this reason, the Energy Technology Department at Sinclair has developed a program with three key focuses.

“Conservation first, energy efficiency second and alternate energy third,” Gilbert said. “We designed our program at Sinclair around that pyramid.” The equipment for the program is housed in Sinclair’s energy lab in Building 11. There, students can become familiar with energy efficiency by doing testing on an Energy Star mock up building or gain hands on experience with alternate sources of energy such as solar photovoltaic energy, wind energy and even biodiesel.

The Energy Star mock up is a small building where students can learn to test efficiency and use equipment that manages and stores power.

“Energy Star is a collaboration between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of

Energy,” Gilbert said. “Why it is relevant is that they certify appliances as energy efficient. They also have a scale for Energy Star homes.”

By using equipment to test for air loss, students learn about conducting building energy assessments.

“In residential, the largest contributing factor to heating loss in our area is air loss,” Gilbert said.

Students also learn how the energy industry utilizes the information from the tests.

“Our students are learning software, spreadsheets and so forth so that they can estimate how much a modification is going to cost, how much energy the modification is going to save and payback time,” Gilbert said.

The department currently has a small 320-watt solar array, and is acquiring a three-kilowatt windmill to replace the one-kilowatt windmill that once was perched atop Building 11. Though the solar array only has the capacity to power around five sixty-watt light bulbs, students can become familiar with the technology. The windmill, however, will also be used as a power source for the lab.

“We expect it will be able to operate at least half of the lab,” Gilbert said.

Students interested in alternate energy and building efficiency can earn an Energy Technology certificate in as little as one year or an Energy Management degree that can be completed in two years.



photos contributed by Dr. Bob Gilbert

Solar panels located in the energy lab in Building 11.

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Capoeira encompasses Brazilian culture and elements of martial arts



photos by Andrew Haynes

Club members perform Capoeira in the stage area of Building 8.

then you're all good. All it is just moving around, but if you know how to do a backflip that is cool too."

Haynes describes the club as laid back and fun and encourages anybody that can move their feet to check the club out.

The club has more than 12 members with the hopes of expanding to hold more events in Dayton, according to Haynes.

"I mean look at me, I am a big guy. As for what I weigh, I plead the fifth," Haynes said. "I am actually working on my backflip right now and not all the time I can land it, but I'm still working on it."

One of the main instruments used in capoeira is the berimbau. It is used to keep the rhythm of the group. Other instruments used are the pandeiro, which is similar to a tambourine, and the atabaque, which is a large drum, according to Haynes.

As members progress through the club, they can receive their own capoeira names. The capoeira name has to be earned or members of the group can receive their name randomly by the instructor, according to Haynes.

If these two things don't take place, members of the group can attend a batizado, which is the Portuguese term for baptism, to gain their capoeira name and cords.

Haynes has been involved with capoeira for a year now and his capoeira name is Advogado, which translates to lawyer.

"The club encompasses a lot of culture, history and philosophy. I mean even martial arts isn't just about kick and punch, there is so much more involved," Haynes said. "Once you get used to the movement it gets easier as you progress."

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It all starts with the heart, moves to the hips and ends with the movement of the feet.

Capoeira, a new club, has started at Sinclair Community College with the purpose of uniting students, faculty and staff through dance, martial arts and Brazilian culture.

"[Capoeira] may look like a lot, but people should not let that scare them," said Andrew Haynes, president of the Capoeira club.

"There are two basic things that students, faculty or staff need to know how to do and that is the ginga, which is one of the most important moves of capoeira and the au which is the cartwheel – if you can do those two things then you can do capoeira."

The club focuses on dance, acrobatics, kicks and dodges, according to Haynes.

"This club will prove very beneficial," Haynes said. "It will improve your health because there is constant movement and cardio. I have lost more than 50 to 60 pounds since starting last year."

The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the stage area of Building 8.

"The club is a lot easier than most people think," Haynes said. "You don't just start out with somersaults and backflips or flying in the air for two seconds. Like I said, if you can do the two basics, ginga and au

tartan spotlight



photo by Steve Schwerin

meet Nicholas Anderson

Steve Schwerin

Reporter

Riverside native, Nicholas Anderson, 33, is a communications major at Sinclair Community College. He attended Stebbins high school in Dayton, but dropped out before graduating. Anderson is also a former member of the 705th Motor Transport Company of the U.S. Army Reserve, and has spent time in Iraq.

He was ready to move to Los Angeles and dive into acting when he got the call to be deployed to Iraq.

"I actually had to unpack those bags for Los Angeles, Calif. and pack for January in Minnesota so I could get ready to deploy to Iraq in 2003."

His experiences overseas left him frustrated with the American media, and ready to do something about it.

"It was when I came home and I saw the news and no one answered any questions," Anderson said. "It was always this side talked, that side talked and then they [the show host] said we are out of time."

What makes him Interesting?

While attending Stebbins, Anderson developed a love for acting, though not through performing.

"I was running the old light board that we had on stage," Anderson says.

The support crew had to be in tuned with what was happening on stage, which drew Anderson into the world of acting.

"I ended up memorizing the whole script to 'The Time Machine.' I just didn't want to worry about keeping track of a script while I was back there [running the light board]," Anderson says.

Being an active part in creating something is what really draws Anderson to the stage. He sees stagecraft as bringing to life something that was once in someone else's head.

"It is like taking an imagination and throwing it up on stage, except everyone is working together on the imagination," Anderson says.

After dropping out of Stebbins, Anderson moved to Columbus where he got involved in modeling for a while.

"I got into modeling a little bit in

Columbus—hated it," Anderson says. "You really have no life."

In the meantime, Anderson lives in Kettering and is now a civilian.

His experiences in Iraq, though very traumatizing, were sometimes good.

Drinking goat's milk cappuccinos with the an employee of the café on base who had once been a member of the Republican Guard is one of those experiences, according to Anderson.

Anderson has seen recent changes in the media as an opportunity for more people to see the truth behind how the world operates. He is looking forward to being part of what is to come.

"It is exciting, because you don't know what the future holds. We are in a position that we are affecting the future of journalism," Anderson says.

After his time at Sinclair, Anderson plans on transferring to Miami University of Ohio and majoring in journalism. Anderson's career goal is to edit an independent news source where he can be part of the future of journalism.

Game day coming to Sinclair

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The Student Leadership Association will sponsor a Game Day, on Wednesday Nov. 2 at Sinclair Community College.

The goal is to provide students, faculty and staff the chance to mingle and unwind after what may be a stressful day, according to Jasmine Rogers, student event coordinator for SLA.

The event will take place in the stage area of Building 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The games chosen for the event are musical chairs, the "Michael Jackson the Experience" video game on the Nintendo Wii console, and three rounds from the television show "Minute to Win It," according to Rogers.

This Game Day event is scheduled for once a month throughout Winter Quarter, the dates for the upcoming Game Day

events will be forthcoming, said Rogers.

"(The) main objective is to have fun," said Rogers. "This event is intended to be an opportunity to get to know other people and network."

Faculty and staff are invited to take part in the event with the students in order to socialize, according to Rogers.

"We want people to come down and visit Building 8," Rogers said.

The Game Day event is intended to give students a chance to visit the same building that the Physical Activity Center is in. It is also a way to demonstrate what SLA offers, according to Rogers.

The three rounds of "Minute to Win It" set to be played are Spoon Frog, "Ker Plunk or Plunk" and "This Blows," according to Rogers. The main objective, of course, is to complete each round in a minute or less, according to the official "Minute to Win It" website.

The website describes the games as follows: Spoon Frog involves using one spoon to propel another spoon into a cup; Ker Plunk or Plunk involves bouncing 3 marbles into three bowls which are within a larger water-filled bowl; and This Blows involves blowing up a balloon and then letting the air out of the balloon in order to blow cups off of a table.

"(This event) gives you a chance to be a kid again, to take your mind off of homework and exams," said Rogers. "It is a way to help relieve the stress experienced by students during the quarter."

Students interested in the upcoming Game Day event can direct questions or comments to jasmine.rogers9909@my.sinclair.edu.

Students interested in receiving updates about upcoming events hosted by SLA can join the email newsletter by sending an email to Kolita Hollins at kolita.hollins@sinclair.edu.

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Muslim Student Association seeks to reveal the truth



Widad Boussaha and Abdullah Johnson represent the Muslim Student Association at Sinclair Community College

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According to their mission statement, the purpose of the Muslim Student Association (MSA) is to provide an environment for the development and networking of Muslims on campus while fostering a sense of community between Muslims and non-Muslims through education.

Abdullah Johnson, associate professor of electronics engineering technology, is the MSA faculty advisor and has been in this position for more than four years.

During his tenure, he has seen the group grow from a few students to the 12 members that it is now.

“The group has grown and I’ve seen the students grow,” Johnson said. “It helps the students learn how to socialize and network.”

The MSA group started out as an informal group that met on campus but the second student president of the informal MSA asked Johnson to be the advisor of the club so they could start receiving the stipends that all formal clubs receive from the college.

“Our students are multi-cultural and international students,” Johnson said. “My job is to oversee; counsel and guide them.

Students do not have to be Muslim to join the club, according to Johnson. In fact there is one member of the club who is non-Muslim already, and many non-muslims that attend meetings regularly.

“The club is open to everybody,” Johnson said. “It’s to raise awareness and for Muslims and non-Muslims to learn from each other.”

The MSA club is partly religious, meaning that Muslim students will pray at various hours of the day but the group does not necessarily promote Islam.

“Islam is a way of life, more so than a religion; you can’t get away from it,” Johnson said. “We don’t go proselytizing around campus, but in case someone does want the info, we have Qurans on hand, which we provide.”

Johnson says the club’s biggest accomplishment at Sinclair came last year when the MSA gave out a scholarship to a Sinclair student.

“Last year we gave out around two grand in scholarships,” Johnson said. “We also received an award from Student Leadership. Islam is all about giving and helping and

part of our mission is to help Sinclair.”

The student president is Widad Boussaha and she says the club has been very beneficial to her.

“We really want to bring students together and show them the truth, that Islam is peace—and not terrorism,” Boussaha said. “People have misconceptions about Islam, and I like to show them the truth.”

The MSA meets twice a month and meetings are based around a certain topic. The MSA will occasionally show a video about a topic followed by a discussion.

“Our sole reason for the club is not to make you Muslim,” Johnson said. “It’s so everyone can get together... and learn from each other.”

While the MSA has seen an increase in membership in its four years, Johnson hopes the club will continue to grow; but he believes the matter is not in his hands.

“Muslim’s always say ‘Whatever God wants,’” Johnson said. “I’m hoping it expands, but it’s really in the student’s hands to take the initiative and make it grow.”

For more information about MSA contact Johnson at 512-2019 or look up the Sinclair MSA facebook page.

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Club supports traditional values

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For several years, the Traditional Values Club had attempted to become an official club at Sinclair Community College. The prospective club wanted to be recognized and included on the Student Leadership Association student club roster.

It wasn’t until Spring Quarter of last year that their dream finally came true, according to Bonnie Borel-Donohue, president of the Traditional Values Club.

“Before we had official approval by the college, our group was called Life Support,” Borel-Donohue said. “When we got word that our club was official it was fantastic because it has been our hope and dream for several years.”

The club’s mission is to promote the sanctity of all human life, from birth to natural death, chastity before marriage, marriage exclusively between one man and one woman, as well as the belief that pornography, adultery, and masturbation are immoral and that everyone is entitled to freedom of speech and religion, according to Vickie Lair, faculty advisor for the Traditional Values Club.

“Our club would like to be a voice for the voiceless,” Borel-Donohue said. “Freedom of speech is a tremendous gift and it should be used to find truth and if you to cut off somebody because their speech is found politically incorrect then you limit the chance of coming to truth.”

Borel-Donohue said that the club’s greatest challenge is to convince homosexuals

to respect the club’s views on homosexuality.

“We need to be able to allow free speech,” Borel-Donohue said. “In regards to homosexuality, there has been a big issue with those who want to suppress the voice of those who want to say, ‘oh wait, wait a minute let’s think this through, there is a lot of harm that can come from homosexuality if we allow this,’” she said.

According to Borel-Donohue, the club believes that it is an inherent right for children to be in a household with a biological mother and father. They are also against homosexual adoption or marriage and they believe that homosexuality is a problem for people and the society.

“Two fathers or two mothers cannot equal a mother and a father, as much as they want it to or wish—it just can’t,” Borel-Donohue said. “Men and women are different and the difference is what’s important for the child.”

The club has more than 30 members that meet sporadically once a month. Students who want to join the club can contact Borel-Donohue at ethel.borel-donohue@my.sinclair.edu or Vickie Lair at vickie.lair@sinclair.edu.

“[As for sexual immorality], people should have the dignity to control themselves. Human beings are not animals, they can control themselves,” said Lair. “As for the homosexual community, we love them with the love of Christ. In the end, we just want to be respected for our views. We don’t hate and we are not bigoted or discriminatory. We just want to speak the truth out of love and not be disrespected for our viewpoints.”



Bonnie Borel-Donohue (right) and Vickie Lair (left) support traditional values.

photo by Talya Flowers

Striving to reduce homelessness in the community

“It used to be in our society that most of us were three to four checks away from being poor,” Rowell said. “Now many people in our community are only a few checks away from being homeless.”

— Kathy Rowell, professor of sociology

sleeping on park benches. Many, including Dayton, have made steps to criminalize homelessness such as making it illegal to sleep on park benches, according to Rowell.

Rowell said people who are homeless could go to a gateway shelter, which she said is a lot safer than being on the street. The goal of the gateway shelter is for people that are homeless to get the help they need to move into a house or apartment of their own.

Housing First is a program that helps the homeless do just that.

Housing First focuses on helping the homeless find housing and then working on the various possible problems that have led to the person becoming homeless.

Rowell encourages students to volunteer their time at various organizations that are geared toward helping the homeless. These organizations include the Social Work Club and the Global Awareness in Action Club or the Service Learning office on campus, as well as St. Vincent de Paul’s men’s and women’s shelter and soup kitchens.

But Rowell said that homelessness can affect anyone.

“It used to be in our society that most of us were three to four checks away from being poor,” Rowell said. “Now many people in our community are only a few checks away from being homeless.”

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A woman stands on the corner with a “help me” sign, and a few miles away from Sinclair Community College, a man sleeps under a bridge.

For some of us, this is all we will ever know about homelessness because we expect to eat, shower and sleep in a bed.

In the state of Ohio, more than 12,000 people are homeless on a given night, according to stvincentdayton.org.

On Nov. 2, in the Library loggia, Sinclair Talks will present a discussion on homelessness and the efforts that are being made to eradicate and reduce homelessness in Montgomery County.

“We do have a lot of students in poverty who are struggling,” Kathy Rowell, professor of sociology said. “But I don’t think we have many students, faculty and staff who truly understand homelessness.”

Rowell started volunteering to help those in need at the age of 18. She has volunteered at various organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army and the Other Place.

“I struggled with poverty as a child,” Rowell said. “So I just have a real concern about it, and as a sociologist I find it difficult to understand how the richest country in the world has such a large homeless problem.”

Many communities have had problems with the homeless living on the streets and

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Q. “Why is it important to keep an open mind?”



Kristin Summers
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“It’s important to have an open mind because you can learn more about people and more things about yourself if you have an open mind.”



Marco Johnson
Sports Management

“You want to stay open minded because if you’re closed-minded you miss your blessings.”



Lionel Hill
Sports Management

“It’s important to have an open mind because there are so many opportunities out there and if you have your mind set on one thing, then you’re going to miss out on a whole bunch of other things.”



Andy Sheets
Political Science

“It’s important to stay open-minded because you can get all kinds of viewpoints from other people. We all come from different backgrounds and we can each support classmates with different experiences that we normally wouldn’t get to see.”

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clarion consensus

Open vs. closed minds

What does having an open mind mean to you?

For us at the Clarion, the answer is not easily agreed upon. But, a consensus has been reached.

There is a famous saying: An open mind is like a fortress, with its gates unbarred and unguarded.

As college students, having an open mind is one of the keys to our success. Coming into a class with predetermined notions about a subject, professor or your classmates can leave you lagging behind the class before you even read the syllabus.

This is also true of the topics of general discussion and debate. Although we may have our own beliefs and we stand by them as though they are our birthright, we must not only understand the perspectives of others—but respect them as well.

We live in a country that is well known for being the land of the free, meaning that any and every citizen is entitled to their own opinions and stance on any issue that may arise. But, it does not state that we have to have an open mind to others perspectives.

It’s as if we are blind to the fact that others think differently than we do. Or maybe

there are other factors that we do not know about that makes a person do the things they do, or act the way they act.

Having an understanding of others ideals or perspectives makes us better human beings. We at the Clarion believe being open-minded makes us well-rounded.

Keeping an open mind at times can be hard. Sometimes topics of debate can rub you the wrong way. Involving emotions in debate is easy to do. Morals and values will always make a play on how you feel about a topic or a subject in general.

We do not suggest that by keeping an open mind, you entertain false claims, or accept inaccurate information. We do however suggest that you take the time to review the information and make and educated decision on how you feel about the topic.

As college students, it is our quintessential right to explore the information that we are presented in class, at home, at work or with our friends while shooting the breeze.

How you then take that information is your decision.

We all have the capability to progress by learning from others, if we use that capability is solely on us.



Moammar Gadhafi meets a tyrant’s end

(MCT)

The following editorial appeared online in The Kansas City Star on Thursday, Oct. 20: Reports are conflicting on the final moments of the Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi. But as with the demise of so many tyrants down through history, his world once expansive and subject to his whim ultimately shrank until he was trapped like a criminal.

Rebel fighters closed in on his final redoubt in the coastal town of Sirte and Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril confirmed early Thursday that Gadhafi was dead. His defensive perimeter had been reduced to a neighborhood of a few buildings.

The news means another

long-overdue account has been liquidated. First came the killing of Osama bin Laden and now Gadhafi, whose record over the last few decades defined the phrase “rogue regime.”

He started wars, funneled weapons to terrorists, worked to amass stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction.

But after the Sept. 11 attacks and the fall of Saddam Hussein, he pulled back from his activities as a state sponsor of terrorism and abandoned his efforts to join the club of nuclear powers.

Yet his long arbitrary rule poisoned his relations with ordinary Libyans. When the popular rebellions of the Arab Spring broke out, he was like Egypt’s Hosni Mubarak one of the most

vulnerable of the long-time Arab autocrats.

The denouement of the Gadhafi saga validated the decision of President Obama to commit U.S. forces to the side of the rebels, with the initial aim of preventing a civilian massacre. But once Gadhafi’s air defenses were suppressed, the mission effectively expanded to overt rebel support.

Most of the bombing missions were flown not by the U.S. but by warplanes from other NATO countries. It’s highly doubtful that what happened in Libya can serve as a model for toppling internationally disruptive dictators in the future.

Both the U.N. and the Arab League endorsed the imposition of a no-fly zone a rare confluence of agreement

from two normally fractious and indecisive bodies.

Now the page turns to the future. The world has been rid of the devil it knows, while the shape of what’s to come remains uncertain.

The revolts that swept out of Tunisia, engulfed Egypt and Libya and now Syria remain inchoate and take their form from the national contexts in which they occur. In short, another power vacuum has opened in the Middle East and a new regime that like Gadhafi, has access to significant oil reserves is taking shape. It will take considerable luck and wise leadership for the rebels to keep their revolution from veering into the orgies of extremism that so often follow a dictator’s fall.

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Charles Darwin the economist

Robert H. Frank

Los Angeles Times

With good reason, most contemporary economists regard Adam Smith as the founder of their discipline. But I would instead accord that honor to Charles Darwin, the pioneering naturalist.

Although Darwin had no formal training in economics, he studied the works of early economists carefully, and the plants and animals that were his focus were embroiled in competitive struggles much like the ones we see in the marketplace. His observations forged an understanding of competition that is subtly but profoundly different from Smith’s.

The celebrated invisible hand theory that Smith developed holds that unfettered markets will ultimately channel self-

interest to serve the common good. Consider his description of product design improvements or cost-reducing innovations. The entrepreneurs who introduce them hope to steal sales from rivals.

They often succeed spectacularly in the short term, which pressures rivals to mimic the innovations. The ultimate beneficiaries of this competition, Smith explained, are not businesses but consumers, who enjoy ever better products at ever-lower prices.

In Darwin’s theory, natural selection favors traits and behaviors that promote individual reproductive success. A vivid case in point is the prodigious antlers of the bull elk. Like males of most other vertebrate species, these animals take more than one mate if they can. But if some succeed, others are left with

none, making them the ultimate losers in Darwinian terms.

It was thus inevitable that bulls would fight bitterly for access to females, and also inevitable that natural selection would spawn an arms race in the antlers that promoted success in those battles.

But while the massive antlers of surviving bulls, which often span more than 4 feet and weigh more than 40 pounds, help them prevail in battles for mates, they are a serious handicap when bulls are chased into densely wooded areas by predators.

Because it is relative antler size that matters in battle, bulls would have good reasons to favor a proposal to trim each animal’s antlers by half. The outcome of every fight would be the same as before, and each bull would be far better able to escape from wolves.

Yet bulls are stuck with their handicap because any individual bull with smaller antlers would never win a mate.

In short, Darwin’s understanding of competition makes clear that there can be no presumption that the process promotes the common good. Often it does. But success in Darwinian terms typically depends heavily on relative performance, and attempts to occupy scarce slots atop any hierarchy inevitably provoke wasteful, mutually offsetting arms races.

It’s an important point, since the modern conservative’s case for minimal government rests on the presumption that competition always promotes society’s welfare. But our best understanding of how competition actually functions, as Darwin’s work makes clear, supports no such presumption.

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STAR POWER

Test your knowledge of celebrities' political leanings

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McClatchy Newspapers

When most people think about celebrities and politics, the words “Hollywood liberal” come to mind, along with images of famous Democrats like Barbara Streisand, Susan Sarandon and George Clooney.

And that makes sense. After all, 74 percent of political contributions from the TV, movie and music industry in this election cycle have gone to Democrats, according to the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics. But as much as conservative talk show hosts like to dismiss Hollywood as a bastion of liberalism, actor Charlton Heston was by no means alone in his conservative beliefs.

The cast of “An American Carol,” a recent movie spoofing Michael Moore and other liberals, represents a “Who’s Who” of Hollywood conservatives. And there’s even a grassroots political organization — Hollywood Congress of Republicans — just for entertainers who are grateful that Ronald Reagan left acting to become a politician. But in general, show biz is pretty liberal.

With the election just a few days away and actors stumping hard for their candidates, we decided to offer a quiz about celebrity political affiliations.

1. Which liberal race car driver took his crew to watch Michael Moore’s “Fahrenheit 9/11” when it first opened?

- A. Danica Patrick
- B. Mario Andretti
- C. Dale Earnhardt Jr.
- D. Jeff Gordon

2. Which game show host is a main-stream Republican?

- A. Alex Trebek
- B. Pat Sajak
- C. Drew Carey
- D. All of the above

3. Primarily known for his session guitar work with The Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan, this conservative guitarist has become a high-priced defense consultant, even though he has no formal training in the subject.

- A. Jeff “Skunk” Baxter
- B. Moby
- C. Steve Vai
- D. Donald “Duck” Dunn

4. Which talk show host ran for Congress, Cincinnati mayor and Ohio governor on the Democratic ticket? (Hint: He clinched the mayoral seat after admitting that he’d hired a prostitute.)

5. Having had two family members (his father and sister) murdered, this actor is a Republican — occasionally mentioned as a future gubernatorial candidate in California — who favors law and order.

- A. Sam Waterston
- B. Kelsey Grammer
- C. James Woods
- D. Gary Coleman

6. This member of the famous Baldwin acting family is a born-again Christian conservative.

- A. Alec Baldwin
- B. Daniel Baldwin
- C. William Baldwin
- D. Stephen Baldwin

7. Which lesbian crime author has donated more than \$130,000 to Republican Party candidates since 1998? (Hint: She’s also close friends with the family of Christian evangelist Billy Graham.)

8. As a liberal radio show host, this former ballet dancer often takes calls critical of his/her father.

- A. Steven Ford
- B. Julie Nixon Eisenhower
- C. Fraser Heston
- D. Ron Reagan

9. Which “Saturday Night Live” alumnus performed at the 2004 Republican National Convention and supported Rudy Giuliani’s presidential campaign in 2008 bid?

10. This actor, who once marched with Martin Luther King Jr. and protested the Vietnam War, became a Republican when Ronald Reagan ran for his first term as president.

- A. Dennis Hopper
- B. Peter Fonda
- C. Peter Boyle
- D. Jon Voight

11. He supports gun rights and intelligent design, endorsed former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee for president and delivers a mean roundhouse kick.

- A. Steven Seagal
- B. Sylvester Stallone
- C. Chuck Norris
- D. Arnold Schwarzenegger

12. This former World Wrestling Entertainment champ and onetime draftee of the L.A. Raiders is also a conservative Fox News business analyst.

- A. The Rock
- B. John “Bradshaw” Layfield
- C. Vince McMahon
- D. Hulk Hogan

13. True or false: Rocker Sammy Hagar “can’t drive 55,” but he can pick a presidential race winner.

14. Which “Happy Days” star sat next to Margaret Thatcher at Ronald Reagan’s funeral?

- A. Erin Moran
- B. Scott Baio
- C. Tom Bosley
- D. Henry Winkler

15. Which Vince is an outspoken Democrat?

- A. “Fred Claus” star Vince Vaughn
- B. Vincent D’Onofrio of “Law & Order: Criminal Intent”
- C. Indie actor and director Vincent Gallo

16. Which ardent Republican, at his Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction, said, “God bless President Bush, and God bless America” to counter acceptance speeches from liberal celebrities?

- A. Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top
- B. Bob Seger
- C. Michael Anthony of Van Halen
- D. Johnny Ramone of The Ramones

17. True or false: Country star Tim McGraw has dreams of running for political office — and he’s got former President Bill Clinton’s blessing.

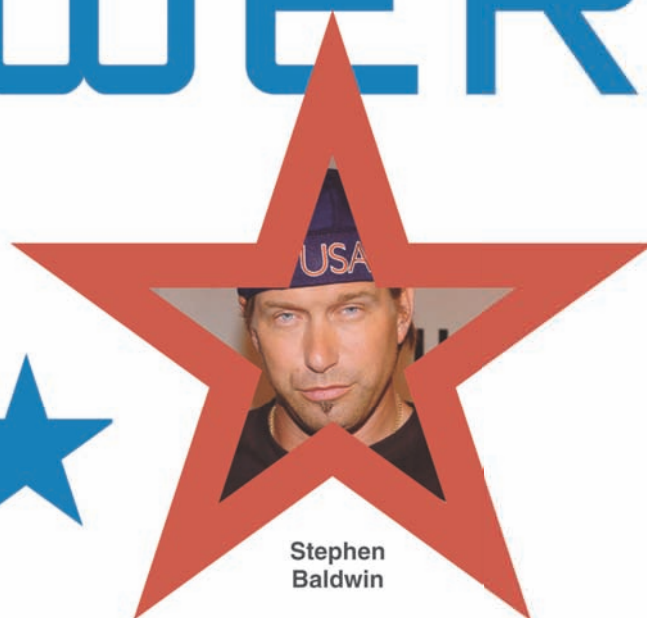
18. Which Republican-turned-Democrat-turned-Independent has suggested he/she might run for governor of Alabama?

- A. Bo Jackson
- B. Courtney Cox
- C. Brett Butler
- D. Charles Barkley

19. Which “Godfather” actor supported Hillary Clinton’s bid for senator in 2006 and her presidential campaign in 2008 —



Susan Sarandon



Stephen Baldwin



George Clooney



Lindsey Lohan



Shannen Doherty

only to switch his allegiance to John McCain?

20. Country duo Big & Rich are split politically. Which one has donated to the Obama campaign — John Rich or Kenny Alphin?

21. While he claims to have not smoked much pot, this actor became a staunch Libertarian after he was busted for possession of drug paraphernalia.

- A. Cheech Marin
- B. Woody Harrelson
- C. Bruce Willis
- D. Tommy Chong

22. This actor said the selection of Sarah Palin as the Republican vice presidential candidate was like “a really bad Disney movie.”

- A. Matt Damon
- B. Ben Affleck
- C. Stanley Tucci
- D. Harrison Ford

23. Which actress offered to help the Obama campaign — only to be turned down due to her less-than-positive image?

- A. Lindsay Lohan
- B. Paris Hilton
- C. Miley Cyrus
- D. Britney Spears

24. Which longtime Democrat appeared as a guest speaker at the 2004 Republican National Convention, calling himself a “9/11 Republican”?

- A. Leslie Nielsen
- B. Ron Silver
- C. Dennis Miller
- D. James Woods

25. This actress and occasional Playboy model once led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Republican National Convention.

- A. Jenny McCarthy
- B. Jennie Garth
- C. Shannen Doherty
- D. Molly Shannon



Ron Silver

ANSWERS

- C. Dale Earnhardt Jr.
- Both A. Trebek and B. Sajak are acceptable answers. Carey considers himself a Libertarian and supported Ron Paul’s presidential campaign.
- A. Jeff “Skunk” Baxter.
- Jerry Springer.
- B. Kelsey Grammer.
- D. Stephen Baldwin
- Patricia Cornwell.
- D. Ron Reagan (Reagan has a show on Air America).
- Adam Sandler.
- A. Dennis Hopper.
- C. Chuck Norris.
- B. John “Bradshaw” Layfield.
- True (Hagar backed George W. Bush’s winning bid for president in 2004).
- B. Scott Baio.
- B. Vincent D’Onofrio (The other Vincs are

- Republican).
- D. Johnny Ramone (Ramone’s monument at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery was inspired by Ronald Reagan’s lavish funeral).
- True (McGraw has told interviewers that he would like to run for governor or U.S. senator of his adopted state of Tennessee).
- D. Charles Barkley (Formerly well-known for his conservative views, Barkley now supports Obama).
- James Caan.
- Kenny Alphin (John Rich performed at this year’s Republican National Convention).
- D. Tommy Chong.
- A. Matt Damon.
- A. Lindsay Lohan.
- B. Ron Silver.
- C. Shannen Doherty.

HOW DID YOU DO?

- 0-5 correct: Don’t you at least read People magazine at the dentist?
- 6-12 correct: OK, so you read People at the dentist. But, really — you could do better.
- 13-20 correct: Wow. You must read People and Variety.
- 20-25 correct: You should have your own political celebrity blog.