

Many cowards post anonymously online

Kudos to Larry R. Herrin for his letter in last Sunday's Daily News. Although we differ in our politics, we are in complete agreement when it comes to our mutual disdain for those who obviously have something to say but don't want anyone to know who is saying it.

As Herrin notes, "On your website and behind the scenes, cowards take pot shots at letter writers."

If you read the Daily News online, you know exactly what he is referring to; i.e., the rude and insulting comments that often follow an opinion piece. Most web-based publications allow readers to submit their reactions anonymously.

In "Silverado," the 1985 Western starring half of Hollywood, Brian Dennehy plays a bad guy named Cobb. As circumstances have it, Cobb ends up becoming sheriff.

There is a memorable scene in which Cobb has a gunfight with Paden, a good guy played by Kevin Kline. Just before Cobb steps out into the street to face off against Paden, one of the townspeople asks him, "What's going on, sheriff?"

Cobb gamely replies, "Hide and watch."

People who post offensive comments about what others have written are a lot like the shopkeeper in "Silverado." They are nothing more than timid little bottom dwellers who like to hide in the shadows.

If you are not willing to assume full responsibility for your views, then you have no right to expect anyone to care what you think.

Even though I disagree with much of what appears in the "Mailbox" section of the Daily

News, I have the highest regard for those who are willing to throw their perspective out there for public consumption.

Learning to take personal responsibility for what we say and do is a sign of maturity. Some people just need to grow up.

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