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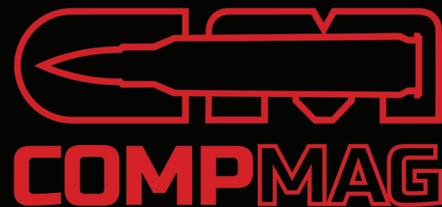
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CHUCK MICHEL

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SUPREME DISAPPOINTMENT

On Monday, April 27, we were disappointed to learn that the Supreme Court ruled that the case we were hoping would give the Second Amendment back its teeth, *NY State Rifle & Pistol Assoc. v. City of New York*, was “moot” because the City repealed its unconstitutional law to avoid losing in the Court and setting bad legal precedent nationally.

The Court then met to decide whether to take any of the 10 other 2A cases that it had on hold. I was betting on *Rogers v. New Jersey*—a case challenging the ban on public carry (bearing arms) in that state. CRPAF joined with a bunch of 2A-friendly law enforcement groups in urging the Court to take that case. There is a split of opinion among the circuit courts on this issue, and that's a big factor in whether the Supreme Court takes a case.

But the Supreme Court decided not to take up any of the 2A cases that were in front of it—cases that CRPA had been playing a part in for a long while. Justice Thomas and Kavanaugh dissented, saying the Court should have taken the *Rogers* case. Of course, the Supreme Court only takes on a few

cases every year, and there were a lot of cases. Nevertheless, this is not good news.

When the news came out, I was inundated with calls and texts asking, “Does this mean the Second Amendment is dead?” Lord no! The Second Amendment—and all liberties—are only dead if you give up on them. So don't! CRPA, our lawyers, our members and everyone in between knows that no civil liberties fight is ever over, and we sure as hell aren't going to stop fighting—ever.

Besides, there is plenty of hope for the future of the 2A. The Trump Administration has drastically changed the composition of the Ninth Circuit court and the Supreme Court by adding pro-2A judges. CRPA has several 2A cases in the Ninth Circuit that we have been winning! We know we have a least four solid pro-2A votes at the SCOTUS, and the composition of the Supreme Court may change soon as well, as one Justice in particular is facing serious health issues. The Supreme Court *will* take a 2A case and *will* give the Second Amendment the legal teeth that our Founding Fathers intended. Many of California's ridiculous gun bans will be struck down.

SO WHAT DOES ROBERTS WANT?

Speculation is the Court declined to take any of the 2A cases because Chief Justice Roberts wasn't for it. But why not? Roberts joined in the *Heller* and *McDonald* decisions and seemed on board with the *New York City* case.

So what does Roberts want?



To avoid the issue entirely in an election year? Or is he looking for a case that presents a narrow issue?

The SCOTUS likes to take baby steps and then let lower courts hash things out for a while. The NYC case had that going for it. It was a vehicle that could have been used to make it clear to lower courts what “standard of review” applied when evaluating the constitutionality of a gun control law but without getting too deep into the right to public carry. Setting a stricter standard of review is the next step. We need one that holds the government to its burden of showing that a law actually works without unnecessarily infringing on our 2A rights and one that the Founding Fathers would have accepted. A new standard of review will mean far less laws pass constitutional muster. So the search for

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MEMBERS' VOICES

Dear CRPA:

First I would like to express my joy and excitement that the California Rifle and Pistol Association is starting a chapter here in Kern County, which in my view has one of the largest/strongest groups of Second Amendment supporters in the state. Kern County already has a well-established political infrastructure to support the views and goals of the CRPA. The people who we elect here have some of the most powerful voices in politics across the country, and that's not by chance. Shannon Grove is the [Minority] Senate Republican Leader for the California State Senate, Kevin McCarthy is the Republican [Minority] Leader of the [U.S.] House of Representatives, and Sheriff Youngblood has been a loud and proud supporter of the people to keep and bear arms for recreational use, as well as for personal protection, and because of this, I believe we could be the epicenter of change in the state; a change that helps us regain the rights given to us by God.

As a new member to the CRPA, and soon to be member of the Kern County Chapter, I am eager to help in any way possible to promote the good will of this cause and would like to be considered for the chapter leadership team. I am a manager for

my family's construction business and oversee a team of 9 people. I'm also a board member for the Bakersfield Business Network (BBN). BBN is a networking group of 31 local businesses whose goal is to help grow each member's business by offering referrals, comparing notes and business practices, and to be used as a platform to help promote and advertise each member's business to the community. Through my experiences, I have developed skills in business planning and development, creating marketing campaigns, as well as managing groups of people for work or events.

I look forward to joining the Kern County Chapter of the California Rifle and Pistol Association, and I appreciate your consideration for the leadership team. Every citizen has the right to be heard in this country, and I would like to be a voice of positive change.

Thank you again.

Volunteers and engaged gun owners like you are CRPA's most powerful weapon, so thanks for your support. The CRPA Chapters program is growing much faster than we anticipated, and we aren't taking our foot off the gas. There will be glitches with this fast growth, so be patient as we work out some kinks, but local activists are crucial to taking back our freedoms in California.

SHARE YOUR VOICE

We want CRPA members' voices to be heard! If you have something you would like to bring to the attention of our *California Firing Line* Executive Editor, please email CFL@chipotlepublishing.com and be sure to specify that it is for Members' Voices (Letters to the Editor). We look forward to hearing from you!

(PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.)

the right case for Roberts goes on, and more cases will be presented to the SCOTUS for consideration.

EYES OF THE STORM

The other cases CRPA is working on, which may very well end up in the Court—including the Gunmageddon laws, Newsom's Prop 63 magazine (*Duncan v. California*) and ammunition bans (*Rhode v. California*)—are now in the eyes of the Second Amendment storm.

In the *Rhode* case, the district court found the new laws requiring a background check to buy ammunition and banning internet ammo sales were unconstitutional and issued an injunction against the law's enforcement. The court's injunction temporarily stopped the state from enforcing these burdensome infringements on simple ammunition purchases. And what a glorious decision the court published—a 120-page work of constitutional art that called out the politicians for hiding behind onerous laws to advance their true agenda—to chill constitutionally protected gun ownership that Gavin Newsom and his ilk don't like.

The state quickly filed a Motion to Stay the preliminary injunction in the Ninth Circuit, and that higher court granted the state's request—blocking the injunction against this pointless law. So the injunction ruling is now on appeal. Meanwhile, the *Rhode* case is still active in the district court.

Even though we got a great ruling on the *preliminary* injunction, we want a *permanent* injunction. We don't want 2A freedoms for a day or a week. We want them forever. So the fight rages on in multiple courtrooms.

As briefs were submitted in the appeals court, our win got the attention of the Attorneys General in 16 liberal blue states. They filed an amicus brief

against us, claiming that states can pass laws that make it next to impossible to buy ammo without infringing on our Second Amendment rights.

So Newsom's gun ban dreams are starting to spread to other states. If we don't stop them here, Newsom's brainchildren are going to rear their ugly gun, magazine and ammunition banning heads everywhere.

WILD IN THE STREETS

Streets on fire. Stores looted. Statues toppled. Police attacked. Rights removed. Millions of people are noticing the threats and taking steps to be ready by trying to buy a gun. But California continues to move to destroy the ability to protect ourselves by blocking ammunition purchases, delaying firearm registrations and closing gun stores.

As the chaos gets worse, the shrill calls to defund the police are gaining traction with some naive politicians. Although police can't protect us from every danger, they do help make us safer. But without the right to protect ourselves, we can never be safe. So CRPA is doing ALL that we can to protect our honest police friends—and your rights.

LA COUNTY SHERIFF PROMISES MORE CARRY LICENSES

Los Angeles County has historically been politically hostile to gun owners and issued almost no licenses to carry. So when Sheriff Villanueva announced he was going to issue more carry permits, people got excited. The change is long overdue, of course. So is this sheriff finally acknowledging the threats to safe-

ty that all citizens face and the inability of his deputies to make folks safe? Particularly now, when the Sheriff's Department is overworked, underfunded and unappreciated, does the sheriff see that his deputies, no matter how hard they try, cannot protect county residents in these increasingly dangerous times? Under the circumstances, residents need to be empowered to protect themselves. This is a good start, but with only a few hundred permits in place currently, he has a LONG way to go.

The whole announcement may be a ploy to push back against the Board of Supervisors, who don't like Sheriff Villanueva one bit, and cut his budget by \$160 million and tell him to lay off 400 employees.

WE COWBOY UP AND SOLDIER ON

This is still a crazy time. I am proud of all CRPA staff and the work they are doing. We are transitioning back to working from the office, starting to schedule some events and continuing the fight to keep firearms dealers and ranges open in as many places as possible so you have access to firearms and ammunition when you may need those most. The CRPA training team is working to provide online information to the flood of new gun owners who chose to buy a firearm in case they need to protect their families. And your CRPA team is finding ways for local CRPA Chapters to meet online and to provide information to keep people engaged.

So engage! And keep the faith!

— **Chuck**

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GUN OWNER HORROR STORY

BLUNDER IN TULARE COUNTY

BY MATT D. CUBEIRO

On the morning of January 22, 2020, Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Williams was conducting compliance checks on various parolees and probationers in Tulare County.

During his shift, Deputy Williams contacted Smith Yang, who lived with his brother Pheng Yang. Smith was on parole and so was prohibited from possessing firearms. But his brother and roommate Pheng was not. In fact, he had a CCW issued by the Tulare County Sheriff's office.

At some point during the compliance check, Smith informed Deputy Williams that his brother Pheng owned several firearms. All were kept in Pheng's room—separate from Smith's. Based

on that statement, Deputy Williams conducted a "protective sweep" search and located one handgun, two shotguns and several standard-capacity magazines that could hold over 10 rounds.

The guns were lawfully owned by Pheng, not the parolee Smith. Nevertheless, Deputy Williams proceeded to question Pheng, asking about the magazines in particular. Pheng told the deputy that he bought the magazines "during Freedom Week." Deputy Williams did not find any other evidence that Pheng manufactured, imported, sold, transferred or received any magazine illegally, nor that Pheng allowed Smith access to his firearms.

As many of our readers are already aware, "Freedom Week" refers to the period in March 2019 where California's restrictions on acquiring magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds

were enjoined by a federal district court in the CRPA-supported case *Duncan v. Becerra*. During Freedom Week, hundreds of thousands—maybe millions—of magazines that can hold over 10 rounds were lawfully purchased by California residents. Although the injunction was later stayed, the court clarified that anyone who "manufactured, imported, sold or bought" standard-capacity magazines during Freedom Week could not be prosecuted for violating California's "large-capacity" magazine law.

Deputy Williams has testified that he was aware of Freedom Week as the "one week in 2019 where you were

► **OPPOSITE:** copy of the letter from Chief Deputy District Attorney Daniel Underwood to Pheng Yang's Attorney.



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COUNTY OF TULARE

Tim Ward, District Attorney

June 15, 2020

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Dear Sir,

Please let this letter serve to inform you that the Office of the District Attorney will not be filing a criminal information in *People v. Pheng Yang*, Tulare County Superior Court Case # VCF394046, currently set for Arraignment on June 25, 2020.

After every preliminary hearing there is a case review either by myself as Chief Deputy or one of the Assistant District Attorneys. Upon being made aware of this case after the preliminary hearing, I do recognize that the Honorable Judge Roger T. Benitez's order of March 29, 2019 (in the United States District Court, Southern District of California, Case No 3:17 cv1017- BEN (JLB) enjoining enforcement of California Penal Code Section 32310) and his decision a week later to bar further sales of high-capacity magazines until the United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals considers whether to allow the enforcement of Penal Code Section 32310, created the scenario commonly referred to as "Freedom Week." "Freedom Week" generally refers to the week in time between his two orders.

When questioned, Mr. Yang responded that he purchased his magazines during "freedom week" in a private transaction between unknown individuals. Mr. Yang stated he did not have any proof of purchase, text messages, social media messages or contact information from to anyone from whom he claimed to have purchased the magazines.

After reviewing the evidence in this case and discussing it with the District Attorney, the Office of the District Attorney has elected not to file an Information against Mr. Yang in this case at this time.

Please feel free to contact my office at (559) 636-5494 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Underwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Daniel Underwood
Chief Deputy District Attorney

allowed to legally purchase a high-capacity or large-capacity magazine.” Nevertheless, he charged Pheng with violating California’s “large-capacity” magazine restrictions.

Pheng hired a lawyer who promptly filed a motion to dismiss in the interests of justice. As noted in the motion, the charges brought against Pheng were in direct violation of a valid federal court order, and there was no evidence that Pheng otherwise obtained the magazines unlawfully. But the district attorney refused to concede, setting the case for a preliminary hearing. At this hearing, both Deputy District Attorney Ali Rezvan and Judge Juliet L. Boccone struggled with the effect of the court’s order in *Duncan*, despite the valiant efforts of Pheng’s attorney attempting to explain it.

As if giving up on attempting to understand the effects of *Duncan*, Judge Boccone proceeded with the preliminary hearing and ultimately found “suf-

by senior deputy district attorneys, the prosecutor’s office recognized its error and dropped the charges against Pheng.

It remains to be seen if the County will return Pheng’s lawfully acquired property. But this is a cautionary tale for Freedom Week magazine purchasers. CRPA has published an Information Bulletin advising folks of what they can do to prevent these kinds of problems from happening to them. **CRPA**

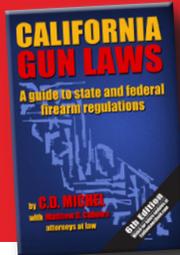
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ficient probable cause” to hold Pheng to answer for the charges filed against him. So the case went on toward trial.

The charges against Pheng should never have been filed. Thankfully, following an online uproar and a review



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The early part of 2020 has been unlike any other year for firearm purchases—particularly by first-time buyers—as new NSSF® research reveals millions of people chose to purchase their first gun during the COVID-19 pandemic.

January 2020 started out with a strong SHOT Show®, followed by buzz surrounding background check figures on firearms with NSSF-adjusted NICS data showing year-over-year increases of 19 percent in January and 17 percent in February.

Mid-March brought the COVID-19 pandemic to the front of every news cycle, and firearm sales during this time were a lead story. Thanks in large part to the work done by NSSF's legislative team, the firearms industry was deemed essential in most states, and firearm retailers were allowed to stay open to conduct

business. And conduct business they did, with NSSF-adjusted NICS figures showing year-over-year increases of 80 percent in March and 69 percent in April 2020. These strong increases led to more than 6.5 million NSSF-adjusted background checks in the first 4 months of 2020, up 48 percent from 4.4 million during the same period in 2019.

NSSF has been the go-to source for information on the firearm industry, providing insights on topics such as women gun owners, first-time gun buyers and shooting sports participation for more than a decade. In May 2020, NSSF surveyed firearm retailers to learn more about what they were seeing pertaining to sales during the first 4 months of 2020.

Not surprisingly, retailers reported an increased number of first-time gun buyers, estimating that 40 percent of their sales were to this group. This is an increase of 67 percent over the annual average of 24-percent, first-time gun buyers that retailers have reported in the past. Semiautomatic handguns were the primary firearm being purchased by first-time buyers, outpacing the second-most purchased firearm, shotguns, by a 2 to 1 margin. Modern sporting rifles, revolvers and traditional rifles rounded out the top five types of firearms purchased by first-time gun buyers.

Retailers noted that these new customers were spending \$595 on an average sale and that 40 percent of first-time gun buyers in the first 4 months of 2020 were female. The main purchase driver among the group was personal protection, followed by target shooting and hunting. Also of note was that 25 percent of first-time buyers had already taken some form of firearms safety course, and 63 percent inquired about taking a firearms safety course in the near future.

All this equates to more than 2.5 million new gun owners in a very short period of time. Past NSSF research has shown that in order to keep these new owners active and avoid them [sic] becoming lapsed participants, they will need information on topics such as how to safely own, operate and secure their new purchase. Additionally, these new gun owners will need an invitation to go to the range or to the field to learn about firearm safety, personal protection and the recreational side of gun ownership, so be sure to add a +ONESM and invite some of these first-time gun owners with you as the nice weather returns and social distancing requirements are relaxed.

For additional insights on the firearm industry, visit nssf.org/research. **CRPA**

FIRST-TIME GUN BUYERS

DURING COVID-19

Online Survey Fielded May 2020
to NSSF Retailer Members

In your opinion, what percent of your customers in the first four months (January - April 2020) were first-time gun buyers?

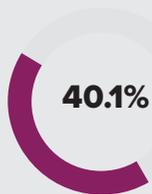
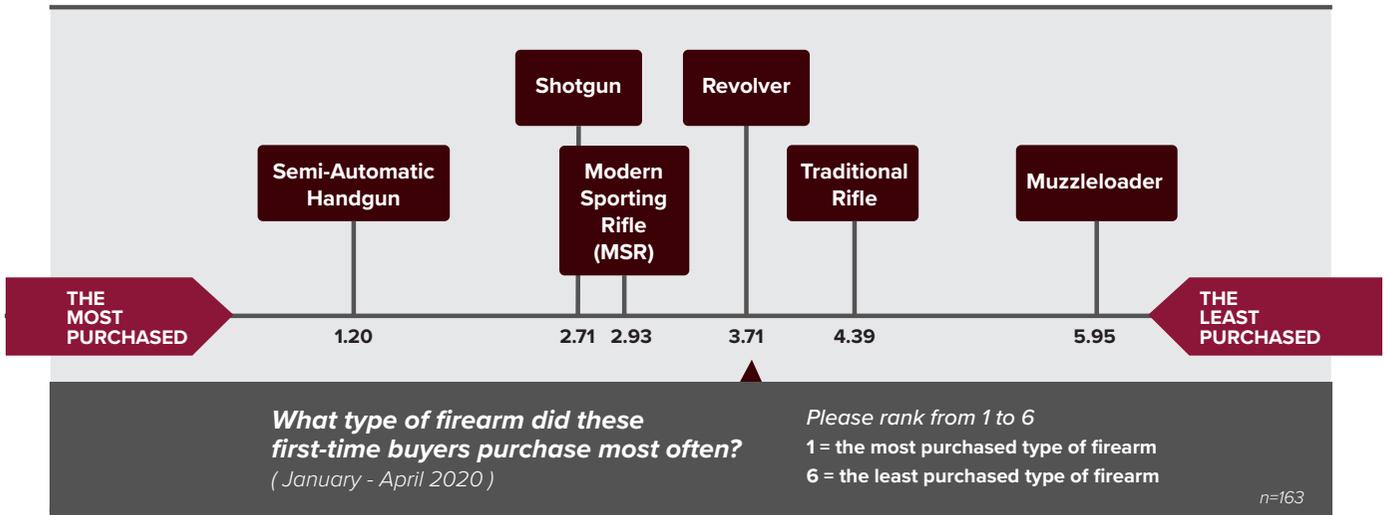
40.2%

n=175

What was the average purchase transaction for these first-time gun buyers during the first four months? (January - April 2020)


\$594.95

n=159



In your opinion, what percent of all the first-time gun buyers were female? (January - April 2020)

n=151

What percent of the first-time gun buyers had already taken some form of firearm safety training course? (January - April 2020)

24.7%

n=114

62.9%

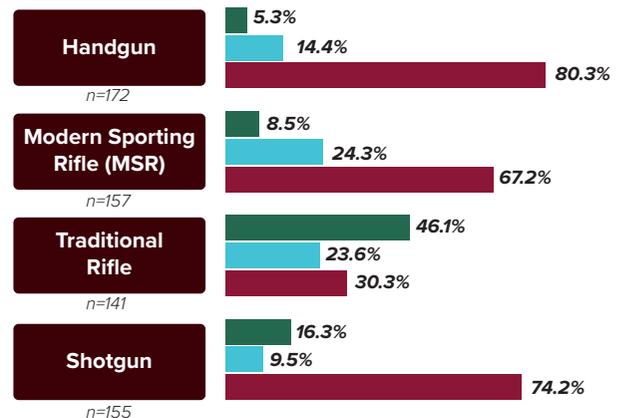
What percent of first-time gun buyers asked for information about taking a firearm safety training course? (January - April 2020)

n=137

Please report the percentages of firearm sales you think were sold primarily for: hunting, target shooting and personal protection purposes.

(First time gun buyers January - April 2020)

● Hunting ● Target Shooting ● Personal Protection



**USE
OF
DEADLY
FORCE
IN
SELF-DEFENSE
IN CALIFORNIA**



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BY MATT D. CUBEIRO

As a result of the current unrest in our society, coupled with law enforcement resources being overwhelmed in many cities, law-abiding residents have been left to their own devices in terms of protecting themselves and their loved

ones. As we saw during the 1992 riots in Los Angeles, business owners and individuals alike are choosing to exercise their Second Amendment rights to do so, many of whom are first-time gun owners.

To assist our members and gun owners who are now choosing to carry a firearm for purposes of lawful self-defense, CRPA has prepared the following information as a helpful guide in understanding California's complex laws regarding the use of deadly force in self-defense. It is important to note, however, that this

bulletin is being prepared for general information purposes only and should not be taken as legal advice. For this reason, should you have questions regarding the contents of this bulletin, or any other questions regarding the use of a firearm in self-defense, we urge you to contact an attorney. Contact CRPA by sending an email to contact@crpa.org if you would like a referral for an attorney in your area.

I. LEGAL BASICS

Before discussing the requirements of the lawful use of deadly force in self-defense, it is important to understand some basic principles regarding our current legal system. In a typical criminal case, the prosecutor bears the burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that a person committed a crime.¹ This applies in cases of homicide, which under California law are either murder or manslaughter. The difference between the two is that in the case of murder, the defendant has acted

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1. CALCRIM 220.

with malice aforethought.²

When using deadly force in self-defense, however, the defendant is essentially admitting to the underlying act of killing another person but with legal justification. As a result, the defendant typically bears the burden of proving their actions were justified. If the prosecutor is then unable to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the killing was not justified, the defendant must be found not guilty of homicide.³

II. USE OF DEADLY FORCE IN SELF-DEFENSE UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW

Although California has adopted statutory provisions regarding justifiable homicide, a better source of information is the California Criminal Jury Instructions.⁴ This is because many of California's statutory provisions do not account for developments in case law. What's more, the jury instructions are provided to the individual members of a jury when ultimately deciding a defendant's guilt and for that reason should be studied carefully.

As stated in CALCRIM 505, a defendant will have acted in lawful self-defense if **all** the following conditions are met:

■ **The defendant reasonably believed they were in imminent**

If the defendant's beliefs are considered reasonable by the jury, the fact that there may not have been an actual danger to the defendant should be irrelevant.

danger of being killed or suffering great bodily injury;

■ **The defendant reasonably believed the immediate use of deadly force was necessary to defend against that danger; and**

■ **The defendant used no more force than was reasonably necessary to defend against that danger.**

Note how each of the above have an element of reasonableness. This is the core of any self-defense claim. In the eyes of a jury, reasonableness is determined by looking at the known facts and circumstances as they appeared to the defendant and then asking what a reasonable person in a similar situation with similar knowledge and experience would do.⁵

Stated another way, the jury is trying to place themselves in the shoes of the person claiming self-defense and looking at the situation from his or her point of view. If the defendant's beliefs are considered reasonable by the jury, the fact that there may not have been an actual danger to the defendant should be irrelevant.⁶ But this also means that persons with more training and experience can be held to a higher standard than the general public.

For purposes of the above requirements, the harm must be immediate and inevitable, mean-

2. Malice does not require hatred or ill will toward the victim and does not require deliberation or the passage of time to form. CALCRIM 520. Rather, it is a mental state that must be formed before the act is committed. *Id.* Put another way, malice is a wrongful act done intentionally and without legal cause or excuse. *See People v. Taylor*, 36 Cal. 255 (1868).

3. CALCRIM 505.

4. You can view all of the California Criminal Jury Instructions, including those discussed in this bulletin, on the California Court's website at courts.ca.gov/partners/documents/calcrim.pdf.

5. CALCRIM 505.

6. By way of example only, if the defendant claiming self-defense had a firearm pointed at them in a threatening manner, and the defendant reasonably believed their life was immediately threatened, the fact that the firearm was unloaded or otherwise inoperable would be irrelevant for purposes of the defendant's self-defense claim unless it can be shown the defendant somehow knew of the firearm's condition beforehand.



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ing that a belief in future harm is insufficient no matter how great it is believed to be.⁷ Note, however, that a defendant need not exercise an option of retreat before using deadly force in self-defense in public.⁸ However, once the threat of danger ends, so too does the right to use deadly force. And the term

“great bodily injury” is defined as significant or substantial physical injury; that is, greater than minor or moderate harm.⁹ The harm can also be that of suffering a “forcible and atrocious crime,” such as being raped, maimed, robbed or other crime whose character and manner reasonably create a fear of death or

serious bodily harm.¹⁰

a. Imperfect Self-Defense and the “Initial Aggressor” Exception

Should a defendant’s actions fail to meet the above requirements, the defendant may be held guilty of voluntary manslaughter (but not murder) by means of his imperfect self-defense claim.¹¹ In such cas-

7. CALCRIM 505.

8. *Id.*

9. *Id.*

10. *Id.*; See also *People v. Ceballos*, 12 Cal.3d 470, 479 (1974).

11. See CALCRIM 571.

es, the defendant must still have actually believed he or she was in imminent danger of being killed or suffering great bodily injury, and the immediate use of deadly force was necessary, but that his or her belief was otherwise unreasonable under the circumstances.¹²

But this changes if the defendant initially started the confrontation or engaged in mutual combat. In such cases, defendants will only be entitled to use deadly force in self-defense if they first actually and in good faith tried to stop fighting, indicated to their opponent in a reasonable manner that they wanted to stop fighting and that they themselves had stopped, and the defendants gave their opponent a chance to stop fighting.¹³ In effect, this imposes a kind of duty to retreat on the defendant before using deadly force in self-defense.

b. Defense of Others and Defense of Property

In general, a person may lawfully use deadly force to defend another if the person being defended themselves had a right to use deadly force in self-defense.¹⁴ This implies

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a certain amount of knowledge of the situation, making it extremely difficult to justify otherwise. For this reason, individuals who find themselves at or near potentially deadly and dangerous situations should refrain from intervening unless it is clear the person being attacked has a right to use deadly force in self-defense.

Gun owners also need to be aware that deadly force is generally never justified to defend property.¹⁵ This includes pets, which are considered personal property for purposes of the law. This also includes other tangible property, including personally owned firearms. However, a person is entitled to use a reasonable amount of force to protect property.¹⁶

California also creates a presumption of a person acting in self-defense when defending themselves in their own home, often referred to as the "Castle Doctrine."¹⁷ In such cases, the law will presume the defendant reasonably feared imminent death or great bodily injury provided specific elements are met. By doing so, this shifts the burden back to the prosecutor to prove the defendant did not have a reasonable fear when using

12. *Id.*

13. CALCRIM 3471.

14. CALCRIM 505.

15. *See, e.g., People v. Ceballos*, 12 Cal.3d 470 (1974) (holding that deadly force cannot be justified to prevent all felonies of a type involving the breaking and entry of a dwelling place, and where the character and manner of burglary do not reasonably create a fear of great bodily harm, there is no cause for the exaction of human life or for the use of deadly force).

16. CALCRIM 3476.

17. CALCRIM 3477.

18. Many believe exhibiting a firearm is enough to diffuse a potentially dangerous situation. However, this can still create liability for brandishing, which is usually a misdemeanor under California law. *See* Pen. Code § 417. Doing so could also be classified as assault with a deadly weapon, which can be prosecuted as either a felony or misdemeanor. Pen. Code § 245.

19. *See, e.g., CALCRIM 875, 983* (stating that in order to be found guilty, the defendant must not have acted in self-defense or defense of another).

20. *See People v. Matthews*, 91 Cal.App.3d 1018, 1024 (1979).

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deadly force against the intruder. But the presumption is nevertheless rebuttable, and for that reason individuals should never rely on California's Castle Doctrine when acting in self-defense.

III. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Aside from murder and manslaughter, there are other crimes a person can be charged with for improperly using a firearm. Common among these are assault with a deadly weapon, brandishing and negligent discharge.¹⁸ Only in cases of self-defense will a defendant's actions generally be excused, which means all the above requirements will need to be satisfied.¹⁹ It should also be noted that persons acting in self-defense will not be held criminally liable for the injury of an innocent bystander.²⁰ But this protection does not also extend to potential civil liability.

IV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Above all else, remember that a person acting in self-defense will ultimately be judged by 12 strangers on a jury. Knowing this, should you find yourself in a situation where you may be forced to use deadly force, ask yourself if you feel confident that your actions would be viewed as reasonable by those 12 strangers. If not, or you are not sure, then you should consider any possible alternatives before resulting to using deadly force.

There is also no substitute for training and education. The above information merely scratches the surface of California's complex laws regarding the lawful use of a firearm in self-defense. Gun owners of all skill levels should constantly strive to better their skills and their knowledge of the law. To that end, CRPA offers a number of training opportunities available to the public that are taught by skilled instructors and legal experts. For more information about these programs, visit CRPA.org or send an email to contact@crpa.org. 

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WOKE CULTURE SUPPORTS CANCEL CULTURE

DISGUISED MARXIST RHETORIC

BY DAN GIFFORD

A vexing aspect of working in the entertainment media—at least for me—is keeping up with all the different social and political words and terms which seem to erupt overnight as either neologisms or new definitions of old practices. Those words and terms are important because, whether new or redefined, they shape our thoughts and induce perceptions that become individual, social or political

reality.

That reality can be contradictorily absurd when created by leftist verbiage. How else to explain this gem I often heard on the Berkeley campus during the 1960s: “Nobody has a right to own a gun; but people have a right to own guns to fight LBJ’s fascism.” LBJ was Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th White House fascist in residence at the time. That blather not only expresses the lack of logic that characterizes much leftist thought, it also expresses the exceptions that are endemic to its rhetoric despite claims of “equality.” Those exceptions allow for laws and rights to be applied selectively to one group but not another



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as is now being done in the People's Republic portion of Seattle. There, leftist radicals now flout Washington state laws against gun carry, rape, robbery, extortion and so on in the spirit of leftist equal application of law except for those above it because they have the guns.

More on that might makes right equality later. But for now, remember that mind f*ck of equality and reality is largely made possible by words, terms and slogans that too many mindlessly repeat.

The two most commonly heard words or terms as I write this have to be *woke* and *cancel*. While neither is really new in the strict sense, they have evolved through use by the founders of Black Lives Matter (BLM), self-described queer Marxists Patrisse Cullors and Alicia Garza, into social media cultures. In that context, *woke* expresses alertness to social injustice while *cancel* expresses the shunning, shaming or obliteration from history of those who said or did something (often years ago) that is now considered offensive. But while manipulative rhetoric can make both practices appear to be lofty and moral, they both conceal the repressive attitudes, values, goals and practices of classic Marxist tactics intended to

enforce collectivist conformity and beguile the gullible.

Of the two, *woke* was on its way out as being au courant before its use received new life from the millions that George Soros—yes, despite the denials, George Soros—and company gave to the Black Lives Matter Marxist movement in a way that was intended to make BLM appear to be a community grassroots movement. Rapper Lord Jamar is among those not fooled: “Black lives matter isn’t our movement, it belongs to George Soros and his f**king boys.” What Jamar sees that others don’t is that Soros’ “boys” recognized BLM’s founders as kindred communists wanting to fold the progressive movement back into traditional Marxism.

They saw that BLM had rejected intersectional theory, the headache that gave us safe spaces, trigger warnings and the Oppression Olympics. Instead, Soros’ boys saw that BLM was rejuvenating the traditional Marxist class struggle goals of collective resource ownership, banks and businesses, a killer income tax and more—all stuff lifted straight from the *Communist Manifesto*. Perhaps most of all, Soros and friends liked BLM’s reframe of Marxism’s traditional proletariat vs. bour-

geoisie battle as a black vs. white race war.

The largesse that BLM received came through Soros fronts like his Open Society Democracy Alliance which includes names like Rob McKay of Taco Bell, former Democrat presidential candidate Tom Steyer and New Israel Fund mogul Paul Egerman. No small portion of those billions went to fact checker sites to buy denials of Soros’ involvement. Since then, both *woke* and *cancel* have evolved into deceptive cultures of their own and are shorthand for police brutality and various real or perceived social injustices.

That may sound like something new, but it’s really not. As I see it, “woke culture” and “cancel culture” are actually new names for the two parts of what we know and love as “political correctness.” The term first appeared in the Marxist-Leninist vocabulary following the 1917 Russian Revolution. At that time it was used to describe adherence to the policies and principles of the Soviet Communist Party line. From there, it evolved into a tool of linguistic repression of the sort communist guru professor Herbert Marcuse, “Father of the New Left,” advocated in his 1960s treatise, *Repressive Tolerance*.

When I interviewed him during the ‘60s,

Marcuse told me those politically left hold the moral high ground and that that gives them the right to shut down opposing speech so theirs can dominate. So, say or do something that our apparat elite high priests have deemed (through their plenary control of academia, entertainment, media and the courts) to be out of line with their constructed narratives of acceptable opinions or practices—like supporting the Second Amendment, Donald Trump or abortion bans—and you'll likely get shamed, shunned or even fired.

Woke culture and cancel culture are no different. Again, as I see it, if woke culture represents the portion of PC culture dictating what may be said or done, cancel culture represents the punishment for recusants. However obvious that may be, there are aspects to the woke and cancel cultures that beguile the unwary, gullible and time-warped about their use to spread Marxist ideology that portend bad ends. Culler's and Garza's *woke* has the teeth of cultural Marxist conformity and the enforced social media discipline of "cancellation."

Cancellation? Yeah. As in shunned. As in banned. As in sent to Krypton's Phantom Zone. Recall the celebrities who were turned on overnight for acts or words, real, imagined or incredibly picayune? Cop

TV shows were canceled, Elmer Fudd lost his shotgun, and many famous brands changed their packaging lest it be deemed racist.

It is political/cultural correctness run amok to the extent that its Robespierre-sans-culottes definers of acceptable language and views may gain enough power to demand those who committed past indiscretions to pay the ultimate price long enough for Madame Defarge (Dickens' *Tale of Two Cities*) to complete her knitting. Think that's implausible? Think again.

In an exclusive interview for Britain's *Daily Mail*, Hawk Newsome, Chairman of BLM's Greater New York chapter said the black rights group is "mobilizing" its base and forming a highly trained "military" arm to challenge police brutality head on. BLM, he said, will patrol black communities to challenge police and stop police brutality in a manner reminiscent of the 1960s Black Panther Party. Given the spinelessness shown by political leaders of late in allowing Newsome's BLM cadre to "cancel" laws against the open carry of weapons while enforcing those same laws against others, it's not implausible this may become a norm.

How would that play out? Those with a long memory will recall the Black Panther

armed and justifiable response to police brutality against blacks in Oakland (and some other places soon degenerated into the repression of those it was allegedly protecting and then into criminal activity and murder by its own gun toters). Had they not overplayed their hand, those Panthers could easily have become an American black power version of the 1920s Hungarian communist regime's Lenin Boys who murdered all those suspected of not following Marxist doctrine.

Would armed Black Lives Matter Marxists act differently? For all the idealism radicals and their naive liberal enablers heaped on the Panthers, radical lefties at the time from Bobby Seale (of Chicago 8 fame) and former radical communist *Ramparts* editor David Horowitz finally admitted the Panthers were little more than extortionists, gangsters and murderers.

Would militant members of the BLM movement be any less hesitant to "cancel" any of us? **CRPA**

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DEBUNKING VPC'S "CONCEALED CARRY KILLERS"

GUN BAN GROUP'S EFFORT TO DEMONIZE PUBLIC CARRIERS FAILS

BY KONSTADINOS T. MOROS

THE RISE OF RIGHT TO CARRY

Since the 1980s, the right of law-abiding citizens to carry has expanded

tremendously. Up until that time, only a very small handful of states permitted the carrying of firearms by regular citizens, including Vermont, which had honored what is now known as "constitutional carry" for centuries. But with Florida becoming by far the largest state expanding the right to carry in 1987, a media firestorm ensued. Anti-gun activists

reacted as if the sky was falling, and insisted that the state would devolve into a sort of Wild West (playing into the debunked myth that the Wild West Era was high in murders, but that is a topic for another time).

So, did Florida come apart at the seams, with every disagreement turning into the O.K. Corral? Not at all. Florida's homicide rate actually *fell* following the passage of its "Shall-Issue" law. In 1987, the state had 11.4 murders per 100,000 people, but by the start of the new century, that had been cut in half to 5.6 per 100,000 people.

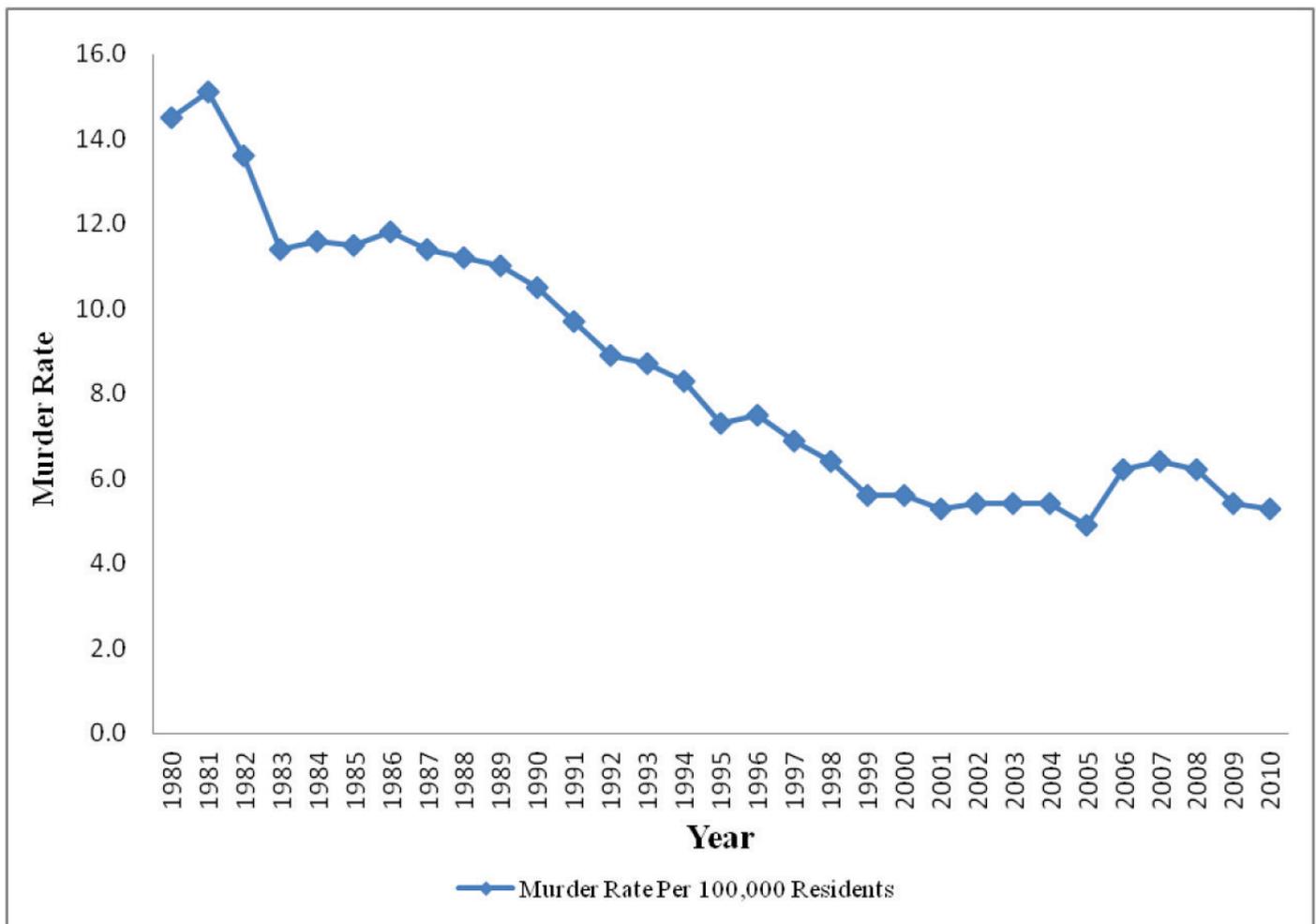
While we cannot conclude that the

1987 carry law is what caused murder in Florida to drop, it is safe to say that the people opposed to a citizen's right to carry had their dire predictions absolutely refuted. As more and more states became permissive with their carry laws, this trend held nationally as well. Today, 43 states have Shall-Issue laws on the books, with 16 of those having unrestricted constitutional carry. In those states, as long as you can legally own a gun, you do not need a permit to carry it. The United States' murder rate was 9.4 per 100,000 people in 1990, but it would fall to 5.0 per 100,000 by 2018. The fact that the vast majority of states now honor the natural and constitutional right of citizens to defend themselves outside their homes has clearly not caused any increase in overall violence. If anything, it may have helped decrease such violence.

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With this data, one would think this issue was effectively decided—conceal carry expansion does not increase crime, as the anti-gunners had predicted. Sadly, this is not the

Figure II.2: Murder Rate per 100,000 Florida Residents: 1980 - 2010



Source: "The Crime Drop in Florida: An Examination of the Trends and Possible Causes" by William D. Bales, Ph.D. and Alex R. Piquero, Ph.D. www.flsheriffs.org/uploads/FLCrimeDropStudy_Bales4_15_12.pdf

case. In order to stop the spread of Shall-Issue laws to the few remaining holdout states (of which California is one) and to roll back the progress made in the states that have such laws, Second Amendment opponents have now turned to smearing law-abiding citizens who choose to carry as "killers."

The Violence Policy Center (VPC), an organization which advocates for gun control, has published perhaps the most egregious example of an attack on the Americans

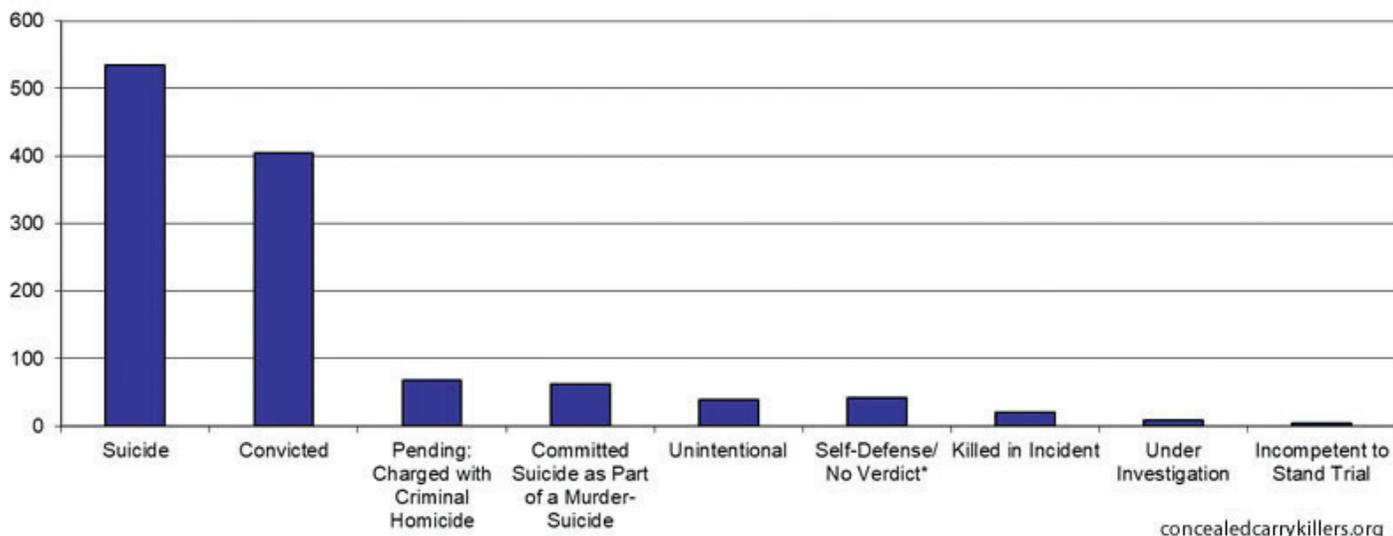
who legally carry on its website concealedcarrykillers.org. The website describes itself as follows: "Concealed Carry Killers is a resource maintained by the Violence Policy Center that includes hundreds of examples of non-self-defense killings by private citizens with permits to carry concealed, loaded handguns in public that took place since May 2007."

The website proclaims a grand total of 1,365 people have become "concealed carry killers" since May

2007. However, a closer look at the data VPC presents reveals that over 500 of these killers are actually suicides in which the individuals killed only themselves (see Violence Policy Center chart).

The VPC should be utterly ashamed of itself for using these tragedies to push their anti-gun narrative. It is reprehensible to defame people as "killers" when their only crime was losing a battle with depression. From an analytical perspective, it's also not clear why

Violence Policy Center: Status of Concealed Carry Killers, May 2007 – April 2020



No comprehensive data exists on non-self defense killings by private citizens with permits to carry concealed handguns in public. *Concealed Carry Killers* offers examples from May 2007 to the present of such incidents, which are taken from news reports and the limited state data available. These examples are only an unknown fraction of the unreported number of similar incidents that routinely occur across the nation.

**Concealed Carry Killers* does not include the small number of incidents that are eventually determined to involve self-defense or where no verdict is reached at trial. All such incidents are removed from the database's ongoing totals.

Source: concealedcarrykillers.org/concealed-carry-killers-background

having a concealed carry permit matters in suicide, a sad act which mostly occurs inside one's home. It would seem the VPC is trying to pad its total number of concealed carry killers, and they are fine with using suicide victims to do so.

The VPC claims that their overall data is just what they could find based on news reports and "limited states data," and that this is only an "unknown fraction" of such incidents that "routinely occur" across the nation. The idea that there are a significant number of incidents that they aren't finding, given their resources and motivations, is laughable. The VPC expects us to believe they successfully identified over 500 suicide victims as concealed carry permit holders when the news media barely covers suicides but also that they failed to find a large amount of murders committed

Concealed Carry Permit Holders Across the United States: 2019

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Abstract

The number of concealed handgun permits has increased for the third year in a row. The figure now stands at over 18.66 million – a 304% increase since 2007. It's also an 8% increase over the number of permits we counted a year ago in 2018. Unlike gun ownership surveys that may be affected by people's unwillingness to answer personal questions, concealed handgun permit data is the only really "hard data" that we have. Sixteen states are missing from the data because people there don't even need a permit to carry.

Source: papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3463357

by other permit holders.

Setting aside their questionable ethics and scholarly integrity, we are left with approximately 865 killers after removing the 500 suicides from the data. It is important to note that

the VPC states that only 400 of these 865 have been convicted, with the rest breaking down into various categories such as pending trial, under investigation and so forth. But to give the VPC every benefit of the doubt,

for the sake of this argument we will assume the entirety of these 865 are bona fide killers.

HOW THE VPC DATA UNINTENTIONALLY VINDICATES THE RIGHT TO CARRY

The VPC data begins in May 2007 and ends in March 2020, covering a span of about 13 years. Taking the 865 incidents and dividing them by 13 gives us roughly 67 incidents per year. So, per the most charitable

reading of VPC's own data, there are 67 concealed carry killers annually.

In order to make a proper comparison, we need to know how many Americans carry. From John R. Lott's excellent work at the Crime Prevention Research Center, we know that 18.66 million Americans had concealed carry permits in 2019. Even this is a major undercount, given that 16 states have constitutional carry, and there is no good way to know how many people carry in those

states. But continuing our practice of giving the VPC every benefit of the doubt, let's stick with the 18.66 million figure.

Taking into account the 18.66 million permit holders, the VPC's 67 annual concealed carry killers give us an astonishing result: a per capita murder rate of just .36 per 100,000 people. Recall that the overall U.S. per-capita murder rate is 5 per 100,000. What the VPC data actually tells us is that people with carry permits are more than 13 times *less* likely to commit murder than the general population. If Americans who carry were their own country, they would have a far lower murder rate than any major Western European country.

And remember, this calculation was made giving the VPC a lot of undeserved deference. If we limited their count to convicted cases (400 instead of 865), or we had some way to count people who carry in constitutional carry states to our 18.66 million figure, the result would be even more definitively in favor of right to carry laws.

The VPC made a website to attack overwhelmingly law-abiding Americans, and all they accomplished was inadvertently proving that, indeed, those Americans are overwhelmingly law-abiding. **CRPA**

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STUDY INSIGHTS

SUICIDE PREVENTION & FIRST-TIME GUN OWNERS

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The question of whether first-time purchasers of handguns are at heightened risk of suicide has been debated for decades. A recent *New England Journal of Medicine*¹ study has shed new light that there is greater likelihood. The findings give fresh reason for friends, family and the public to take preventive measures.

The research—the largest study ever on the connection between suicide and handgun ownership—compiled information on a sample of 26 million Californian residents over a dozen years. It tracked first-time handgun buyers from the day they acquired a firearm and compared the frequency of their suicides to those of non-owners, matched by age, sex, race, ethnicity and neighborhood.

The period of greatest relative suicide risk for new handgun owners was the initial few weeks after purchase, when it was 100 times greater than for

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non-owners. Of all gun suicides among owners, 14% occurred in the first month after purchase and 48% within the first year.

Certainly, most Californians who purchase handguns will never contemplate or attempt suicide, either in the first year or beyond. But the study was a stark

reminder of the need for extra attention and concerted efforts to prevent suicide among all gun owners going through transient life crises.

Research has shown that 90% of individuals² who are intent on suicide and are thwarted or survive an attempt never go on to die from a subsequent suicide act. However, people who attempt suicide using a firearm usually don't get that chance, as 92% of the time it is fatal. Interventions³ that separate guns from potentially suicidal persons have dramatically reduced suicide deaths. These findings suggest that part of being an accountable firearm owner is to ensure we take action to prevent suicides among our firearm owning brothers and sisters.

Here are several constructive ideas, all of which are consistent with the Trump Administration's 2020 PREVENTS Suicide Prevention⁴ recommendations and are compatible with Second Amendment rights.

(1) *Have more "brave conversations" about reducing access to firearms,*

including temporarily transferring to a trusted family member or friend. The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) website [nssf.org] and webcasts that speak to the firearm-owning community via the U.S. Concealed Carry Association's *YouTube* channel advocate that "reaching out to someone to have a 'brave conversation' can be lifesaving." NSSF endorses that secure storing of firearms and other methods of harming oneself can play a huge role in deterring suicide.

(2) Expand Gun Shop Projects. There are numerous Gun Shop Projects around the country, including in San Diego that one of us (Collins, a gun owner) helped develop. These are partnerships between retailers, ranges, clubs, instructors and suicide prevention advocates that provide educational information on what to look for that might signal suicide risk in a friend or loved one, how to talk to them openly about suicide and recommended steps to keep them

safe until the situation resolves. Safety materials are also included with every firearm purchase.

(3) Include suicide prevention info in firearm safety courses: Firearm instructors are a trusted source of safety information for new firearm owners. These courses should include a brief segment on suicide prevention.

(4) Make temporary off-site storage easier. Three states, Colorado, Washington and Maryland, have publicly available and easily accessible online directories for out-of-home firearm storage. A directory of California sites would make it that much simpler for individuals and family members to temporarily and voluntarily store guns off-site during fleeting crises when risk is heightened.

We can help prevent these tragic deaths. We can support purchasers being notified how suicide prevention is a key part of firearm safety. We can educate ourselves of warning signs and life circumstances that may lead to thoughts of suicide and be courageous to have a conversation with those we are concerned about. As NSSF fittingly concludes, "Creating time and space between a person with suicidal thoughts and access to a means of self-harm, such as a firearm, can create a moment of pause, allowing the period of heightened risk to pass. Suicide is not inevitable." **CRPA**

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“Bury the lede” is an old newspaper trade term for not disclosing the interesting part of the story until so late in the article that few people read it. Paragraph 1, Senator Bedfellow gave money to a shelter for battered women; paragraph 48, Senator Bedfellow was charged with wife beating in 2006.

It is a propaganda tactic, and it is used too often in gun policy research. In this case concerning suicides in California, the stunt was aided and abetted by the California government.

WOE, THY NAME IS WINTEMUTE

Long ago, a doctor with zero criminology credentials started publishing on gun control topics. His early research was, in a word, hilarious. One chunk of his intellectual effluvium used “observational evidence” about people at gun shows in two states. General-

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ized, the assumption the doctor made was that if Bill asked his friend Ted about a firearm for sale at the gun show, and Ted nodded and Bill paid for it, then this was a strawman sale, and

Ted was a prohibited person.

The more likely case, that Ted was more of an expert and Bill was relying on his guidance, appears to have never penetrated the doctor’s cranium. This led his article to receiving almost as much derision as another doctor’s article about a gun in the home being 43 times more likely to kill a resident (that bit of criminology malpractice once had two separate entries at JunkScience.com).

So, when the name Garen Wintemute appears as an author on an article, it needs a vivisection (the article, not the doctor).

THE CLAIM

The article, “Handgun Ownership and Suicide in California,”¹ asserts owning a handgun is associated with a higher rate of firearm suicide, before skating off onto even thinner ice.

Thanks to the political biases of the State of California (aka the State of Emergency), Wintemute and company have received tax money to conduct gun violence research, and the politicians pretty much get the results they want. In this case, Wintemute and his

1. “Handgun Ownership and Suicide in California,” David M. Studdert, LL.B., Sc.D., et al., *New England Journal of Medicine*, June 4, 2020.

co-writers had access to data most people don't, including details on the owners of registered guns (alert to civil rights attorneys: there may be a privacy case here), voter registration roles with identifying data and more.

To their credit, the approach of the research was not entirely unsound. Simplified, they merged voter registration data (which provided street addresses for geolocation) with handgun purchasing and sales records (to know who allegedly did and did not have access to a handgun) and cause-of-death data to see if buying a gun led to killing oneself with it. We will get to some of the data and methodology inequities later. But we'll note in passing that if the data, proxies and confounding variables had been more robust, this might have been a good approach.

THE AGE OBFUSCATION

Did Wintemute and company not care about old people?

In the article, they noted the median age of firearm owners but not the median age or geography of people who commit suicide with a gun. Both are well-known, data-skewing phenomena, but the "researchers" were conspicuously reluctant to disclose their data on these topics. Guess we'll have to do it for them.

Thanks to the Centers for Disease Control, California suicide stats are available to anyone (you don't have to be a tax-funded propaganda organization working with insider government data). They also allow anyone to get some rather interesting breakdowns. The **California Suicides by Age and Means chart** shows the mode of

suicide for Californians (in the same range of years as the study on which we are performing an autopsy). As with national trends, we see that firearm suicide is heavily skewed to older people. And like the rest of the country, it is skewed toward old, white men living outside of metro areas.

This is critical to the study at hand. Recall that they used voter registration data to triangulate gun ownership and in their article admitted that this added up to only 61% of adult Californians. This is fairly imprecise on its own but gets much worse when you look at the individual counties (which may explain why the authors opted out of reporting geographical differences).

Here's an example. The county with the highest voter registration rate is coastal Marin (85% registration rate,

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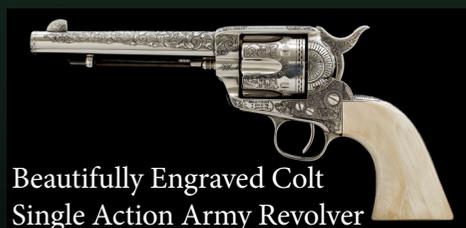
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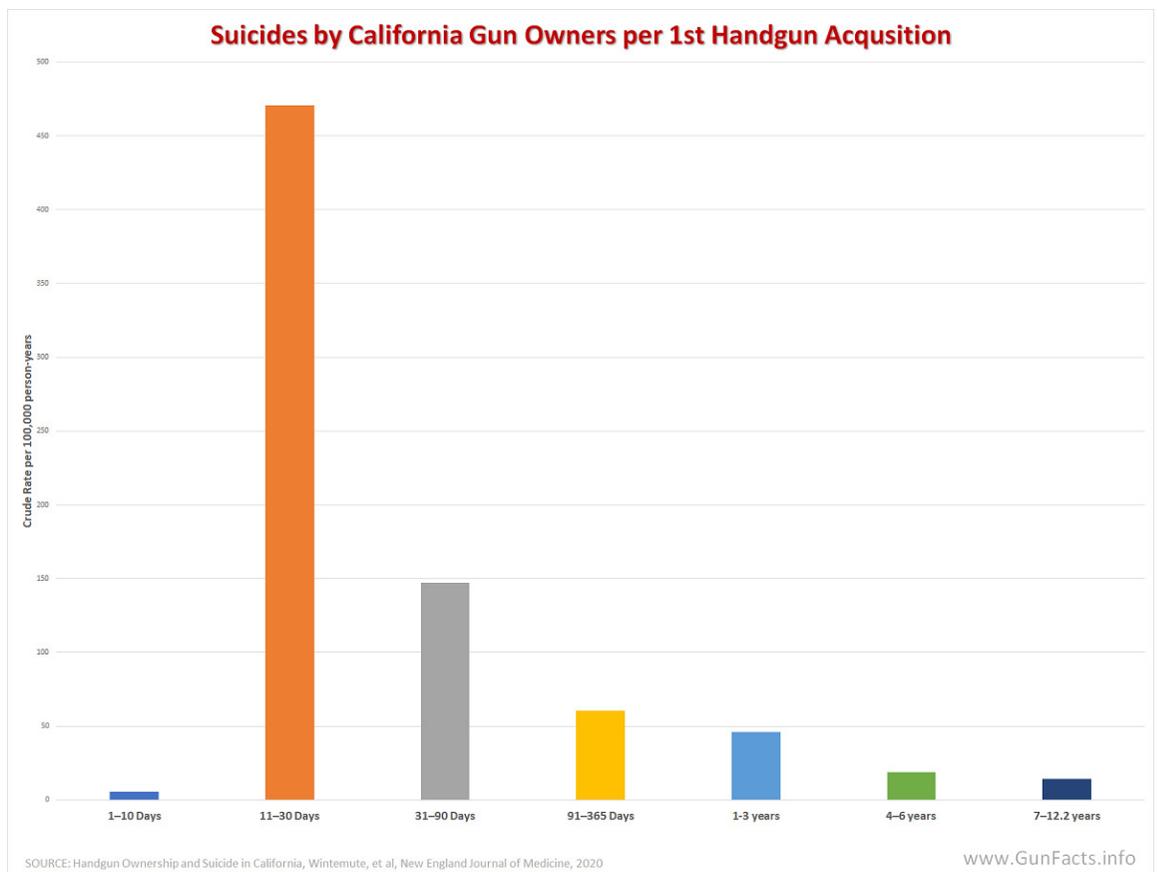
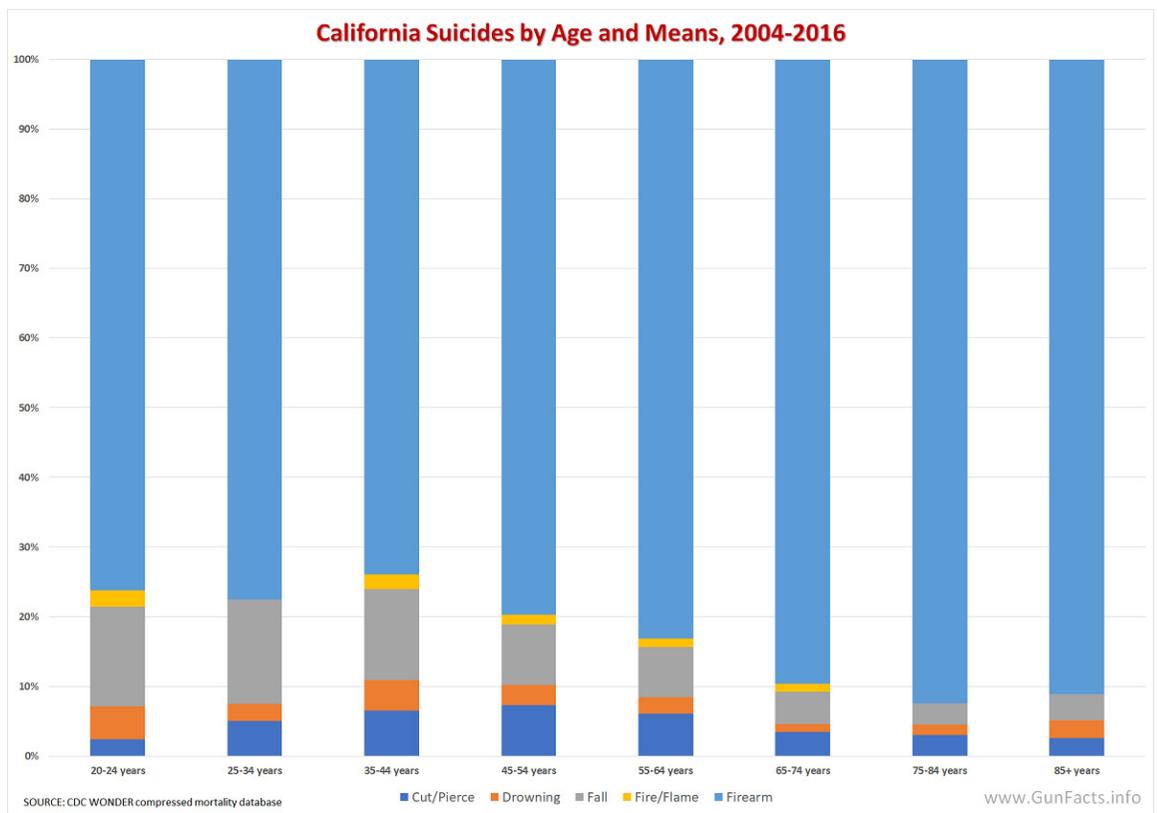
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primarily Democrat), and the county with the lowest rate is rural Tulare (54%, largely Republican). The population density, culture differences and other demographics (including likely pre-existing gun ownership rates) are so vastly different that the lack of reporting about these differences is suspicious, given that the authors geocoded the entire study and could have noted variations in suicide rates (Marin's suicide rate is 15.4 dead per 100,000 population; Tulare's is 9.4, which discounts the nationally common trend of old, rural men being more likely to kill themselves).

Why is this seeming distraction important? Let us tell you.

IMMEDIACY VS. REALITY

The much beloved former mayor of Alameda, California, shot himself dead to avoid a protracted battle with cancer. He was 67. Older white man, prime suicide candi-



date and likely (unconfirmed) owned the gun in question for a long time before his tumors appeared.

His suicide was not spontaneous. It was the result of his cancer spreading and likely becoming terminal. He thought through his options—a clear-headed decision, if you will. Most people do so, even the chronically depressed. Sundry psych studies report that many (perhaps most) suicidal people think about killing themselves for months or even years before com-

mitting the act. This is an important dig at the study under our microscope because of “buy to die” cases and the excluded others.

In the study, one table (seven pages past the headline conclusions) shows the amount of time from the acquisition of a handgun to using a handgun for suicide. We do see that in terms of “people-years,” (the authors did not provide the raw data) many people do buy a gun to kill themselves.

But there is zero accounting for how

long before the handgun purchase these people had been thinking about suicide. This gets very important as the authors appear to have removed from the data people who owned handguns before the beginning of the study period (“excluded cohort members who had acquired one or more handguns before coming under observation during the study period”).

Let’s take the case of old men, including California mayors with metastasized cancer. Older people—who have lost spouses, friends, children, who may not have enough money to survive retirement and who may have painful debilitations or terminal diseases—may decide to die. Some of them may opt to use a gun and need to buy one for the purpose. Others, likely in the rural areas, likely already have one or more guns and may have had them long before a doctor probed their personal gun ownership data.

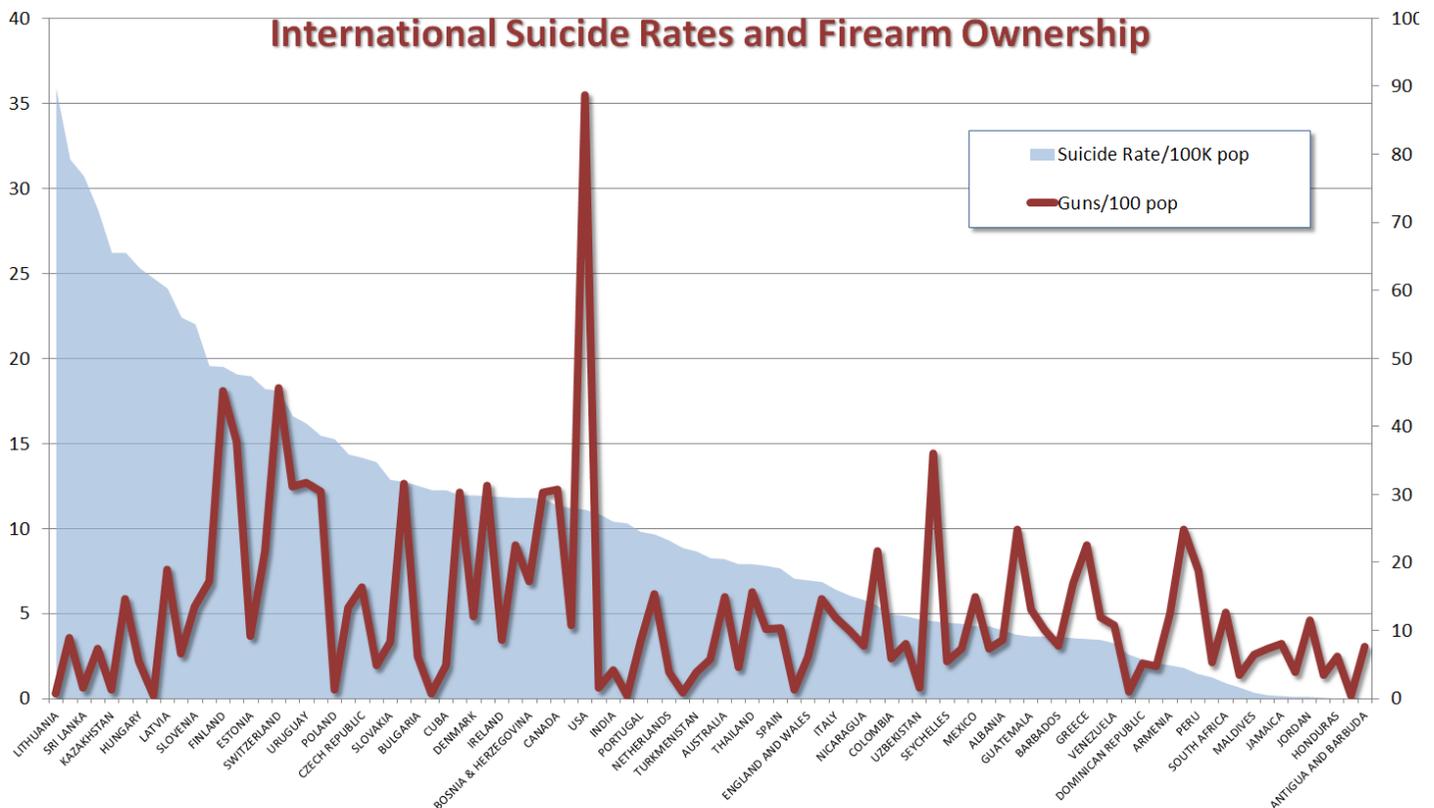
So, the exclusion of people who owned guns before the study period, but did not purchase one during it, artificially skews the data into the “spontaneous suicide” camps. How much flatter the bars in the previous chart might be is completely unknown, thanks to the intentional exclusion. As people age, odds are they don’t buy many new guns but may already own several. Thus, this most suicide-prone group of people was mistakenly dropped out of the mix in this study for being old and on fixed incomes.

The lack of exploration of these well-known issues—the age, mental health and metro status of the victim—makes their absence from this study highly suspicious, especially since the authors claim that they “geocoded residential addresses and then assigned them to census tracts,” and that they calculated age clusters for handgun ownership but not handgun suicides. What is not revealed is likely interesting to voters

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(which may have been the motivation to obscure critical insights).

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

As odd as this non-reporting of data is, there are many awkward and silly aspects to this study.

On the silly side is the authors' statement, "Whether a suicide attempt is fatal depends heavily on the lethality of the method used." As we showed in our original international review, people around the world find many lethal methods for ending their existence. Rope is just as lethal as bullets, a fact that Wintemute and his acolytes fail to grasp (and let's hope these doctors have a better grasp on viruses and cancer, lest we all die under their "care").

One problem is the weighting (we'll skip the obvious jokes about doctors and waiting rooms). Because their core indexing data (voter registrations) only

covered 61% of California adults, and because voter registration is highly variable from county to county, they were forced to statistically weight populations. This is not insanely bad, but it points to an area where the source data (garbage in) may lead to suspect results (garbage out).

Lastly, the authors seem to have pretended to use control proxies to test for confounding issues (other variables that might explain data trends). In particular, they used non-suicide lung cancer, endocarditis and alcoholic liver disease to test for associations with smoking, injecting drugs or drinking their livers into submission (indicators of other bad lifestyle choices that occasionally lead to suicide). But as our cancer-ridden mayor shows, there is a disconnect whereby people who don't abuse themselves may develop these diseases anyway and decide to die

from suicide instead of the illness.

WHAT NOT UP, DOC?

How people commit suicide has been proven meaningless. In the year of the original *Gun Facts* international review, we found no correlation between successful suicides and firearm availability. Because of the seemingly intentional skewing of the originating data, even this study fails to prove a real correlation between purchasing handguns and killing oneself (and even if there was an unpolluted association, "substitution of means" has been proven, thus net suicides would be unchanged).

If doctors and professors committing statistical malpractice actually cared about people, they would focus on what causes people to want to die and defuse that bomb—instead of picking just one out of hundreds of ways suicidal people exit. **CRPA**



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shows fatal firearm accidents at their lowest level since record keeping began in 1903. The firearm industry has for the last two decades provided more than 100 million firearm locking devices with new firearms sold and through its award-winning Project ChildSafe® program—the largest and most comprehensive firearm safety program in the country. The industry's educational materials are widely distributed to gun owners by firearm

manufacturers, retailers, instructors and others nationwide.

“As an industry that prioritizes firearm safety, it is extremely good news to see this record decline in gun-related accidents,” said Joe Bartozzi, NS-SF's President and CEO. “It's gratifying to know that our industry's gun safety efforts, including our long-running Project ChildSafe firearm safety education program, are contributing to helping save lives.”

With approximately 100 million gun owners in the country, the data demonstrates that firearms can be safely owned and used and accidents prevented as long as secure storage guidelines are followed. “Securely storing firearms when not in use is the No. 1 way to help prevent accidents, thefts and misuse,” said Bartozzi.

The National Safety Council data showed that for 2018 there were 458 firearm fatalities, accounting for less than 1 percent of unintentional fatalities from all principal causes. In the last two decades (1998–2018) accidental firearm deaths have declined by 47 percent. “Even one accidental firearm fatality is one too many,” said Bartozzi. “We're aiming for zero, and this is great progress.”

With reports of many people purchasing their first firearm due to safety concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic, Bartozzi reminds new gun owners to use the safety device that came packaged with their new firearm when their gun is not under their direct control, to strongly consider using an additional safety device such as a lock box or lockable gun case and to take advantage of the many gun safety resources at **ProjectChildSafe.org**, such as this video on the 10 commandments of firearm safety.

Also, with so many children at home because of COVID-19-related school closures, Bartozzi encourages parents to take time to have “the talk” with their kids about gun safety and to use tools such as the McGruff on Gun Safety videos and a video on how parents can talk to their children about gun safety on the Project ChildSafe website.

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THROUGH LOOKING

WHAT DO NEW GUN OWNERS MEAN TO GUN CULTURE?



BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

COVID-19 has been a time like nothing we have experienced. From an illness that seems to attack randomly, civil unrest, toilet paper shortages to killer murder hornets, we have never experienced a time such as this. The uncertainty of these months has pushed many people to re-think their families' security and what the right to keep and bear arms means to them.

Over the past several months it is estimated that there are over 2 million new gun owners in the country. In California, we have witnessed lines wrapped around gun stores and the inventory being completely bought out at many stores. Something I never thought would happen in liberal, anti-gun California! The very people who have been following along with the gun control lies for years, suddenly find themselves on the other side of that rhetoric as new gun owners.

These new gun owners are saying to themselves, "I'm not a dangerous person" or "I am not that crazy gun

owner that they warned me about; I am just someone who wants to protect my family." This is a huge shift for many of them as far as philosophy and understanding of what being a lawful gun owner means. Just the act of purchasing a firearm or ammunition turned the light bulb on for many when they realized how difficult that process actually is. The gun control lie that people could just walk into a store or gun show and walk out with any firearm was shattered when thousands of purchasers had to go through the many steps of red tape to become gun owners during this crisis.

New gun owners are now a part of the gun culture, but they may be hesitant to engage in that culture because of the misinformation they have been given by gun control advocates for years. Many new gun owners do not know other gun owners. They may only know stories

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about grandpa or a distant uncle who owned firearms but know no one in their age group or community. They have been told that gun owners are all white, older men, which is not necessarily true. Gun owners come from all kinds of backgrounds and

ethnicities, and include women, men, teachers, doctors, attorneys, mothers, grandparents, outdoorsmen and your neighbor. Gun owners are incredibly willing to give their time to help others learn more, train at the range or be part of local groups and

clubs. New gun owners are going to be looking for these people and resources, and they need to know that it is okay to ask questions. Remember, they may have only heard negative things about gun owners. Now we have a chance to show them the truth.

New gun owners entering the gun culture are a gift for us in California. It means more opportunity to educate people about safety, training, the many uses of firearms and how they can keep their right to bear arms. It is an opportunity to show people the path to getting their CCW (even strongholds like Los Angeles County are starting to issue more CCWs now). It is an opportunity to show these new gun owners that their right to lawfully possess and bear firearms is not something to be ashamed of, but something that they can speak confidently about to friends and family. Let's give them what they need to make this jump. They already made the biggest jump of all—standing in line at the local gun shop and becoming a gun owner. Now, we as gun owners need to help them understand how they can keep those firearms that offer their families the protections that the government never will. **CRPA**

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

WHAT'S BEHIND THE COVID CURTAIN? OR, "YOU'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE!"

What a legislative session this has been so far! The Democrats

have done their best to squeeze everything they can behind the COVID curtain, stooping to lows that have even surprised folks with 40 years of experience in the building. They have used their time-tested dirty politics like "Gut and Amends" and hiding significant firearms law changes in a budget bill. Sadly, until "We the People" change things, "they" have a super majority and will break and override any "rules" they choose to accomplish their objectives.

For this article I am going to focus on what I think are some of the worst active bills we are currently facing and then touch on the year's biggest violation of procedures this session.

I can sum up the bills we are facing as "Repeats," "Gut and Amends," and "Who cares about process, put a COVID bow on it, and it will get through!"



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REPEATS AND REJECTS

What is that saying about "no such thing as an original idea?" Our first bill is an example of exactly that by our friends in the big white building! Assembly Bill (AB) 2362, "Firearms dealers: conduct of business," by Assembly Member Muratsuchi is the third attempt in 3 years aimed at putting our small "mom and pop" firearms dealers out of business!

We beat this bill in the 2019 session as AB 1064 and 2017 session as AB 736. Commencing July 1, 2022, AB 2362 would authorize the California Department of Justice (CA DOJ) to impose a civil fine on licensed firearm dealers not exceeding \$1,000 for paperwork violations and a civil fine not exceeding \$3,000 for a violation when the licensee had received written notification from the CA DOJ regarding the violation and fails to take corrective action, or the CA DOJ determines the licensee committed the violation knowingly or with gross negligence. Really? In these times where small businesses are struggling to stay alive in California, let's slap a \$3,000 fine on them for paperwork violations! According to many FFLs I talk to, these violations are often paperwork violations that result from not being able to

get anyone at the CA DOJ to return their calls and answer their questions!

Certainly one of the potentially ugliest bills we now face this session came to be via their dirty little "Gut and Amend" procedure. AB 2847, "Firearms: unsafe handguns," by Assembly Members Chiu and Gabriel, started this session as a harmless (at least in our world) forensic evidence collection legislation. However, it was completely stripped and amended to yet another assault on California gun owners' rights to purchase firearms available everywhere else in the nation! We all call this the "Three for One Bill!"

AB 2847 will revise the criteria for unsafe handguns by requiring the micro-stamp to be imprinted in one place on the interior of the handgun and for every new firearm added to the roster, requiring the CA DOJ to remove, three firearms from the roster that are not compliant with current microstamp requirements. Currently, the CA DOJ maintains a roster of handguns certified for sale in the state. Handguns not listed on the roster cannot be purchased from a licensed California dealer. For placement on the roster, handguns must be submitted to the CA DOJ for testing and satisfy certain statutory requirements. Currently, less than

800 guns are on this list, a decrease from a high of approximately 1,400. If that does not sound bad enough to you, get this: it is NOT a “like for like” removal of firearms. If a manufacturer brings a microstamped gun to market in California, for instance, a 9mm, this does NOT mean a “like” non-microstamped 9mm will be removed from the list of firearms you can purchase in California. No, instead “they” go to the list and remove the three “oldest” certified firearms on the list. This is very much like saying, “Yes, Mr. Smith, appreciate you purchasing and driving a Ford F250 for the last 20 years, and it’s the vehicle that fits your choice and needs, but now it’s not an option. Here is a Ford Prius!” REALLY!

SB 1175, “Animals: prohibitions on importation and possession of wild animals: live animal markets,” by Senator Stern is a repeat with a COVID bow on it! We beat the bill as SB 1487 in the 2018 session with a veto from Governor Brown. This bill is unlawful and fully covered by federal law! But that is not enough for Senator Stern who openly testifies he is personally against hunting. He brought the identical bill back for the 2020 session. Then along came COVID-19 and fingers of blame were pointed at wet markets. To be more politically correct, then blaming the Chinese government, Senator Stern amends AB 1175 to require the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to immediately suspend any authorization to import a wild animal species into the state when the evidence suggests zoonotic transmission from this species, or a closely related species, could be responsible for a novel, readily transmissible human disease in order to protect the public health. Does this sound like a smoke screen? Because it is! The bill would also authorize CDFW to take additional measures pursuant to its authority related to wild animal species necessary to protect the public health. The bill would require the CDFW, as applicable, to revise the list of animals that may not be

Ugly bills have been flying their way through the process for the most part on party line votes in committee.

imported or transported into this state that CDFW is required to publish from time to time as changes arise. All this and the bill still bans bringing wildlife harvested in African nations in compliance with their laws and science and our federal law being brought into California!

I for one would rather see California Game Wardens protecting our precious native CALIFORNIA wildlife, the water and habitat they need in order to thrive, rather than exotic frogs, turtles and game animals lawfully harvested in other nations! These and other ugly bills have been flying their way through the process for the most part on party line votes in committee and on the floor. Representatives are taking full advantage of the COVID curtain, and our access to the process has been greatly restricted. We are lucky if we can get in 1 minute of testimony, if at all!

In my opening, I promised to share the bill I feel is the best (*worst*) example of California’s elected officials’ absolute disregard for our legislative process. Neatly tucked away in a budget bill is AB 88. AB 88, a “budget bill,” was amended to

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The reason this is so troubling is these are changes in law and as such should be introduced in a policy bill with full public disclosure and review. However, the CA DOJ is claiming this is an emergency! An “emergency” to ban a particular firearm that would be legal by California law today. A firearm that has not been delivered yet in California and therefore certainly never been used in a crime or to violate any law! How is that an emergency that merits circumventing procedure?

SOME GOOD NEWS

You know, I never like to be all doom and gloom. There is some good news to share! Through a collaborative effort, at least for this legislative session, we have laid to rest some very bad legislation: AB 3071 would have banned the use of any lead ammunition on all California ranges; SB 1041 would have banned the use of dogs to hunt deer, even the recovery of downed deer; and AB 3058 (yes, another “do-over” bill—AB 688 from last session) is the returned attempt to basically require you to have a gun safe bolted to the frame of your vehicle to transport long guns in! All big victories in my opinion, and we are not done fighting!

Now more than ever it is critical you get out and vote! Get everyone you know to get out and vote! The only way we are going to change anything in our incredible state is changing who occupies the seats in the big white building! Thank you for your continued support! Together we can and will make a difference!

For a complete list of our 2020 session opposition legislation refer to our website. **CRPA**

LITIGATION REPORT

WE ARE PREPARED TO FIGHT!

BY ALEX FRANK

This was a big year for gun rights lawsuits, both in California and throughout the nation. Although *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. City of New York* unfortunately did not conclude the way gun rights supporters hoped it would, they remained optimistic that the Court would take one of the many Second Amendment certiorari petitions still pending. Unfortunately, the Court denied all but one of those petitions on June 15, 2020.

The Court's rejection of these cases is disheartening, but the Second Amendment is not dead, and hope is not lost. While we do not know exactly what behind-the-scenes developments drove this outcome, it seems reasonably clear that Chief Justice John Roberts is the weak link in the pro-2A chain. Justices Thomas, Alito, Gorsuch and Kavanaugh appear poised to grant certiorari and issue a long overdue pro-Second Amendment ruling, but they need a fifth vote to secure a majority voting bloc. Given the current composition of the Court, they do not have it.

The Second Amendment is not dead, and hope is not lost.

However, there is still a lot going on in the lower courts that deserves attention. The Supreme Court's non-merits resolution of *NYSRPA* impacted some other significant cases within the Ninth Circuit that were stayed because of it. One of those cases, *Young v. State of Hawaii*, is a right-to-carry lawsuit that the Ninth Circuit stayed in February 2019 just prior to an *en banc* rehearing. On April 30, the Ninth Circuit lifted the stay and scheduled oral argument for September. CRPA submitted a friend of the court brief in that case, and although its complicated procedural sideshow issues make it unlikely that SCOTUS would take it, it could have significant impact on the right to carry in the Ninth Circuit.

Another key California case that made headlines recently is *Rhode v. Bec-*

erra, to which CRPA is a party. Thanks to another tour-de-force of incisive analysis and respect for the Constitution from Judge Roger T. Benitez, California was blocked from enforcing its highly restrictive and unconstitutional ammunition background check and importation laws for a brief period. Unfortunately, the Ninth Circuit stepped in to "stay" Judge Benitez's preliminary injunction ruling. The case will proceed on the merits in Judge Benitez's court while the preliminary injunction appeal proceeds at the Ninth Circuit.

As is often said in the gun rights community, governments usually do not hesitate to exploit emergencies to suppress peoples' rights and expand government power. Indeed, COVID-19 has been no exception. Throughout the nation, and especially in California, governments have moved to restrict people from obtaining firearms and ammunition, citing vague public safety rationales and questionable legal justifications. Whatever legitimate purpose may be served by social distancing and other precautionary measures during this public health crisis, it is hard to see what value suppressing the right to self-defense adds to it. This is especially magnified by the nationwide breakdown in civil order that followed the

death of George Floyd at the hands of police in Minneapolis.

While it is unfortunate that the Supreme Court balked at so many ripe opportunities to protect Second Amendment rights, CRPA is actively working to expand and protect Californians' gun rights and tee-up the next case that might go all the way. The Second Amendment—and all civil liberties—are only dead if you give up on them. So don't! CRPA, our lawyers, our members and everyone in between know that no civil liberties fight is EVER

over, and we sure as hell aren't going to stop fighting—ever.

There is plenty of hope for the future of the Second Amendment. The Trump Administration has drastically changed the composition of the Ninth Circuit and added two pro-Second Amendment justices to the Supreme Court. CRPA has several Second Amendment cases in the Ninth Circuit that we have been winning! We know we have at least four solid pro-Second Amendment votes at SCOTUS, and the composition of the Supreme Court

may soon decisively shift in our favor as one particular Justice is facing serious health issues. The Supreme Court WILL take a Second Amendment case and WILL give the Second Amendment the legal teeth that our Founding Fathers intended. Many of California's ridiculous gun bans WILL be struck down. Today's rulings do not change that inevitability—they just delay it. Now is the time to cowboy up and soldier—not give up. Now is when we fight HARDER and more aggressively than ever before to protect our rights. **CRPA**

CALIFORNIA AND 9TH CIRCUIT LITIGATION MATTERS

This report provides an overview of just some of the efforts being taken to protect the rights of California gun owners. Although litigation plays an extremely important role in the fight for the right to keep and bear arms, there are many other tremendous and equally important endeavors throughout California and across the nation.

Protecting the Second Amendment requires an enormous amount of resources and involvement in all levels of California's government, including all 58 counties, all 482 municipalities and all state and local agencies tasked with enforcing the myriad of complex and ever-expanding gun laws.

The digital version of this report, complete with links to relevant documents and additional information, can be found on NRA-ILA's California web page at standandfightcalifornia.com and CRPA's web page at crpa.org.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S AMMUNITION SALES RESTRICTIONS	<i>Rhode v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed on April 26, 2018, in response to Proposition 63 and Senate Bill 1235's restrictions regarding the sale and transfer of ammunition in California. The lawsuit challenges these restrictions as a violation of the Second Amendment, Commerce Clause and Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution, as well as a violation of the Firearm Owner's Protection Act.	The State filed a motion to dismiss which the District Court denied. The case is now in the discovery phase of litigation. On April 23, 2020, the Honorable Roger Benitez granted plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction. Consequently, the state was instantly legally barred from enforcing the ammunition laws at issue in this case. On April 24, 2020, Judge Benitez then denied the State's request to stay his injunction. However, the State applied to the 9th Cir. later that day for a stay which it granted, reinstating the status quo pending appeal of the case.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S "ASSAULT WEAPON" RESTRICTIONS	<i>Rupp v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed on April 24, 2017, in response to SB 880 and AB 1135. It challenges California's entire "assault weapon" ban as violating the Second Amendment and due process and takings clauses of the U.S. Constitution. Plaintiffs filed a preliminary injunction motion to prevent the State from requiring individuals to provide the date they acquired their firearms and the name and address of the person from whom they acquired them, as a condition of registration, but that motion was denied on May 9, 2018.	Plaintiffs and the State filed cross-motions for summary judgment in late March 2019. The federal court heard oral argument on May 31, 2019. Plaintiffs also filed multiple motions to disqualify several of the State's expert witnesses. However, on July 22, 2019, the court granted the State's motion for summary judgment, ending the case in the State's favor. Plaintiffs appealed to the 9th Cir. on August 27, 2019. Plaintiffs filed their opening appeal brief on January 27, 2020. The state filed its brief May 26, 2020.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
CHALLENGE TO DOJ'S RECENTLY ENACTED "ASSAULT WEAPON" REGISTRATION REGULATIONS	<i>Villanueva v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed on September 8, 2017, in response to California DOJ adopting regulations concerning newly classified "assault weapons" under SB 880 and AB 1135. It challenges the regulations under California's Administrative Procedure Act because they were enacted without legislative authority and without any input from members of the public.	On May 30, 2018, the court issued an order upholding the regulations as valid. Plaintiffs appealed and filed their opening brief in California's 5th District Court of Appeal in late March 2019. Parties have submitted their appeal briefs and are awaiting scheduling of oral argument.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S BAN ON STANDARD CAPACITY MAGAZINES	<i>Duncan v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed in response to SB 1446 and Prop 63. It challenges California's ban on the acquisition and possession of magazines over 10 rounds. On June 29, the district court granted plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction, halting enforcement of the newly enacted possession ban while the case is litigated. The State immediately appealed the injunction order. In July 2018, the 9th Cir. upheld the issuance of the injunction.	The federal district court, where Judge Benitez presides, granted plaintiffs' summary judgment motion, which permanently enjoined Penal Code Sec. 32310 on March 29, 2019. This legalized the acquisition of standard-capacity magazines. However, the court entered a stay of the injunction, effective 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2019. The State appealed its loss to the 9th Circuit. The Court heard oral arguments on April 2, 2020, via videoconference. The three-judge panel seemed receptive to plaintiffs' case, and luckily, two of the three judges have conservative reputations.
CHALLENGE TO CA AND LOS ANGELES FIREARM CARRY RESTRICTIONS THAT PROHIBIT BOTH OPEN AND CONCEALED CARRY	<i>Flanagan v. Becerra</i> (Formerly <i>Flanagan v. Harris</i>)	The case was filed on August 17, 2016, as a direct response to <i>Peruta</i> . It seeks to force the court to decide whether it is willing to uphold a complete prohibition on the right of law-abiding citizens to carry a firearm for self-defense. The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment. In May 2018, the court issued a decision granting defendant's motion for summary judgment.	The 9th Cir. rejected the State's petition to have the case heard initially by an 11-judge <i>en banc</i> panel along with the <i>Young v. Hawaii</i> lawsuit. However, instead of allowing the case to proceed, the 9th Cir. stayed the case on July 30, 2019, pending the outcome of <i>Young v. Hawaii</i> . Now that the stay in <i>Young</i> is lifted, this case will likely remain stayed unless something unusual occurs.
CHALLENGES DOJ'S USE OF DROS SURPLUS TO FUND APPS AS AN ILLEGAL TAX	<i>Gentry v. Becerra</i> (Formerly <i>Gentry v. Harris</i>)	Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint alleging that the DROS fee is an invalid tax. On August 9, 2017, the district court issued a ruling granting plaintiffs' request to prohibit DOJ from using DROS fees to fund unrelated law enforcement efforts and requiring DOJ to perform its statutorily required review of the current \$19 fee to determine whether it is "no more than necessary to fund" DOJ's costs for processing DROS transactions.	Trial was held in January of 2019. The court recently entered an order that will be incorporated into a forthcoming final judgment upholding the DROS fee as a legitimate regulatory fee. Plaintiffs argue that the court's finding contradicts established law regarding regulatory fees. Plaintiffs appealed on June 4, 2019, and submitted their appeal brief on February 7, 2020.
VAGUENESS CHALLENGE TO (AB 962'S "HANDGUN AMMUNITION" SALES REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND MAIL ORDER BAN	<i>Parker v. California</i>	In December 2016, because of Prop 63, the California Supreme Court dismissed its review of a Court of Appeal opinion affirming the trial court's order striking down AB 962. The Court of Appeal's decision is now the final opinion, and plaintiffs are seeking their attorneys' fees against the State.	After the trial court partially granted the plaintiffs' motion for attorneys' fees for work in the trial court, parties negotiated an agreement regarding a total fee award. In September 2019, plaintiffs received \$433,860.20 from the State.
CHALLENGE TO LOS ANGELES' REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE PUBLIC RECORDS REGARDING FIREARMS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT CUSTODY	<i>CRPA v. City of Los Angeles</i>	CRPA filed a lawsuit challenging Los Angeles City's refusal to disclose records related to secretly obtained disposition orders used by LAPD to justify the destruction of firearms in its possession. Rather than litigate, the City agreed to settle the lawsuit and turn over the records to CRPA.	The City agreed to pay \$35,000 to cover CRPA's attorneys' fees as a result of the lawsuit. The case is now closed.

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CHALLENGE TO VENTURA COUNTY'S ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION	<i>McDougall v. County of Ventura</i>	Plaintiffs filed this case and a motion for preliminary injunction on April 14, 2020. Plaintiffs moved for a temporary restraining order on April 24, 2020. The court denied the motion. Plaintiffs filed again, but the court denied again.	Plaintiffs' original motion for preliminary injunction was set to be heard on May 19, 2020, but withdrawn on May 18 due to Ventura County's change of policy allowing gun stores to conduct business.
CHALLENGE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION	<i>Brandy v. Villanueva</i>	Plaintiffs filed their complaint on March 27, 2020, and their request for both a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction on March 30, 2020. On April 6, 2020, the court denied plaintiffs' temporary restraining order.	The federal court in Los Angeles denied plaintiffs' preliminary injunction motion on April 6, 2020.
CHALLENGE TO SANTA CLARA'S (AND OTHER BAY AREA COUNTIES) ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION	<i>Altman v. County of Santa Clara</i>	Plaintiffs filed their complaint on March 31, 2020, and a motion for temporary restraining order/preliminary injunction on April 10, 2020. The court denied the temporary restraining order and did not rule on the preliminary injunction.	Plaintiffs' preliminary injunction was denied on June 3, 2020. By the time the court ruled on the motion, the only county remaining in the suit was Alameda County because the others permitted firearms stores to open as "essential businesses."

CALIFORNIA AND 9TH CIR. AMICUS OR CONSULTING SUPPORT

NRA and CRPA also provide consulting advice and prepare amicus curiae or "friend of the court" briefs in firearm- and Second Amendment-related cases.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S HANDGUN ROSTER	<i>Pena v. Lindley (Horan)</i>	The Supreme Court denied certiorari on June 15, 2020.	No further action. The case is effectively over.
1ST AMENDMENT CHALLENGE TO HANDGUN AD PROHIBITION	<i>Tracy Rifle and Pistol v. Becerra (Formerly Tracy Rifle and Pistol v. Harris)</i>	In July 2015, the district court denied a request to prohibit enforcement while the case proceeds. That decision was appealed, and in February 2016 the 9th Cir. upheld the lower court's order within 2 weeks of oral arguments. However, following the appeal of the preliminary injunction, the district court issued a permanent injunction.	As a result of the permanent injunction, California is now prohibited from enforcing its arbitrary and ineffective handgun ad ban.

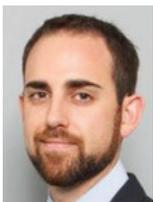
ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
STATE COURT CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S MICRO-STAMPING REQUIREMENTS	<i>NSSF v. California</i>	In December 2016, the California Court of Appeal issued a ruling in favor of NSSF, allowing the lawsuit to proceed in the lower court. But in June 2018, the California Supreme Court reversed, upholding the trial court's judgment in favor of the State. NSSF petitioned the Supreme Court to reconsider its opinion, but that petition was denied in August 2018.	As a result of the California Supreme Court opinion, the case is now closed. Another case challenging the microstamping requirement/roster, <i>Penas v. Lindley (Horan)</i> , may be heard by the Supreme Court.
CHALLENGE TO SAN JOSE'S REFUSAL TO RETURN SEIZED FIREARMS	<i>Rodriguez v. City of San Jose</i>	Following the City of San Jose's refusal to return firearms seized by law enforcement, a lawsuit was filed alleging violations of the Second, Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. In September 2017, a federal district court upheld the City's refusal as constitutional. Plaintiff has appealed, with CRPA filing an important amicus brief on March 6, 2018.	Petitioners filed their certiorari petition with the Supreme Court on February 21, 2020. As of June 15, 2020, it remains the only Second Amendment case still pending on the Court's certiorari petition docket.

NATIONAL CASES WITH CALIFORNIA INTEREST

NRA and CRPA also litigate and assist in critical Second Amendment cases across the country that could set precedent for future challenges to California gun laws.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
CHALLENGE TO FEDERAL FIREARM RESTRICTION DUE TO NON-VIOLENT, DECADES-OLD FELONY CONVICTION	<i>Sessions v. Hatfield</i>	Having suffered a lifetime firearm restriction due to a non-violent felony, plaintiff filed suit challenging the restriction as unconstitutional. On April 26, 2018, a federal district court struck down the restriction as unconstitutional as applied to the plaintiff. The government has appealed, with CRPA filing an important amicus brief on October 12, 2018.	The 7th Cir. Court of Appeals issued an opinion on June 6, 2019, reversing the district court's favorable ruling. On August 7, 2019, the 7th Cir. denied plaintiff's petition to re-hear the case <i>en banc</i> . Plaintiff did not petition the Supreme Court for review. The case is over.
WHETHER THE CITY OF NEW YORK'S BAN ON TRANSPORTING A LAWFULLY OWNED HANDGUN TO A HOME OR SHOOTING RANGE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SECOND AMENDMENT, COMMERCE CLAUSE AND RIGHT TO TRAVEL	<i>New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. City of New York</i>	As many Supreme Court observers predicted, the Court found the case moot and remanded it for further proceedings to the lower courts on April 27, 2020. While disappointing, the conservative justices indicated they are eager to take up another Second Amendment matter.	At the moment, there is no meaningful activity to report.
WHETHER THE FEDERAL LAW THAT PROHIBITS CONSUMERS FROM ACQUIRING HANDGUNS OUTSIDE THEIR HOME STATE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SECOND AMENDMENT	<i>Mance v. Barr</i>	The Supreme Court denied certiorari on June 15, 2020.	No further action. The case is effectively over.
CHALLENGES MASSACHUSETTS' "MAY ISSUE" PUBLIC CARRY LICENSE FRAMEWORK	<i>Gould v. Lipson</i>	The Supreme Court denied certiorari on June 15, 2020.	No further action. The case is effectively over.

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THESE CASES BOTH CHALLENGE NEW JERSEY'S "MAY ISSUE" PUBLIC CARRY LICENSE FRAMEWORK	<i>Cheeseman v. Polillo & Ciolek v. New Jersey</i>	The Supreme Court denied certiorari in both cases on June 15, 2020.	No further action. The cases are effectively over.
THIS IS A CHALLENGE TO THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S BUMP STOCK BAN ON TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW GROUNDS	<i>Guedes v. ATF</i>	On March 2, 2020, the Supreme Court denied certiorari.	No further action. The case is effectively over.
CHALLENGE TO MASSACHUSETTS' BAN ON THE POSSESSION OF "ASSAULT WEAPONS" AND STANDARD CAPACITY MAGAZINES	<i>Worman v. Healey</i>	The Supreme Court denied certiorari on June 15, 2020.	No further action. The case is effectively over.
CHALLENGES NEW JERSEY'S "MAY ISSUE" PUBLIC CARRY LICENSE FRAMEWORK (FEDERAL COURT)	<i>Rogers v. Grewal</i>	The Supreme Court denied certiorari on June 15, 2020.	No further action. The case is effectively over.
CHALLENGE TO MARYLAND'S "MAY ISSUE" PUBLIC CARRY REGIME	<i>Malpasso v. Pallozzi</i>	The Supreme Court denied certiorari on June 15, 2020.	No further action. The case is effectively over.
CHALLENGES ILLINOIS POLICY OF REFUSING CARRY PERMITS TO MOST NON-RESIDENT APPLICANTS	<i>Culp v. Raoul</i>	The Supreme Court denied certiorari on June 15, 2020.	No further action. The case is effectively over.
THIS CASE ASKS A TECHNICAL QUESTION ABOUT THE ROLE OF LEGAL FIREARMS IN THE CONTEXT OF WARRANTLESS SEARCHES. IT IS A 4A CASE WITH POTENTIAL 2A IMPLICATIONS	<i>Baker v. City of Trenton, MI</i>	Certiorari petition denied on February 24, 2020.	No further action. The case is effectively over.
CHALLENGE TO "ASSAULT WEAPONS" AND STANDARD CAPACITY MAGAZINE BAN	<i>Wilson v. Cook County, IL</i>	The Supreme Court denied certiorari on June 15, 2020.	No further action. The case is effectively over.
CHALLENGES 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(4) WHICH PROHIBITS FIREARM POSSESSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLUNTARILY COMMITTED TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION	<i>Beers v. Barr</i>	On May 18, 2020, the Court issued a "GVR," which means it granted the petition, vacated the judgment and remanded with further instructions to dismiss the case as moot.	The case is effectively over.



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GETTING YOUR CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE

LA COUNTY SHERIFF MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

Obtaining a concealed carry weapons license (CCW) has been notoriously difficult—and often impossible—for Los Angeles County residents due to the restrictive “May-Issue” policies of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD). But that could soon change, as Sheriff Alex Villanueva recently stated he intends to increase the amount of CCWs his Department issues by as much as 400%.

A 2017 report from the California State Auditor determined that there were only 197 active CCW licenses for Los Angeles County. And of those, only 5% (less than 10) were issued to

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individuals “outside the law enforcement community.” So even if Sheriff Villanueva were to issue new licenses exclusively to civilians, a 400% increase would be a drop in the bucket for a

county like Los Angeles with a population of over 10 million residents.

So, what does this mean to gun owners who have been waiting to get their CCW in the state? Well, first of all, there is a misconception that if you live in California you better just give up; however, there are many counties with friendly sheriffs who support the issuance of CCWs to lawful citizens. It can be a confusing process because each and every county has its own process, and you have to visit the county sheriff’s website to confirm your county’s process. Yes, many counties make you go through numerous steps, but don’t let that dissuade you from pressing forward and getting that CCW. A little inconvenience is worth being able to defend yourself and your loved ones, especially with all of the civil unrest and concerns we have seen over the past several months. (A list of some of these issuing counties can be found at crpa.org/news/blogs/los-angeles-county-ccw-application-guide.)

CRPA has been working with friendly sheriffs across the state for decades to ensure that the process is as simple as possible and that as many lawful gun owners as possible can fully exercise their rights. For those jurisdictions that are not as friendly, we work to change their perspective of how having hon-

est, lawful citizens trained to carry a gun in their communities can alter the odds in their favor when it comes to crime. Let's face it, law enforcement cannot be everywhere at once, and many times it is up to individuals to protect themselves and those around them. When that does not work we may end up in court to fight unfair policies in non-issuing jurisdictions (*Flanagan v. Becerra*).

Don't be fooled by the anti-gun media either. In California, CCW holders are required to complete several hours of training and must pass tests in order to get their licenses. New gun owners may not realize that this is part of the process, but if you are a new gun owner, we would encourage you to get the proper training and apply for your CCW as soon as possible. The need for protection does not just exist in your home.

And now we come back to Los Angeles County where it has been nearly impossible to get a CCW for years. But in late June, the sheriff gave a glimmer of hope to gun owners when he announced that he will be issuing more CCWs. This was in direct response to the County Board of Supervisors reducing law enforcement funding in the county. And it is a good response. The sheriff knows that this reduction in funding means his deputies will not be able to provide as much protection and service in the county—so he is telling gun owners to prepare for this reduced safety. CRPA has prepared a guide on how to apply for a CCW in LA County that is available at crpa.org/news/blogs/los-angeles-county-ccw-application-guide. We will try to keep that updated as this situation develops.

While we do not know how many more CCWs will be issued in Los Angeles County, we know it is a start, and we hope gun owners will flood the county with applications. CRPA also hopes Sheriff Villanueva will continue

to issue permits to law-abiding residents in the future. It is important to understand, however, that it is unlikely LASD's "good cause" requirement will be relaxed to any significant degree. *Members should note that a CCW denial for lack of "good cause" should have no effect other than requiring individuals to disclose the denial on future CCW applications.*

TO LEARN MORE

CRPA is working to bring "Shall-Issue" to all California counties, includ-

ing Los Angeles. To learn more about those efforts, including the CRPA supported lawsuit of *Flanagan v. Becerra*, which challenges California's open and concealed carry restrictions, make sure that you are signed up for our email and follow us on social media.

Should you have any questions regarding the CCW application process in Los Angeles County and/or the above information, contact CRPA by sending an email to contact@CRPA.org or by calling **1 (800) 305-2772**. 

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LOCAL ADVOCACY REPORT

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

The **Local Advocacy Project** actively monitors all of California’s 58 counties and 482 municipalities to support or oppose any proposed ordinance, law or policy likely to impact Second Amendment rights. Local efforts include developing and working with a network of professionals, citizens, local government officials and law enforcement professionals to effectively oppose local threats to California gun owners. These efforts also serve as the foundation for litigation efforts against municipalities that enact anti-gun-owner legislation.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
WINNING! DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS MORATORIUM ON GUN SHOWS	For months the Del Mar gun show has been under siege from groups seeking to end the show. On September 11, 2018, the Del Mar Fair Board of Directors voted to institute an up to 1-year moratorium on gun shows beginning in 2019 while they “study the safety” of the gun show.	Additional legislation has been introduced at the state level that would prevent gun shows from occurring at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. CRPA is currently a named plaintiff in a federal lawsuit against the fairgrounds in an effort to protect your right to come together with others in the gun culture and hold lawful and safe events on public property. More information on the lawsuit can be found at michellawyers.com/b-l-productions-inc-et-al-v-22nd-district-agricultural-association-et-al	For now, the federal courts have ordered that the gun shows may continue at the Del Mar Fairgrounds while the litigation progresses; the next gun shows will be in 2020. The Fair Board settled rather than get a final ruling against them. Because of its blatant discrimination against gun owners and the gun culture, the fairgrounds had to pay our attorney fees, costs and damages.
VENTURA COUNTY FAIR BOARD CONSIDERS GUN SHOWS	In May 2018, the Ventura County Fair Board considered contracts for upcoming gun shows in 2019 and 2020. They approved the remaining 2018 shows to move forward. At the September 25, 2018, Board meeting, in a room of more than 100 gun show supporters, they considered the future of gun shows at the Ventura Fair facility.	This is a concerted effort by anti-gun groups to end gun shows in California. They are working with the national groups to make a statement that “we just don’t need” gun shows. CRPA is fighting against these groups and the false narrative. Over 100 members and supporters of the Second Amendment flooded the Board room and provided testimony and written comments to the Board.	The Board voted to continue gun shows going forward but may try to place more restrictions on them. CRPA attorneys drafted a letter to the Board concerning the constitutional issues these types of restrictions may bring. Please watch for calls to action and future meeting announcements.
COW PALACE GUN SHOWS DALY CITY	At the state level the California Legislature passed a bill in 2018 that would ban gun shows at the Cow Palace state venue as part of the concerted effort by opposition groups. This bill was vetoed by then Governor Brown. The pending legislation to stop gun shows and dismantle the Cow Palace authority has been dropped; however, this came with the condition that the Cow Palace Board would stop holding gun shows in the future.	CRPA drafted a prelitigation letter to the Board of the Cow Palace to inform them of pending legal action should they persist with denying gun shows access to state property. The Board has reopened its discussion regarding banning gun shows and is currently discussing the matter in committee. Please watch for further calls to action.	The Board voted in November to re-consider its stance against gun shows given the possible constitutional violations that have been outlined by the federal courts on this subject. CRPA will continue to monitor the situation. As of July 2020, we are still waiting on a report from the Cow Palace Board as to what they plan to do with gun shows. COVID-19 has delayed holding meetings on these issues.
STATEWIDE PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS	CRPA regularly seeks and obtains public records in connection with any anti-gun efforts in California. Such efforts include proposed anti-gun ordinances, gun buyback programs and other anti-gun regulatory enforcement issues.	Responses to these requests often yield valuable results, such as which members of a local government entity are working with anti-gun groups, sources of funding and other important information.	Ongoing. CRPA attorneys monitor and review thousands of pages of public records requests each month.
CITY OF SAN JOSE	The Mayor for the City of San Jose wants to push mandatory insurance for all gun owners in the City as a way of paying for criminal violence that occurs in his City.	CRPA sent a letter previously on this same issue when the Mayor tried to make this a priority for the City.	The City is now waiting for research being done by the County on the feasibility of the issue. CRPA is monitoring the issue.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
ORANGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	For months the Orange County Fair Board has considered the future of gun shows at the venue.	CRPA alerted members to attend a meeting and voice opposition. Submitted letters of opposition informing the Fair Board of the serious legal issues with discriminating against a segment of the population just because some do not like the legal activity.	In October, the Fair Board met to discuss the approval of 2020 contracts for gun shows. Thanks to CRPA members and business affiliates showing up; we were able to get a positive win. Gun shows will be returning to the Orange County Fairgrounds in 2020!
SANTA CLARA COUNTY	The County has made is very difficult for gun owners to exercise their rights during COVID-19, as the County continues to try to keep gun stores labeled as “non-essential” and keep them closed down.	CRPA and our legal team have been working around the clock to pressure the County to do the right thing and end their attempts to push the anti-gun agenda at a time like this.	CRPA has filed a legal action against the County, and we are awaiting responses.
CITY OF MORGAN HILL	City of Morgan Hill recommends drafting ordinances on duty to report theft or lost firearms, a safe storage ordinance while in home, prohibit possession of LCMs and require a permit to conduct retail sales.	CRPA attorneys submitted a letter in advance of actual ordinance language being introduced to inform the City of the problems with the proposal. In August 2018 there was no action on agenda. In November 2018 the ordinance passed the City Council.	The City was alerted to its unconstitutional actions, and members at the meeting in opposition to the ordinance far outweighed those in support of it. The City moved forward with the ordinance in November 2018. CRPA filed legal action against the City. More information regarding the litigation can be found at michellawyers.com/kirk-v-city-of-morgan-hill
WINNING! CITY OF LOS ANGELES BLACKLIST	The City Council passed an ordinance that would require all current and potential contractors to disclose under affidavit their affiliation with the NRA.	NRA and CRPA submitted letters and warned the City attorney of the legal ramifications of blatantly attacking the freedom to associate and speak against government. The City passed the ordinance by calling NRA members “white supremacists” who “peddle in violence.” There was no comment from other Council members regarding the outright falsehood of these statements.	HUGE WIN FOR GUN OWNERS—The federal court awarded the NRA an injunction which prevented the City from enforcing this unconstitutional law. The City of Los Angeles entered into settlement and has agreed to remove the ordinance as it is non-enforceable.
CITY OF ALAMEDA	The City Council passed gun control in March 2020 including: video recording of all firearm purchases, mandatory locked storage of all firearms in the home and 24-hour theft reports (already being challenged in another city).	CRPA sent notification to members and the local chapter and drafted a letter alerting the City Council to all of the potential constitutional violations.	The City is considering additional measures such as mandatory training for gun owners and telling stores where they can place guns within their stores. Please watch for additional calls to action.
CRPA COALITION WORK	The CRPA has been working with other groups across the state for years to influence and advance pro-2A work in the state. We believe in leveraging our combined strength to get things done.	Coalitions are built from other non-profit groups with similar missions coming together. We work with local chapter leaders, elected officials and legislative teams to push support and protection of the Second Amendment.	Watch for joint letters from coalition groups to fight harmful legislation in the state and for work with other groups during this election cycle.



Tiffany D. Chevront leads the local ordinance project for Michel & Associates, P.C. With over 19 years’ experience in the non-profit and regulatory fields, she practices civil rights litigation and corporate governance law (five of those years working specifically in Second Amendment and CA policy). Tiffany has written and provided testimony on issues at the local, state and federal levels of government.

CRPA PROGRAMS UPDATE

BY CRPA STAFF

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

CRPA maintains relationships with county sheriffs and local law enforcement across the state. We work with law enforcement to provide training on new firearm laws and provide publications to the men and women who serve our communities. We are honored to have many of the sheriffs and law enforcement (both active and retired) serving on our Law Enforcement Program Support Committee where we identify areas of policy on which we can jointly work together.

TRAINING PROGRAM

The CRPA Training and Education Program gets more people pulling triggers by teaching them the basics of being a responsible gun owner all the way up to advanced courses and range safety officer courses. CRPA believes that all gun owners can benefit from the trainings offered from the young and new gun owners to the more experienced. Make sure to check out CRPA.org for more information on all the upcoming trainings.

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Chapters are a way for CRPA to bring influence to the local level of engagement. Our chapters work to educate, volunteer and attend local meetings to speak to Second Amendment issues in their own communities.

Volunteers are the life-blood of CRPA. Volunteers are all across the state and assist in educating the public, working gun shows, sharing memberships with others and generally are an amazing group of people giving back to the Second Amendment every day.

The Business Affiliates Program engages pro-2A businesses and turns them into Second Amendment Action Centers where their customers can learn more about engaging in the fight to protect their constitutional rights in California. Businesses have the opportunity to offer "round up" programs to customers, membership in the CRPA to join in the fight and conduct fundraisers and open houses with CRPA on-site. If you are a business and are interested in more information, please call the CRPA at 714-992-2772.

The Local Advocacy Program works to track anti-gun legislative action across the state at the local level. We find that many of the anti-gun politicians try to make a name for themselves at the local level through passing bad and unconstitutional legislation which imposes arbitrary laws on law-abiding citizens. CRPA tracks these issues, attends meetings, submits letters of opposition and even challenges many of these local issues in court.

RANGE SHIELD PROGRAM

The CRPA Range Shield Program is a way that CRPA works every day to preserve and protect the many shooting ranges we have across the state. We work with range-certified experts and our legal team to be preemptive in helping range owners recognize compliance and environmental issues that may become a problem for them in the future. We work with those ranges to help them get into compliance and hopefully prevent more ranges from being forced to close their door. The more ranges that are out there, the more places for gun owners, new and old, to get out and enjoy their sport or take in more training.

SHOOTING PROGRAM

CRPA is the sanctioning organization for state championships in the state of California. Each year we work with multiple disciplines, numerous ranges and members to bring state championship matches to areas across the state. Many of these participants are good enough to make it to the national championships at Camp Perry—a time-honored tradition for competitive shooting. Visit CRPA.org for more information on all of the shooting sports programs.

HUNTING AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM

CRPA is the premier group in California leading the way in developing hunting policies with industry partners through a coalition of organizations that are concerned about management of the environment through healthy hunting policies. CRPA works at the state level to protect the right to hunt, protect the openness of public lands and promote hunting to the next generation through our youth hunt camps and pheasant shoots.

WOMEN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

CRPA is empowering the next generation of women and youth who are educated, understand firearm safety, participate in the shooting sports and hunting and want to share their love of the shooting sports with their family and friends. One hundred years ago, women and youth as young as 9 years old knew how to handle firearms and provide for their families. This program is a tip of the hat to our heritage and a vision of the future as CRPA works with women and youth to bring back this love of shooting.

Visit crpa.org for full list of programs.

CRPA VOLUNTEER TIPS

STAYING ENGAGED IN A STAY-AT- HOME WORLD

If you are a volunteer, helping is in your blood. You want to be there when you are needed most.

You want to live your passion for your favorite organization or cause. At CRPA we have many amazing volunteers who we count on each and every day across the state. They show up when they are called, and sometimes when they are not called (always room for one more!).

For many CRPA volunteers it has been difficult staying at home and not being able to engage their passions. Volunteers are not used to sitting on the sidelines! So what is a passionate CRPA member to do?

CRPA has some ways that volunteers can still help without attending the big events that have all been sidelined for now. Maybe there are some of you out there who have always wanted to help but just never had the time. Now is that time! Here are some ways that you can get engaged and stay engaged with the CRPA right now.

First, become an educator. I would encourage everyone to stay up on all of



**BY
CHRISTINA
PICO**
VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR

the news alerts, legal battles and legislation “calls to action” that are coming out each week. This is important information

that you can share with your friends, family or gun club members. You can also use this information to refute much of the false news media that is out there and educate all those new gun owners who you may run into about the truth.

People are searching for information, and they are ready to soak it in from someone in the know. Legislators also



need to hear your voice as an informed Second Amendment voter; you can make a difference just by calling them to oppose a bad bill.

Second, become a local advocate. CRPA has local chapters across the state, and we are adding more chapters and chapter members each month. These local chapters take the message and mission of CRPA to the local community. They get involved in community activities, and they get to know their local elected officials. Our chapters have their pulse on their communities—they speak up at council meetings and community events for the Second Amendment. Many of these CRPA chapters are even meeting online right now and have special guests attend meetings to provide

insight on legal, legislative and coalition activities across the state. If your chapter is not yet formed, that's okay: join in on one of the other chapter video calls, learn what you can and take it back to your own community or maybe even think about starting a chapter in your area.

Third, get ready. As things start opening up again, CRPA will be ready to get back out there. We want to keep all of our volunteers safe right now, so we are following the state and local guidelines for events inside and outside. As you know, these guidelines seem to change daily, and there is a patchwork across the state of what is considered safe and what is not depending on what county you are in. We are working closely with

sheriffs and event promoters to make sure that participation is safe and our volunteers have all the information they need. Don't worry; we will be ready to get out there again soon enough!

In the current climate, volunteering in these ways is more important than ever. I commend our many volunteers who are committed to CRPA and ready to serve on a moment's notice. Volunteers are our best asset as an organization, and we can't wait to see you again! If you are not a volunteer yet, we want you to get involved. Please email us at cpico@crpa.org or call the main office at 714-992-2772, so we can get you connected and trained during this time. **CRPA**



(SHUTTERSTOCK)

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

First Name	Middle Initial
Last Name	
Street Address	
City, County, State, Zip Code	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	

Check your areas of interest. This is not an exclusive list. You can always change your mind.

- Staff gun show & trade show info booths
- Help with fundraisers
- Work on political campaigns or elections
- Voter registration drives
- Assist with youth/women's events / RSO
- Assist with training events / RSO
- Assist with hunting events
- Be a CRPA membership recruiter (earn \$)
- Liaison with local authorities and council members
- Teach firearm safety and proficiency classes
- Monitor/promote social media
- Promote CRPA/RKBA messaging/PR campaigns
- I am down for whatever to help the cause
- Other:

THANK YOU!

Return to the **California Rifle & Pistol Association**
Attn: Volunteers Program

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Phone: (800) 305-2772 | Email: volunteer@crpa.org

VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR MOST POWERFUL WEAPON!

CRPA is looking for men and women to join the fight for our rights as a CRPA volunteer or grassroots activist. You can feel good about being part of the solution, meet new friends, learn about guns and politics and get free CRPA swag! For more information, fill out and send in the volunteer form (page 56), email us at volunteers@crpa.org or call (714) 992-2772.

Because of CRPA's tremendous growth, and with the support of our members and like-minded organizations, CRPA is expanding its involvement in local campaigns and elections and sponsoring and participating in more events. CRPA has made a substantial investment in grassroots/volunteer coordinating, local election messaging technologies and added staff to manage volunteers and events.

CRPA Chapters and affiliated groups maintain their independence, but work with CRPA and get access to: (1) real-time legislative information from our legislative advocates in the Capital; (2) CRPA/NRA campaign finance and PAC lawyers; (3) CRPA/NRA firearms lawyers who answer questions, fight for local FFLs and ranges in your area, oppose local gun control ordinances and file lawsuits; and (4) regular communication among coalition partners and other local groups to learn from each other and build a stronger network of activists. CRPA needs volunteers to work as Chapter Leaders; Government Liaisons (i.e., candidate development and local issues and ordinances coverage); Retail/Ranges Liaisons; Volunteers and Events Liaisons; and CCW Liaisons, among other things.

CRPA invites individuals as well as local 2A groups, clubs, ranges and FFLs to be a part of the effort in your county. Join us!
Volunteer for CRPA!



► Jerry Clark instructing new shooter, Dera, for Shotgun Trap shooting. (CREDIT)

EVENTS & TRAINING

EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

September 10-12

2020 CA STATE SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Raahauges, Corona, CA
crpa.org/events

September 12-13

MOUNTAIN AIRE MCCLELLAN GUN EXPO

McClellan Park, CA
crpa.org/events

September 18-20

NEW RENO GUN SHOW

Reno-Sparks Convention Center
crpa.org/events

OCTOBER

October 3-4

VALLEJO GUN SHOW

Vallejo, CA
crpa.org/events

October 9

ASA SPORTING CLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Corona, CA
crpa.org/events

LOCATION KEY

- NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
- CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- OUT OF STATE

October 10-11

CROSSROADS DEL MAR GUN SHOW

Costa Mesa, CA
crpa.org/events



► **Jerry Clark instructing** Range Safety Officer training for California State Sporting Clays Championship. (CREDIT)

October 10-11
MOUNTAIN AIRE ANTIOCH GUN EXPO
 Antioch, CA
crpa.org/events

NOVEMBER

November 7-8
CALIFORNIA POWER SPORTS EXPO
 Pomona, CA
crpa.org/events

November 7-9
CODE OF THE WEST TURLOCK GUN SHOW
 Turlock, CA
crpa.org/events

November 14-15
LANCASTER GUN SHOW
 Lancaster, CA
crpa.org/events

November 21-22
MOUNTAIN AIRE LODI GUN EXPO
 Lodi, CA
crpa.org/events

CRPA TRAINING COURSES

- Basic Rifle
- Basic Pistol
- Basic Shotgun
- Home Firearms Safety
- Basic Range Safety Officer
- Personal Protection in the Home
- Personal Protection outside the Home
- Metallic Cartridge Reloading
- Hunters Education Traditional Course
- Hunters Education Follow-up Course
- Wild Game Cooking
- Wild Game Field Dressing
- First Aid/AED/CPR
- Wilderness First Aid
- Archery
- Basic Backpacking
- Leave No Trace
- Emergency Preparedness
- Photography
- Basic Map and Compass
- Trauma/ First Aid

TRAINING

September 12-13

BASIC METALLIC CARTRIDGE RELOADING COURSE (2-DAY)

CRPA Training Center

crpa.org/events

COMING SOON

Online training opportunities.

Visit **CRPA.org** for more details.

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- GET YOUR HUNTING LICENSE
- TAKE HUNTERS EDUCATION COURSES
- PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

CRPA works to preserve the traditional and historic role of the individual citizen to hunt, conserve, and preserve California's resources. In addition, CRPA works relentlessly in California to defend your constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

Become a member today to help promote and support the fight for the second Amendment and hunting conservation.



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BACK IN THE SADDLE

CMP COMPETITIONS RESUME

BY RYAN WATTS

After a couple months of quarantine and practicing in their living rooms and garages, the Lincoln Rifle Club's (LRC) Junior Precision Team is back at it.

About halfway through May, the team was given permission to enter the range for training ... under limited circumstances. The kids have to wear a mask, keep an empty lane between them while shooting and avoid contact with teammates. These





► **ABOVE: Alex Watts** preparing for Kneeling. (RYAN WATTS)

► **LEFT: Lilly Polakovic** getting ready to shoot. (RYAN WATTS)

were all difficult requests for a group of shooters who feel like family to each other. But, with the determination and dedication that defines these kids, they jumped back into practice at 110%, and their Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) National Match scores showed it.

Most shooting groups/clubs have

shut down their competitions to include Nationals this year at Camp Perry, Ohio, but the CMP came up with a solution to help our kids stay active and competitive; the program set up Nationals this year to be a Postal Match. While it is nowhere near as fun for the kids, since they didn't get to travel to Camp Perry, they still got to shoot and submit their scores on a national level.

For a group of kids who had to resort to home practice and had little to no interaction with their team-



► Lincoln Rifle Club team executing their shots. (STEVE KATSUYAMA)

mates (minus a few web meetings), they sure brought their A game to the competition. These kids shot a three-position Air Rifle match, 20 shots per position for a total of 600 points. Out of 12 shooters, we saw five personal bests: Rachel Brandt with 587-39x; Malena Childers with 585-32x; Aaron Hoversten with 582-39x; Dylan Tonel with 577-29x; and Will Brandt with 562-25x. The top shooters for the team were Tori Watts with 589-41x; Lilly Polakovic with 589-38x; and Morgan Vander Linden with 588-38x.

While (at the time of writing this article) the National results have not posted yet, the kids from the LRC are anxious to see how their scores stacked up against the rest of the country. With Nationals wrapping up the season, the kids will be setting aside their rifles for the next month, and then they will get ready for next year.

See lincolnrifleclub.com to learn more about joining the Lincoln Rifle Club and Junior Division. **CRPA**



► Mo with team mascot Diesel. (RYAN WATTS)



Shooting and outdoor activities are **Ryan Watts'** passion. At the age of 20, he joined the Marine Corps, serving for 9 years as a Radio Operator. He has been a husband for 23 years, and his daughters are 19, 15 and 13. Two are Junior Olympians, and the 15-year-old holds a 2nd place CMP National Championship. In addition to hunting as a family, Ryan is a rifle coach and spends several nights per week with his family training on the line.

USA SHOOTING OLYMPIC TEAM UPDATE

BOARD MULLS RETURN-TO-PLAY PROPOSAL

SANCTIONED EVENT UPDATE

The USA Shooting Board of Directors (BOD) held an open BOD meeting on June 24, 2020.

Many items were discussed, including the audit report, financial report, strategic plan draft and return-to-play proposal, to name a few agenda items.

A full recording of the meeting, including minutes, will be posted to our website under Resources/Policies and Procedures at the bottom of the page. USA Shooting will continue to answer member-submitted questions from the BOD meeting in the next upcoming weeks, both individually and then publically to all members.

Leading up to the meeting, the most requested information and discussion on the agenda was the return-to-play proposal. USA Shooting is recommending clubs follow specific guidelines from the governor and CDC for their individual states. USA Shooting will implement guidelines specific to Colorado according to our location, but other states should take their local protocols into consideration.

Smallbore Olympic Selection Trials Part 2 is still tentatively scheduled for October 7–11, 2020, at Fort Benning, Georgia. At this point, we will have to abide by Fort Benning protocols, which may mean limited spectators.

USA Shooting began to sanction events on July 1, 2020. USA Shooting is not requiring participation in a Shotgun State Junior Olympics in order to participate in the National Junior Olympic Championships this year. National Championships for Rifle and Pistol are still under review, considering the new policies at the USOPTC in Colorado Springs and in other locations like Fort Benning.

USA Shooting's COO Sharee Waldron let members know they can reach out for more information regarding their specific event and date.

USA Shooting will continue to send communication and updates to our members and athletes and post on social media as we have updates.

Read USAS Return-to-Play Statement from June 1, 2020. [CRPA](#)



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► Reloading station at CRPA headquarters. (JERRY CLARK)

GOLDEN RULES OF GUN SAFETY

- 1. ALWAYS** treat all guns as if they are loaded.
- 2. ALWAYS** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- 3. ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- 4. ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- 5. ALWAYS** know your target, its surroundings, and beyond.
- 6. ALWAYS** know how to properly operate your gun.
- 7. ALWAYS** be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- 8. ALWAYS** use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- 9. ALWAYS** wear eye and ear protection.
- 10. NEVER** use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription, or other drugs before or while participating in shooting sports.

Reloading is better for the environment because the spent brass is being recycled.



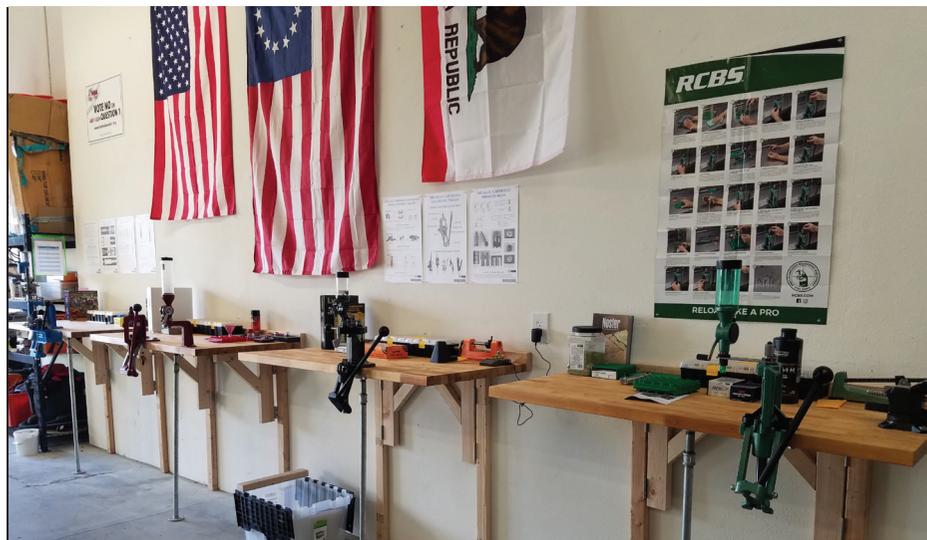
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ammunition is in short supply, and the manufacturers are unable to keep up with the demand. With California's difficult process to maneuver through, you will be able to shoot more and still save money with reloading.

The *why* for other people has to do with accuracy. When reloading ammunition, we can be more accurate than purchasing over-the-counter ammunition. Manufacturers are loading ammunition at a higher rate and normally are not as accurate as the precise hand loader. At some point you will get to know your firearm and which hand loads are best. Consistency comes once you get the best load for your firearms. Take note of this at the range as you begin reloading, and see if you can tell a difference in your performance.

Many competitive shooters reload their own ammunition for shooting competitions, as the ammunition is more suited to their firearms. Again, this type of keen eye on how well you are shooting and with what will come with experience as you continue to hone your skills.

Do you have an older firearm that it is difficult to find ammunition for?



► Several reloading stations at CRPA headquarters. (JERRY CLARK)

Most collectors have certain firearms that use ammunition that is not readily available, and they do reload at a much lower cost in order to enjoy their firearm for years to come.

Hand loaders also help the environment. That's something you don't hear about every day! Reloading is better for the environment because the spent brass is being recycled and not just left lying around on the ground at a range or when hunting. The rule is to leave the shooting area cleaner than when you got there, so if you are picking up

anyway, why not put that brass to good use!

California does have many rules and regulations, like the amount of powder an individual can have in her possession at a given time. Make sure you understand and follow these rules for safe reloading. CRPA offers reloading classes with practical applications. Make sure to check out our website events calendar at crpa.org for upcoming classes or reach out to our training department at training@crpa.org.

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VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM

Donate your car, truck, RV or Boat to the CRPA Foundation to support our ongoing commitment to inform and educate all Californians and California gun owners of their constitutional rights. We'll make it easy for you to donate with your free scheduled pick-up, and you may even qualify for a tax deduction! Visit us online at crpa-foundation.careasy.org/home.html.

WE ACCEPT ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES:



HOW IT WORKS

- 1** Call us at **833-200-CRPA** or **833-200-2772**.
- 2** We will tow your vehicle at no cost to you!
- 3** Get a tax deductible receipt and help our cause.

DISASTERS AND SHORTAGES

STOCKPILING GOOD FOOD IN A PANDEMIC

The current COVID-19 crisis is a wake-up call on many fronts. We have all been deluged with conflicting information since the beginning and continue to be misled on a variety of issues. I am going to focus on a couple of facts and leave you with some solid information to make future choices as life goes on.

California, like any other part of the country, is prone to disasters. The United States Geological Survey (USGS), a subdivision of the United States Department of the Interior, reports that California has the most damaging earthquakes of any state. California, at the time of this writing, had 53



BY RICK TRAVIS
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Californians have zero excuse not to be prepared for a disaster.

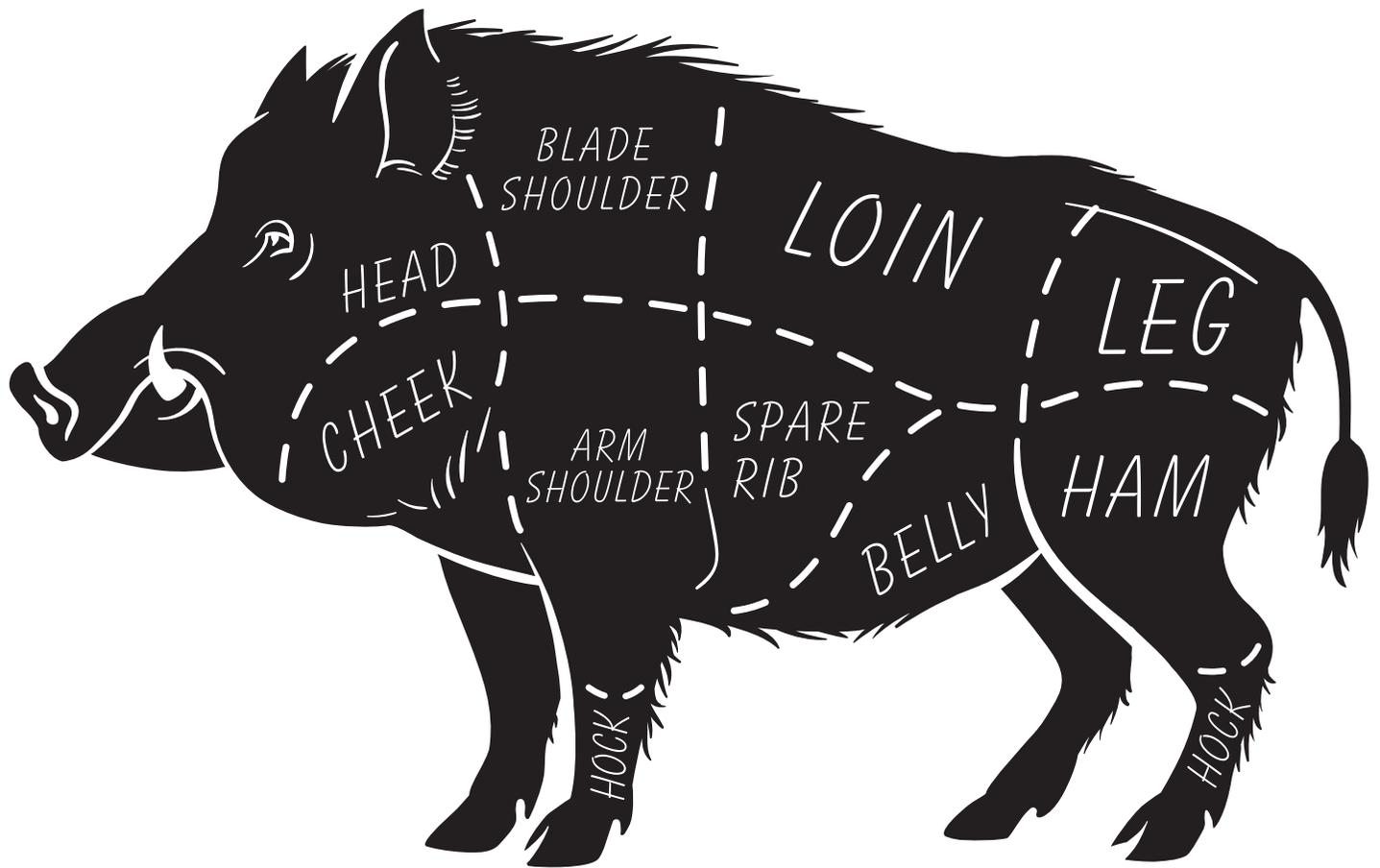
earthquakes in the past 24 hours (the largest, a 3.5 in Mammoth Lakes) and over 21,708 in the past year with a 7.1 in Ridgecrest. I highlight this because Californians have zero excuse not to be prepared for a disaster and yet ... COVID-19 and the rush on the local pantries known as Costco®/supermarkets/drugstores/gun stores/etc.

Being prepared means realizing

you must have necessities in case of a disaster already on hand and not be dependent on local supply chains, let alone national ones. This subject matter takes up enough space to write a series of books, so the focus is going to be narrowed to the subject of meat procurement.

Protein is critical to the human diet. Harvard Medical School reported on June 25, 2019, that 15% to 25% of your daily calories should be a form of protein. It goes on to say that protein should not be just meat and dairy products but plant-based as well. The issue with meat is the source. Industrial Farm meat quality is very different from wild game meat. Take pigs for example. The average farm-raised pig, by the time you purchase it, has been kept in less than ideal situations, fed a complex package (hormones, antibiotics, additives, steroids and fillers) and pumped with fluid to bring the weight up prior to production.

Wild boars on the other hand have been exercising daily, while foraging for natural food sources. This results in a better quality of natural protein. Wild boars are an excellent source of iron, lower in sodium than their farm-raised cousins and are rich in critical vitamins such as thiamine (B1), niacin (B3), vitamin B6 and zinc. Here is a real shocker for your heart: Cardiologists have limited farm pork for people with



(SHUTTERSTOCK)

MEAT COMPARISON CHART

PER 100g PORTION (3.5oz)

TYPE	CHOLESTEROL	PROTEIN	SATURATED FAT	UNSATURATED FAT
WILD BOAR	55mg	26.1g	5.2g	2.9g
BEEF	62mg	19.6g	11.2g	4.1g
PORK	71mg	16.6g	22.5g	8.3g
CHICKEN	57mg	20.5g	4.3g	1.4g

heart issues due to higher levels of cholesterol. Wild boar is rich in selenium, noted in over 25 observational studies according to the National Institute of Health in 2006. People with a higher level of selenium have up to a 24% lower risk of heart disease.

Portion size is an issue. Many of us think of the 16-ounce steak or larger, dream of the huge rack of ribs or the bucket of chicken for our next meal. Some of you may think you're making wiser choices with the filet of salmon or the 24-ounce elk steak. Americans eat more protein than the body can process at a given time. Smaller portions more often is the key to good health. The fact is portion size for any given meal should be about 4 to 5 ounces to meet your dietary needs. Based on those guidelines, let's compare farm-raised pigs

You could conceivably store a whole pig and feed off of it for 2 to 5 years.

to wild boar in the chart on page 70.

Wild boar meat is far superior not only to farm pig but also to beef and chicken. Farm-raised pork has almost four times the bad saturated fats than wild boar. Wild boar provides more protein per ounce than any of its counterparts. You will find it hard to find a cleaner source of high-protein, low-saturated-fat, organic meat to put away for disasters.

People who plan for disasters now present three common questions. In my opinion each question needs to be answered and thought out carefully prior to harvesting an animal. The first, "How do I store 140 pounds of wild pork (typical yield of a 250-pound wild animal)?" Storage at home is in a refrigerator for short-term and in a freezer or shelves for long-term storage. The division of storage percent-

HUNTERS' CODE OF ETHICS

- Follow the rules of firearm and hunting safety. Insist that fellow hunters do the same.

- Respect the environment and wildlife. Study the ecosystem. Tread lightly. Leave no trash behind.

- Do not waste game or fish. Make full use of any animal taken. Take only what you will use, even if it is under the legal limit.

- Use only fair and humane methods of taking wildlife. Develop your hunting and shooting skills as necessary to ensure clean, sportsmanlike kills.

- Know your fitness, skill and equipment limitations. Hunt within those limits.

- Obey all hunting regulations. Hunt with the appropriate license and tags only in allowed areas during designated times and seasons. Obey bag and possession limits. Use only legal hunting methods and equipment. Report game law violations immediately.

- Ask landowner for permission to hunt and respect the land. Close any gates you open. Say thank you.

- Be considerate of non-hunters'

sensibilities. Strive to leave them with positive images of hunting and hunters.

- Don't flaunt your kill. Be as discreet as possible. Treat game carcasses in an inoffensive manner, particularly during transport.

- Generally conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner. Hunt according to "fair chase." Require the same of your hunting partners.

- Support NAM wildlife conservation programs and urge policymakers to support strong NAM-based conservation initiatives.

- Teach others the skills, techniques, rules and ethics of hunting. Pass these ethical hunting practices along to younger hunters.



► **Wild game meat** is a healthier source of protein. (SHUTTERSTOCK)

ages is largely based on how much freezer versus pantry space you have on hand.

The next most asked question is, “How long will my wild boar meat keep in storage?” Refrigeration of pork is good for 3 to 4 days, so obviously this is the shortest time period and is intended for meat to be consumed within that time frame. National guidelines suggest that roasts can be frozen for 4 to 12 months, chops and steaks for 4 to 6 months, and cooked cuts are good for 2 to 3 months. This is where I usually see someone break out a calculator and do some quick math.

Recently, a hunting student of mine calculated that he and his young wife would eat pork three times a week

based on dietary guidelines presented in the class. He then looked at me and said that was roughly 80 to 85 pounds of meat. There was an awkward pause before he said, “So I then either give away 60 to 70 pounds of meat or lose it.” I quickly replied, “No sir, you can preserve the remaining meat for another 5 years by canning it.”

This brings me to the final question, “How should I process the meat?” The answer is to project what you want to do with your meat that you have harvested. You do this every time you look at a single cut of meat at the store. You consider how you will season, prepare, cook and serve the cut. This is the same thing on a larger scale. One of my closest friends cuts up peppers and onions and pours

them into a jar with a delicious pico de gallo and seals the jar before canning it. This produces a quick carnitas formula for street tacos, burritos, nachos as well as for a main dish over rice. The options would take up several articles, but the main point is you could conceivably store a whole pig and feed off of it for 2 to 5 years, which is a good prescription for national food shortages.

Californians need to remember that we have an abundance of wild boar here in the state and in our border states as well. Plan and stockpile some boar meat with other naturally based, vitamin-packed, organic, heart healthy proteins in your pantry. Your family will thank you for it for years to come. **CRPA**



► **Proper permitting** ensures that cannabis grows are in compliance with state environmental and health laws and protects legal growers to maintain a viable business enterprise. (DFW FILE PHOTOGRAPH)

CANNABIS PROGRAM IN THE CDFW? PROTECTING RESOURCES AGAINST ILLEGAL GROWTH

Part 1 of a three-part installment.

That's right, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is in the "business," but it isn't exactly what you're thinking. As a hunter and angler, one would think that the CDFW would be focused on protecting and enhancing those resources that we support with our purchase of licenses, tags and other related permits. Well, then, what the heck does a "cannabis program" have to do with any of that and are our license and tag fees supporting that? But CDFW is doing exactly what it should be doing under the authority of the Fish and Game Code and memorialized in its mission statement:



BY NICK VILLA
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► **Illegal marijuana cultivations** on public and private lands can have disastrous results. (DFW FILE PHOTOGRAPH)

“The Mission of the Department of Fish and Wildlife is to manage California’s diverse fish, wildlife and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public.”

Illegal marijuana cultivations on public and private lands can result in deforestation, damage to wildlife habitats, pose danger to our citizens and can leave hazardous pollutants behind. Therefore, beginning in 2014, the department started building an official Cannabis Program. Through legislation and subsequent budget changes, the program now includes a staff of 180 positions statewide. Funding as a result of the legislation **does not** come from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. Support for the program comes primarily from the Cannabis Tax Fund with the balance from the state’s General Fund and those cannabis permit activities performed under the CDFW’s Lake and Streambed Alteration Program. This agreement program has established a set of priorities that includes:

- Enforcement
- Permitting and compliance
- Public and other stakeholder

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California Hunting and Conservation Coalition (Coalition) members include all the major hunting and natural resource conservation groups in California. Coalition members are united to ensure a strong future for wildlife conservation by protecting and expanding hunting and fishing opportunities



throughout California and supporting wildlife management decisions based on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. The Coalition works to make sure these decisions are based on the best available science and sound management strategies.

The Coalition’s primary goal is to ensure that wildlife populations thrive in perpetuity and that our traditional hunting and fishing heritage will be guaranteed for all Californians, for generations to come.

Coalition efforts are badly needed in these times of great challenges to our hunting heritage but also in times of great opportunities.

outreach

- Coordination; internally and with other permitting agencies
- Monitoring of impacts and restorative and protective measures
- Restoration grants
- Land stewardship and environmental damage assessment
- Environmental damage cleanup,

remediation and restoration

- Investigation, enforcement and prosecution of illegal cultivation

The program staff includes:

- Law enforcement officers
- Environmental scientists
- Data specialists and program analysts

THE CORE PRINCIPLES OF NAM

Proper ecological stewardship and natural resource management through hunting, trapping and strategic depredation efforts are critical components of maintaining ecological balance. Hunters and anglers provide the vast majority of funding for natural resource conservation efforts through license fees and federal excise taxes paid.

The traditional science-based and experience-proven North American Model (NAM) of Wildlife Conservation approach to natural resource management has been used to successfully maintain balanced population levels of diverse wildlife species for many decades. Consistent with NAM, hunters and anglers obey conservation regulations, adopt safe practices and adhere to a code of ethics.

Animal rights extremist groups that oppose hunting (see humanewatch.org and huntfortruth.org) advocate abandoning the NAM in favor of an unbalanced and unscientific approach to species management that would deliberately make hunting unsustainable. These groups promote a model that would encourage predator species populations to explode. These unchecked predator populations would decimate game species and endanger suburban neighborhoods.

Through education, mentorship and example, CRPA supports and promotes the NAM. CRPA opposes the ongoing duplicitous efforts of animal rights extremist groups and fights the unscientific and unbalanced approach they advocate at the Capital, the California Fish and Game Commission and in the courtrooms!

■ Wildlife belongs to the people and is held in the public trust. It is managed in trust for the people by government agencies.

■ It is illegal to sell the meat of any wild animal in North America.

■ Laws developed by people and enforced by government agencies ensure the proper use and conservation of wildlife resources.

■ Every law-abiding citizen has the right and privilege to hunt and fish and should have the opportunity.

■ Humans can legally kill certain wildlife for legitimate purposes under strict guidelines for food and fur, in self-defense or property protection. Laws are in place to restrict casual killing, killing for commercial purposes, wasting of game and mistreating wildlife.

■ Because wildlife and fish freely migrate across boundaries between states, provinces and countries, they are considered an international resource.

■ The best science available will be used as a basis for informed decision-making on wildlife management.

■ Attorneys

■ Public information officer

The illicit cultivation of marijuana continues to be a major problem in California. Drug trafficking organizations utilize our public lands to produce marijuana by diverting our precious water resources, clearing public lands and destroying watersheds for their own financial gain. The renewable natural resources that enable us to enjoy hunting and fishing privileges are at risk with the illegal cultivation of marijuana. Illegal diversion of water impacts fisheries and riparian habitats; deforestation eliminates valuable wildlife habitat; trash and debris left behind are dangerous to wildlife and humans; illegal use of hazardous chemicals such as carbofuran can persist in the environment for decades, while the mere presence of the growers and

their workers pose a serious safety threat to law-abiding recreationists and other legal activities.

The CDFW coordinates with other regulatory and responsible agencies such as the State Water Resources Control Board, California Department of Public Health, California Department of Food and Agriculture and the Bureau of Cannabis Control. In compliance with these agencies, legal cannabis growers are required to obtain the proper permits so that their grow activities have little or no impact on the environment. An illegal grow could be in violation of up to 10 Fish and Game Code violations, not to mention other laws such as the Clean Water Act, the federal Endangered Species Act and the Penal Code. Restoration of the impacted areas due to illegal grows could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars

and take several years to recover. Therefore, the CDFW's proactive efforts are vitally important in protecting our precious natural resources.

Permitting, compliance, enforcement and outreach are key elements to the success of the Cannabis Program (more information regarding the California Revenue and Taxation Code as it pertains to Cannabis can be found at leginfo.ca.gov/section 34019). CRPA fully supports the efforts of the CDFW in this regard. With the onset and continuation of this program coupled with the existing CDFW environmental and enforcement efforts, we are certain that our renewable natural resources that support hunting, fishing and the shooting sports will be protected for generations to come!

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GLOBAL "RABBIT" VIRUS INFECTS WILDLIFE



HUNTERS BEWARE

The year 2020 will be remembered and studied on how we handled the novel COVID-19 virus. This magazine could be filled with articles on how every aspect of what we do, believe and hope to accomplish has been impacted by COVID-19. Our nation's wildlife will be impacted for years to come by the diminished ability to raise funds to continue our conservation efforts. Wildlife will be severely impacted by the lack of people working in the field to provide water and cover foods for animals. Hunters are being limited in the ability to access nature to help balance populations

and provide critical information to biologists. The impact of all of this is bad, but now we are facing something potentially worse.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has been working to keep Chronic Wasting Disease from our native ungulate (deer, elk and antelope) populations. The disease is caused by a prion which is also responsible for "Mad Cow" disease and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in humans. Prions are not viruses or bacteria, are hard



BY RICK TRAVIS
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

to treat and are often fatal. The California Hunting and Conservation Coalition has assisted the CDFW in educating hunters and the public on this disease to prevent it from coming into the state. These efforts have obviously been complicated by staff reductions, budgetary constraints and stay-at-home orders by all partner agencies and organizations. As of this writing, we are still successful in keeping CJD out of the state.

RHDV2

Wildlife is now facing a potentially more dangerous new disease that has unfortunately entered the state. Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease virus type 2 (RHDV2) hit wild rabbit populations in May 2020. According to the CDFW (nrm.dfg.ca.gov/)



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FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=179037&inline) Quick Facts Sheet, the disease is only found in rabbit, hare and pika populations. The initial counties impacted in May and June 2020 were the Palm Springs area of Riverside County, Yucca Valley in San Bernardino County, Poway in San Diego County and San Clemente in Orange County. The disease is currently active in the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Washington. It is also active in Mexico and British Columbia, Canada.

RHDV2 is spread through insects, rodents, domesticated animals that come in contact with fur, urine, feces, blood or the animal itself. New Mexico State Veterinarian Ralph Zimmerman stated, "It's going to affect the entire food chain." New Mexico is estimating tens of thousands of dead rabbits as it moves through the state. Australia witnessed the disease move the entire 3 million miles in just 18 months in 2015 (compare to the U.S. at 3.8 million square miles).

The parallels to COVID-19 are striking.

RDHV2 originated in China in 1984 and has since spread to Europe, Australia and now North America. It is suggested you follow bio security measures to slow the spread of the disease and assist in preventing it from jumping to other species by washing your clothes if you have been exposed to an area with wild rabbits and keeping your shoes outside of your home along with the standard hand washing discipline that we have become familiar with.

The disease is currently exhibiting a 90% lethality rate throughout the Southwest in 2020, according to the California Department of Agriculture. The rabbits that do survive can shed the virus for up to 42 days and perhaps longer. This virus is extremely hardy, as it can remain viable in the environment for 105 days at 68F, stable for 3.5 months at room temperature and for up to 225 days at 39F. Freezing does not kill it, and it will survive heat of 122F for 1 hour. There is no known cure for the disease according to the United States Department of Agriculture at the time of this writing. **CRPA**

VIRUS PREVENTION GUIDELINES

Hunters need to follow the guidelines per the United States Geological Survey memo dated April 13, 2020 (<https://prd-wret.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/assets/palladium/production/atoms/files/WHB%202020-5%20RHDV2%20update.pdf>):

- Do not harvest rabbits that appear sick.
 - Wear rubber or disposable latex gloves while handling and cleaning game.
 - When cleaning game, bag any remains and dispose of by placing in trash (however, check local ordinances concerning disposal of game carcasses).
 - Do not dispose of remains where other rabbits or scavengers may have access to them.
 - When done handling game, wash hands thoroughly with soap or disinfectant and disinfect knives, equipment and surfaces that were in contact with game.
 - If contact with live rabbits is possible, hunters should shower and change clothing as soon as possible after cleaning game.
 - Do not eat, drink or smoke while handling animals.
 - All game should be thoroughly cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees.
- The world we all face today is filled with viruses that impact our lives. We need to engage our world and maintain our passion for the outdoors by working together to eradicate the threat of these viruses just as our ancestors who hunted have for millennia. Be informed, enjoy the hunt and report any wildlife disease issues to the CDFW Wildlife Investigations Lab at **(916) 358-2790**.

ROY'S WILD TURKEY BONE SOUP

Sometime back, a good friend told me “the guy” he hunts turkey with convinced him that the thighs and drumsticks on wild turkeys were not edible!

I am not mentioning any names to protect this individual, but he is my favorite, tallest CRPA board member! But I will say, a short time in Uncle Roy's Wild Game Kitchen, and he will never allow the waste of wild turkey again! Yes, cooked properly,



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wild turkey breast is phenomenal and makes the best kabobs on the planet (especially when paired 50/50 with antelope), but that recipe is for another day!

For now, let's talk wild turkey carcass soup! I assure you, once you make a pot, you will never throw the bones away again. To start, I always skin my wild turkeys for a number of reasons: too much work to pluck, zero fat on the skin anyway, and I often use the hide to make or supplement decoys. Once the bird is skinned, remove the breast meat from the bone with a filet knife or other fine blade scalpel-type knife. The two individual breasts can be



DON'T THROW AWAY THOSE TURKEY BONES, LET ALONE THE THIGHS AND DRUMSTICKS!

(SHUTTERSTOCK)



► **Enjoy Wild Turkey Soup!** (ROY GRIFFITH)

rinsed and frozen separately for later meals. Next, remove thighs and drums from the carcass taking care to get as much thigh meat as you can with them. Lastly, remove the drum from the thigh at the joint. At this point, you can freeze the thighs separately (they are delicious on the BBQ), or add them to your soup. I leave the skinned wing bones and meat attached to the carcass.

Now that you have your meat removed, go inside the carcass and re-

move the guts. Then give the carcass a good rinse inside and out. I save the heart, gizzard and liver for soup stock. Some are not into offal, but I think it takes the soup up a notch, and I hate waste. Ask anyone who hunts with me—what I leave in the field pisses off the magpies and coyotes!

Now let's get cooking! Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a large cookie sheet or deep broiling pan with foil. Evenly spread your cubed vegetables, one onion and chopped garlic on the

INGREDIENTS

*One wild turkey carcass
One (1) head of cabbage chopped
Four (4) medium large carrots sliced or cubed
Three (3) medium onions chopped
Two (2) cups chopped celery
Six (6) cloves of garlic chopped
One (1) cup sliced mushrooms
One (1) parsnip cubed
One (1) turnip cubed
One (1) rutabaga cubed
Three (3) bay leaves
One (1) teaspoon salt
One (1) teaspoon crushed black pepper
One (1) quart / 32 ounces tomato sauce / or better yet roasted pureed garden tomatoes
Three (3) cups precooked pasta or rice*

sheet and place carcass on top (refer to photos). Spray or drizzle about a half cup of olive oil over the vegetables, carcass and drumsticks. Season with salt and fresh crushed black pepper. Place pan in oven for about 25 to 30 minutes, rotating the carcass and stirring vegetables after 15 minutes.

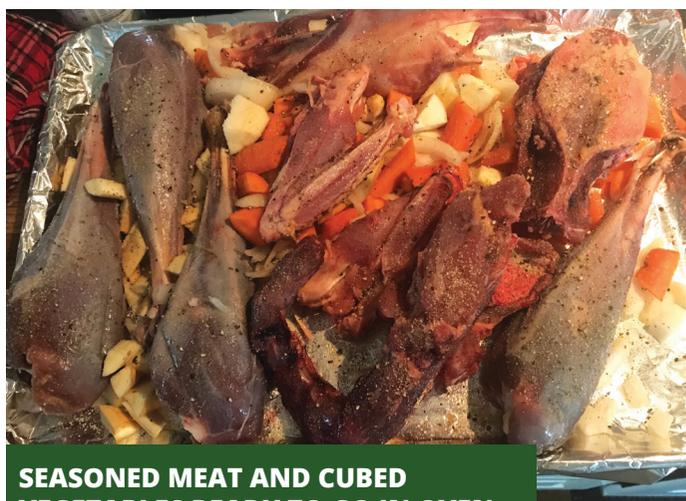
While the carcass is in the oven, chop two medium-sized onions, two cups of celery and four to six cloves of garlic. On the stove top, use an 8-quart pot to brown the above in ¼ cup olive oil on medium to high heat till tender, add chopped heart, liver and gizzard, if you choose, and simmer till brown.

Remove carcass and vegetables from oven and add to a large pot along with sautéed onions, celery and garlic. Add tomato sauce and cabbage, then enough water to cover bones and vegetables (leave at least an inch below the rim of your pot). Bring to a boil, and then reduce to simmer for 6 hours.

After completed, remove bones from pot—do your best to remove the drumstick whole and allow to cool somewhat to separate meat from bones. Wild turkey drumsticks are notorious for many small bones. Take care to remove as many bones as possible. I still give the admonishment: “Watch out for bones,” with every bowl I serve! Add three cups of precooked rice or pasta, return meat removed from bones, give a stir, and it is ready to serve.

I like to serve the soup with a bit of fresh grated parmesan cheese and a squeeze of fresh lemon. Salt and pepper to taste, add a slice of toasted sourdough bread, and you are golden!

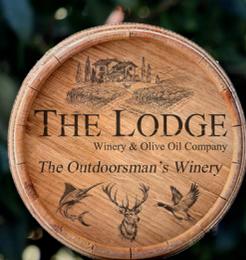
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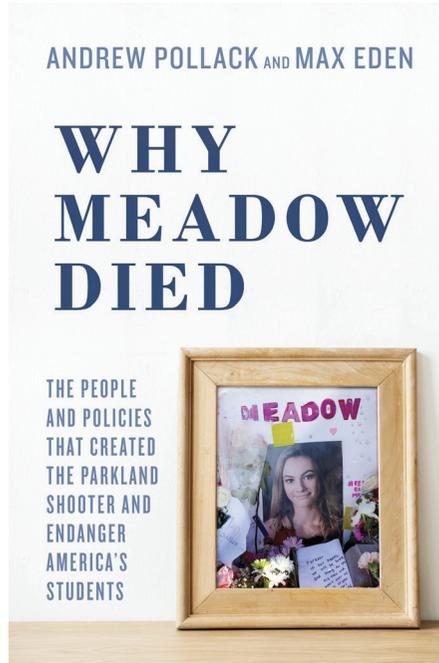
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WHY MEADOW DIED

BY ANDREW POLLACK AND MAX EDEN

When 17 people were murdered at a high school in Parkland, Florida, the national conversation focused exclusively on whether to ban AR-15 rifles. The media ignored the questions that matter: Why did this happen? How can we stop it from happening again? Moving forward without answers wasn't an option for Andrew Pollack, whose daughter Meadow was murdered that Valentine's Day. He teamed up with a renowned education expert to find out how the most avoidable school shooting in American history became inevitable. There was a reason why everyone in the Broward County School District let the Parkland shooter slip through the cracks and how the policies pioneered in Broward have come to plague your child's school, too.

The book is divided into four parts. The first consists of four character stories of the people who became central to Andy's team. The experienc-

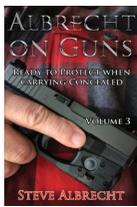


es of each in the wake of the tragedy are both deeply compelling on their own human terms and illustrate aspects of the enormity of what went wrong. The second part of the book is a deep dive into the Broward County School District. Parents will be utterly

appalled by the moral bankruptcy of the politically correct ideologues that knowingly endanger students to bolster their own reputations. Third, the book looks at the killer Nikolas Cruz's biography. His entire life, Cruz cried out, "If you don't take care of me, I'm going to become a mass murderer." Every time he cried out, the school administrators willfully looked the other way or did the exact wrong thing.

Finally, after Andy finds his answers, he gets behind a slate of school board candidates on a mission to oust the Superintendent and the school board members who let all this happen then covered it up. After the slate falls apart, Andy teams up with one candidate, Richard Mendelson. But Mendelson loses. Badly. In disbelief, everyone tries to understand what happened, and the book ends on a note almost as powerful and tragic as the massacre itself. The hope, expressed by Andy in his epilogue, is that even if he couldn't fix things in Broward County, America learns from his story. **CRPA**

ALBRECHT ON GUNS: Ready To Protect When Carrying Concealed

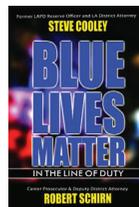


BY STEVE ALBRECHT

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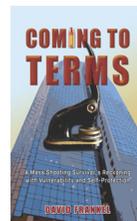
BLUE LIVES MATTER: In The Line Of Duty



BY STEVE COOLEY AND ROBERT SCHIRN

Blue Lives Matter explores the line-of-duty deaths suffered by the law enforcement "blue" family. This book examines the deaths of eight police officers and one police canine in Los Angeles County.

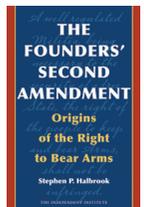
COMING TO TERMS: A Mass Shooting Survivor's Story



BY DAVID FRANKEL

As young corporate lawyer David Frankel works with other lawyers on closing a business deal, he learns of an active shooter at his firm. This is the story of David's post-traumatic journey from victim and gun control advocate to gun rights advocate.

THE FOUNDERS' SECOND AMENDMENT: Origins Of The Right To Bear Arms



BY STEPHEN P. HALBROOK

Cited in the landmark *Heller* and *McDonald* Supreme Court rulings, *The Founders' Second Amendment: Origins of the Right to Bear Arms* is the authoritative book on the Founders' own statements on the Second Amendment.

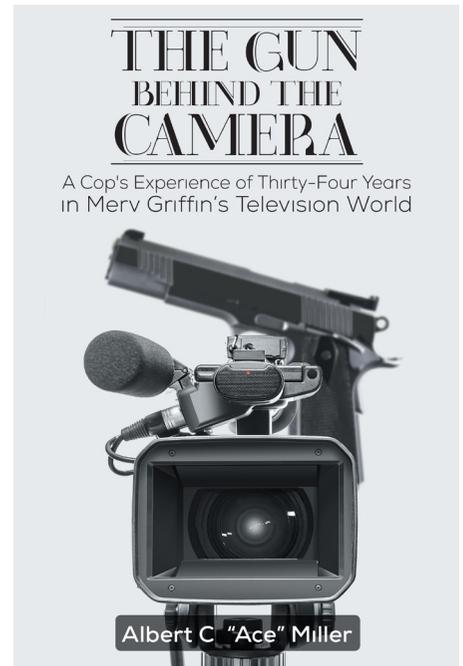
THE GUN BEHIND THE CAMERA

A COP'S EXPERIENCE OF THIRTY-FOUR YEARS IN MERV GRIFFIN'S TELEVISION WORLD

BY ALBERT C. MILLER

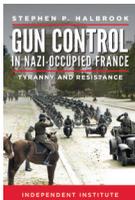
Al Miller brings 25 years as a Los Angeles police officer and nearly 20 years as a sergeant with a rounded experience investigating criminal, civil and personnel matters. That quarter century of dealing with many different personalities provided a valuable experience that greatly assisted him in his next career as a private investigator associated with Merv Griffin Enterprises as the Director of Security with responsibility for executive and celebrity security for Merv Griffin, Pat Sajak, Vanna White and Alex Trebek and also included general security of both television productions. Within the 25 years with the LAPD, Miller recounts the sadness of losing two ex-partners and a friend who were gunned down on duty on the streets

of LA. Miller recounts the terrible discovery of a woman and her three daughters who were beheaded by the husband/father who had a complete break with his sanity. Miller proudly describes the success with the recovery of a 2-year old girl kidnapped while in public with her mother and the later sadness and overwhelming disappointment over a second kidnapped girl that ended badly. Miller's years as an officer and sergeant and his PI experience led to a successful career with Merv's television world which provided frequent opportunity to utilize all this experience in profiling any number of obsessed fans and stalkers as well as countering death threats. Such situations were maintained in strict confidence without harm to the intended celebrity and without any reportage or embellishment to the tabloid press. Miller documents his personal experience in confronting armed suspects and others while a police officer. Prior to the LAPD, Miller served honorably with the U.S. Marine Corps enlisting just after Marines were landed in Lebanon in 1958. **CRPA**



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GUN CONTROL IN NAZI-OCCUPIED FRANCE: Tyranny And Resistance



BY STEPHEN P. HALBROOK

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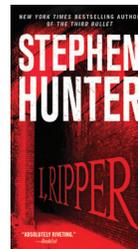
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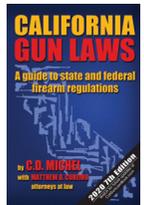
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