

About that justification

Re "A very loving individual" (Newsline, by Meredith J. Cooper, Feb. 14):

Recently the Butte County district attorney found that Butte County sheriff's deputies acted in reasonable self-defense when they shot to death a Palermo woman in April 2018. Concerned Citizens for Justice disagrees with that decision.

We believe that the community should find the following facts alarming: 1. Both deputies were wearing body cameras that they did not turn on until after the shooting. 2. The victim was shot five times in the back. 3. She was not armed. 4. She was known to be mentally ill. 5. The DA said that people exercising self-defense are not required to retreat, even if safety could have been achieved by retreating. We think that this is an uncivil conclusion to reach in a civilized community. Retreat is preferable to shooting an unarmed, mentally ill human being.

We want guardians—not

warriors—to police our communities. We want de-escalation techniques to become normal practice for every officer. We grieve for the officers who must live with this tragedy knowing that they could have avoided killing a person had they been adequately trained in and practiced both de-escalation and behavioral-health intervention. We ask, "Do you find this shooting reasonable?"

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'Rest my case'

Re "Help for Trump?" (Letters, by Robert Woods, Feb. 14):

Just a shout-out to Robert Woods for proving my point on the 2016 presidential election, albeit Woods chose to ignore the double-dealing Tad Devine, and the alleged sexual harassment charges in Bernie's ill-fated campaign. Not to mention Bernie's third home.

Let's look at the results in the three states that enabled Comrade Trump to take the White House

hostage. Clinton lost to Comrade Trump in Michigan by 10,264 votes; Jill Stein had 51,463 votes. Clinton lost to Comrade Trump in Pennsylvania by 44,292 votes; Stein had 49,292 votes. And Clinton lost to Comrade Trump in Wisconsin by 22,748 votes; Stein had 30,980.

Pissed-off Bernie backers registered in droves as protest to the DNC's "poor treatment" of Bernie Sanders (i.e., Butte College students). Could the results in the three aforementioned states have been from the same fateful situation?

Furthermore, Jill Stein sat next to Michael Flynn and Vladimir Putin at the 10-year anniversary dinner in Moscow for the Russian state TV, aka RT. I rest my case. Thanks, Bob.

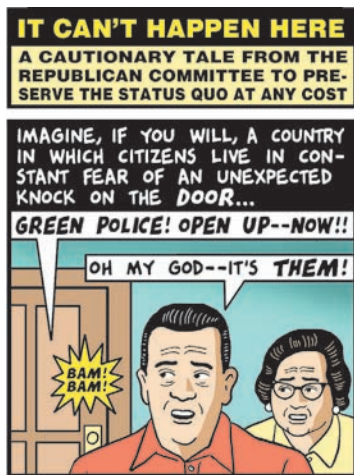
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Remembering Loretta

Chico is mourning the death of Loretta Metcalf, though she would prefer that we eat pasta and drink wine.

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