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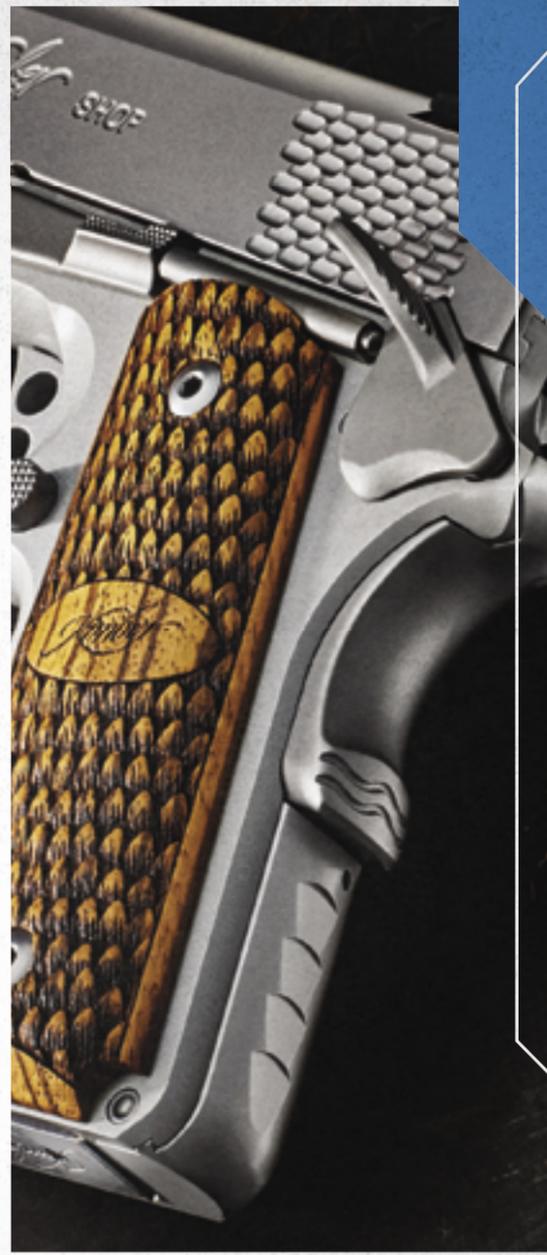
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RUMORS ARE FLYING

BY CHUCK MICHEL
CRPA PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL

The pundits are prognosticating their brains out. Rumors are flying. Will the Supreme Court be expanded? Will that Court secure our Second Amendment rights in upcoming court cases? Will President Biden take more extreme actions against lawful gun owners? What about the rigged legislature in Sacramento, how hard will they make the red tape, complicated laws and excessive fees for gun owners, in the hope of making it too hard to exercise your rights at all?

We all know how tough it is to continually fight for the very things that should be secured without effort — our fundamental civil, constitutional and natural rights. We also know that there are some citizens who stand against tyranny and will not falter. If you are a CRPA member, you are one of the people who stand between the government and freedom for future generations of gun owners to be able to choose to own a gun for sport or to defend their families.

We do have some big victories here in California, but they are long-fought battles. First, we **won** our lawsuit challenging the ban on possessing magazines that can hold over ten



hard-fought battle to get a preliminary injunction in the *Rhode v. Becerra* case. The Court found the laws requiring a background check to buy ammunition and banned internet ammo sales were unconstitutional. Victory! 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 State for hiding behind onerous laws to advance their true agenda—to chill constitutionally-protected rights of the people.

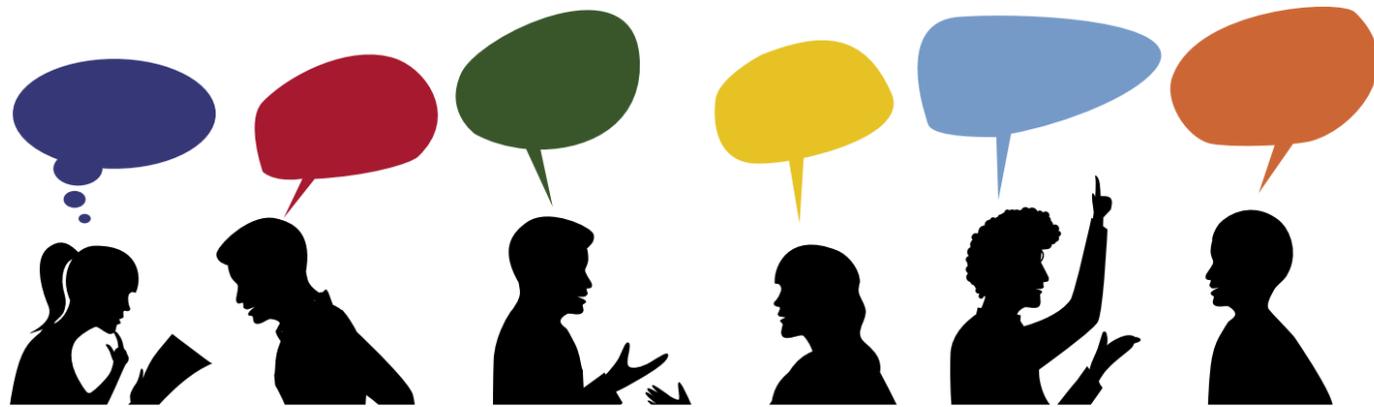
But the Attorney General filed a Motion to Stay the preliminary injunction. That initial request was rightfully **denied** by the district court. So, the AG sought an "emergency" stay to the next level in the Ninth Circuit, and in the late hours of the night that higher court granted the State's stay request—blocking the injunction against this pointless law. That put us all back under the same unconstitutional ammunition purchase regulations again. The case is still actively being fought.

Just as quickly, our legal team filed an Opposition to the Stay in the Ninth Circuit based on the solid legal analysis from the federal district

Then we had another great victory when a federal court granted our

rounds. That case, *Duncan v. Becerra*, was recently argued in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. We won again, but the State of California petitioned for *en banc* review even after losing multiple times, and the Ninth Circuit granted the review. *Duncan* was reheard in June, and we are waiting on a ruling. We know that we stand on the right side of the Constitution and with the most recent grant from the Supreme Court to hear the first Second Amendment case in more than a decade, we are ever more confident that we can hold on to our wins as the *Duncan* case proceeds.

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MEMBERS' VOICES

Confiscation

I just finished the *CFL* article, "How Would Mass Gun Confiscation Work?" and I am not certain it would require many, if any, police officers to confiscate a majority of firearms in America. In fact, I believe there would indeed be an extremely vast number of gun owners more than willing to surrender their firearms.

You may wonder how such a thing is possible. Follow me here: The article was correct in stating the 4473 is a good place to start. The government then simply seizes the bank accounts and all other assets of every single subject listed on those forms, one at a time or in groups, until a such time as the subject proves to the government's satisfaction that the subject no longer possesses any firearms. Done. There will be few indeed who can stand for long in such circumstances. Could you?

Since Americans have historically been able to keep government in check, we have lost the ability to imagine the immense power of coercion that the government has at its beck and call, much less the ability to imagine that power focused on the individual. I would go so far as to say that one could make a very strong argument that ALL government power is coercive in nature. We need to begin to look at history and

the rest of the world and begin to realize the real scale of the power we are up against. Today, it is conservatives against two branches of the government and the media. The third branch is fractured in its support for the Constitution, most especially the Second Amendment. We are holding on by a fingernail. If the gun grabbers manage to take the rest of the Judiciary Branch, the game is over, and there will be no instant replay. It is my fervent hope that the Republic can survive the next 2 years, but truthfully, I am not certain it will.

-Russell Vanwinkle

Yes indeed. The immense power of The Swamp is all too real, and threatens all of our freedoms. Orwell's book "1984" was only off by 35 years. We should all fear and resist "Big Brother."

Poster Child

In Mr. Halbrook's article, "The Truth About NICS," he talks about a Mr. O'Keefe who could not buy a gun because he was arrested for a low-level

misdemeanor, but Halbrook never explains why O'Keefe disguised himself as a telephone repairman to gain access to Senator Landrieu's office. Isn't that an important fact that should be included? O'Keefe's behavior seems irrational and potentially outright dangerous. Even if all he wanted to do was hit the senator with a cream pie I would make damn sure he was evaluated before he was allowed to buy a firearm. O'Keefe is not a sympathetic character. Like I say to my wacky liberal friends, be careful who you choose to be your "poster child."

-Anthony, CRPA member, Pleasant Hill

Good point! These days image is everything, perception is reality, and false narratives are easily concocted by the well-financed and professionally coached anti-gun-owner lobby as they work to demonize gun owners who choose to own a gun for sport or to defend their families and push their campaign of shame to discourage gun ownership.

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(PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.)

court. As of the date of this letter, the motion to block the stay is still pending through a Motion to Stay upon resolution of the *Duncan en banc* matter.

The CRPA will keep fighting in the courts—and the Supreme Court—for your rights and for the best outcome to prevent future state action against gun owners.

The CRPA also fights in Sacramento. Our CRPA Legislative Director has been busier than ever in rigged Sacramento and all while fighting against COVID restrictions and online meeting rules that have prevented him and others from having their voices heard. This is incredibly frustrating and the CRPA has filed several formal complaints on the handling of "public" hearings that are anything but public.

It's no secret that Sacramento politicians are out to get gun owners. Even with 1 million new gun owners in California alone this year, they continue to push the untruthful narrative that more gun control (a.k.a., control of lawful gun owners) will magically stop criminals—who never follow the rules anyway—from getting the preferred tools of their criminal trade.

Our CRPA legislative team many times works late into the evening to try to stop these poorly-written attempts at taking away your rights. And we must be there. Every moment that we are a voice of opposition in Sacramento is a moment that slows that process. It is a moment for education and getting the word out that lawful gun owners and citizens will **not** go quietly into the night. These statements of opposition also create the very important legislative record that helps us in the courts to establish that the CRPA has been fighting against bad legislation from the very beginning. Many of you do your duty and call and write in to oppose legislation. **Every one of your comments becomes part of that vital legislative record.** The CRPA and its members will continue to stand up to unlawful taxes on gun owners and unconstitutional limits on your rights.

For 145 years, the CRPA has been fighting for your rights in California and we are not giving up now. Now, more than ever, is the time to engage as gun owners. The CRPA wants to say "thank you" to all of our members who join us in the fight.

Chuck

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RESPONSE

TO SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN'S LETTER ABOUT GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

LETTER FROM SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN TO RICHARD W. RAWNSLEY

Dear Mr. Rawnsley:

Thank you for contacting me regarding gun safety legislation. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

The vast majority of gun owners in this country are lawabiding citizens who safely use firearms for activities such as hunting, sport, or self-defense. I support the Second Amendment right to own a gun, but the growing scourge of gun violence in the United States demands a response.

There are far too many deaths in our country each year resulting from individuals having easy access to firearms, including weapons of war designed to kill as many people as possible as fast as possible. People with firearms kill more than 35,000 individuals each year in the United States and wound another

83,000. This violence is tearing our communities apart. I have long supported commonsense legislation to help prevent these deaths by banning assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, expanding background checks, improving mental health care, and implementing extremerrisk laws, among other measures.

On March 11, 2021, I introduced the "Assault Weapons Ban" (S. 736), which would reinstate a ban on the sale, transfer, manufacture, and importation of military-style assault weapons and highcapacity ammunition magazines. During the decade after my original assault weapons ban became law in 1994, gun massacres declined by 37 percent compared with the previous decade. After the ban expired, the number of gun massacres rose by 183 percent. Relatedly, in March of

2021, the House of Representatives passed two bills to strengthen gun background checks to prevent gun purchases by people not legally eligible to buy them. These bills await consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

As a U.S. Senator, I believe it is my responsibility to pass legislation that would protect the nation from harms like gun violence. It is my hope that by enacting these protections, we can save lives in the future. I appreciate learning of your views, and I will keep your thoughts in mind as the Senate considers gun safety reforms.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at feinstein.senate.gov. You can also follow me online ...

REPLY FROM RICHARD W. RAWNSLEY TO SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN

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Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your response to my letter concerning Second Amendment rights. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I wish to begin by apologizing for the length of this letter, but this lack of brevity is necessary. When I received your response, I thought that it must be a reply to one of my letters I sent you in the 1990s concerning your "assault weapons" ban. It has all the same catch phrases, unsupported "statistics," and spurious assertions that your responses contained over twenty-five years ago. In order to properly address your response, I have endeavored to resort to logic and documented sources. I do hope whomever you have reading the correspondence from your constituents attended private school or schools outside of California, so they will have the

discipline to read material longer than a tweet or text and the ability to read and understand big words and long sentences, and most importantly, understand how logic works and the difference between logic and false logic. Also, I have set the letter in a typeface that is easier to read in this format, which makes it appear even longer than it is.

You begin your letter with the caveat:

The vast majority of gun owners in this country are lawabiding citizens who safely use firearms for activities such as hunting, sport, or selfdefense. I support the Second Amendment right to own a gun, but the growing scourge of gun violence in the United States demands a response.

If you believe this to be true, why do you insist on punishing these "law-abiding citizens," who respect the law and respect the Constitution, by denying them the right

to own and use specific firearms simply because you think they are the source of the problem. You say that "assault weapons" (scary name) are "military-style." Are you aware that virtually all firearms used for "hunting, sport, or self-defense" are modified versions of military firearms (or vice versa)? The AR-style rifle has gone through such modifications. They are now used effectively as hunting rifles. Their advantages are many, including light weight, compact size (they don't get stuck in brush while hiking), improved accuracy, and quick follow-up shots to assure less suffering for the animals.

Additionally, the venerable bolt-action hunting rifle is a modified version of a firearm originally developed for the military. Shot guns are also civilian versions of military firearms. The classic 1911 Colt pistol that has been around in one form or another for over a hun-

dred years was also designed for the military. So according to your reasoning, pretty much all firearms can be defined as “assault weapons,” so why stop at just AR-style firearms? Let the U. S. be more like Australia, right?

You also state that “People with firearms kill more than 35,000 individuals each year in the United States.” This is a highly hyperbolized number. The figure is less than half of that:

In 2019, the estimated number of murders in the nation was 16,425. This was a 0.3 percent increase from the 2018 estimate, a 3.4 percent increase from the 2015 figure, and an 11.6 percent increase from the number in 2010. (<https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/topic-pages/murder>)

Of course, this is only 2019, but even with the growth of firearm-related murder in the United States, this still demonstrates the dishonesty of your figure. That said, if this figure cannot be believed, why should one of your constituents believe the figures about woundings. Additionally, the communities that “are being torn apart” by “gun violence” are generally progressively run cities. One final thought on this paragraph: how would banning “assault weapons” even make a dent in this problem? You should focus on the main point of your letter which is the “assault weapons” ban, not urban crime.

In the next paragraph, you assert: *During the decade after my original assault weapons ban became law in 1994, gun massacres declined by 37 percent compared with the previous decade. After the ban expired, the number of gun massacres rose by 183 percent.*

Firstly, these statements as they stand without documentation or

explanation are logical fallacies. They probably fall under several categories of false logic but the primary one is probably *post hoc ergo propter hoc*. Additionally, these are not the DOJ figures that I have seen. Since you do not document your sources, these are merely assertions without any proof (again, false logic). (False logic is often used when people want to deceive people but still appear to be

using logic. That’s why documentation is important.)

According to the NHTSA, over 10,000 people a year die in drunk driving accidents (<https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunken-driving>). According the Pew Research Center and DOJ statistics:

The Gun Violence Archive, an online database of gun violence incidents in the U.S., defines mass shoot-

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ings as incidents in which four or more people – excluding the shooter – are shot or killed. Using this definition, 373 people died in these incidents in 2018. (qtd. in <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/08/16/what-the-data-says-about-gun-deaths-in-the-u-s/>).

Drunk driving is clearly a more serious crisis than “assault rifles” in the United States, and yet no one is proposing a ban on driving privileges or alcoholic beverages. That should be easy. Nothing in the Constitution specifically names these activities as does the Second Amendment, and as we all know, prohibition of alcoholic beverages was a total disaster.

The vast majority of murders committed by firearms are committed by criminals who do not buy their firearms legally. The large majority of these firearms are handheld revolvers and semiautomatics (US Dept. of Justice <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/GUIC.PDF>). Do you propose to ban them as well?

The problem of gun crime is not legally obtained firearms and good citizens, but illegally obtained firearms and criminals. Although it is time consuming to find reliable statistics on this, a paper by the U. S. Department of Justice, published in 2019, stated that “[a]bout 1.3% of prisoners obtained [in 2016] a gun from

a retail source and used it during their offense” (<https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/suficspi16.pdf>). That’s a pretty good indicator that not many criminals use legally purchased firearms in commission of their crimes.

As horrendous as mass shootings with “assault weapons” are, they are extremely rare compared to urban firearm assaults with handguns. Mixing the two subjects is deceptive and dishonest.

Why have firearm deaths become so prevalent? Could it be the progressive influence over American education and pop culture? California schools are now among the worst in the world. Children leave high school without the basic fundamentals of reading, writing, and math. Many of them live in single-parent households in crime and drug infested neighborhoods. Once they leave school, with no skills, crime is an obvious choice for many of them. Combine that with a culture that discourages personal responsibility and encourages the notion that everyone seems to be a victim of a racist society that will never allow them to achieve reasonable success through hard work and moral behavior. Add to that the current anti-police attitude of the culture, the tolerance to rioting, looting, and the release of thousands of criminals from prisons onto the streets, and

voila, you have more and more gun crime. Your “assault weapons” ban will do nothing for these problem and is another progressive example of politicians intentionally or unintentionally creating a crisis and then “fixing” it by further denying rights to citizens.

Nothing you have ever said nor done during your long career as a senator indicates that you support the right to keep and bear arms as you assert in your second paragraph. Nothing you have said nor done during your long career as a senator indicates that you will stop with assault weapons legislation. It is merely another slice from the cheese, and you will keep slicing until there is no cheddar left.

I could go on deconstructing your response as your letter is comprised of great examples of false logic and spurious authorities, but I fear your reader is probably getting confused by the length and emphasis on sources and explanations, so I will conclude.

I look forward to your response. Do not worry about the length as I attended school in California before the 1980s, have an advanced degree in rhetoric and composition, and have taught the same for over thirty years.

Sincerely,
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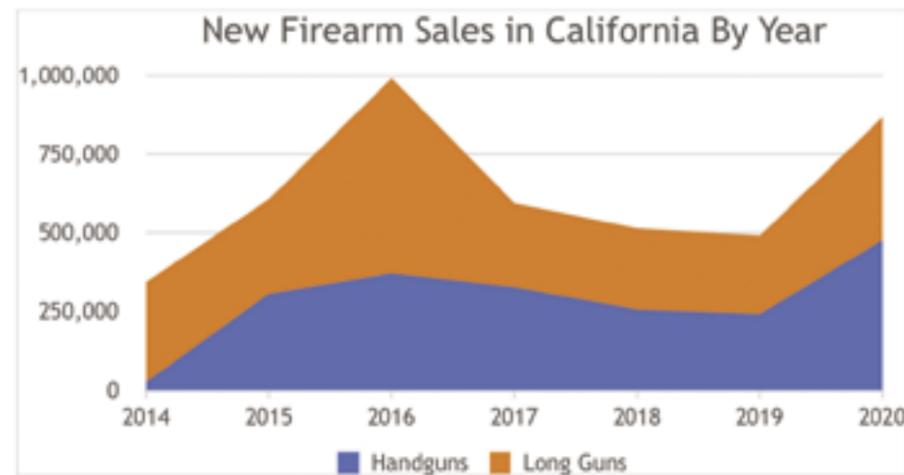
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BY MATT D. CUBEIRO

Purchasing a firearm in California requires the completion of a Dealer Record of Sale, more commonly known as a “DROS.” This form is completed digitally by the licensed dealer and is transmitted to the California Department of Justice (“DOJ”) for purposes of running a background check on the purchaser. Since 2014, all DROS transaction records have been recorded by DOJ. Prior to 2014, only DROS transactions involving handguns were recorded. As required by law, DOJ recently released statistical information (openjustice.doj.ca.gov/data-stories/gunsales-2020) for all recorded DROS transactions from 1996 to 2020.

The published information clearly demonstrates California’s gun owning population is growing at a substantial rate. Seemingly alarmed by this fact, DOJ’s published report attempts to explain away some of the recent spikes in sales, attributing them to “holiday shopping” like Black Friday sales, and even



tax return season. Any gun owner with common sense will tell you, however, that recent surges in sales are directly correlated to failed California policies and the recent anti-gun bills pushed through the Legislature that serve no purpose other than to target legitimate, law-abiding gun owners.

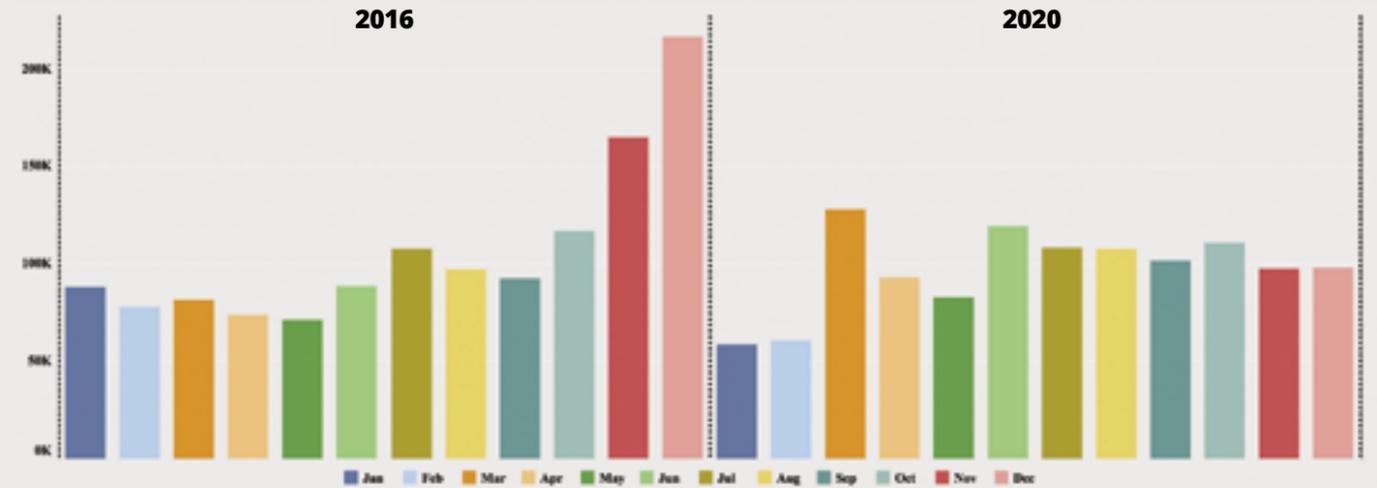
Since 2014, Californians on average purchased over 630,000 new firearms per year, the majority of which were long guns (averaging over 343,000 per year). This does not include “used” firearm purchases, curio/relic sales,

loans, non-roster peace officer exempt transactions or pawn redemptions. Over the same six-year period, a total of 4,414,570 new firearm sales were made, with long guns also making up the majority of such sales (2,406,195).

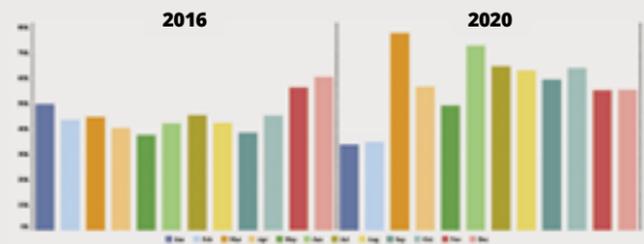
There were two noticeable spikes in sales statistics—one in 2016, and another in 2020. Analyzing the number of transactions on a month-to-month basis for each of these years provides some noteworthy clues as to the real reason behind these spikes.

As you can clearly see, a large spike

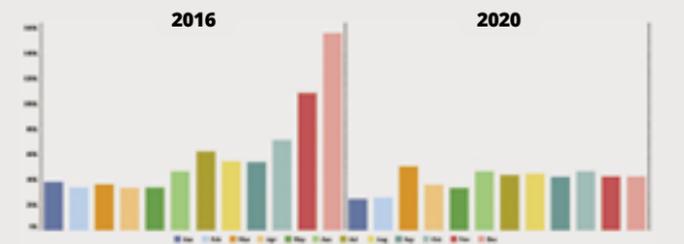
ALL TRANSACTIONS SEPARATED BY MONTH



HANDGUN TRANSACTIONS SEPARATED BY MONTH



LONG GUN TRANSACTIONS SEPARATED BY MONTH



in sales occurred at the end of 2016, attributed to long gun sales, not handguns. What’s more, there is no similar spike in end-of-year sales for 2020 as there was for 2016. Instead, sales for 2020 remained relatively consistent throughout the year, seeing only marginal spikes in March and then later in June.

So, are these spikes attributed to holiday shopping and tax refunds? Clearly not, because if they were, we would see similar patterns between 2016 and 2020. Instead, these spikes in sales are much more likely attributed to the “assault weapon” laws enacted in 2016 (Senate Bill No. 880 and Assembly Bill

No. 1135), COVID-19 lockdown orders in March and the George Floyd riots in June and throughout the rest of 2020.¹ DOJ’s attempt at explaining these spikes by claiming they can be attributed to things like “holiday shopping” and tax refunds is bogus.

Notably missing from DOJ’s statistical information is the number of first-time gun buyers. That is, how many of these new gun sales were first-time buyers who recently discovered the benefits of their Second Amendment freedom during the recent displays of government ineptitude? It is likely this information would only further illus-

trate Californians are growing tired of Sacramento’s anti-gun agenda, and for that reason DOJ intentionally left this information out of its report. **CRPA**

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1. For readers who may not remember, George Floyd died on May 25, 2020. As rioting over his death became more and more prevalent in June, this would explain the spike and relatively consistent sales statistics for the remainder of the year.

CRIME LEADS TO GUN BUYING

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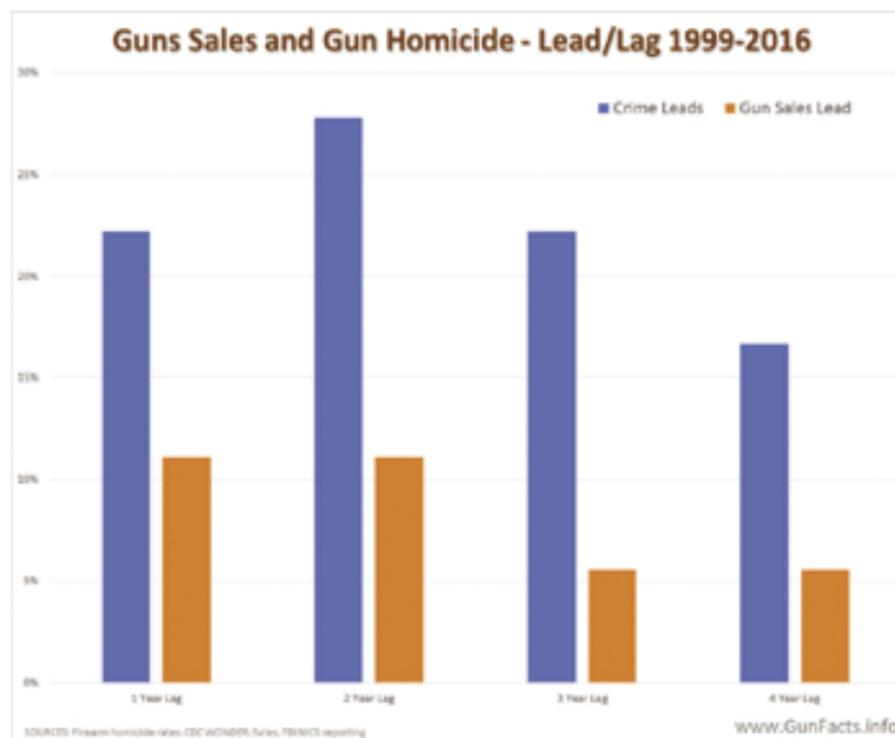
Which came first, the crime or the guns? Statistically, crime rates appear to precede gun sales ... and for some obvious reasons.

MAIN TAKEAWAYS

- In 29% of states, there is a significant correlation between firearm homicides and gun sales.
- In the top half of states, per raw correlations, 85% have firearm homicides preceding gun sales.
- Lead/lag times of one to three years shows 22-28% of states having crime leading gun sales, and between 6-11% of states having gun sales leading crime.

THE BASIC DEBATE

The basic debate surrounding whether gun sales lead to gun crimes is kind of stupid. For decades, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) has produced this chart (TABLE 14, see page 18). Only 11% of crime guns come from retail, so any increase in guns sales in any given year or locality will only result in a fractional immediate increase in gun crimes. Mul-



tiply this by the average of eleven years between the retailing of a gun and its use in crime ("time-to-crime") and the rate of retailled guns affecting crime rates becomes small and rather silly. But this doesn't keep some activist groups from claiming that it is so. They trot out tables showing correlations between gun sales and crime in various cities or states before saying,

"AH HA!" Then, the opposition camps say, "Maybe gun sales go up in response to crime" and the first group goes oddly silent. At the Gun Facts project, we like to go a level or two deeper. In this case we grabbed firearm homicide data from the Centers for Disease Control mortality databases and gun background check data from the FBI. What

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	Overall R2	Crime Leads Gun Sales				Gun Sales Lead Crime			
		R2 - 1 Year lag	R2 - 2 Year Lag	R2 - 3 Year Lag	R2 - 4 Year Lag	R2 - 1 Year lag	R2 - 2 Year Lag	R2 - 3 Year Lag	R2 - 4 Year Lag
North Dakota	0.87	1.00			0.94	0.70	0.91	0.99	
New York	0.85	0.82	0.83	0.75	0.76	0.86	0.79	0.74	0.79
South Dakota	0.85	0.96	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.76	0.96	0.90	0.70
District of Columbia	0.67	0.73	0.85	0.87	0.79	0.65	0.64	0.52	0.44
Arizona	0.60	0.76	0.79	0.76	0.63	0.62	0.60	0.44	0.28
Oklahoma	0.59	0.47	0.29	0.28	0.22	0.51	0.52	0.73	0.72
Ohio	0.57	0.51	0.48	0.51	0.50	0.49	0.50	0.61	0.57
California	0.57	0.75	0.80	0.71	0.59	0.36	0.15	0.01	0.05
Mississippi	0.53	0.33	0.07	0.05	0.01	0.60	0.63	0.44	0.06
Missouri	0.52	0.40	0.28	0.32	0.39	0.44	0.47	0.51	0.41
Nevada	0.48	0.66	0.63	0.62	0.52	0.48	0.33	0.11	0.02
Maryland	0.44	0.36	0.43	0.31	0.18	0.54	0.08	0.02	0.10
Iowa	0.41	0.25	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.45	0.50	0.52	0.44
Rhode Island	0.41	0.58	0.54	0.41	0.57	0.33	0.45	0.35	0.23
Florida	0.34	0.28	0.29	0.37	0.50	0.26	0.15	0.10	0.06
Virginia	0.34	0.66	0.69	0.58	0.60	0.34	0.29	0.14	0.08
Kentucky	0.33	0.05	0.07	0.03	0.01	0.17	0.06	0.35	0.39
Nebraska	0.32	0.27	0.34	0.55	0.42	0.24	0.16	0.08	0.02
Delaware	0.28	0.33	0.18	0.32	0.41	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.09
Texas	0.23	0.49	0.55	0.38	0.27	0.23	0.21	0.09	0.04
South Carolina	0.22	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.08	0.18	0.42	0.28

we discovered was slightly untidy, but nonetheless interesting.

CRIME PRECEDES GUN SALES

We did a simple regression (R2) for each of the states and the District of Columbia (D.C.) and discovered that about 29% of states had a significant correlation between gun sales and firearm homicides (regardless of which led or lagged). The flip side of this is that 71% of states really don't have a measurable problem.

One problem we had was North Dakota. Sure, it is barren, cold and unromantic, but the real problem with North Dakota is that it didn't have a high enough firearm homicide rate to be reliably reported for most of the study period (1999 through 2016). So, though they are number 1 for a correlation between gun sales and gun murders, we have to remove them from the detailed analysis as they can-

TABLE 14
Source of firearms possessed by state prison inmates at time of offense, 1997 and 2004

Source of firearm	Percent of state prison inmates	
	1997	2004
Total	100%	100%
Purchased or traded from—	14.0%	11.3%
Retail store	8.2	7.3
Pawnshop	4.0	2.6
Flea market	1.0	0.6
Gun show	0.8	0.8
Family or friend	40.1%	37.4%
Purchased or traded	12.6	12.2
Rented or borrowed	18.9	14.1
Other	8.5	11.1
Street/illegal source	37.3%	40.0%
Theft or burglary	9.1	7.5
Drug dealer/off street	20.3	25.2
Fence/black market	8.0	7.4
Other	8.7%	11.2%

not present reliable trending insights. We'll note in passing that the fracking boom in the Dakotas has driven crime and gun sales higher in recent years as hordes of newcomers and transient workers invaded Sioux territory ... before surrendering their paychecks at the Indian casinos there.

Since we see some significant raw correlation, the natural question is which one, gun sales or crime, preceded the other. The answer is, "No contest ... people buy guns in response to crime."

Looking at states where the raw correlation is 0.5 or higher (which means that at least 50% of the instances could be explained by their association), we see that 85% of those states saw crime preceding gun sales over all of either one-, two-, three- or four-year lags (e.g., gun sales went up after crime went up in any of the following four years).

Contrariwise, only 56% saw a four-year span where aggregate gun sales started going up before crime did.

This might be compelling enough, but amalgamating four-year spans can hide things, so we spread the data out and color coded it for clarity's sake. The table below shows states with the crime-leads-guns and guns-lead-crime situations in red where R2 values were at least 0.75, and yellow for the next quartile with R2 values of 0.5–0.75 (we also shaded the 0.25–0.5 group, though we are sinking in correlation values therein).

One can visualize quickly the disparity. If we move marginal one-year exceptions for D.C. and Arizona, then we see four states that consistently have crime leading gun sales regardless of the lead/lag span, when we look at those with very high raw correlations (0.75

or higher). But the situation becomes muddier when we drop that number to 0.5, with yellow dominating the "guns lead crime" upper end.

A better way to look at it is to focus on where the correlation is highest. This gives us a cleaner view, and we see that for every lead/lag interval, firearm homicide rates lead per capita gun sales rates. The split is quite consistent, with lead/lag intervals starting to fade after the third year.

THE SAFE SUMMARY

Firearm homicides are the worst of gun crimes and may be a good proxy for other gun crimes. That's for another day.

But for now, it is safe to say that there is statistical evidence that people buy guns in response to crime (real or imagined) and it is less likely that new gun purchases lead to gun homicides. **CRPA**

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FACT VERSUS FICTION

“There will be a shootout at the O.K. Corral on every street if people can carry firearms.”

The quote has been used numerous times by various people to dissuade county governments (sheriffs) and local police (chiefs) from issuing the Carry Concealed Weapon



BY RICK TRAVIS
 DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

license (CCW). The fact is that the quote comes from a myth (the shootout in Tombstone didn't happen at the Corral) and is a myth in the context of CCW issuance in California and nationwide.

The CCW license is issued in each of California's 58 counties by either the sheriff's office or one or more city police departments. The subject is not the issuance of the CCW, but rather who each juris-

diction is willing to issue to, the process, the costs and the responsibilities of having the CCW license. There are a lot of myths surrounding the process of obtaining a CCW (and where it is valid) that are propagated by both sides of the political system. This article will address many of those myths.

The California Rifle & Pistol Association (CRPA) has been fighting for your ability to exercise your Second Amendment rights to carry your firearm to protect yourself and your family for de-

ades. Numerous cases have been filed by the CRPA, such as *Peruta v. San Diego* (2014), *Peruta v. California*, *Flannigan v. Harris*, as well as national cases, such as *New York Rifle & Pistol Association v. City of New York*, to defend the right to carry. The CRPA has worked with law enforcement agencies, trainers and software companies and provided education to move your right to carry forward.

MYTH 1: MY COUNTY DOESN'T ISSUE CCW LICENSES.

True and False. California's 58 counties vary widely on the issuance of CCWs. Obtaining a CCW in some counties may be heavily restricted to government personnel, while others are open to citizens of that county provided they meet the general understanding of the term "law-abiding citizen." Where you

live in the state will dictate your ability to obtain a CCW license.

MYTH 2: THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN A CCW LICENSE MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN IT.

False. Many counties have a general process that includes an application, interviews, background check, training and fees. Applicants who follow the process and are found not to have disqualifying issues are approved.

MYTH 3: THE PROCESS TAKES A LONG TIME AND THAT'S BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DISSUADE ME FROM APPLYING.

Generally False. There have been a few incidents over the past 20 years where that statement proved to be true. The CRPA has continued to work

to resolve those issues on your behalf. The delays we have experienced in the process over the past 2 years are largely based on COVID-19 restrictions, reduction of staff (read: defunding of law enforcement) and delays at the California Department of Justice (CA DOJ).

MYTH 4: THE CCW LICENSE IS ONLY VALID IN THE COUNTY OF ISSUE.

False. The CCW license issued by your county or local law enforcement agency is valid statewide.

MYTH 5: THE CALIFORNIA CCW LICENSE IS ONLY GOOD IN CALIFORNIA.

False. The California CCW is valid (at the time of this writing) in 24 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky,

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CRPA's membership is comprised of a diverse cross-section of the general public including believers in the right to choose to own a gun to defend yourself and your family, competitive and recreational shooters, hunters, conservationists, gun safety experts, youth, women, police, prosecutors and defense attorneys, judges, firearm history and technology experts, coaches and trainers, families and loving parents.

CRPA works tirelessly and relentlessly to defend the civil and constitutional rights of individuals to choose to responsibly own and use firearms. Every dollar that CRPA receives from its members and donors stays and works in California to support your hunting and Second Amendment rights and the fight back against politicians, elitists and bureaucrats who would deprive individuals of those rights.

Through its Sacramento and local legal and political advocates, CRPA works in the state capital, in regulatory agencies and in city halls throughout California to promote laws that protect these rights and to oppose laws that infringe on these rights.

Through its legal team, CRPA fights in the courts to challenge unconstitutional and illegal gun bans and ill-conceived gun control laws and provides guidance to California gun owners regarding their legal rights and responsibilities.

CRPA works to preserve the traditional and historic role of the individual citizen to hunt and to conserve and preserve California's natural resources.

CRPA promotes the recreational shooting sports and hosts hundreds of "fun shoots" annually.

CRPA provides safety, education and skills training and makes gun safety information available.

CRPA organizes and sanctions competitive shooting matches for both adult and junior shooters, including Olympic training programs and state championships. CRPA sanctions state championship matches in many shooting disciplines. CRPA is proud to state that many CRPA competitors are among the best in the world.

Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin. If you also pick up your Florida Concealed Weapon License, that adds 9 states: Delaware, Georgia, Louisiana, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming—giving you CCW rights in a total of 33 states.

MYTH 6: MY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DOESN'T ISSUE TO LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS, SO I HAVE ZERO OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN ONE.

False. On two different levels, this is largely untrue. First, you have the right to obtain CCW licenses to carry lawfully out of state by going through states that issue to nonresidents (e.g., Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and West Virginia). You do not need to apply to all and can effectively get coast-to-coast coverage with 2 to 3 out of state licenses. **Note:** This has been widely practiced when California CCWs did not have reciprocity with other states.

Second, we can look at two counties in Southern California that either didn't issue CCWs or were very restrictive in CCW issuance. Former Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens and her Undersheriff (now Sheriff) Don Barnes, inherited a flawed CCW issuance system from former Sheriff Michael Carona. There were less than a thousand CCWs in a county of over 3 million people. Hutchens and Barnes now have a CCW system that exceeds 20,000 CCW holders and that number is growing. Neighboring Los Angeles County had less than 200 licenses. The CRPA and other CCW-issuing sheriffs worked with Sheriff Villanueva to build a CCW unit to increase that number.

MYTH 7: THE CRPA IS NOT ACTIVE IN CCW ISSUANCE.

False. The CRPA has filed numerous lawsuits, provides legal seminars to CCW units statewide (to both encourage CCW issuance and to protect CCW license holders), works with CCW-approved

trainers statewide and assists members in obtaining and maintaining their licenses.

MYTH 8: MY LICENSE WILL ONLY ALLOW A SINGLE FIREARM.

False. The majority of counties allow for 3 firearms on your license, with some counties allowing for more. You also (in most cases) have the ability to remove a firearm from your license and replace it with another one by

going through an abbreviated process during the validity of the license, or changing out firearms during the renewal process.

MYTH 9: I CAN'T CARRY MY CCW PERMITTED FIREARM WHILE HUNTING WITH MY RIFLE/SHOTGUN.

False. Licensed hunters are permitted to carry their CCW permitted firearm while hunting. The only exception

to this rule would be under archery hunting during deer season. (wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Nonlead-Ammunition#25046250-what-about-target-shooting-or-firearms-for-personal-protection)

MYTH 10: ONCE MY COUNTY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ISSUES MY CCW, I AM GOOD FOR LIFELONG ISSUANCE IN MY COUNTY.

False. You have the responsibility to stay up to date on your local politicians and law enforcement leadership. County sheriffs can change the policies—and that's why it's vital that we, as Californians, elect sheriffs who promise to uphold your CCW license. The same is equally, if not more, true when it comes to local city councils which control the police chief. This is where CRPA's Grassroots Program, consisting of local county gun owner chapters (crpa.org/programs/chapters), is vital to electing the right people.

The CRPA is working daily at the local, county, state and federal levels to achieve national reciprocity and hopefully, one day, a National Constitutional Carry status that does not require a license. In the meantime, the CRPA will continue to move the ball forward as it has been. Just a few years ago, no county had broken the 5,000 license issuance level. Now several counties have moved to well past the 10,000 to 20,000 license issuance level. You can help us move forward by applying for a CCW license (if you don't have one) or by encouraging friends and family to apply for one if you already yours. The ability to protect yourself and your family is not a unique concept and we need to get that message out to the general public. You can help the CRPA achieve that goal by joining a local chapter and/or volunteering at a local event. We are looking forward to seeing you working with us on keeping Californians safer. **CRPA**



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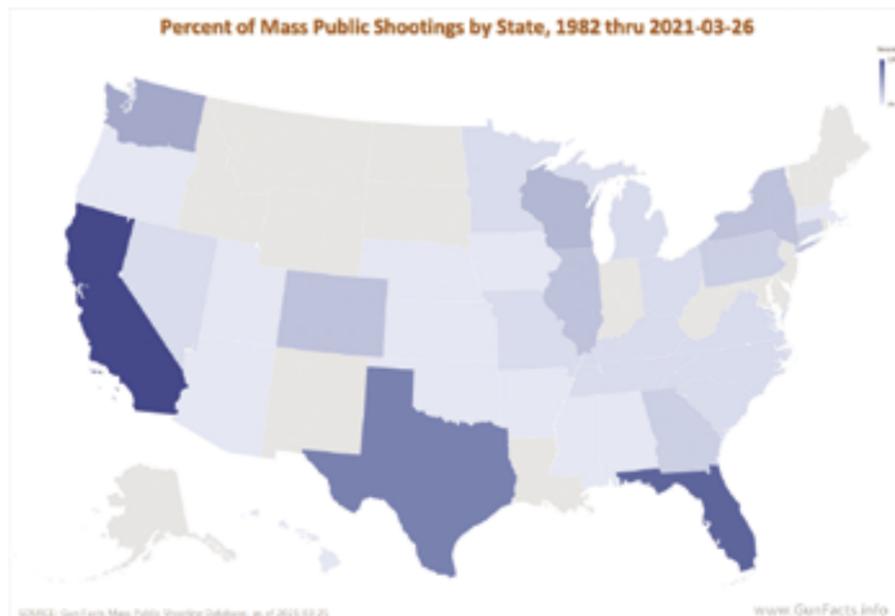
In a recent radio interview, Guy Smith, founder of the Gun Facts project, was asked if mass public shootings (MPS) came in clusters, given that two had occurred in the week before.

The answer is, "No, but ..."

THE BIG PICTURE

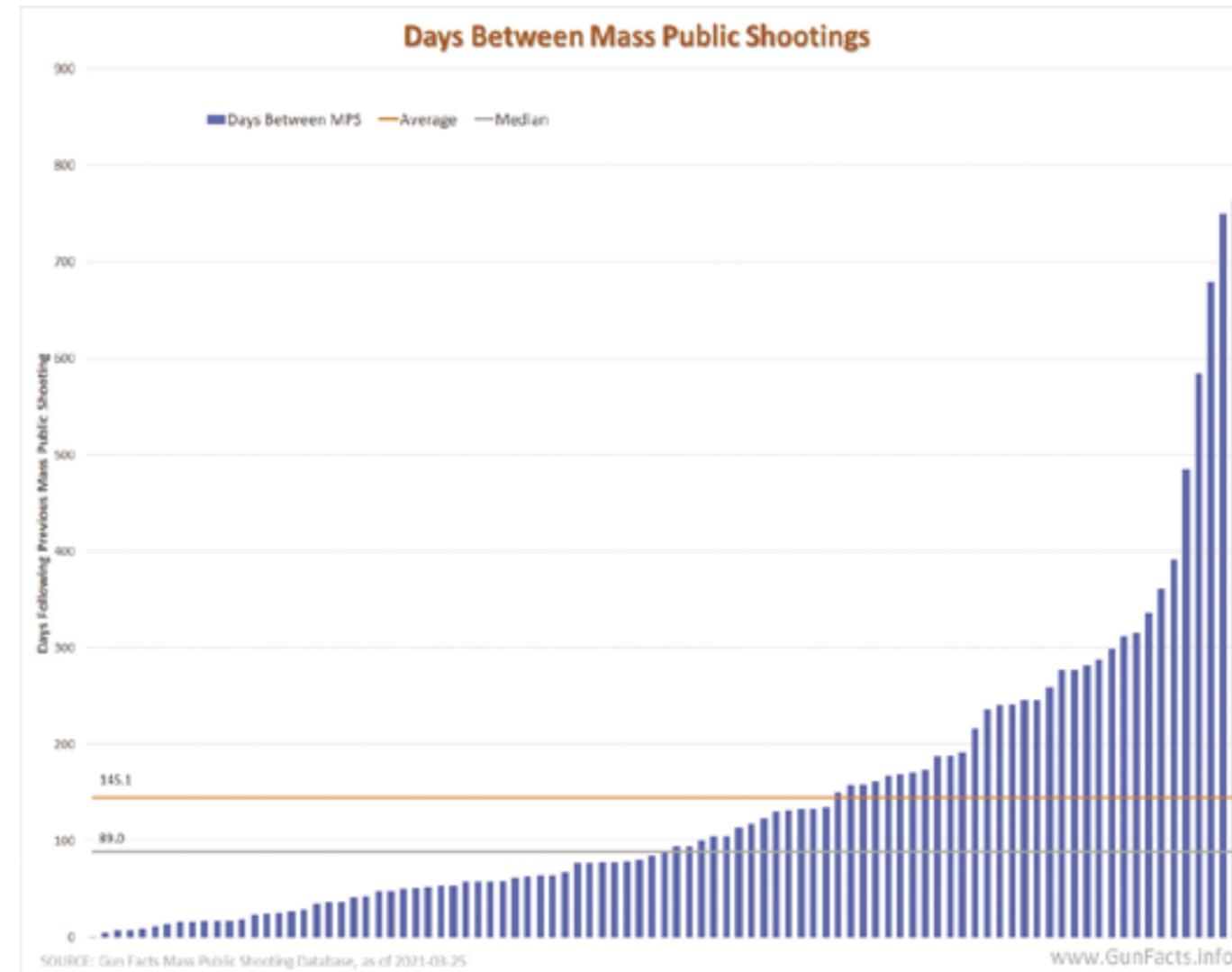
The chart titled "Days Between Mass Public Shootings" shows the days between each MPS and the one that preceded it. As you can see, there is a wide range of time spans—from one day to over two years.

That being said, we are interested



in the "cause and effect" of copycat events (where one MPS causes a lunatic to commit another). Here the

data is possibly misleading because none of the perpetrators confess to this effect (most die at the scene



and confess to nothing). That being said, 4% of incidents occur within a week of the previous incident and 19% occur within 30 days.

But the average time span is 145 days and the median is 89.

THE STATE SPREADS

While we were spelunking the Gun Facts MPS Database ([download a copy from gunfacts.info/research-resources/mass-public-shooting-database](#)), we thought it might be interesting to see in which states most of the

MPSs occur (it would also be fun to do a population adjusted evaluation, but state populations fluctuate and with a database that spans 32 years, the results would be inaccurate).

The hands-down winner is California (which coincidentally has the allegedly "strongest" gun control in the country, at least according to anti-gun groups) with 13% of all MPSs. But Florida had 11% and Texas had 9%, so nobody should look for a red/blue party indicator. Given that California's population (at least in 2020) was 85% larger than Florida,

such a comparison would be in the bluest-of-states' favor.

More instructive though are the states with nearly no MPS, or none at all. At the bottom of the list, we see states with lots of guns per capita (Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Utah) but others where they are rare or highly regulated (Hawaii, Massachusetts) ... yet all of these states have had only one MPS in the 32-year span we cover. And 16 states have not had a single incident. **CRPA**

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C*aniglia v. Strom* is not a well-known case, unless you are a constitutional

geek like me. With all of the litigation going on in California, it is sometimes easy to forget that there are battles for rights of gun owners going on all over the country. But on November 20 the Supreme Court agreed to hear the *Caniglia* case as a very important link between the Second Amendment rights and Fourth Amendment rights of a person.

The case deals with a little-known justification for trying to confiscate firearms in the home called the “community caretaking” justification. This case is out of the First Circuit where city officials entered the home of the Petitioner, without warrant, under a community caretaker exception, and confiscated firearms due to a minor domestic argument. This is similar to the threats that many California gun owners have seen with the expansion of the red flag laws and Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) in recent years. Exceptions like these to the Fourth Amendment are a gradual expansion of a loop-



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hole that would allow officials to enter a person’s home for no other reason than claiming protection of the community, which completely bypasses constitutional protections of citizens.

The Fourth Amendment protects “[t]he right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures.” The “very core” of this guarantee is “the right of a man to retreat into his own home and there be free from unreasonable governmental intrusion.” *Florida v. Jardines*, 569 U. S. 1, 6 (2013). The courts have allowed **reasonable** exceptions to this right to privacy in the past like lawful warrants that contain probable cause or in an emergency situation to protect from imminent injury. But as the

court noted, what may be reasonable in some situations is not reasonable in others.

Community caretaking justifications have, in the past, typically been used for situations like a search of an impounded vehicle where an unsecured firearm may be inside and they would not want that unsecured firearm to end up in the wrong hands, or on public highways where there may be a disabled vehicle on the side of the road and officers search the vehicle to ensure that there are no unattended firearms left in the vehicle. **Never** has this justification been applied to the home of an individual as a way for officers to skirt the warrant requirements.

We have heard local politicians and officials call for expansion of red flag laws and the ability to enter a person's private home to remove firearms with no concern for the individual's due process rights before right here in California and this is a dangerous road for anti-gun politicians to travel. Any time the government attempts to trample on the rights of the citizen—whether it is Second Amendment or Fourth Amendment—the government must show a compelling government interest and that interest must be particular to the situation. Thankfully, Justice Alito addressed red flag laws in his concurring opinion to *Caniglia* where he noted that he fully expects challenges to red flag laws to come before the Court soon as a similar challenge to Fourth Amendment rights of the citizen. Even though the Court did not specifically address red flag laws in this opinion, statements like these from Supreme Court Justices place local and state politicians on notice to tread carefully in potential abuse of constitutional rights.

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The Supreme Court agreed with us and found the expansion of search of a home under the community caretaking exception unconstitutional!



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ongoing issues with red flag laws in California, and in an attempt to help establish positive jurisprudence in this area of the law, the CRPA joined with Gun Owners of California and the Second Amendment Law Center to file an amicus brief with the Supreme Court in the *Caniglia* case. In the brief, the CRPA argued that gun owners have a strong interest in preserving the Fourth Amendment

protections in the home and in stopping the expansion of government intrusion through weak concepts like community caretaking exceptions.

The Supreme Court agreed with us and found the expansion of search of a home under the community caretaking exception unconstitutional!

The CRPA brief argued that:

This case, like others before it, involved a firearm possessed in a

home. As this Court has held, "the enshrinement of constitutional rights necessarily takes certain policy choices off the table. These include the absolute prohibition of handguns held and used for self-defense in the home." *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 636 (2008). Allowing police to seize firearms from the home without a warrant to serve a "community caretaking" function, based only on conjecture and speculation by the police, is a policy choice that should likewise be kept off the table.

The Court agreed with this logic and essentially took the attempt to extend the application of a search that is considered reasonable for a mobile vehicle "off the table" for application in the privacy of one's home.

This is a victory for all gun owners who in recent years have felt the threat of more government overreach. For now, *Caniglia* has been vacated and remanded to the lower court.

Want to help in securing more victories like this for gun owners? You can help by staying informed through email and social media notifications and by donating to the legal battles that are still ahead. To get involved or donate, just visit crpa.org. **CRPA**

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THE ATF'S LATEST PROPOSED REGULATION COULD MAKE 40 MILLION GUN OWNERS FELONS OVERNIGHT

BY BRETT COOPER

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The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has published a notice outlining their plans to update regulations on stabilizing braces.

Originally developed to help those with disabilities shoot comfortably, stabilizing braces have become a popular firearm accessory used to legally adapt

AR-style pistols into guns that can be shot from the shoulder, like the highly regulated short-barreled rifle.

According to the ATF, stabilizing braces will now have to conform to a set of stringent guidelines to be considered legal. If they don't meet those standards, they—and the gun to which they're attached—will automatically become regulated as a rifle under the National Firearms Act.

This isn't the first time the ATF or the DOJ have attempted to regulate this popular accessory. A similar reclassification was proposed back in December, but it was shot down due to uproar

from lawmakers and the firearm community. However, after pistol-braced firearms were used in two recent, high-profile mass shootings, the ATF has circled back to the issue and seems more motivated than ever.

IMMEDIATE PUSHBACK

After the ATF notice was published, more than 130 representatives penned a letter to the agency and called upon the bureau to withdraw the rule, stating that the "proposed guidance is alarming and jeopardizes the rights of law-abiding gun owners."

Most importantly, the lawmakers



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reminded the ATF that for the last decade, it had asserted that there were legitimate uses for stabilizing braces, as the accessory was designed to aid disabled gun owners who enjoy recreational shooting.

"Should this guidance go into effect," they wrote, "a disabled combat veteran who has chosen the best stabilizing brace for their disability is now a felon."

In response, the ATF claimed that this new classification won't impact braces designed to help those with disabilities. However, their proposed point-based worksheet of stabilizing brace criteria fails to make this clear for gun owners.

INTENTIONALLY COMPLICATED?

At 52 pages, the intricate proposal is so lengthy and establishes such specific

requirements that law-abiding citizens will have no idea if their firearm is still legal.

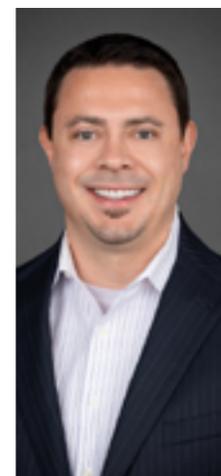
"Certain prerequisites," the proposal reads, such as weapon weight and the overall length, "will be applied to determine if the firearm will even be considered as a possible pistol or immediately determined to be a rifle."

Furthermore, "design factors that are more likely to demonstrate a manufacturer's ... intent to produce a 'short-barreled rifle' and market it as a 'braced pistol' accrue more points than those that reveal less evidence."

A stabilizing brace that has accumulated too many points based on these criteria will be deemed a rifle, and therefore unlawful. Not only is this formula complicated, but there seems to be another hitch.

"The new factoring system," remarks the NRA-ILA, "seems designed to ensure that few, if any, firearms can meet the criteria."

Therefore, by classifying these braced pistols as Short Barreled Rifles, one of the most highly regulated guns on the market, the federal government is forcing 10-40 million law-abiding gun owners to surrender, destroy or regis-



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AVOIDING CENTRALIZED POWER

Essentially, the ATF is able to add rules and reclassify weapons without holding a single vote in Congress. As a result, this significant assault on the Second Amendment will not receive its due process.

This is a conspicuous confiscation of power, and it's precisely what America's founding fathers strove to avoid through the establishment of checks and balances.

The Constitution's authors designed the United States government as three separate branches: the legislative, judicial and executive. The legislative creates laws, the judicial determines their constitutionality, and the executive implements them.

In certain scenarios, each branch has the power to override the others and ensure that no branch of government is able to hold too much centralized power.

Unfortunately, through its unilateral proposal that would impact tens of millions of U.S. gun owners, the ATF is violating the Separation of Powers designed by the Constitution to limit government overreach and protect individual rights.

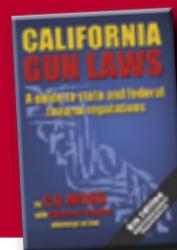
A TIMELESS WARNING

In Federalist No. 48, James Madison warned that "the accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."

This is exactly what is happening today.

This stealth power grab should concern all Americans, even if they are outside the immediately-impacted gun community. **CRPA**

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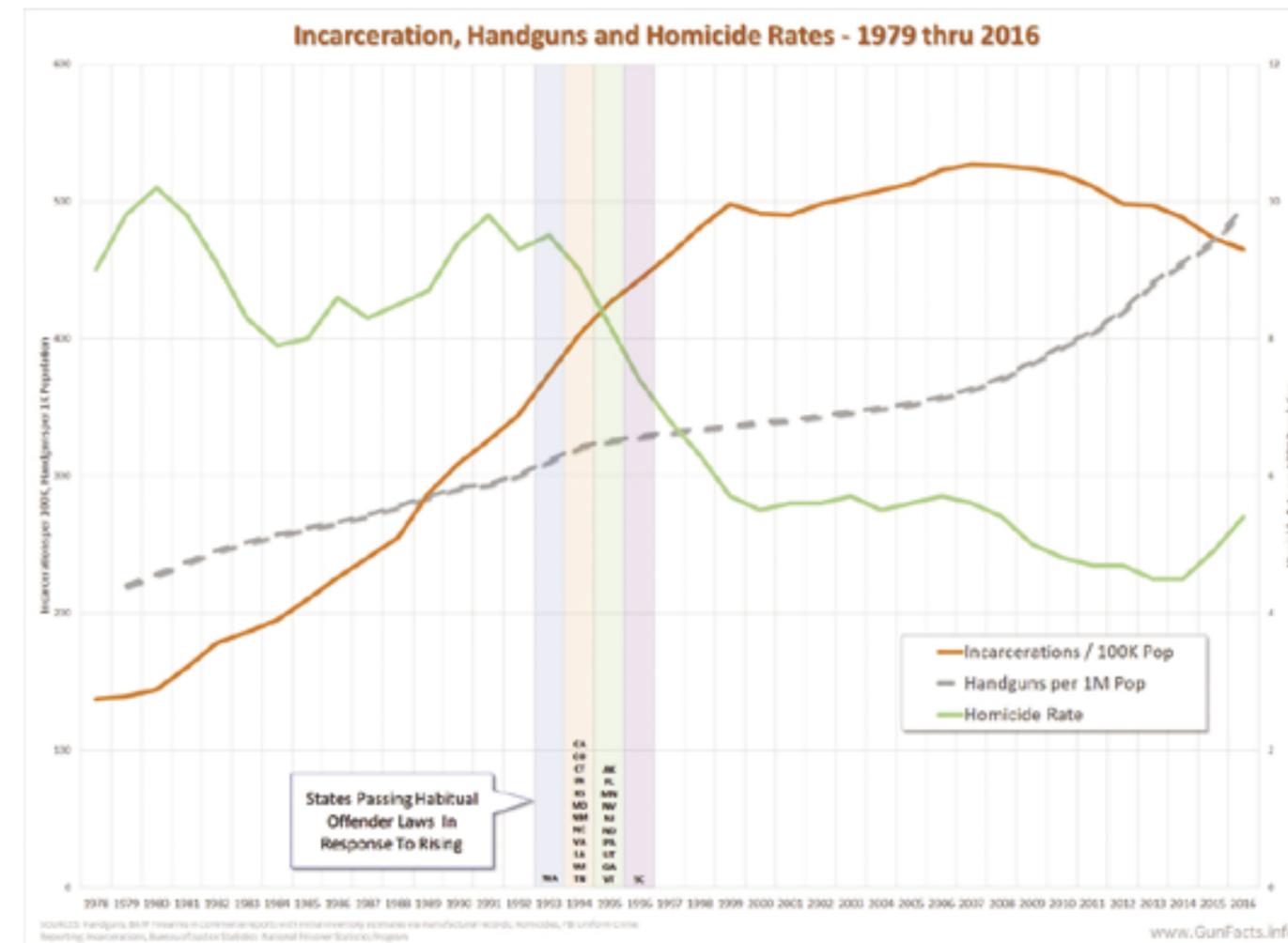


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- Exempting several state law enforcement agencies from the roster requirement, but with certain restrictions as to handguns
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INCARCERATION, HANDGUNS, AND HOMICIDE

BY GUY SMITH

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"The homicide rate is going up because there are more guns!"

That was a hysterical statement made by a talking head on a television news network. Sadly, this fellow is considered to be a journalist by people who evidently don't own dictionaries or know of Edward R. Murrow.

At the Gun Facts project, we pour through so much data that recognizing

low grade equine effluvium, such as the statement above, is second nature for us. Yet our joy in life is converting hard numbers into knowledge and perspective so that people with high intellects (that would be you, kind reader) will see through such comical statements as what the nightly news anchor uttered.

THE BASIC TAKEAWAY

Starting in the early 1990s, after two decades of steadily rising violent crime rates, all forms of crime started dropping. This includes homicides. But after 1993 (more on that in a moment), while the homicide rate in the United States was steadily falling, the supply of handguns kept rising steadily.

If the basic theory as pontificated by the undereducated “journalist” held true, the rising supply of handguns—the primary tool of choice for homicides in the U.S.—would have gone up, not down. Firearms account for 56–74% of homicide deaths¹ depending on the year. Though slightly variable, and ignoring the nadir year of 2001, we see a range of 65–75% of homicides being committed with guns since 1993.

That said, post-1993, stockpiling guns didn’t make things worse on the homicide front; things kept getting better. But why were there fewer shootings?

TICKED-OFF AMERICANS

The rising crime rates of the 1970s and 1980s led to a citizens’ revolt of sorts. Starting in 1993, states began enacting “habitual offender” laws. These laws targeted thugs who kept committing crimes with the goal of “keeping them off the streets” (and we know from decadal Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that “the streets” are where criminals get their guns).

These laws were most commonly of the “three strikes” variety. Ignoring whether these laws were poorly written and maybe went too far, we see in the included chart that as more and more people entered and stayed in the prison system, the more the homicide rate dropped even as the per capita supply of handguns kept rising. With nearly

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half of U.S. states passing such laws in a four-year window, and a handful of states already having them on the books, the cause-and-effect relationship is highly probable.

We know from a scatter-shot of criminology studies that repeat violent offenders are responsible for the majority of homicides. As cited elsewhere on Gun Facts, we note that the average street gang member held for one homi-

cide is the lead suspect in three homicides, on average. Hence, once America started putting shooters—or people who might graduate into becoming shooters—into prisons for extended stays, there were fewer shootings.

All while the handgun supply went up ... and up ... and up.

LIMITATIONS

There are other factors aside from habitual offender laws. Many have pointed out that there were confounding factors such as changes in demographics, earlier changes in attitudes about abortions which led to demographic changes, a post-Cold War economic boom, etc. Grafting all that is more than we at the Gun Facts project will take on this week. But even if those factors were significantly influential, they still deny the basic premise that the supply of guns leads to more violent crime.

Your job is to share this chart on social media (go to gunfacts.info) so the next time a talking head on a network news program says something uneducated, your friends and neighbors will change the channel. **CRPA**

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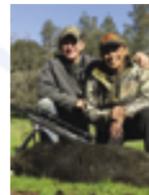
LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SOME GREAT VICTORIES FOR THE 2021 SESSION, BUT THE BATTLE ISN'T OVER YET! TWO VERY BAD PIECES OF LEGISLATION LIVE ON—SB 264 AND AB 1223!

As Sacramento slowly opens and returns to at best a “new normal,” the battle to protect your Second Amendment rights, access to affordable ammunition and protecting our hunting heritage rages

on! We have defeated some bad bills already and, at least for now, kicked the can down the road on some others. The two worst bills we still face are Senate Bill 264 and the Zombie Bill that just won't die—Assembly Bill 1223!

SB 264 is yet another step in the process of banning the legal and lawful act of firearm and ammunition sales from all state property. This bill directly prohibits a state officer, employee, or operator, lessee, or licensee of any state-owned property, from contracting for, authorizing, or allowing the sale of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition on state property.



BY ROY GRIFFITH
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Senator Min and his colleagues, like Asm. Levine, want to add another 11% tax on gun purchases, bringing the total sales tax where California ultimately profits on gun sales to well over 30%! Say it with me ... H-Y-P-O-C-R-I-S-Y!

This is a direct attack on the lawful process already in place and is unconstitutional. Clearly this will devastate gun shows, the for-profit and non-profit groups that attend, and those who exercise their rights to attend and purchase lawful items at events throughout California.

Gun shows and those with Federal Firearms Licenses (FFLs) are under attack in communities across

California. AB 893, introduced by Assemblymember Gloria and signed into law by Governor Newsom in 2019, bans all firearm sales at the Del Mar Fairgrounds and a similar bill (SB 281 by Senator Wiener) attempted to do the same at the Cow Palace in San Francisco County.

The anti-gun movement would like the public to believe that there are so called “gun show loopholes”

which allow prohibited persons to gain access to firearms just by attending a gun show. They would like the public to believe the lie that firearms and ammunition are freely traded to persons attending gun shows without any type of legal ramifications. Even the Department of Justice knows nothing can be further from the truth.

Assemblymember Gloria and Senator Wiener made the same dubious claims with their bad legislation. But when CRPA asked the bills' authors to produce evidence to support the statement—for two years—neither office, state or county official formally asked have produced anything substantiating their claims. Senator Min just picked up where the other two left off with the lies! He has been making the following statements in recent editorials to support his bad legislation. Statements like: “Gun shows essentially are flea markets for firearms and are a primary mechanism by which unlicensed, unregistered and illegal firearms are trafficked through secondary markets.” and “Gun shows also are a major conduit for the sale of ghost guns — gun precursor parts designed to be assembled into a firearm.” Oh, and my favorite, his attempt at being the morality police: “SB 264 is our chance to draw a line in the sand and to say loudly and clearly that the great state of California will not profit from the sale of guns and contribute to the endless cycle of gun violence any longer.” Yet he and his colleagues, like Asm. Levine, want to add another 11% tax on gun purchases, bringing the total sales tax where California ultimately profits on gun sales to well over 30%! Say it with me ... H-Y-P-O-C-R-I-S-Y!

Making these unsubstantiated claims which influence the decision-making process for legislators is unethical and we have publicly demanded they stop! What do you think the odds are of us getting these bought-and-paid-for politicians to just testify the truth and abide by the same rules we do? *Fat chance!*

If “they” played by the same rules we have to, Assembly Bill 1223 would have been killed on June 3, 2021! For weeks we united the troops—many of you called your representatives demanding a “no” vote! Recognizing they required the two-thirds, 54 votes, for AB 1223 to survive the Assembly deadline. We did it! We held them—Assemblymember Levine did *not* get the votes required! Our collation efforts convinced a few Democrats to vote “no,” and another 13 laid off the bill, not entering a vote at all! In an even semi-perfect world, this should have been the end of it! But *no*, not in Sacramento! The author requested an “urgency clause” that was ultimately granted in an Assembly Rules committee where we were denied the opportunity to even testify! So this bill lives on! No one can or will explain the “urgency” to tax law abiding citizens another 11% to exercise their Second Amendment rights. “Tax” at a time the state has a multi-billion-dollar surplus? “Tax” for a program that benefits all Californians, *not* just gun owners! At this time, the bill remains on the Assembly floor. It has come up at least twice a week, but the author has not brought it forward for vote. We will not back away from the fight on this one! We all must remain diligent and keep the pressure on!

If you recall, in his May Budget revision Governor Gruesome fully

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funded the Cal VIP program, now and for years to come, with all the magic money Biden gave California. So the “need” for this tax and the author’s original opening line vaporized. You would think that would be sound reason to pull the bill. No, the bill was amended heavily in Appropriations Committee and the language dedicating the funds raised to the Cal VIP program was removed! The bill has since undergone additional amendments and the funds are now set to go to a brand new account just created by Asm. Levine—the “Gun Violence Prevention, Healing and Recovery Fund.” You may ask, “Why should lawful gun owners be the only ones paying for a fund for actions caused

by criminals!?” We are as well! Regardless, amendments of this scope should require this bill to return to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation and allow us an opportunity to provide testimony!

The only way we can beat these—and other bad legislation—is with your help! The time to get involved is **now!** Please call your representatives at their district office today and demand they vote “no” on SB 264 and AB 1223. We have Floor Alerts and Opposition letters for each bill for your reference and up-to-date statuses of all of the bills we are tracking on our website at crpa.org. Thank you all for joining us in this fight—and for your continued support! **CRPA**



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LITIGATION REPORT

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN 2A JURISPRUDENCE

BY ALEX FRANK

Over the summer there were three significant developments in Second Amendment jurisprudence. First, the Ninth Circuit held an *en banc* rehearing of the CRPA-supported case *Duncan v. Becerra (Bonta)*—the so-far winning case challenging the ban on magazines holding over 10 rounds. Second, Judge Benitez delivered another tour de force of incisive analysis and loyalty to the Constitution in *Miller v. Becerra (Bonta)*. Third, briefing is underway at the Supreme Court in *NYSRPA v. Corlett (Bruen)*.

Although the Ninth Circuit is more conservative than it has been at any other point in recent history, the 11 judges assigned to the *Duncan en banc* panel were mostly appointed by Democratic presidents, and so are more “progressively inclined.” While that isn’t ideal, the case has a phenomenal record and the CRPA’s lawyers have

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already been successful twice. While we cannot predict when the Ninth Circuit will issue its *en banc* opinion in the *Duncan* case, there is a good

probability that it will happen before 2022. It is unclear what the ramifications of reversal might be at this time. But regardless of the outcome

of the *en banc* rehearing, this case is nearly guaranteed to be petitioned at the United States Supreme Court. It will have a very good chance of being granted too, unless another case involving the same legal questions is heard first.

On the heels of his opinions in *Duncan* and *Rhode*, in June of 2021, Judge Benitez issued another stellar pro Second Amendment opinion in *Miller v. Becerra (Bonta)*, declaring the statutes that constitute California’s “assault weapons” prohibition unconstitutional. But his decision also incorporated a 30-day stay, meaning that his ruling had no immediate

impact on gun rights in California for at least 30 days. As soon as the ruling was released, the state appealed and obtained an additional and indefinite stay of the *Miller* ruling pending a ruling in the CRPA’s “assault weapon” challenge—*Rupp v. Bonta*. The *Rupp* case is several years ahead of the *Miller* case and could very well go to the Supreme Court while the *Miller* case remains stayed. This means that, unlike in *Duncan*, Judge Benitez’s ruling in the *Miller* case cannot have any actual impact on gun rights until *Rupp* is final. Currently, the CRPA’s *Rupp* case, and the CRPA’s *Rhode* case, are both stayed until the CRPA’s *Duncan*

case is decided.

At the national level, briefing began in July of 2021 at the Supreme Court in *NYSRPA v. Corlett (Bruen)*. This is big news because it was only last year that the City of New York was able to successfully manipulate the Supreme Court into backing off the last New York related Second Amendment case to reach the Court. The issue in *Corlett (Bruen)* is an important one too—the right to carry. When this case is decided, it is very likely to have a pro Second Amendment resolution given the current composition of the Court. Could be a game changer for 2A! **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 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 United States Constitution, as well as a violation of the Firearm Owner’s Protection Act. 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 Ninth Circuit later that day for a stay, which it granted, reinstating the status quo pending appeal of preliminary injunction.	This matter would likely have seen oral argument before the 9th Circuit sometime in the summer or early fall of 2021. However, due to the 9th Circuit’s decision to rehear the <i>Duncan v. Becerra</i> matter <i>en banc</i> , this appeal was stayed on March 19, 2021 pending <i>Duncan’s</i> resolution.

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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 Circuit rejected the State's petition to have the case heard initially by an 11-judge en banc panel along with the <i>Young v. Hawaii</i> lawsuit. However, instead of allowing the case to proceed, the 9th Circuit 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.
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.	On January 14, 2021, the Court of Appeal affirmed the decision upholding the validity of the regulations.
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. 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 Circuit on August 27, 2019. Plaintiffs filed their opening appeal brief on January 27, 2020. The state filed its brief May 26, 2020. Oral argument was heard on October 8, 2020, in Pasadena. The matter is now submitted, and resolution is pending.	This case would likely have proceeded to oral argument later this summer or fall, but was essentially stayed pending the resolution of the <i>en banc</i> hearing in <i>Duncan v. Becerra</i> .

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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 ten 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 Ninth circuit 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.	On August 14, 2020 the 9th Circuit affirmed plaintiffs' win. On August 28, 2020, the state filed a petition for <i>en banc</i> review. On February 25, 2021, the 9th Circuit agreed to an <i>en banc</i> rehearing of the case, which occurred on June 22, 2021. Expect an opinion before 2022.
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 upheld the DROS fee as a legitimate regulatory fee. Plaintiffs argue that the Court's finding contradicts established law regarding regulatory fees.	The California Court of Appeals affirmed judgment in the State's favor on March 26, 2021.
CHALLENGE TO UNDER 21 FIREARM PROHIBITION.	<i>Jones v. Becerra</i>	There have been no significant case developments yet. The court denied Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on November 3, 2020.	Parties will continue to adjudicate the case and there will likely be motions for summary judgment. Plaintiffs appealed the loss of their preliminary injunction to the 9th Circuit on November 6, 2020. Briefing is still underway as of May 2021.
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.	The court granted Defendants' motion to dismiss on September 22, 2020. Plaintiffs appealed on November 19, 2020, and filed their brief in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on March 4, 2021. The court has not announced oral argument dates as of mid-July 2021.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
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."	As of mid-July 2021, Plaintiffs have appealed both their partial motion to dismiss loss and loss of their request for a preliminary injunction.
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 (Martinez) 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. On October 20, 2020, the court granted defendants' motion for judgment on the pleadings, and dismissed the case with prejudice.	Plaintiffs appealed on November 19, 2020 and filed their opening brief on March 4, 2021. Defendants filed their answering brief on May 5, 2021.
DOES THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL'S 48- HOUR LOSS/ THEFT REPORTING ORDINANCE FAIL DUE TO PROPOSITION 63 PREEMPTION?	<i>Kirk v. City of Morgan Hill</i>	The trial court granted Morgan Hill's motion for summary judgment and denied Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment on July 30, 2020.	Plaintiffs initiated their appeal to the California Court of Appeals in January of 2021.
DOES HAWAII'S PERMIT SCHEME FOR GENERAL OPEN CARRY PROHIBITION VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Young v. Hawaii</i>	This case was on track for an <i>en banc</i> hearing but was stayed pending the outcome of <i>NYSRPA v. City of New York</i> , the gun case that the Supreme Court held moot in June of 2020. Shortly after that outcome, the Ninth Circuit rescheduled the <i>en banc</i> hearing for September 24, 2020. The 9th Circuit <i>en banc</i> panel reheard the case on September 24, 2020. On March 24, 2021, the <i>en banc</i> panel issued its ruling upholding the dismissal.	Mr. Young filed a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court in May of 2021. The court will consider taking the case but is under no obligation to decide by any set date.

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DOES HAWAII'S CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT REGIME VIOLATE THE 2ND AMENDMENT?	<i>Livingston v. Ballard</i>	Hawaii attorney general moved to stay the case pending Young, which the court granted on June 10, 2019. The case is effectively stalled pending further development in Young.	This case will remain stayed pending the resolution of <i>Young</i> .
DOES CALIFORNIA'S FIREARM RIGHTS RESTORATION REGIME VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Linton v. Becerra</i>	Plaintiffs filed their motion for summary judgment in June of 2020. Briefing was complete at the end of September 2020.	On March 5, 2021, the Court administratively terminated the pending motion for summary judgment and stayed the case due to the 9th Circuit's announcement that <i>Duncan v. Becerra</i> would be reheard <i>en banc</i> .
CHALLENGE TO A CALIFORNIA ASSAULT WEAPONS STATUTE THAT PROHIBITS USING A LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINE IN A RIFLE CONFIGURED WITH A "FIXED MAGAZINE"	<i>Miller v. Becerra</i>	The state's motion to dismiss and Plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction are still pending before federal judge Roger Benitez as of September 2020. Judge Benitez held a bench trial on February 3, 2021. Parties submitted post trial briefing, and on February 26, 2021, Judge Benitez ordered the State to provide specific evidence about the circulation of specific firearm categories for 2020 and 2021. On June 4, 2021 Judge Benitez issued a decision and judgment declaring the statutes that constitute California's assault weapons prohibition unconstitutional. However, he simultaneously stayed his order for 30 days to allow the state to appeal.	The state has appealed and obtained an indefinite stay of Judge Benitez's ruling pending appeal.
CHALLENGE TO WASHINGTON STATE'S UNDER 21 BAN	<i>Mitchell v. Atkins</i>	The district court denied Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and granted the state's motion for summary judgment on August 31, 2020. Plaintiffs appealed to the 9th Circuit on September 21, 2020 and filed their opening brief on November 25, 2020.	Briefing is underway in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals as of middle 2021.
DOES CALIFORNIA'S UNSAFE HANDGUN ACT (I.E. THE ROSTER) VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>Renna v. Becerra</i>	Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint in January of 2021, which the state moved to dismiss. That motion will likely be heard in the summer of 2021.	It is unclear, but plaintiffs will likely seek an injunction or summary judgment ruling sometime in 2021.
DID CALIFORNIA'S MANAGEMENT OF THE ONLINE SYSTEM FOR "ASSAULT WEAPON" REGISTRATION VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF POTENTIAL REGISTRANTS?	<i>Sharp v. Becerra</i>	Plaintiffs reached a stipulated settlement and consent decree with the State on March 29, 2021. The State will allow a limited class of persons another chance to register "bullet-button" assault weapons, pursuant to the consent decree.	Further logistical details regarding the process for registering pursuant to the consent decree will likely be produced sometime in 2021.

NATIONAL CASES WITH CALIFORNIA INTEREST

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

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THIS IS A 4TH AMENDMENT CASE WITH A SECOND AMENDMENT INTERSECTION	<i>Caniglia v. Strom</i>	The Supreme Court granted the certiorari petition on November 20, 2020. CRPA has filed an amicus brief to bring the Second Amendment implications of the case into sharper focus.	The court heard oral argument on March 24, 2021. Expect a ruling later this year.
THE QUESTION PRESENTED IN THESE CASES IS WHETHER THE STATE MUST PROVE THAT A PERSON KNOWS THAT THEY ARE PROHIBITED PERSON DUE TO FELONY STATUS TO SUSTAIN A CONVICTION FOR VIOLATING 18 U.S.C. 922(G), WHICH PROHIBITS FELONS FROM POSSESSING FIREARMS.	<i>U.S. v. Gary & Greer v. U.S.</i>	The Supreme Court granted certiorari in these cases on February 8, 2020.	The Court will set a briefing and oral argument schedule for some time in 2021.
CHALLENGE TO NEW YORK'S PISTOL PERMIT ISSUANCE STATUTES	<i>Libertarian Party of Erie County v. Cuomo</i>	Petition for certiorari filed on February 9, 2021.	The court denied the petition on June 21, 2021.
DOES NEW YORK STATE'S PUBLIC CARRY LICENSING FRAMEWORK VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT?	<i>New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Corlett</i>	The Supreme Court granted certiorari on April 26, 2021, framing the issue as "whether the State's denial of petitioners' applications for concealed-carry licenses for self-defense violated the Second Amendment."	As of mid-July of 2021, briefing is underway.



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SAN JOSE'S UNLAWFUL ATTEMPT TO STOP GUN OWNERSHIP

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

The Mayor of San Jose is at it again. Mayor Liccardo wants to stop gun ownership in his city, and he wants to do it on the backs of law abiding citizens. You see, Mayor Liccardo has a problem. He can't get tough on crime because he supports light sentencing and no bail agendas, but he can't afford to pay for the criminal activity in his city, so he wants you—the lawful gun owners—to pay for the crime sprees he can't, and won't, do anything about.

Mayor Liccardo tried this same political stunt back in 2019 and failed when he realized that it was unconstitutional and that there are few insurance companies that would give a gun owner insurance to cover the crimes of others. People purchase insurance to protect themselves from liability for an injury that they have or that they may cause to another person. They do not buy insurance to cover the criminal activity of those who refuse to follow the law in the first place. Can you imagine homeowners having to purchase additional insurance to cover the costs of home invasions in their community? Can you image car owners purchasing additional auto insurance to cover those involved in carjackings and chases? Would you

The difference between car insurance and gun insurance, Mr. Mayor, is that you have no constitutional right to drive a car, but you *do* have a constitutional right to bear arms—even if the government does not like it.

be willing to increase your insurance costs each month because the local government refuses to get tough on crime? It is all ludicrous!

The right to keep and bear arm is protected by the United States Constitution. This is applicable in every state, county and city across the country—including San Jose. The Mayor likes to compare his gun insurance plan to car insurance, stating that people are required to have car insurance so why shouldn't we require them to have gun insurance? The Mayor must not have ever read the Constitution, which states in Amendment II, "the right of the people to bear arms *shall not be infringed.*" The difference between car insurance and gun insurance, Mr. Mayor, is that you have no constitu-

tional right to drive a car, but you *do* have a constitutional right to bear arms—even if the government does not like it.

The proposed ordinance by the City of San Jose would be unconstitutional infringement on the right to bear arms. Its purpose is to make it more difficult for a person to be a gun owner in the City. This ordinance would disproportionately affect lower income citizens and people of color because it would make it more difficult for them to exercise their rights. The CRPA told the Mayor that his plans were unconstitutional back in 2019 and threatened litigation at that time. We now find ourselves in the position to seek litigation again, should the City foolishly go down this path. What is

Would you be willing to increase your insurance costs each month because the local government refuses to get tough on crime?

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even worse is that the City knows they will get sued, which is why they have a plan to hold all fees paid by lawful gunowners in a fund for the first year so that the City can pay for litigation expenses. So, lawful gunowners would be paying for the right to own a firearm and at the same time their money would go towards the City fighting the constitutional fight against their interests. You cannot make this stuff up—and this should infuriate all of us.

The City of San Jose is prohibited from enacting laws that infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of its citizens. *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, Ill., 561 U.S. 742, 790 (2010) (holding that the Second Amendment right is protected against infringement by the individual states through the Fourteenth Amendment); *Nordyke v. King*, 681 F.3d 1041, 1044 (9th Cir. 2012) (holding that the Second Amendment right is "fundamental and is incorporated against state and municipalities" like the City of San Jose). San Jose's overreach against citizens who have committed no crime and who are legally allowed to own and possess firearms is a futile attempt to push forward the gun control agenda. This is something that the CRPA is not willing to let happen. We know the story; we have seen it played out before in California. Politicians use the gun control agenda to promote themselves and their career, all the while knowing that the laws they are passing are, in fact, unconstitutional. They don't care though, because the people's money will pay for the litigation and they know it will take years to work its way through the courts.

We all need to consider the actions of San Jose as an attack on gun owners across the state. If San Jose is successful, other city and county governments will jump on board. This

is a test case for the gun control lobby, who are testing the fence line to see how far they can push. We must all fight this together. Call, write and email the San Jose City Council, and tell them that they will be embroiled in litigation over this unconstitutional action and they must stop the assault on lawful gun owners. If they want to get tough on crime, they should do that, but not at the expense of the

right of the people to bear arms. Now is the time to speak up and have your voices heard. **CRPA**

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LOCAL ADVOCACY REPORT

BY TIFFANY D. CHEVRONT

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
DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS GUN SHOW ATTACKS CONTINUE	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 was 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 2021. Assemblyman Gloria sponsored a bill to prohibit the selling of firearms and ammunition at the Del Mar Fairgrounds (a sneaky way to try to stop gun shows again). CRPA is once again preparing to bring litigation against this unconstitutional attempt at restricting your rights. More information will be available upon filing. CRPA is also fighting SB 264 (Min) that seeks to stop gun shows at ALL state facilities. We are prepared to fight this legislation as well, should it pass.
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 Mayor has once again resurrected this issue and is trying to get mandatory insurance for gun owners or a mandatory fee to the City passed. The staff have been directed to come back with ordinance language in September.	CRPA has submitted public record requests and is preparing a lawsuit for filing should the City pass this ordinance.
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. To sign up for the Range Coalition, send an email to ranges@crpa.org

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COW PALACE GUN SHOWS DALY CITY	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 was 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 2021, 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 WEST HOLLYWOOD	The City of West Hollywood is attempting to pass a mandatory locked storage ordinance similar to others that are promoted by gun control advocacy groups.	CRPA alerted members in the area, and we are prepared to file legal action if the ordinance passes. If you are interest in being a named plaintiff in that legal action please contact us at potentialplaintiffs@michellawyers.com .	Some of the public comments against the ordinance can be found on the City Council page and here: https://wehotimes.com/gay-republicans-to-speak-out-against-wehos-safe-gun-storage-ordinance/ https://weho.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=22&clip_id=3610&meta_id=202522 https://weho.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=22&clip_id=3610&meta_id=202523 https://weho.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=22&clip_id=3610&meta_id=202848 The City Council instructed the City Attorney to draft the ordinance and bring it back to the Council at a later meeting. Make sure you follow CRPA on social media for all the latest news.
CITY OF MONTE SERENO	The City is attempting to pass a mandatory locked storage ordinance similar to others that are promoted by gun control advocacy groups.	CRPA alerted members in the area, and we are prepared to file legal action if the ordinance passes. CRPA legal team also drafted letters of opposition to the City Council which was quoted by a Council member that was opposed to the ordinance.	The ordinance passed the first reading even though the City Attorney gave bad advice on the likelihood of having to defend legal action and admitted that there have been no firearm-related crimes in the city. We will continue to monitor this situation.
CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH	The City is attempting to pass a mandatory locked storage ordinance similar to others that are promoted by gun control advocacy groups.	CRPA alerted members in the area, and we are prepared to file legal action if the ordinance passes. CRPA legal team also drafted letters of opposition to the City Council.	We are awaiting further action from the City at this time and will update our members when more information is available.

CRPA PROGRAMS UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT: YOUTH ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS

BY CRPA STAFF

What's a better way to spend those long summer days than being outdoors and learning new skills?

In July, the CRPA was able to participate in the Raahauge's Youth Outdoor Adventure Day with some of our closest 2,000 youth and their families.

Along with sports like kayaking, archery and axe throwing, the CRPA ran two bays of .22 rifle shooting, just for youth. Kids learned the fundamentals of safety and the thrill of hitting a target under the watchful eye of the CRPA Range Safety Officer Crew and Volunteers.

"What we saw was families enjoying a day with activities that get kids out from in front of a screen and into nature," stated Jerry Clark, CRPA Training Coordinator. "Many kids had never been shooting before and we gave them the opportunity to learn about firearms in a safe and fun way.

While many shooting sports events have been closed for the



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past year due to COVID-19, this did not stop the desire of kids and families to get back out there.

Politicians and anti-gun groups are constantly telling us two things: 1) People want more gun control laws, and 2) kids should not be around firearms and the culture of

firearms.

We call B.S. on both of those assumptions, seeing that so many families turned out for this event, and we know the caliber of instructors and safety experts who were at the event teaching kids how to properly handle a firearm.



(CRPA STAFF)

The CRPA expects to participate in more of these events throughout the year, events that get the next generation of hunters and shooters out doing

what they love. We also plan on training many more instructors across the state to help get more people pulling triggers.

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CRPA CHAPTERS UPDATE

CRPA Chapters are growing like never before. These local groups of CRPA members did not sit around and watch 2020 go by—they have been meeting, planning and they are active. New members come in weekly and meetings are starting to move from Zoom meetings to in person meetings each month.

More new chapters are coming on board and we expect to open up more across the state this summer so we can be ready for action at the local level. This is a great introduction to local issues for the gun owner if you are new and unsure. Chapters focus on educating members on local issues and how you can be effective in your own backyard.

See page 56 for more CRPA Chapter and Volunteer information, or go to crpa.org.

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SPOTLIGHT ON FADI DIB

Fadi Dib was born and raised in Lebanon and was 9 years old when the Lebanese

Civil War started. He is the oldest of 7 children and grew up in a family that believed guns are for self-defense and a person would only need them in a time of war.

Fadi recalls hearing stories of hunters in the family, but they were before his time. At age 16, Fadi's parents sent him to the U.S. to save him from the war. "I had many close to death experiences, and my parents didn't want to take any more chances," Fadi recalled of his childhood. Fadi went to live with his uncle and attended high school in San Francisco.



**BY
CHRISTINA
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VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR

Fadi married very young, had two daughters, put himself through college, earned his MBA, worked in Corporate America for a few years and now owns successful businesses. Volunteering and helping others go back as far as Fadi can remember. He used to literally dodge bullets to bring food to a family that lived across the street from him in Achrafieh (a district in Beirut). Fadi often took food to older neighbors who did not have a family to help them. He believes that volunteerism gives him a purpose.

Fadi joined the CRPA as a life member on July 22, 2016. He wanted to learn about the organization and its



► **Fadi recalls this moment,** "Picking up my Henry from Bass Pro Shops. My wife of 36 years says that I don't smile much, but I do smile for my Henry." (CLAUDIA DIB)

involvement, and support the Second Amendment. Fadi was also interested in learning how the Second Amendment could cause so many court cases. He firmly believes that it does not stop with

joining or paying dues. Together with Steve Fasolis as the Chapter Chairman, they started the Alameda County CRPA Chapter with eight members.

They signed their Chapter agreement



► **Fadi with his wife, Claudia,** at the Granite Lake trailhead.

on September 11, 2020, and had the kickoff meeting on November 19, 2020. Today, Fadi encourages the Chapter to recruit new members. He also invites speakers to come to the monthly Chapter meetings to share knowledge, experience and updates about the laws. Fadi finds it rewarding to grow the Chapter and CRPA is grateful to have him.

When did you get involved with this organization?

FD: The pandemic played a good role in my involvement as most chapters turned to Zoom meetings and I was able to join as many calls as I could. I was impressed with the work that John McKenna, Chairman of the Kern County Gun Owners Chapter, and his team did with their Chapter. After a couple of meetings, I asked what it would take to start a chapter in Alameda County. McKenna introduced me to Alicia Brewer and Kevin Small, who guided me through the process.

Where else do you volunteer?

FD: I have been volunteering as the Secretary of Alameda Lodge No. 167 in Fremont, CA since 2011, charter member of Academia Loge No. 847 in Oakland and Mission Peak Lodge in Milpitas, CA. I like politics in the sense that my voice and vote mean something, so I accepted a position as treasurer for the local school board. I learned so much. I volunteered on the phone committee for a local school bond initiative. I worked with a couple of large Corporate America companies and through them I volunteered for Habitat for Humanity on construction projects and Christmas in July helping senior citizens with home projects.

Could you tell me more about what role volunteerism has played in your life?

FD: Volunteerism gives me a purpose. Achievements, degrees, personal successes get me to a point where I

say, "been-there-done-that." Helping someone else has a long-lasting effect on other people's lives. A few years back my sister, who was an after-school coordinator, asked me if I could dress up as Santa, come to her school to shake hands, take pictures and hand gifts to the kids. At first, I was hesitant, the first year we had few kids. I saw their eyes light up with joy when they saw me, the second year I bought a fancy costume, professional makeup, and the kids were so excited. The parents were so happy and appreciative, by the third year we had over 150 kids. The kids would look forward to seeing Santa. Being Santa and seeing the kids' eyes light up made my day. The cards that they wrote Santa gave me indescribable energy. I felt that I was making a difference in their lives. It was sad one year during the economic downturn, when one of the kids wrote, "Dear Santa, please give my dad a job." The words on that card have stuck with me even to this day.

Why is it important for you to give in that way?

FD: I see it as an investment. The Founding Fathers fought for freedom, gave us a gift that others only dream of. We need to invest our time and energy to keep it going. Only a few of us see it now and work hard to maintain it. The others may not see it as we do but will sure miss it if it is gone.

In your opinion, what is the most important work that this organization does?

FD: Representation of the common values. Being involved, alerting us of new laws, and defending our 2A. If it were not for CRPA I would not know what is going on until after it happens. I like to be proactive and CRPA keeps me informed. **CRPA**

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:

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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!**



► **Tom Eisenstadt**, Ventura County Gun Owners Chapter Chairman, revealing their new Chapter table cover. (JACK GERSON)

EVENTS & TRAINING

EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

September 3-5
RAMONA RODEO
 Fred Grand Arena / ROCC Site
 Ramona, CA

September 4-5
CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS
FRESNO GUN SHOW
 Fresno County Fairgrounds
 Fresno, CA

September 11-12
CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS
TURLOCK GUN SHOW
 Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
 Turlock, CA

LOCATION KEY

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

September 11-12
VICTORVILLE GUN SHOW
 San Bernardino Fairgrounds
 Victorville, CA

September 18-19
CROSSROADS OF THE WEST
SAN BERNARDINO GUN SHOW
 National Orange Show Event Center
 San Bernardino, CA

OCTOBER

October 2-3
CROSSROADS OF THE WEST
ONTARIO GUN SHOW
 Ontario Convention Center
 Ontario, CA

October 9-10
CODE OF THE WEST VALLEJO
GUN SHOW
 Solano County Fairgrounds
 Vallejo, CA

October 23-24
SOLANO COUNTY HOME &
GARDEN SHOW
 Solano County Fairgrounds
 Vallejo, CA

TRAINING VIDEOS & INFO ARE AT [CRPA.ORG/ TRAINING-AND-EDUCATION](http://CRPA.ORG/TRAINING-AND-EDUCATION)

October 23-24
**CROSSROADS OF THE WEST
VENTURA GUN SHOW**
Ventura County Fairgrounds
Ventura, CA

~~October 29-30~~
Postponed to June 17-18, 2022
**WEST COAST HISTORICAL
MILITARIA COLLECTORS
SHOW**
Pomona Fairplex Expo Building #4
Pomona, CA

NOVEMBER

November 6-7
**CROSSROADS OF THE WEST
SAN BERNARDINO GUN
SHOW**
National Orange Show Event Center
San Bernardino, CA

~~November 6-7~~
Postponed to March 26-27, 2022
**CALIFORNIA POWER SPORTS
& OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
EXPO**
Fairplex Pomona
Pomona, CA

November 6-7
**CODE OF THE WEST TURLOCK
GUN SHOW**
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
Turlock, CA

November 13-14
LANCASTER GUN SHOW
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
Lancaster, CA

November 20-21
**CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS
LODI GUN SHOW**
413 East Lockeford Street
Lodi, CA

November 27-28
**CROSSROADS OF THE WEST
COSTA MESA GUN SHOW**
Orange County Fair & Event Center
Costa Mesa, CA

DECEMBER

December 4-5
**CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS
ANTIOCH GUN SHOW**
Contra Costa County Fairgrounds
Antioch, CA

December 4-5
**CODE OF THE WEST VALLEJO
GUN SHOW**
Solano County Fairgrounds
Vallejo, CA

December 11-12
**CALIFORNIA GUN SHOWS
FRESNO GUN SHOW**
Fresno County Fairgrounds
Fresno, CA

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



► Shasta County Gun Owners Chapter and CRPA volunteers at the first day kickoff of the Shasta County Fair. (HOMER YATES)

TRAINING

SEPTEMBER

September 11-12
**BASIC METALLIC CARTRIDGE
RELOADING COURSE**
Fullerton, CA

September 13
**BASIC RANGE SAFETY OFFICER
COURSE**
Vacaville, CA

September 13
**CHIEF RANGE SAFETY OFFICER
COURSE**
Vacaville, CA

September 18
BASIC RIFLE COURSE
Fullerton, CA

September 25
BASIC PISTOL COURSE
Fullerton, CA

OCTOBER

October 2
BASIC SHOTGUN COURSE
Fullerton, CA

October 23
**NRA PISTOL INSTRUCTOR
COURSE**
Fullerton, CA

NOVEMBER

November 13
**BASIC PERSONAL
PROTECTION IN THE HOME**
Fullerton, CA

November 20
**NRA RIFLE INSTRUCTOR
COURSE**
Fullerton, CA

DECEMBER

December 4
**BASIC RANGE SAFETY OFFICER
COURSE**
Fullerton, CA

December 18
**NRA SHOTGUN INSTRUCTOR
COURSE**
Fullerton, CA

► **Original two Yreka High School Trap Team Coaches**, Marc Perin and Doug Westbrook, observe the team in action. (BYRAN DUNCAN)

YREKA HIGH SCHOOL TRAP TEAM TAKES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY BYRAN DUNCAN

The Yreka High School Trap Team came out fast and straight for the 2021 California High School Clay League Championship Tournament. By the end of the

event, the team outdistanced the other thirteen teams. The other teams ranged in size from 5 to 35 athletes. The closest team was some 20 points behind Yreka. The Yreka Team took the Overall Team total for the California State Championship Tournament with a score of 475 out of 500 possible target hits.

During the opening ceremonies the California State Coordinator, Anna Canon (also a CRPA member), reminded everyone that the USA High School Clay Target League's priority was safety. With more than 75 million trigger pulls and 125,000 student athletes since 2001, this League has never had an injury and today was to be no different in that

aspect—safety first.

The shoulder-to-shoulder competition had the team a little jittery with the competition adrenaline running high in the morning, but the athletes settled down and got to business. Due to the distance, the team had camped on the grounds of the competition the night before with several travel trailers, numer-

ous tents and many family members and friends. The range was aligned with the sun from the right and all orange clay targets showed up well against the beautiful high black net backdrop. By the conclusion of the shoot the temperature was 100 degrees, yet none faltered.

Freshman Penelope Jereb, with extremely limited firearm expe-



2020 CRPA FOUNDATION GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

THE YREKA HIGH SCHOOL TRAP TEAM, YREKA, CALIFORNIA

The CRPA Foundation is proud to support local community groups like the Yreka High School (YHS) Trap Team that promote and encourage youth in their ability and opportunity to participate in competitive and recreational shooting sports. In 2020, the YHS Trap Team was awarded \$2,500 to support the team's cost of ammunition throughout their practice season. Through hours of practice, steadfast mentorship and team dedication—YHS Trap Team has much to be proud of and much to look forward to in 2022!



► **Above: Loading the Trap House.** Malachi Colson, Gage Hampton and Jacob Baxman. (BYRAN DUNCAN)

► **Near right: CRPA Member Bruce Chapman** presents to Mike Cizin. (BARRY PETERS)

► **Far right: Bruce Chapman** presents to Nick Perrin. (BARRY PETERS)



rience, began the season barely hitting 1 target out of a string of 25 clay birds. Just prior to the championship, she was holding close to 11 out of 25 hits, placing her in the Novice category of 0 to 14.99 average. Her first score was 18 hits, followed by a similar score. By the end, she placed 6th Novice Female Overall. She has set her goal on becoming the overall champion by the end of her senior year.

John Cizin, retired CHP-Yreka

Area, was there in support of his grandson, Mike Cizin. Mike took 2nd place in both High-Gun Varsity Male Overall and High-Gun Varsity Overall with 97 hits. The 1st place winner had hit one more clay bird for a 98. Team Captain Nick Perrin and Jonathon Gonsalves tied for 4th place, while teammates Malachi Colson and Ty Libby tied for 6th place. Nick took the additional award of 3rd place in Conference, which placed him on the State Team for a second

consecutive time. The four athletes also earned the 25 out of 25 perfect score awards/patches during the competition.

Team shooting coach Doug Duchart watched his granddaughter, Peyton Zanotto, shoot her way to a 4th in the Championship Tournament and winning the Conference High Gun Female Overall.

Aside from the State Championship Tournament awards from the shoulder-to-shoulder shoot-off, the Spring Season 2021 Conference Awards were also awarded. This is where the teams are placed in conference by team size and they submitted weekly scores over the past few months. Yreka took the 2021 Team Conference 1st Place Award with 5,758 points, leading the 2nd place team from Foothill School in Redding by 1,000 points. The end results are that the Yreka High School Trap Team took 1st place in the 2021 State Tournaments for the first time and 1st place in the Conference for the fourth time.

The team is losing two of its top five shooters who won them the championship. Currently, the team does not plan to go to Nationals Championships in Mason, Michigan. With the current shooters and over 30 incoming freshman signing up for the sport, the team is looking strong to go the Nationals in July of 2022.

This shooting sport is made possible for Yreka High School students because of the logistical support of the Yreka Clay Bird Club (including use of their range and clubhouse), donations from G&G Ace Hardware, CLT Logging, Rocky Mountain Elks Foundation, the California Rifle & Pistol Association and numerous private individuals, as well as many volunteer hours. **CRPA**

JOIN & SUPPORT CRPA'S RANGE COALITION



CRPA's Range Coalition members are businesses, clubs, private and public ranges throughout California. Range Coalition members are united to protect range operations and expand opportunities for public participation in the shooting sports so that all Californians have convenient access to ranges and to marksmanship, self-defense, hunting, safety and other training.

The CRPA Range Coalition advocates for ranges in Sacramento and locally to protect ranges and ensure that any proposed legislation or regulatory policies promote proven and sound best management practices and recognize the value of access to ranges and training programs. Through webinars and Information Bulletins, CRPA provides critical information to coalition members and range operators about environmental, safety, insurance, corporate, legal, operational and other important issues of interest.

California's ranges are encouraged to learn more about CRPA's Range Coalition by emailing CRPA at ranges@crpa.org.

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AND THE HARD WORK PAYS OFF ...

BY RYAN WATTS

This year has been hard for everyone. Housing prices are sky high—and lumber is even worse—but for students and athletes, the world has become a strange place. In 2020 all of their competitions were canceled (or completed as a postal match and submitted), then when 2021 hit they

knew it was time to buckle down, as it was game time ... In January the kids shot for the USA Junior Olympic Qualifier and ultimately we sent 6 kids to the event (5 of whom qualified for both Air Rifle and Smallbore). The Junior Olympic is an NCAA event that is put on by USA Shooting, with competitions in both 10m Air Rifle (Standing) and 50m Smallbore (Three Position). This year the event was held at Hillsdale College in Michigan. The kids competed over four days, sometimes shooting two matches per day,

and some of our kids shot against those who are on the USA Olympic Team. Alex Watts shot a personal best for both of her Air Rifle matches, Logan Michael crushed his previous Smallbore score by 10 points when he shot a 576 (out of 600) and Dylan Tonel scored a bronze medal for the J3 age group in Air Rifle. Upon coming home from the Junior Olympic, the kids hit the ground running. They started training 3 nights per week and even on the weekends, if the range was available. When the

heat picked up, they willingly trained at 7AM so as to get in some good training (versus struggling with hot weather wearing a ton of gear). On July 15, the team (qualifying 10 of its members) flew to Detroit, MI and made the trip down to Port Clinton, OH to compete in the CMP National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship at Camp Perry. The kids shot in two competitions at Camp Perry. The first was the CMP Junior Olympic 3PAR Championship where the Lincoln Rifle Club took 3rd

place as a team and Logan Michael scored a gold medal for his age group (15 years old). Logan shot a 590 (out of 600). On day two, the Lincoln Rifle Club took the gold medal, shooting for 1st place at the CMP Camp Perry National Championships. To add onto the awesome shooting and excitement for the day, Logan again knocked it out of the park with a 594, earning his position to shoot in the finals round, where he finished 5th overall. That said, we can't overlook the amazing performances by many

of the team members. Tori Watts scored a 591 on day two, overcoming some difficult problems, Lili Polakovic shot a 589 and Morgan Vander Linden shot a 587. Then there was Alex Watts, who stepped up to the challenge to shoot personal bests on *both* days. Setting aside the amazing shooting and the fact that the Lincoln Rifle Club are now *national champions*—these kids are amazing! I just can't get over how they care for each other, help each other and cheer each other on—



► **Opposite page:** The entire Lincoln Rifle Club National Team and coaching staff. **Above:** The National Champions. (RYAN WATTS)

regardless of how well they shoot personally. If people could emulate how these kids act, on and off the line, the world would be a better place. These kids *stand* for the National Anthem, treat other competitors with respect and show more sportsmanship than most professional athletes. And while I am one of their coaches, the credit for these kids' success (on and off the line) can be directly attributed to their head coach, Steve Katsuyama.

Steve is amazing with his attention to detail (which totally helps in a precision sport), patience and ability to motivate the kids. Steve dedicates three nights per week to training (4+ hours each), holds matches most weekends during the winter and travels with the kids to the national matches. And none of this shows the countless hours that Steve spends at home inputting scores, preparing weekly training schedules or sending out emails to get match info. *Plus* he often sets up the range in the wee hours so it is ready when the kids arrive.

Steve is supported by his wife, Yvonne, who has become the team mom. The kids love Yvonne. She is at each match to make sure entrance



► **Logan Michael** shooting in the finals round. (RYAN WATTS)

forms are filled out properly and funds are sent to the various organizations, then she sets up the nationals trip. She coordinates and purchases plane tickets, rental cars, hotels and food for 19 people (give or take). The time and money spent planning a trip like this can never truly be repaid and I feel that it is important that everyone know that *yes*, the kids are National Champions, *but* they never would have made it this far without Steve coaching them and Yvonne guiding us all in the right direction. So, congratulations to the Lincoln Rifle Club for their 1st place win and

National Championship and *thank you* to Steve and Yvonne Katsuyama for that all you do to help the kids and for your support and love for them. **CRPA**

*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.*



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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.



► **The Lincoln Rifle Club** receives the 1st place award. (RYAN WATTS)



► **Morgan Vander Linden, Logan Michael and Tori Watts** receiving their distinguished rifleman award. (RYAN WATTS)

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PREVENTING MOTHER NATURE'S MEDICAL WRATH



**BY RICK
TRAVIS**
DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT

The pandemic has done many things to our society. People have changed (and continue to change) and one such change is the desire to go outside. Many of you already know that is hard to find a reservation for a campsite. The camping equipment market has seen a solid increase due to COVID-19, according to the *Camping Equipment Market - Growth, Trends, COVID-19 Impact, and Forecasts (2021 - 2026)*, see reportlinker.com/p06106037/?utm_source=GNW.

This phenomenon is also being seen in California in the increase in hunting licenses since COVID. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife reported (cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2021/01/21/

many-californians-took-to-the-woods-and-waters-in-2020) that they had sold more licenses last year (2020) than any year in the previous decade.

The California Rifle & Pistol Association (CRPA) has been tracking these trends and compiling them, alongside the fact that according to the California Attorney General's office (as reported by *The Sacramento Bee* on July 21, 2021), "Handgun sales in 2020 also surged a record 65.5%, and long gun sales increased 45.9%, an increase second only to 2016. In total, 686,435 hand-gun sales and 480,401 long gun sales were documented last year."

That's a total of over 1.1 million new firearms owners.

Training for these new gun owners has become paramount for the CRPA and its Second Amendment allies to ensure they know how to handle their new firearms safely and proficiently. This brings us to the heart of the article for those who plan to carry their new long gun or handgun into the field as a hunter. You must carry the proper gear to safely complete the hunt.

You didn't pick up that new long gun or handgun without giving it some serious consideration. Deer hunters were not purchasing .22 long rifles; big game hunters were not purchasing shotguns. Waterfowl and upland game hunters were not looking at a 6.5 Creedmoor caliber gun for hunting turkey this fall. Each person chose the appropriate firearm for the appropriate activity they wished to engage in.

The gear that is most important in venturing into the outdoors is known by many names, such as IFAK (individual first aid kit), first aid kit, medic bag, etc. The vast majority of the 200,000 people who were

A proper first aid kit is not the one you purchase because it looks good and then throw it in the back of your vehicle as a "one size fits all" situation.

injured in the outdoors and sent to the hospital either didn't carry a first aid kit or had one that was deemed inadequate.

Personally, prior to retiring from being a wilderness trained medic, I treated many people from hikers to backwoods hunters who got themselves into trouble because of the lack of a proper kit, familiarization of the kit and the training to go with it. These three issues often make the difference between a manageable incident and one that leads to hospitalization and, in some cases, death.

A proper first aid kit is not the one you purchase because it looks good and then throw it in the back of your vehicle as a "one size fits all"

situation. Think about the last emergency medical vehicle and crew you saw responding to a situation. The medics do not exit the vehicle with a small 4" x 6" plastic first aid kit (a popular choice with many outdoors people who did not fair well). They exit with equipment tailored to the emergency they are dealing with to give the patient the best odds. The same principle is true of the kit you are choosing.

Hunters scouting a local trail in the beginning of summer with a buddy might want to consider an outdoor-specific kit for 1-2 people for 1-2 days. Move the trip to the actual four-day hunt and the kit changes to a 2-4 person, multiple day kit. The reasoning is based on how deep you are entering the outdoor environment, the terrain and the physical condition of your group. The deeper you go into nature, the farther you are from medical resources. Simply put, the medical supplies you carry have to be sufficient to give the injured party the best chance of surviving until medical experts can reach them.

There is a famous slogan on the outside of Bass Pro Shops. It reads, "Welcome Fishermen, Hunters, and Other Liars." Medics will tell you the first thing out of most patients' mouths is a lie. This is true of your hunting partners when preparing for a trip. This is the time when brutal honesty is not a nicety, but a necessity. Any fear you have of being judged by some ailment you discuss before the hunting trip will be trumped by your regret for not being honest during any mishap. It is impossible to carry the right gear without knowing what issues you and your group are more likely to experience.

Two examples come to mind of how pre-trip dishonesty can make a

great trip go bad quickly. I personally was the medic for a group of people traversing the Desolation Wilderness above Lake Tahoe. The leader of the trip was about to crest a pass when one of the younger participants came to me and said she was turning blue in the face. The leader had failed to let anyone know she had a heart issue and was not supposed to be above 5,000 feet. The pass we were crossing was nearly twice that elevation. The leader survived—thanks to two medical people within the group and the overall experience level of the participants.

Groups can make a mistake too, like when one large group going to a remote part of Catalina Island assumed that Avalon had an exemplary medical facility. The group of about 80 individuals did not prepare for the very hot temperatures and the fact that they were hiking to their camp-

sites. Six of the participants suffered from heat exhaustion and did not bring the proper medications for their diabetes. Medical transport via helicopter was required from Long Beach across the channel and everyone was okay.

The aforementioned examples highlight the need for honesty with your group, no matter the size. You need to know your actual, verified medical status and not what you *think* you are. Knowing the truth of your status makes your trip safer and more enjoyable for you and the rest of your party.

I am always asked how many kits I personally own. I have kits for watersports that are specific to scuba diving, boating, fishing, kayaking/canoeing and swimming; kits for camping/hunting based on number of people and days in the wilderness (5 different kits); kits for all of our family

vehicles, workshop, kitchen and in case of an earthquake. I tell people I instruct in firearm and in wilderness medicine, that I am like a golfer who carries different clubs for different holes. I have never found a firearm or a medical kit that fits every situation.

Students often initially complain about the price tag associated with a good medical kit. I often respond with, "When you are lying in the hospital facing the very real possibility of losing a limb or your life, what would you be willing to pay to prevent that moment?" We don't skimp on our firearms to protect our lives and we shouldn't skimp on the first aid kits that will save us. **CRPA**

COMING SOON: *Wilderness First Aid Kit Familiarization—Bleeds in the Backwoods*

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.



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The California Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. (CRPA) stands in support of science-based wildlife management grounded on the principles of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation (NAMWC).

The CRPA recognizes paramount to this model is that wildlife belongs to all of us. It is entrusted to the government, be it state or federal, to ensure its care and wise use in the interest of both wildlife and its citizenry.

Recently, the CRPA was made aware that California residents and the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) have filed a complainant against the U.S. National Park Service (NPS) regarding the unnecessary death of 152 tule elk at the Point Reyes National Seashore. These elk (representing a third of the elk population

at Point Reyes) are under the administration of the NPS and died last year from starvation and/or dehydration, according to federal reports obtained by the ALDF. No matter how this happened, we find this failure to protect wildlife entrusted to them inexcusable and the NPS is at fault. The CRPA is aware of viable options suggested to the NPS over the years to manage tule elk herd numbers. These options have been denied by the NPS. These elk, like all wildlife, belong to all Californians, and wildlife populations must be managed to ensure the population will be sustained

forever. Tule elk are unique to California and found nowhere else in the world! Although the CRPA and ALDF both agree these elk are an incredible resource and must be managed in the best interest of all Californians, we don't agree 100% on how we get there. One key element of the ALDF suit involves establishment of a supplemental feeding program. These



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efforts have been tried many times with wildlife across the globe—with often dismal failures. Making wildlife dependent on unnatural/unsustainable human food sources is not a sustaining option.

The fourth critical tenet of the NAMWC as listed on the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's own webpage states: **"Wildlife can only be killed for a legitimate purpose. Wildlife is a shared resource that must not be wasted. The law prohibits killing wildlife for frivolous reasons."** This incident and the ongoing poor management of the Point Reyes tule elk herd is clearly in violation of this and other tenets of the NAMWC as adopted by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. See the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service North American Model of Wildlife Conservation at [fws.gov/hunting/north-american-model-of-wildlife-conservation.html](https://www.fws.gov/hunting/north-american-model-of-wildlife-conservation.html) and at the end of this article.

In August of 2019, the NPS publicly announced plans to pay a professional to shoot 10 to 15 adult tule elk annually

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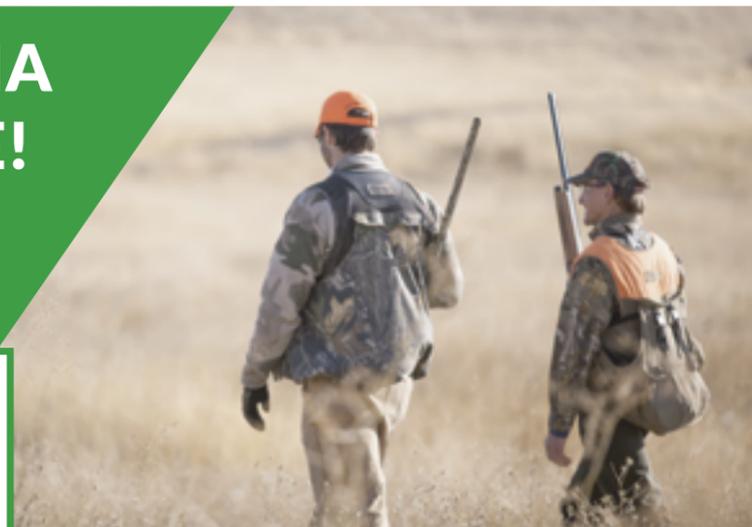
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to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore herd. This action demonstrates a manager's need and interest to reduce elk populations. The CRPA recognizes these 15 elk are an incredible resource that cannot be wasted. For example these 15 elk alone would double the current allotment of California youth elk hunting opportunities. In California, unlike many other states, youth have a difficult time obtaining big game hunting opportunities. Youth must often wait many years to draw a tag to hunt big game animals. The majority will never draw these special opportunities. In 2018, for instance, 1,880 youth applied for the only 16 elk tags designated for

youth hunters.

California has seen a steady decline of hunters over the past 20 years. Hunters are an essential component of wildlife management and hunting generates dollars vital to conservation efforts throughout California. It is critical efforts be taken to recruit new hunters in California and retain those we already have. Rather than allow the waste of this incredible resource, the NPS should look into ways to create opportunities to build awareness around the critical role hunting plays in managing California's wildlife resources and aid in the recruitment of the next generation of our declining hunter conservationists.

NORTH AMERICAN MODEL OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

In North America, wildlife is managed as a public trust resource for the benefit of all citizens. This management ethic, known as the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, has become the backbone for wildlife management and has resulted in the rebound of numerous species once in danger of extinction. In fact, California's tule elk herds on of the best examples!

Learn more about this incredible animal at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tule_elk. See below for more information on the core principles of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's website. **CRPA**

CORE PRINCIPLES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MODEL OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

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.

HUNTERS ARE THE TRUE CONSERVATIONISTS!

CRPA HOSTS ITS FIRST BEAR HUNTING SKILLS WEBINAR

On June 30, 2021, the CRPA held the first of what I hope are many successful

hunting seminars. Our goal is to supplement and expand on the webinars available by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and in no way "compete with" or "replace" them! This webinar focused on bear hunting skills. We had over 250 folks sign up—and well over 125 attended! We hope thousands more will enjoy and benefit from the information and take advantage of it now on our website (crpa.org).

Bears are an incredible resource that is greatly underutilized in California. In the 2020 bear season, California only harvested 919 of the 1,700 bear quota biologists sought to harvest. This has been a trend since the passing of California Senate Bill 1221 in 2012 outlawing the use of dogs in the harvest of bears. Bear populations have been significantly increasing ever since.

In fact, bear populations in



► **California bear hunting ... a family affair!** Pictured: California Houndsmen for Conservation President Lori Jacobs, her puppy, Pia, Dairius Jacobs, Keith Jacobs and Austin Jacobs with Dairius' bear season 2020.

California are at an all-time high, resulting in a sharp increase in public safety incidents and placing tremendous stress on their habi-

tats and their prey. As their numbers flourish while their habitat dwindles, there is an increasing need to manage bear popula-



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tions back into balance with their habitat and prey. With no natural predators besides man, the only management tools available are hunting and take under state-issued depredation permits that only result in the waste of an incredible animal.

The goal of our webinar was to turn some new folks on to bear hunting and hopefully expand the skill set of others who have already hunted bear. Our ultimate goal is helping the California Department of Fish and Wildlife reach their science-based bear harvest quota.

We were very fortunate to have one of the most knowledgeable and ethical bear hunters in the west presenting and sharing his experiences with those who attended! Mr. John W. Kunkle, now semi-retired after 30 years of service as a California Peace Officer and volunteer Hunter Education Instructor for the California Fish & Game Department. Currently, John works for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game as a Hunter Safety Education Technician and



► **Pictured:** Our Bear Hunting Skills webinar presenter, retired Sgt John Kunkle. (JOHN KUNKLE)

Range Master. He is a lifelong outdoorsman who grew up hunting

and fishing in rural Pennsylvania. Since the 1980s, John has hunted throughout the western U.S. and enjoys hunting black bear more than any other big game. John successfully took his first black bear with the aid of hounds and became an active houndsman for years afterwards. Since then, John dedicated much of his time to sharing his passion and teaching the fine art of bear hunting to others. John was also a well-respected past president of the California Houndsmen for Conservation.

The webinar focuses on various bear habitat types, bear sign, hunting techniques (such as spot & stalk), predator calling and game care. John considers the whole bear to be valuable and prides himself on ethically utilizing the entire animal! We hope you check out the webinar and find the information useful. Hopefully it encourages you to try something new or at least gives you a new outlook on the importance of bear management in California.

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CRPA IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA HUNTING & CONSERVATION COALITION

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.

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VIETNAMESE SHAKING VENISON TACOS (TACOS NAI LÚC LẮC)

I'm thankful I grew up with a family that introduced me at a young age to a variety of foods from various cultures.

In the 1970s and 80s the food scene in Los Angeles provided opportunities to explore traditional foods, from every part of Asia to every part of Latin America. We also had a huge influence in the South Bay at the time of German, French, Italian and Jewish delicacies beyond the typical American steakhouse and fast-food scene.

So, you are probably asking, "What does that have to do with a game meat recipe?" Great question. The answer is that we can all take recipes around us and develop what is known today as fusion cuisine (taking traditions from multiple cultures and making them into something new). In this recipe, I am doing exactly that by taking a game meat traditional to North America and fusing it with a traditional Vietnamese dish and a Latin American staple; they all wrap up to



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form a true SoCal foodie experience.

Let us begin with some definitions so we are all on the same page.

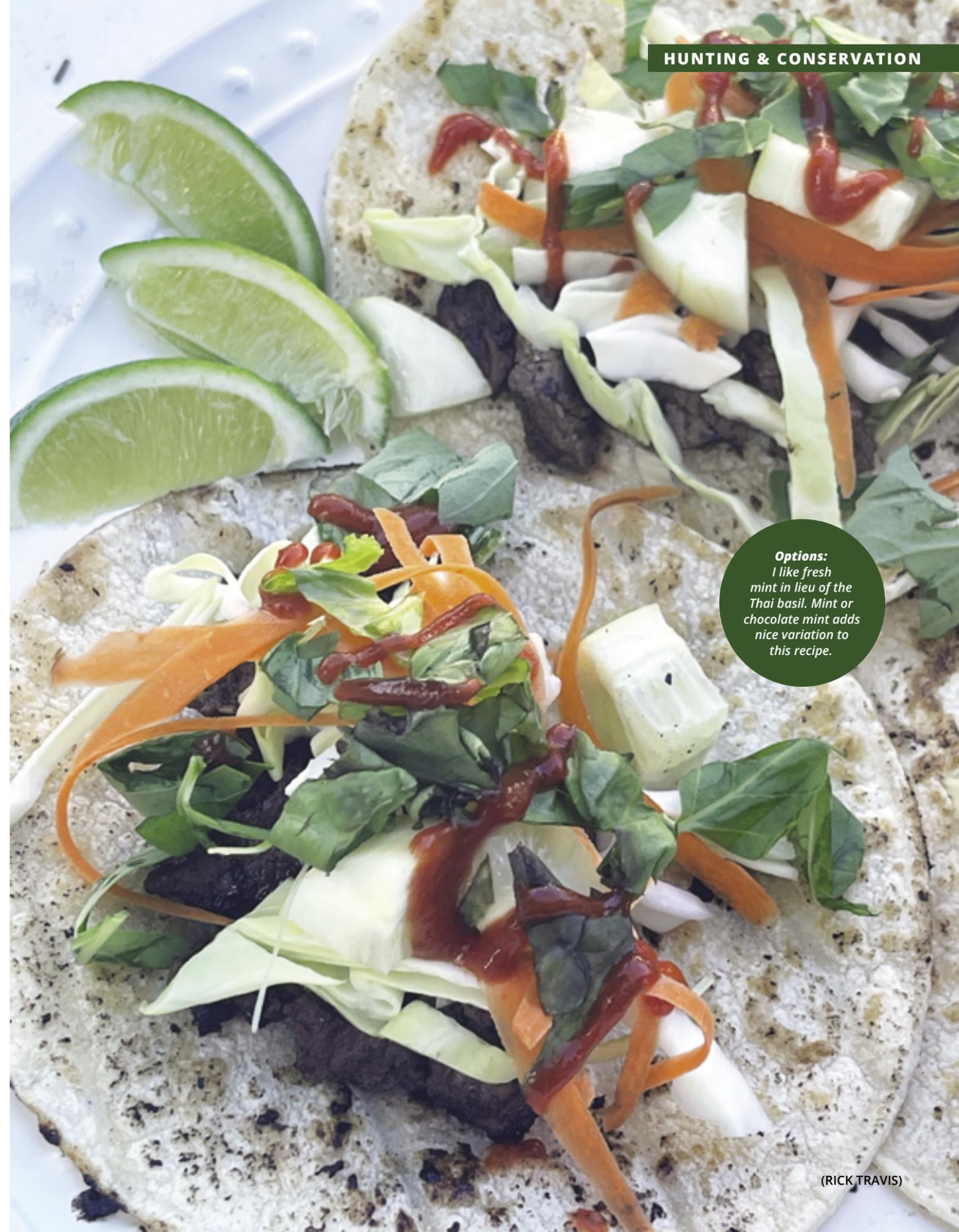
Venison is not deer meat alone. It is literally every kind of deer (caribou, elk, antelope and moose) and thus any recipe labeled as "venison" can be applied to all of those species. In Vietnamese, "Bò Lúc Lắc" is "Shaking Beef," where this recipe stems from.

Southern California is famous for its fusion cuisine street taco fare that has gained international attention from the Kogi Truck that made Chef Roy Choi (*The Chef Show*) a Michelin star phenom. Choi proved that by combining multiple cultural fares into something new, you could bridge societal gaps through food. The same is true with game food. You do not have to settle for the same old twist on meat and potatoes.

The first step is to let go of preconceived notions and venture to a good store and get the three ingredients that make this recipe pop—lemon-grass, ginger and lime. The venison is preferably what you hunted or had

INGREDIENTS

2 lbs venison loin (backstrap) or roast
4 garlic cloves, finely chopped or minced
1 piece lemongrass (as fresh as possible)
2 tablespoons canola or olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 head buttercup lettuce leaves
1/4 cabbage, shredded
3 carrots, shredded
1/2 large cucumber, peeled and finely chopped
1/2 bunch Thai basil or regular basil, washed/dried and ripped
4 tablespoons soy sauce (low sodium, or omit the salt if using regular soy sauce)
1 tablespoon water
1 tablespoon fish sauce
3 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
2 tablespoons grated ginger
1-2 tablespoons sriracha sauce
2 tablespoons lime juice
Choice of street taco tortillas



Options:
I like fresh mint in lieu of the Thai basil. Mint or chocolate mint adds nice variation to this recipe.

gifted to you, but you can substitute with cuts from a Whole Foods, Sprouts or butcher shop.

DIRECTIONS

Start by cutting the venison into 1- to 1.5-inch cubes. Peel the lemongrass until you come to the tender center stalk, which you will cut away and finely mince. Take half of the oil, salt, sugar and black pepper and add to the venison with the garlic and minced lemongrass. Marinate a minimum of one hour to overnight in the refrigerator.

Prepare the serving platter by laying the lettuce around the edges, leaving a hole in the middle of the platter. Fill the hole you just made with the cabbage, carrots, cucumber and basil (or mint). Place your tortillas on a plate next to the vegetable platter.

Make the sauce by whisking the soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, fish sauce, ginger and remaining sugar (the remaining salt and black pepper is optional and to taste) in a small bowl. Set aside. Heat a large pan over medium-high heat and add the remaining oil and half the meat in one layer. You must let each piece sear, so do not let them touch each other. Once deeply



► Rick's true organic fusion Tacos Nai Lúc Lắc, served. (RICK TRAVIS)

seared on each side, remove and repeat the process with the remaining meat. Once this second batch is seared, return the first batch to the pan and combine the sauce you set aside earlier with the meat by swirling it around.

This is where you make the meal go from good to extraordinary. Take the lime juice and slowly introduce

a teaspoon at a time until the sauce is vibrant, but not sour. Now assemble the tacos with the meat in the bottom, followed by the vegetables and top each taco with the sriracha sauce. You have now joined the ranks of fusion cuisine chefs. Share this flavorful bounty with family and friends and enjoy the smiles ... you earned it! **CRPA**

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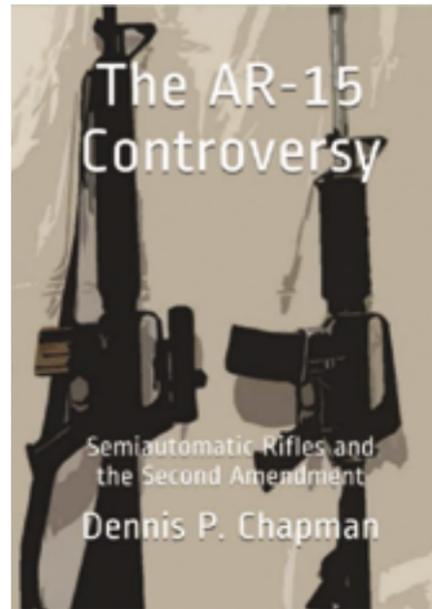
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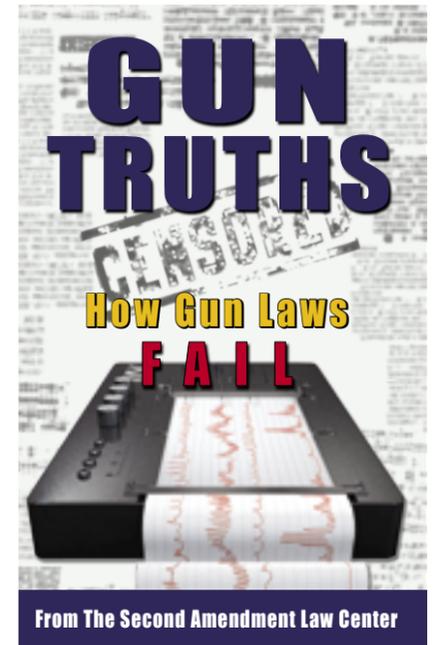
FROM THE SECOND AMENDMENT LAW CENTER

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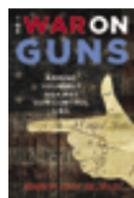
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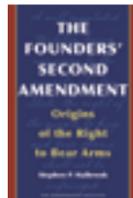
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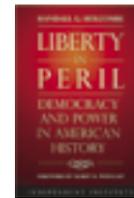
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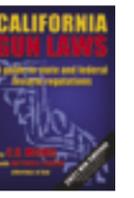
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