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## April - Celebrating Earth Month

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**This month, we celebrate our planet, which has nurtured each of us, and for which we were made stewards. Every year for the last 53 years, we have identified Earth Day, April 22, as one to remember our obligation to protect the land, the seas, and all creatures that live upon it. We are seeing the effects on our lives now because we have not properly cared for our Earth and we need to examine critically our part in keeping it and all species living.**

This is short notice because the time got away from me, but our next meeting is on Monday, April 17, beginning at 7:00 PM. We will view a

five-minute video showing how plastics are affecting our oceans, and then discuss ways we can help clean these up in our area or keep them from getting into our seas in the first place. There is a comprehensive [website](#) about Earth Day 2023. Also, click [here](#) to find events near you; for instance, Santa Rosa is holding a celebration on Saturday, April 22, from 12-4 in Courthouse Square; Marin is holding a similar event on April 23 from 1-5 at the Mill Valley Community Center.

Following our discussion, please stay on Zoom for our Board meeting. We will end by 8:00.

### April 17, 2023 Zoom Details

7:00-8:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nkc2tYQXkydz09>

Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

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Our guest speaker last month was Dr. Catherine Meeks, Dr. Meeks not only has written a number of books, but also is the Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing. She had an excellent presentation and discussion afterward. This was recorded and is posted on our [YouTube](#) channel. Also, Elaine interviewed Dr. Meeks on February 27 during Elaine's radio program, Women's Spaces, and that recording is [here](#).

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**If you are not yet a NOW member** or need to renew your membership, please join our growing organization! Our chapter's ID is CA0660 and you can select it when you sign up [here](#).

--Amy Nykamp, President

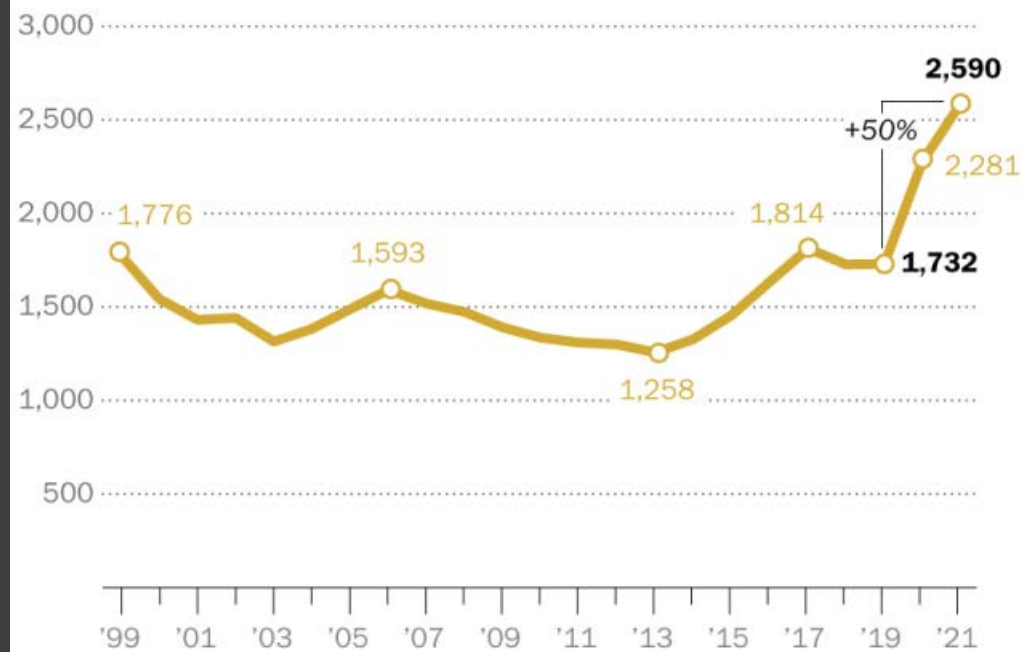


# Gun deaths among U.S. children and teens rose 50% in two years

By John Gramlich

## Gun deaths among U.S. kids increased 50% between 2019 and 2021

*Gun deaths among U.S. children and teens under 18*



Note: Includes homicides, suicides, accidents and all other categories of gun deaths.  
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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The number of children and teens killed by gunfire in the United States increased 50% between 2019 and 2021, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of the latest annual mortality statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For the entire article, click [here](#).



## Women's Spaces in April!

April is when we all pay our taxes, and most of us have no idea of the history of taxation in the USA. To learn about this history, Elaine Holtz of Women's Spaces, will be interviewing Dr. Harriet Fraad on April 17. Dr. Fraad is a feminist activist, psychotherapist and hypnotherapist in New York for the past thirty-seven years. She is said to be a founding member of the Feminist movement, owed in part to her founding of the Women's Liberation Movement in 1968. She specializes in writing about the intersection between economic and psychology.

The Earth Day 2023 theme is, "Invest In Our Planet." "For Earth Day 2023, we need to act (boldly), innovate (broadly), and implement (equitably). Businesses, governments, and citizens — everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. A partnership for the planet." <https://www.earthday.org/>

On April 24 in honor of Earth Day, Elaine will be interviewing our Webmaster, Ken Norton, who will be sharing his experience on the Survival Faire that preceded the original Earth Day by a couple of months when he attended San Jose State College in 1970. The event was reported in the *New York Times*. Note, in the photo above, Ken's head is circled. (Photo: Stan Creighton/*The Chronicle* in an [article](#) from 2010)

Women's Spaces radio airs live on Monday mornings from 11-12 pm and repeats Monday evening from 11-12 am on KBBF 89.1 FM, has streaming on [www.kbbf.org](http://www.kbbf.org). All shows are archived on [www.womensspaces.com](http://www.womensspaces.com) Elaine encourages all readers to check out these shows. They are a reminder that Our History is Our Strength and the shoulders on which we are standing.



**Frances Perkins (l) and Dolores Huerta (r)**

### **Special dates in April**

- 3 Jane Goodall (1934– ), conservationist, activist
- 4 Maya Angelou (1928–2014), author, activist, poet
- 7 Billie Holiday (1915–1959), singer, songwriter

- 9 Barbara "Dusty" Roads (1928– ), Santa Rosa labor rights leader
- 10 **Frances Perkins (1880–1965), rights leader, first female Cabinet member (right photo)**
- 10 **Dolores Huerta (1930– ), activist, co-founder UFW (left photo)**
- 12 Laura Lyon White (1839–1916), SF/Marin suffragist, Muir Woods co-founder
- 12 Imogen Cunningham (1883–1976), photographer
- 13 Eudora Welty (1909–2001), author
- 15 Bessie Smith (1894–1937), singer
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Shirley Temple Black (1928–2014), actress, diplomat
- 25 Ella Fitzgerald (1917–1996), singer
- 28 (1993) First Take Our Daughters (later Daughters and Sons) to Work Day

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## About NOW

As the grassroots arm of the women's movement, the National Organization for Women is dedicated to its multi-issue and multi-strategy approach to women's rights, and is the largest organization of feminist grassroots activists in the United States. NOW has hundreds of chapters and hundreds of thousands of members and activists in all 50 states and the District of



Columbia. Since our founding in 1966, NOW's purpose is to take action through intersectional grassroots activism to promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and achieve and protect the equal rights of all women and girls in all aspects of social, political, and economic life.

### **Core Issues**

NOW is a multi-issue, multi-strategy organization that takes a holistic approach to women's rights. Our priorities are winning economic equality and securing it with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women; championing abortion rights, reproductive freedom and other women's health issues; opposing racism; fighting bigotry against the LGBTQIA community; and ending violence against women.

### **Reproductive Rights and Justice**

NOW fully supports safe and legal abortion, affordable and effective birth control and other contraception, and reproductive health education for all.

### **Economic Justice**

NOW advocates for a wide range of economic justice issues, women's freedom and success and intertwined with racial justice, reproductive freedom, and other systems of oppression.

### **Ending Violence Against Women**

NOW recognizes violence against women as the broad and interconnected issue that it is, addressing oppressive structures and attitudes in our nation.

### **Racial Justice**

A leader in civil rights since 1966, NOW continues to fight for equal opportunities for women of color in all areas including employment, education, and health care.

### **LGBTQIA+ Rights**

NOW is committed to fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in all areas.

### **Constitutional Equality**

NOW is a proud supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment and prioritizes giving women explicit protections in the United States

Constitution.

For additional information go to: <https://now.org/about/>

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