

SAGA SNIPPETS

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Don't We Wish...

Georgia Legalizes Handgun Vending Machines Aug 27, 2014

Georgia has become the first state in the union to legalize handgun vending machines. In a ceremony today in Atlanta, Gov. Nathan Deal signed the Firearms Freedom and Accessibility Act (FFAA), which allows the sale of handguns in automated machines that accept cash, credit and debit cards. The machines will be installed in grocery stores, convenience stores, bars, schools, airports and gas stations. They aren't required to verify buyers' identity and won't perform background checks.

"Millions of people in Georgia lack access to quality firearms," the governor said in a signing statement. "This bill will finally bring handguns from top manufacturers into every neighborhood and hopefully every household.

"By helping more Georgians to defend themselves, we expect this bill to lower crime significantly. By the end of my second term murder, rape and armed robbery

should be nearly eradicated."

The new machines were developed by Blast-o-Matic, a local start-up based in Sandy Springs. According to the company, 50 devices have already been installed, and 300 more are expected to be rolled out in the coming weeks.

The legislation comes just months after Georgia significantly loosened its gun laws. In April, Deal signed a so-called "guns everywhere" law which allowed registered gun owners to take their weapons nearly anywhere, including bars and government buildings.

.....This article was published in The Daily Currant, a satirical news website similar to The Onion. The bogus report had several thousand "likes" and shares on Facebook as of Thursday. But according to a disclaimer, The Daily Currant doesn't publish real news stories and shouldn't be taken seriously.

"The Daily Currant is an English language online satirical newspaper that covers global politics,



business, technology, entertainment, science, health and media. It is accessible from over 190 countries worldwide – now including South Sudan," it says. "Our mission is to ridicule the timid ignorance which obstructs our progress, and promote intelligence – which presses forward." It adds: "Our stories are purely fictional. However they are meant to address real-world issues through satire and often refer and link to real events happening in the world."

So sorry, no handgun vending machines – yet!

See The Daily Currant at www.dailycurrant.com

Remington XMP Trigger Recall

In an email message on 30 July 2014, SAGA members were advised of a Remington recall affecting XMP triggers on some Model 700 and Model Seven rifles manufactured between 1 May 2006 and 9 April 2014. Customers can check if their rifle is affected by going to: www.xmprecall.remington.com

and typing in the serial number of the rifle.

Formalito, the South African agent for Remington, have advised that the free replacement of triggers is well underway around the country. For those in the area, Formalito have a walk-in service at their shop (1019 Pretorius Ave-

nue, Lyttleton Manor) which takes just 15-20 minutes.

The free replacement needs to be done before 28 February 2015 after which certain charges will be payable. If you would like more information please email: recall@formalito.co.za

American Kids, Learning to Aim and Fire

By KJ DELL'ANTONIA

August 27, 2014

According to Pew Research, different estimates say there are from 270 million to 310 million guns in the United States — almost one firearm for every man, woman and child. Statistics from the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence include these depressing numbers:

On average, 32 Americans are murdered with guns every day and 140 are treated for a gun assault in an emergency room. Every day on average, 51 people kill themselves with a firearm, and 45 people are shot or killed in an accident with a gun. American children die by guns 11 times as often as children in other high-income countries. In 2007, more pre-school-aged children (85) were killed by guns than police officers were killed in the line of duty.

A 9-year-old girl in Arizona fatally shot her instructor while learning to use an Uzi submachine gun at the Bullets and Burgers firing range on Monday. She was on vacation with her family. An 8-year-old shot and killed himself while learning to use an Uzi at a gun show in 2008; in between those fatalities, thousands of children were killed and injured by guns, most not under the controlled conditions of a range.

This summer, three of my four children learned to shoot a .22. I relearned, too. I hadn't fired a gun in years. To be honest, it was fun;

like the many visitors who reviewed Bullets and Burgers on TripAdvisor before this tragedy, we enjoyed having a safe opportunity to do something my children had seen only on television or in video games. We had headgear, clear limits and a known, trusted instructor, and we spent an hour challenging each other to put a bullet hole closest to our target. That paper squirrel won't be bothering anyone again soon.

Given our country's record of gun violence, the question is, should it be fun?

No matter how you feel about firearms and gun laws, we live in the country we live in. My neighbors have guns. Your neighbors have guns. Your guns may be locked up; the babysitter's boyfriend may keep his on the seat of his car. At some point, some child is going to take my child or yours by the hand, open Mom's closet or the trunk of Dad's car, and say, "Look!" At that point, I don't want my children to say, "Wow, let me see that." I want them to shrug and say, "Whatever" and "Let's go do something else." (I actually want them to say: "Suzy, get away from there! That's dangerous! We have to go tell your mom and mine right now!" But I'm realistic.)

I've talked to my children long and hard about guns and gun safety. I've made them practice what to say and do. And now I've made sure three of them have had a chance to pick up a gun, shoot it and see what they think.

When we talked today about what

happened in Arizona, my children were shocked.....

Would you teach your children to shoot, or take them to a shooting range? Or would you say that guns and entertainment shouldn't mix?

KJ Dell'Antonia - Motherlode - The New York Times

We're all living the family dynamic, as parents, as children, as siblings, uncles and aunts. At Motherlode, lead writer and editor KJ Dell'Antonia invites contributors and commenters to explore how our families affect our lives, and how the news affects our families—and all families.

Extracted from: <http://parenting.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/08/27/american-kids-learning-to-aim-and-fire/?action=click&contentCollection=U.S.&module=RelatedCoverage®ion=Marginalia&pgtype=article>

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Living the Family Dynamic



SAGA on Children & Firearms

SAGA cares for all our people and all our children. These views are expressed to promote safety for all.

The extract from the New York Times regarding the gun-and-children debate in the USA gives every honest reader much to think about. While the figures in the USA are astonishing, we have nothing to be proud about in South Africa. Far too many innocent children and adults are killed or injured by people who intentionally or negligently handle firearms. All these perpetrators play into the hands of the anti-gun group since they label all firearm owners as irresponsible and potential criminals. It must be clearly understood that very few genuine accidents occur. We regard an accident as an incident where no blame is attributed to the handler of the firearm. Usually this could happen only if the firearm discharged due to a mechanical defect or an error that ought to have been prevented by the handler. However, even in such isolated instances, injuries could have been prevented had the basic safety rules been adhered to.

These firearm safety rules are:

1. Every firearm must be treated as loaded at all times. Never assume a firearm is safe and never believe anyone who says so.
2. Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not prepared to shoot at.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you are ready to shoot. Never touch the trigger while otherwise handling the firearm.
4. Make sure of your target and what is behind it and in its vicinity.
5. Responsible firearm owners will never handle a firearm after

or during alcohol consumption.

Irrespective of whether in the presence of children, but specifically when their presence is anticipated, firearm owners must always exercise extreme caution by ensuring that the firearm is never placed where any child could get hold of it (keeping in mind their intuition to find things and to experiment). Firearm bearers who arrive home must, if they do not continue to carry the firearm on their person, lock it away in a prescribed safe. If they leave it somewhere to be readily available "just in case", it is recommended that the chamber be cleared and the magazine removed or, in the case of a revolver, the ammunition be removed, and carried on one's person. The firearm could then not be used by anyone else. SAGA is not in favour of electronic or mechanical locking devices that deactivate the firearm (remember Murphy's law!) but reasonable measures could easily be carried out to make the firearm safe. Best still is to carry it on your person or keep it under your direct control or lock it away in the safe.

SAGA further believes in the three basic rules of firearm safety that all children must learn:

1. If you see a gun, don't touch!
2. Leave the room and take all others with you.
3. Call an adult.

We like to add that in all households where there are firearms, especially if they are frequently used, that all in the household be taught about firearm safety. If those non-gun owners understand these basic rules and you have removed the curiosity factor by allowing children to fire the guns and to see the effect of the bullet on a target (especially a 5 litre container filled with water) you drastically reduce the chances of a gun-related incident. Remember

always to care for the environment by correctly disposing of all targets and remnants of the containers and to never ever shoot at glass targets.

SAGA strongly believes in the right of law abiding citizens to lawfully possess firearms and to use them for lawful purposes. Unlike the USA we do not have such a right entrenched in our Constitution. We do, however, have the right to exercise choices, such as to decide whether or not you wish to own a firearm. All rights have correlative obligations, this right (privilege) too. When you have been granted a license to possess a firearm it is your duty to ensure that it is stored, possessed and used in accordance with the Firearms Control Act with full recognition of the rights of all other people.

More children and adults are killed or injured by choking on food, falling out of trees, drowning, road accidents, etc than with firearms. Only when firearm incidents occur do we get calls for the banning of firearms, never for trees, swimming pools, cars and the like. As responsible firearm owners we must play a significant role in reducing firearm-related incidents, injuries and deaths. Responsibility starts with you! It is responsible to be law abiding and to contribute to a safe society. Responsible citizens should never be expected to give up or surrender any of their rights.

SA Domestic Airlines and Firearms

PHASA have updated us with the following with regard to the transportation of firearms on SA domestic airlines.

SAA – will transport firearms in South Africa from and to all airports

SA Airlink - Hunting rifles, shotguns and hunting handguns may be transported as checked baggage but only to and from the following destinations:

- Antananarivo, Madagascar
- Beira, Mozambique
- Bloemfontein
- Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
- Cape Town
- Durban
- East London
- Gaborone, Botswana
- Harare, Zimbabwe

- Kimberley (Approximately ZAR200 for loading and ZAR200 off loading per hunting rifle and shotgun) no fee to be paid for service at CPT, only in KIM
- Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport, Nelspruit
- Lusaka, Zambia
- Manzini, Swaziland
- Maputo, Mozambique
- Maseru, Lesotho
- Maun, Botswana
- Mthatha, Eastern Cape
- Nampula, Mozambique
- Ndola, Zambia
- OR Tambo International, Johannesburg
- Pemba, Mozambique
- Phalaborwa
- Pietermaritzburg
- Polokwane
- Port Elizabeth
- Richards Bay

- Tete, Mozambique
- Upington

SA Express - Firearms may be accepted on all SA Express destinations listed below.

- Johannesburg
- Port Elizabeth
- Hoedspruit
- Cape Town
- Kimberley
- Maputo, Mozambique
- Gaborone, Botswana
- Walvis Bay, Namibia
- Durban
- Windhoek, Namibia
- East London
- Lubumbashi, DRC
- Bloemfontein

BA, Kulula and Mango - No firearms allowed.

Advertising Standards Authority



In response to SAGA's request to challenge the Appeal made by GFSA on the ASA ruling, the ASA have permitted a meeting wherein personal representation can be made. Both GFSA and SAGA will be able to make brief representations (10 minutes). These must not repeat issues already canvassed in correspondence or documentation previously submitted to the ASA, but may be used to summarise, clarify or add new information.

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The meeting was scheduled for 30 September 2014 but was postponed on 17 September 2014 to a date still to be announced.

We will keep you informed.

Watch this space ...for more interesting firearm snippets

HuntEx Cape Game Fair 26-28 September 2014

HuntEx Cape Game Fair will be held 26-28 September 2014 at the Nelson Wine Estate in Paarl. Show times: 09:00-17:00 Friday to Sunday.

SAGA will be in Hall 2 at stand number 29. We will be processing memberships (new and renewals), ..we have insignia for sale, ..we have information leaflets to hand out on Competency and Licence Renewals, ...and more.

This year the raffle prize is a fabulous Warthog Sharpener V-Sharp Classic II sponsored by Warthog Sharpeners – this sharpener's **features include** adjustable angles,

325 Grit Natural Diamond Rods, Steel Frame Construction, Durable Powdercoat Finish, Solid Rubber Base, Finishing Steels. See www.knifesharpeners.co.za

Raffle tickets cost just R20 each but, to increase your chances, you can also get three tickets for R50. Tickets are only available to current SAGA members at the show. The draw will take place at 2:00pm on Sunday 28 September and the winners will be notified by telephone. This raffle is a show initiative; no tickets will be sold elsewhere.

HuntEx have announced visitor safety procedures for the Fair....see below.

For more information visit the HuntEx Cape website at www.huntexcape.net



HuntEx Cape Visitor Safety

The aim of HuntEx is to promote responsible firearm ownership, sustainable hunting and safe sportshooting in South Africa. It serves as a platform to introduce the wider public to these activities and to provide exposure for related industries.

At HuntEx 2014 held in Midrand in April, a shooting accident occurred that could have cost the life of a child. The child's father, an experienced and competent gun owner, accidentally discharged his pistol in a toilet cubicle and wounded his 8-year old son in the upper chest. Miraculously, the wound was not fatal and the boy is now fully recovered.

After careful consideration, we decided not to impose **any** ban or prohibition on the carrying of personal firearms at the venue of the HuntEx Cape Game Fair.

No firearm will be removed from the control of its owner.

Before entering the Cape Fair

venue, visitors will be searched. A person carrying a firearm will have the option of not being searched if he/she declares that he/she is carrying.

Persons carrying personal firearms will be directed to a designated safety area.

The owner of the firearm will be required to sign a commitment and declaration that he/she will at all times act within the law whilst at the expo and will not consume alcoholic beverages.

The owner of the firearm will be personally responsible for rendering his/her own firearm safe, within the designated safety areas, in accordance with standard range safety protocols, under the supervision of a competent safety officer should he/she intend to show the firearm to an exhibitor for commercial purposes.

In the case of pistols, a loaded magazine may be returned to/ reinserted into the firearm once it

has been made safe.

In the case of all other types of firearms the ammunition may not be returned to/ reinserted into the firearm.

On departing the Fair, visitors will be free to return to the designated safety area to reload their firearms.

Visitors who carry and who do not intend to un-holster or show their firearms to an exhibitor will not be required to unload or handle their firearms in the safety area but will be required to sign the declaration.

Extracted from HuntEx Release: Visitor Firearm Safety Rules at HuntEx Cape Game Fair