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NEWS AND UPDATES WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026

'Mind-muscle memory': How much experience does the average gun owner have?
Spectrum News
At first, you must complete eight hours of classroom instruction and live firearms **training** and qualification to obtain a **concealed carry** permit in ... https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nc/mountain/news/2026/10/20/how-much-experience-does-the-average-gun-owner-have-

Oregon father is the latest armed civilian to confront a gunman in a US mass shooting
WKMG
Texas created a school marshal program in 2013 to allow **trained** teachers and staff to carry **concealed firearms** on campus. It expanded safety . https://www.clickorlando.com/news/national/2026/10/17/oregon-father-is-the-latest-armed-civilian-to-confront-a-gunman-in-a-us-mass-shooting/

In Pennsylvania, Tighter **Gun Laws** Possible as Democrats Eye Historic Midterm Sweep
The Trace
If Democrats win **control** of Pennsylvania's government in November, they hope to revive long-stalled legislation aimed at curbing violence. https://www.thetrace.org/2026/10/pennsylvania-elections-democrats-gun-reform/

OCC Report Confirms What **Firearm** Industry Has Known For Years: Banks Discriminated
NSSF
Others included certain **firearms accessories**. At least two banks highlighted “polarizing” or “polarized” public opinion surrounding individual gun ... https://www.nssf.org/articles/occ-report-confirms-banks-discriminated/

Concealed Carry Corner: How To Choose The Perfect Carry Gun | thefirearmblog.com
The Firearm Blog
Welcome back to another edition of **Concealed Carry** Corner.Last week, we talked about how to travel with your carry guns and best practices when it ... https://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/concealed-carry-corner-how-to-choose-the-perfect-carry-gun-44831113

FALCO Holsters Adds Four New Hybrid **Concealed Carry Holsters** - Firearms News
Firearms News
FALCO **Holsters** introduces four hybrid IWB **holsters** for hip and appendix **carry**, combining Italian leather and U.S. Kydex, starting at $129.95. https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.firearmsnews.com/editorial/falco-adds-new-hybrid-holsters/561922&ct=ga&cd=CAEYASoTOTA4MTU2OTE5MjM1MDA3Njg2OTIcODYxNGU0NzI4NmM5OTgzNDpjb206ZW46VVM6Ug&usg=AOvVaw395spu3DIGGZPi1gGUGr4A

Getting the **Second Amendment** right | SCOTUSblog
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In New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n v. Bruen, the Supreme Court announced a two-step test for adjudicating **Second Amendment** challenges. https://www.scotusblog.com/2026/10/getting-the-second-amendment-right/

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The Trump Administration Axed Longstanding Restrictions on Gun Silencers and Other Weapons
The Trace
Gun rights groups and **Second Amendment** advocates have argued that because silencers aren't used in crimes, there's no need to regulate them. https://www.thetrace.org/newsletter/the-trump-administration-axed-longstanding-restrictions-on-gun-silencers-and-other-weapons/

Switchblade Ban Violates **Second Amendment**, Fifth Circuit Holds - Reason Magazine
Reason Magazine
We determine that switchblade knives qualify as "Arms" and are covered by the "plain text" of the **Second Amendment**. ... As mentioned, the **Supreme Court** https://reason.com/volokh/2026/10/22/switchblade-ban-violates-second-amendment-fifth-circuit-holds/

NRA Files Amicus Brief Urging Fifth Circuit to Adopt a Test in Disarmament Cases that ...
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Review: Stoeger STR-9 Thinline | An Official Journal Of The NRA - American Rifleman
American Rifleman
The **new** Stoeger carry **gun** loses nothing—except some weight and girth. This is the Stoeger STR-9 Thinline. https://www.americanrifleman.org/content/review-stoeger-str-9-thinline/

Canik TTI Combat 9mm Pistol **Review**: Ultimate Budget Race **Gun** - **Handguns**
Handguns
Canik guns are often cited as offering a lot of, pardon me, bang for the buck, and one of its **latest** introductions is the TTI Combat. Taran Butler ... https://www.handgunsmag.com/editorial/canik-tti-combat-9mm-race-gun/561413

SAF, **NRA** FILE AMICUS CHALLENGING LIFETIME FIREARMS BAN FOR NONVIOLENT FELONS
Second Amendment Foundation
SAF, **NRA** FILE AMICUS CHALLENGING LIFETIME FIREARMS ... 21, 2026 — The Second Amendment Foundation and **National Rifle Association** have filed an amicus ... https://saf.org/saf-nra-file-amicus-challenging-lifetime-firearms-ban-for-nonviolent-felons/

Ruger to Pause Blackhawk, Vaquero and Other Single-Action **Revolvers** - The **Firearm** Blog
The Firearm Blog
... Blackhawk, Single-Series **revolvers**, Vaquero, No.1, 77-Series **rifles**, Hawkeye and Ruger Precision **Rifle**.That's a broad cut, but the timing matters. https://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/ruger-to-pause-blackhawk-vaquero-and-other-single-action-revolvers-44831020

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