

### **Time to get smart**

The July 1 front-page story, "Gun theft 'victims' are arming criminals" can be viewed as an opportunity to talk about smart guns.

A smart gun is personalized to the owner's fingerprint. An electronic sensor assures that it can be fired by only the owner. It is a means of preventing children from shooting parents or siblings, teen suicides, spousal shootings and firearm crimes that result from the theft of guns from homes, vehicles or businesses.

Many school shooters have used weapons belonging to family members. If smart gun mechanisms had been in place, uncountable lives — including those of police officers — would be saved.

Let's encourage firearms producers to endorse this means of protecting children from violence.

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