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Or do nothing, and nothing will change.

Questions And Answers

Larry Arnold



Larry

I was asked a question by a student for which I could use your help.

It pertains to carrying concealed in a police station.

Unless I am dreaming I remember reading something from the last legislative session regarding carrying in the public area of a police station.

It went something like this:

1. You can carry concealed in the public area of a police station.

2. You cannot carry concealed in the secure area of a police station and you must be provided a place to lock up and secure your weapon while in the secure area.

Was there anything like this passed in the last session?

Actually it was passed in the 80th Legislature, 2007. See SB 1709 at <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/SB01709F.htm>

Hello my name is J.D Saenz i am a student at UTPA Edinburg TX i am writing a research paper on concealed handgun laws for my America/Texas government class i my self have a conceal carry licenses but other then the class i took i really dont have much information on the subject i have look online and found lots of general information but what i was really trying to look for i couldnt find and i was hoping someone here could help.. is their maybe some really life stories that help push for the the cc laws we have now? any info provided would be greatly appreciated thank you...

Check out "From Luby's to the Legislature" and "Thank God I Had a Gun" available through TCHA at <http://www.txchia.org/bookorder.htm>.

I'm scheduled to take the CHL Instructor course beginning September 27th...

Typically, what's the timeframe from the completion of the instructor course until the time that I can begin conducting training

As far as I know, it depends mostly on how long it takes you to get back home.

Cont.

Hello - I am trying to find out if I can legally carry concealed in the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. I have a concealed carry permit in my home state of Nebraska and I know there is reciprocity between Nebraska and Texas. My wife and I are coming to Houston the week of Nov 3 and will be attending a multi-day event at the center. The convention center has the following rule:

(1) Possession of Firearms is forbidden in the Facility with the exception of the following: (i) licensed peace officers and licensed honorably retired peace officers and (ii) exhibitors and patrons during duly licensed gun shows and (iii) individuals licensed by the State of Texas to carry concealed handguns.

My interpretation of (iii) is that it would also cover anyone legally carrying under the reciprocity agreements with the state of Texas but because of the seriousness of the issue I don't want to go on assumptions.

Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your visit! You are covered by the reciprocity agreement.

I'm sure you'll keep your handgun concealed, and obey the other Texas carry rules while you're here.

BTW, I spent two years in Grand Island back in the 1980's. Still have fond memories of your fair state.

Today I looked on the Web Site " TCHA-Civilian Carry" at the page for "Where Can You Take A Gun", and under the last box, in which were the words "established place of religious worship" (i.e., a church), the indication was that it is LEGAL for a person with a Texas concealed handgun license to carry a handgun in a church. I got my CHL three years ago, and at that time my instructor said that it was as ILLEGAL as to carry a concealed handgun into the premises of a courtroom.

Am I misreading the page? Has the law been changed?

I'm sure you're familiar with "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away." Well, so does the Legislature.

Under the 1995 CHL law Penal Code 46.035 (b) A license holder commits an offense if the license holder intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly carries a handgun under the authority of Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, regardless of whether the handgun is concealed, on or about the license holder's person:

(6) on the premises of a church, synagogue, or other established place of religious worship. However, the law was amended in 1997. Penal Code 46.035 (i) Subsections (b)(4), (b)(5), (b)(6) [church carry], and (c) do not apply if the actor was not given effective notice under Section 30.06.

Currently, therefore, it is legal to carry into a church unless the church posts 30.06 signs on entrances, or the church "managers" provide other 30.06 warnings. Yesterday morning, as a CHL, I legally carried my Glock in the choir loft of my church.

Also, note that as a pastor your church is your workplace. Just like any other business it qualifies as "your property or property under your control." Therefore you can carry a handgun there with or without a CHL, and as employer you can authorize most employees to carry.

My name is Bill Black and I am a Sergeant for the City of Cleburne Police dept. I am currently attending the Bill Blackwood Leadership Command College/Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas through Sam Houston State University. Briefly, it is a total of 9 weeks of management instruction over a 1 1/2 to 2 year period that includes a to-be published thesis paper over a topic that affects Texas Law Enforcement officers. I am currently in one of the training modules at Texas A&M. (It's tough on a Red Raider)

I am doing my paper over my belief that LEO's should support and encourage CCW permit holders as a matter of course. Can you point me to any websites or articles that describe the evolution of CCW laws as they started to take effect starting with the CCW movement in Florida in the 80's. I am also looking for the history of Texas when the first laws against CCW began.

I am pouring over John Lott's info along with articles about how typical street LEO's feel about CCW (Pro) and how LEO political animals feel (con).

My "History of Concealed Carry" is available at <http://www.txchia.org/history.htm>. It includes both national and Texas history. An interesting graphic showing concealed carry from 1986-2011 is at <http://www.gun-nuttery.com/rtc.php>.

The first Texas law against concealed and open carry was "An Act to Regulate the Keeping and Bearing of Deadly Weapons, Law of April 12, 1871, ch. 34, §1, 1871 Tex. Gen. Laws 25" passed as part of the Reconstruction. There's some background on cases at <http://www.davekopel.org/2A/LawRev/MillerVersusTexas.htm>, including a cite in Footnote 147 that the law was not substantially modified until the CHL law passed in 1995.

Ref your second email: I've heard the "Cops commit more crimes" statement too, and have yet to see the direct comparison cited or debunked. There is a discussion of police misuse of firearms at <http://www.davekopel.org/2A/LawRev/lrstlupl.htm>, starting at section I.A., third paragraph. As a counter I would note the study on arrests of Texas licensees posted at <http://www.txchia.org/sturdevant2000.htm>. An interesting point made by the chart is that, while men are far more likely to be arrested than women, male CHL holders are **less** likely to be arrested than women who are unlicensed.

I hope this meets your needs. Please let me know if you have more questions. And enjoy visiting my alma mater.

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Old Betsy

By
Chris Bird



If you have been watching or reading the national news, you will probably be familiar with a horrendous home invasion that took place in the upscale town of Cheshire in Connecticut three years ago. The incident has been on the news because one of the perpetrators, Steven Hayes, 47, was tried, found guilty and sentenced to death.

Hayes and Joshua Komisarjevsky, 30, were charged in the home invasion of the house where Dr. William Petit, his wife Jennifer, and their daughters, Michaela, 11, and Hayley, 17, lived. The pair are accused of breaking into the house one summer night, beating the doctor with a baseball bat, raping and strangling his wife, raping Michaela, pouring gasoline on the two girls and setting the house on fire. Only Dr. Petit survived. It was a nightmare that he had to live through again during the seven-week trial.

It was about as bad as home invasions get. While the trial was going on I came across a report of another home invasion, or rather attempted home invasion, that ended very differently.

From the road, you can't see the house in rural Kentucky where Sylvia Hall and her husband Tom live. The rustic house that they build themselves is six hundred feet back from the county road and is hidden by trees. It is unusual for anyone but friends to drive up the gravel road to the house. Even friends usually phone first.

So on that Saturday morning in June 2008, Sylvia Hall was suspicious when she heard the noise of a vehicle coming up the driveway. It was about 10:30 a.m. and Hall, a 68-year-old grandmother at the time, was doing housework. She was alone except for two small terriers. Her husband worked at a Lowe's Home Improvement store in Louisville about fifteen miles to the west. He had left about 7 a.m.

She was dusting at the time, so she looked out and saw a dirty-looking tan-colored Volkswagen van with curtains on the windows heading towards the back door.

"I thought that doesn't look good. So I went and got my handgun, old Betsy; I name my guns," Hall said.

Old Betsy, a Smith & Wesson M&P 40 semi-automatic, was in her purse in the next room. She grabbed the gun and held it behind her back as she went to the door. "If it was something legitimate, I wasn't going to be rude."

Three young men got out of the van and headed for the back door. Hall noticed that the driver stayed in the vehicle. The three crossed the brick patio and the one in the lead stood on the bottom of two steps in front of the back door. All three were wearing blue jeans while the one in the lead was wearing a pale yellow Polo shirt. The other two stood behind him on the patio looking around. Hall stood in the doorway with the door open but with the screen door locked to keep her dogs in while she was doing the housework.

Yellow Shirt appeared to be the spokesman. He said they were evangelicals and wanted to come in and read to Hall from the bible. To her, they didn't look like evangelicals and she saw no evidence that they had a bible.

"No, I'm Catholic and I read my own bible; you can't come in," Hall told the young men.

"We have to come in and read to you," Yellow Shirt persisted.

"You are not coming in my house," Hall repeated.

Yellow Shirt had hold of the screen door and was trying to jerk it open but it was locked.

“When he grabbed the screen door and was jerking on it, I just brought Old Betsy around and told them, I said: ‘Betsy said you couldn’t come in.’”

Old Betsy’s snout as Hall pointed her at them, must have reminded them that they had an urgent appointment in Louisville. They sprinted to the van, jumped in, and the driver took off like the revenuers were after them, spraying gravel as he accelerated down the driveway.

Hall did not go outside because she didn’t know if there were any more of them so she did not get a license plate number. She called the county police and gave them descriptions of the young men and the van. The police asked her if she was all right. She said she was and they asked her if she wanted them to come by. She said she would like for them to patrol the neighborhood because there were older people in the area who perhaps could not deal with them as successfully as she had.

“I was so angry that people would come to your house and try to take everything you’ve got. I really wasn’t afraid at the time. Then after I called the police, I thought I’ll sit down for a minute. I thought, Oh my God, and I went in the bathroom and threw up.”

She told her husband what had happened when he got home from work. “I think she handled herself quite well. I was very proud of her,” he said.

A couple of weeks later she went up to the local gun store to buy some ammunition because she practices a lot. One of the county police officers who was in the store told her that the same guys had broken into a couple of other places. One older woman was home and couldn’t stop them. They smacked her around a bit, the officer said. As far as she knows, the police never did catch the robbers.

As a result of her experience, Sylvia decided she wanted to do something to help others in the community cope with home invasions and other criminal attacks. She called the NRA and during the following two years took several training courses to become an NRA firearms instructor. She also became qualified by the state to teach the Kentucky concealed weapons course.

Each month she teaches an NRA pistol class and a Kentucky CCW course at a local gun club. Most of her students are women varying in age from about thirty to eighty-five but she has taught a few men. She held her first course in August 2010.

Her son is a sergeant-major in the Marine Corps and a firearms instructor and her husband is a former Marine.

Her husband built a range on their six-acre farm with a couple of target stands against a hill behind the creek. For her birthday she got a rotating target.

“Some women want flowers or jewelry for their birthday,” Hall said. “I wanted a rotating target.”

Hall tells me she has just applied to join TCHA. Welcome Sylvia.

Chris Bird is a director of TCHA and author of The Concealed Handgun Manual. Sylvia Hall’s story will appear in the sixth edition which will be available early next year.

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2010 Second Amendment Election Blog

By David Kopel, November 2, 2010, 7:55 pm to 2:00 am Mountain Time. This is a live blog post, the earliest entry is at the bottom.

Results:

Senate: +6

House: +18.75

Governors: +.5

Constitutions: +4

Entries:

Hawaii Gov. Dem. Abercrombie wins open seat, vacated by Linda Lingle. -.75.

Undecided Governor races: Connecticut (potential +1), Repub. Foley leads by 3%, with 87% in. Florida (potential -1), Repub. Sink leads by 1% with 99% in. Minnesota open seat (potential -1), Mark Dayton leads by 1% with 90% in. Oregon (potential +1), Repub. Dudley leads by 2% with 81% in.

Undecided Senate races: Washington (potential +1), Murray (D, F) leads by 1% with 60% in. Colorado (potential +.5), Bennet (D, C) trails by 1% with 77% in. Alaska, Murkowski leading, with 51% in; all candidates are A-rated, but Republican Miller would probably be a more energetic activist.

Ill. Gov. Anti-gun incumbent Quinn hanging on, with 99% counted. Will make passage of licensed carry difficult.

Colorado State House of Representatives: Repubs. take control. So re-districting will be bipartisan. Bad news for U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter (D, F), who needs a carefully-drawn district to win in 2012.

From Ben Smith @ Politico: Repubs. now fully control redistricting in Ind., Penn., Ohio, Ala., Mich, Wisc. My view: RKBA effects unclear, because all those state have lots of strongly pro-2d Amendment Dems. But probably a net plus for RKBA.

Wash. 2. John Koster (R, A) unseats Rick Larsen (D, B-).

Big race on the cusp. Less than 8,000 votes separate Illinois Gov. candidates, with 97% in. If Republican Brady wins, Illinois will get concealed carry.

Ariz. right to hunt and fish: Nearly 90% of precincts in. Losing by 13%. I project defeat.

Minn. 8. Chip Cravaack (A, R) unseats long-term incumbent Jim Oberstar (D, B+). +.25

Conn. Gov. retraction: With 81% of precincts reporting, Republican Tom Foley leads Dem. Dan Malloy by 3%. Possible pro-gun pickup.

Colo. Atty. Gen. Repub. John Suthers re-elected. Fends off challenger who attacked him for filing amicus briefs against gun control and health control.

Ohio Atty. Gen. Former U.S. Sen. Repub. Mike DeWine wins. Setback for 2d Amendment.———**Continued online @ tchia.org**



Hunting Season is upon us

George "Bulldog" Pena

As we all know hunting season is here. There are many good times to be had. Just look at the smile on my good friend Judd Earley's mug and you can see the joy of being on top of the food chain. It seems he's trying to tell me something. Oh, I see. He shot it with his Ruger Super Redhawk .44 Mag. Sounds like a challenge. OK Judd, looks like my Colt Anaconda .44 Mag. will be out at the hunt this year.

On another note, while hunting brings us closer to nature, there are some parts of nature to be watchful for. I've killed, I mean stopped, a lot of rattlesnakes in my sixty times around the sun, but I've never seen a rattlesnake as big as this guy has in the photo. I don't know who he is, but the e-mail I got said that the guy is well over six foot tall. So that makes the snake over seven feet in length. Maybe over eight. The mail I got also said that the snake didn't rattle until it was well agitated. Most of the people he talked to say that it seems to be the norm. The reason being that wild hogs like eating snakes and that rattling just gives them away. This may or may not be the case, but it does make sense. We all know the hog situation here in Texas. I know that the hogs seem to get better at evading us so it's not hard to believe that the snakes are getting better at evading hogs. And us. So now we can add snakes to those creatures that can get us without warning like scorpions, fire ants, bedbugs, and politicians.

Last week, Kathy woke me up, I go to bed early these days, with those big brown eyes bigger than usual and said, "there's a rattlesnake by the front door". I thought she was talking about one of my buddies, so I said, "who is it"? After we got it strait I went and saw that our young dog B.B. had a rattlesnake coiled up and ready by the front door. I keep a .22 with snakeshot ready for just this occasion which I quickly retrieved. I was able to open the door just enough to get the barrel pointed right at his head and let one go. His rattling slowly subsided. And I shot him again just for safe measure. It wasn't that big, between four and five feet but it was very thick. This is not the first or last time B.B. has saved us from snakes. A few days later he had one of those fierce growls by the back door just as Kathy was about to go out and feed them. As she got closer to the back sliding door she heard a rattling sound and thought it might be the AC might have sprung a leak. But the rattling only grew stronger as she got close to the door. Once again I had to come to the rescue. And this time we remembered to get pictures. This snake was a little bigger, as you can see from the photo.

Having two snakes within a weeks time started us thinking we might have a bigger problem. I called a friend of mine to ask about it and got a bit of a runaround. I called the center where he works and asked for him and I was transferred to his secretary. I asked for Jim and she replied, "Dr. Gallagher is out for the week". I told her to get him and tell him to call "The Dawg". Before I hung up I could hear her say, "who".

A few hours later Jim called and I told him the story. He said not to worry, there is no "nest" and that the snakes were just taking advantage of the warm weather lately to find a good place to lay up for the winter. They just picked the wrong property to cross.

He was amused at his secretary who couldn't believe he actually knew someone called The Dawg.

I don't see him that often anymore just when he and his wife need more firearms training.

Cont.

I've known Jim for about thirty years. We worked at the same ranch together and did everything from round-ups to mending fences. Anyway, he's a PHD. now and knows his stuff.

I usually carry my derringer with a shotshell load for critters when I go hunting as a rule. Last year if you remember I wrote an article about me having had to shoot a feral hog that charged me with my .45. which only goes to show that you can't have too many guns.

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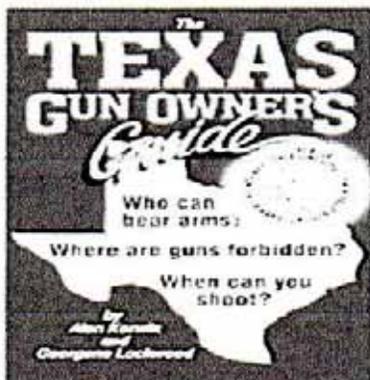
I read the item on holsters by Gary Schwenk in your last issue. Off and on over the years I have looked for a holster for a 1903/1908 Colt Pocket Automatic with no luck. I e-mailed Gary and he thought he had a mold for one and would let me know.

Success! At the last SAXET gun show in San Antonio I visited with Gary and got the holster. It is great. The most comfortable holster I have ever worn. The draw is clean and easy, with excellent retention. Galco eat your heart out---Gary's is about half their price or less. I ordered two more and am eagerly awaiting their arrival.

That is the kind of info that helps us all out, Bulldog, and I thank you for taking the effort to share it.

Don Staats

p.s. On a personal basis I found Gary to be a great guy and would recommend anyone in the market for a holster send him an email at g.schwenk@yahoo.com



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“The Sword is more important than the shield. And skill is more important than either. The final weapon is the brain. All else is Supplemental”

John Steinbeck

Wow! Who would have thought John Steinbeck would have a deep grasp of the keys to personal security? In just a few sentences he reveals most of the important points you need to understand and implement in order to be safer

Your Personal security is a “trinity” of equipment, tactics and training. This “trinity” is like sitting on a three legged stool. If one leg one leg fails the other two legs might just hold you up, but if two or more fail you will most certainly find yourself looking up from the floor.

Your personal safety needs equally deep thought in equipment, tactics and training...

The Sword is more important than the shield...

The Sword is equipment. Life saving emergency equipment should be or the highest quality and simple to operate under stress. Spending the money to buy quality Pepper Spray, flashlight or firearm may seem difficult because you do not have the expectation of actually using this lifesaving equipment. ‘Gosh, why would I want to pay extra for something I hope I never have to use or will only use once?’

The answer, of course is that if that cheap, flimsy or un necessary complex item fails, you or someone you deeply care for could be injured, maimed or even suffer loss of life. Hard words, but true. Remember, as with most things in life, you get what you pay for— though even the best gear may not be good enough.

An emergency situation, by definition, is already a situation out of control and to regain control you should use the best tools available. In other words, if you are going dragon slaying, take a sword and shield of the highest quality, durable, and can be used confidently when staring eye to eye with a fire breather...

But Please don't think that simply owning any item or items will make you safe, because...

“Skill is more important than either...”

It is the singer not the song... Tactics... Don't think your high quality gear will save you in crisis. It is just a tool. Better tools only help better operators and better operators use the 5 P's. Proper Planning prevents poor performance to maximize the better tools advantages.

Proper planning prevent poor performance formula

The best way to accomplish “proper planning” is to create a decision tree of your plan. A decision tree is just a logical game of “what if” What if someone is outside my front door trying to get in. What if I wake up with someone in my room tonight? What if there is violence at my work place? What if I am with my kids in a parking lot and unloading the car and several bad actors approach me? The bad Guy or guys will always attack when the situation is the most advantageous to them and the least advantageous to you. So start to find the areas of vulnerability in your daily life of home, work and social movement you or your loved ones have significant exposure... Cont.

Then, create several pre planned courses of action based on the three basic human responses of Fight. Flight or Freeze. When planning on possible emergency response scenarios, you need to consider several fall back plans for each scenario because often in the real world things do not always work out ideally for the good actors. But hopefully your pre-planned decision tree will give you a starting point to regain control of the situation. Though usually the best laid plans fall apart in the opening seconds of a conflict, at least you have a pre planned point of reference to help light your way out through the dark maze of violent conflict.

The Final weapon is the brain...The Brain part is the training part. It amazes me how many people agonize over a gun,light, or defensive spray purchase and yet still refuse to take the time to practice. Practice is just the simple act of making actions by pass the frontal cortex and become mid brain reflexive. To have true value, training must meet three criteria or the 3R's. It must be recent, relevant and realistic

Recent...Survival Skills and plans are perishable skills. The Hollywood action films give us the illusion that we will become survival machines in the style of the Terminator part 1, 2, and 3, but that is Hollywood and in emergencies life seldom imitates action art! Practice and review your survival skills often, in part, because these plans are stored on the frontal lobe of the brain. When we get scared, our frontal lobe shuts down and switches to mid brain. The mid brain is an emergency task master that uses gross motor skills. The mid brain only deals with deeply ingrained thoughts and habits. The frontal lobe is too indecisive to work fast n a crisis and the mid brain can not multi task well. Therefore, with out constant and recent training, we tend to perform when our usually quiet mid brain takes charge.

Realistic...Everyone's lifestyle is totally unique and your training must take that into account. If you plan and train to face a crisis alone, what happens to your plan if your children are with you? Your plan on a crisis in during full daylight and the incident happens at night or in the dark of a structure? You have a plan if a stranger attacks you and find yourself losing control in a situation where your attacker is not a stranger

All of these scenarios come back to another version of the 5 P's we talked about before: Proper practice prevents poor performance. Make your practice reflect all your real life scenarios.

Relevant...If you plan on protecting yourself with a weapon then practice with it. If you have a flashlight stored for an emergency, then practice finding it in the dark. If you feel you or your kids might have to crawl out of your home near the floor to avoid the toxic fumes of a house fire the get down and crawl to your primary and secondary exits to see if your plan with succeed. If you have a firearm your training should reflect the areas you might have to fight with that gun at home, car or public places. No two lifestyles are alike so your training must reflect the areas you operate in you have vulnerabilities in home, work and social settings.

Bottom line is we tend to perform as we train and fail at the limits of our training. We should never put at risk anything we can not afford to loose. So have the best equipment, develop a tactical mindset and practice, practice, practice like your life or the lives of those who trust you to protect them depend on it because they in fact do. Hope for the best, plan for the worst and everything usually will turn out all right...



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As a member of the Texas Concealed Handgun Association, I hereby promise to promote the continuation and improvement of the Texas Concealed Handgun Laws, to present the standards and concerns of the members to the general public, the Department of Public Safety and the legislators who represent us. I further promise to promote responsible firearm safety, ownership and use in our communities, to provide current information to our members about the laws, lesson plans and topics related to the Concealed Handgun License program, and to promote high standards of instruction and training. I will support the right of responsible, law abiding citizens to own, keep and lawfully carry firearms for personal protection.

Enclosed are my dues for membership in the Association. *If you are a Texas CHL Instructor please submit a copy of your Texas CHL Instructor Certificate with this application.*

Send completed application to:

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Lineup for the Conference

- Saturday morning March 5th. will meet in the lobby for the trek to “Hill Country Shooting Sports Center” for the fun shoot.

Lunch

- After lunch we will hear from TSRA rep. Alice Tripp,
- We have a use of force clinic from our own instructors, Dean, Larry, Erwine, Gail, Judd, Bill, Kathy, and whoever else I can get to add their input.
- Later we will hear from Austin Davis from KANGAROO CARRY.COM.
- Before we meet at the banquet you are all welcome to join us for a drink at the hospitality room hosted by the folks at CHL Protection Plan. (This is my favorite part)
- The banquet will be a treat because we have Erwine Ballarta as a speaker. Along with all the people he has been a bodyguard for there is a wide variety of teaching skill to give an account of. You can check him out @ cso-usa.com
- Sunday morning we have our annual meeting and elections. We will elect three board members and new officers.
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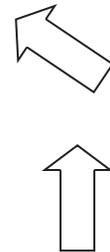
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