

REALITY TV NEW SERIES

# Woman lives for '30 Days' on other side of the fence



John Thyne, principal owner of Peabody Sports in Kettering has hosted an anti-gun guest worker in his gun shop for an FX television series called "30 Days." "We're really interested to see how the editing is going to go," Thyne said. Staff photo by Ty Greenlees



Anti-gun advocate Pia Lalli works at Peabody Sports while taping the FX network series "30 Days." Lalli is a dance instructor who lost a friend to gun violence and has immersed herself in the other side of the argument. Staff photo by Teesha McClam

## FX show immerses people on the other side of hot-button issues; a gun control advocate lives with a Kettering gun shop owner.

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KETTERING — Pia Lalli is living the life of a gun enthusiast for the FX reality television series "30 Days."

Lalli, a pro-gun control advocate from Boston, has spent three weeks working at Peabody Sports, a gun dealer on Wilmington Pike. A Los Angeles film crew is documenting her experiences through Sept. 5 for an episode on gun control.

"We're really interested to see how the editing is going to go," said John R. Thyne, principal owner of Peabody Sports. Producers will edit 200 hours of film down to 44 minutes,

he said.

Created by Morgan Spurlock, best known for the hit documentary "Super Size Me," "30 Days" focuses on a hot-button issue and follows a person on one side of the debate as they submerge themselves for 30 days within the culture of the opposing side.

Lalli, a dance instructor who lost a friend to gun violence, is living with gun enthusiast Ken Ekermeier of Fairfield Twp. in Butler Co.

She did firearms training at the SimTrainer shooting range on Dryden Road; watched a competitive shooting match at the Miamisburg Sportsmen's Club; and went skeet shooting at the Clark County Sports-

man's Club in Springfield.

Lalli visited Bill Goodman's Gun & Knife Show on Aug. 11 at Hara Arena. It took one month to get approval from the gun show, Thyne said.

The LA film crew was prohibited from discussing the episode with the media.

"I've personally decided it's not right for me, based on a lot of things," Lalli said on-camera Wednesday to a customer. "But I'm not trying to take away your right."

The "30 Days" gun control episode will be broadcast in late 2007 or early 2008 on FX.

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