

Bill takes aim at license requirement for target

Target shooters would be able to practice on their own land without buying a hunting license under a bill ready for a vote in the state House of Representatives.

"This is for owners who practice on their own property to compete in events. They should not be forced to pay for a hunting license," said the sponsor, Rep. Alvin Kukuk, R-Macomb County.

Kukuk said his bill will apply only in areas open to hunting. It would not supersede urban no-hunting ordinances.

"It (buying a hunting license) is an infringement on our constitutional right to bear arms and to the use of property," Ross Dykema, vice president of the Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, told the panel.

"There are many owners who target

shoot but don't hunt," added Rod Collins, also of the gun owners group.

"Target shooting goes on all year."

But Rep. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, stumped the bill's supporters when he asked: "What happens if your brother is out there shooting on your property? I have friends who own land. I want to be covered."

Committee chair Tom Alley, D-West

Branch, asked Kukuk and Brown to prepare a clarifying amendment that could be added on the House floor when it comes up for a vote, perhaps as early as this week.

The committee then reported out the bill on an 18-0 vote.

In other business, Alley said subcommittees are working on bills to regulate safety of personal watercraft, the an-

called "jet skis" that kids use to speed across lakes.

"It will be ready within a week or two," said Alley. "Sen. Jon Ciskie (R-Saginaw) has a package of bills, too. It will be quite a change in the law."

Refer to House Bill 5343 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Feb. 15.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Teen has science talent: Detroit Country Day senior Cheryl Kim, 16, of Bloomfield Township, is one of 40 students competing in the Washington D.C.-based Westinghouse Science Talent Search. Over the 57-year history of the competition, five finalists have gone on to become Nobel Prize winners. Other finalists have had brilliant careers in science, medicine and related fields.

CLARKSTON
Graduation requirements change: Clarkston's school board Feb. 9 approved a new

graduation requirement for Clarkston High School that includes more work in language art and a year-long physical education class that incorporates swimming. The requirements take effect for students slated for graduation in the year 2002.

LAKE ORION
Winter carnival arrives: Old World Canterbury Village and the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce have a host of events planned for the Third Annual Winter Carnival, Feb. 13-15 and Feb. 22. Events include a 100-block illuminated ice castle at Canterbury Village and a fireworks display over Lake Orion. The carnival will help benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For additional information,

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OXFORD VILLAGES
Councilman enters county race: Oxford Village Council member Tom Athans recently announced his candidacy for the District 1 post of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Ruth Johnson currently occupies the seat and recently announced her candidacy for the 46th district seat in the Michigan House of Representatives.

ROCHESTER HILLS
Brother charged: Michael Conat, 15, of Rochester Hills, was arraigned Feb. 14 on first-degree murder charges in con-

nection with the shooting death of his sister, Laura Conat, who was 12. Funeral services for Laura Conat were held Feb. 11 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

SOUTHFIELD
Schools seek millage renewal: Southfield school board recently set a date for a millage election. On April 6, voters will be asked to grant or deny a continuation of the district's current 21.884 mills for a five-year period.

TROY
Golf course being considered: A joint committee comprised of school and city officials recently sent out a request for

qualifications to 184 firms to develop another municipal golf course. The deadline for responses is Feb. 23. However, the property where the city hopes to locate the course — about 80 acres abutting city property — is owned by Troy Schools, and the school board hasn't decided whether or not to sell the site.

WEST BLOOMFIELD
Court overturns dentist suit: The Michigan Supreme Court recently ruled that West Bloom-

field dentist Dr. Robert E. Matthews, can't sue Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBS) for malicious prosecution in connection with a fraud case the insurance group helped bring against him. The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office charged Matthews of attempting to defraud BCBS, but the dentist was acquitted of all charges in Oakland County Circuit Court.

— Compiled by staff reporter Nicole Stafford

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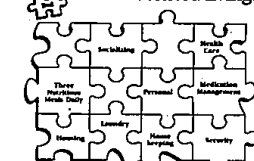
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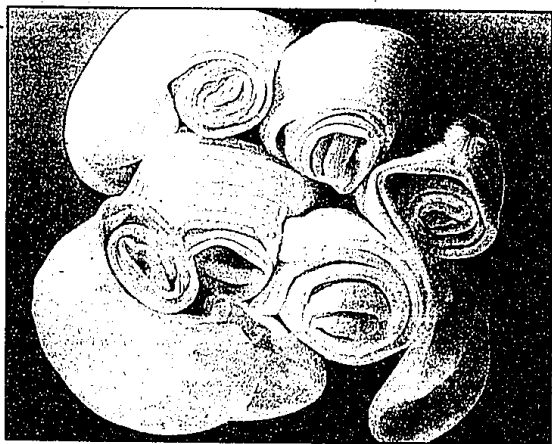
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