

Man closer to obtaining pistol records from police

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Fred Mager is inching closer toward obtaining Michigan State Police pistol inspection records.

The state Court of Appeals denied the State Police's request for a rehearing last week. The second highest court ruled 3-0 that the Redford Township resident was entitled, under the Freedom of Information Act, to the records.

"My attorney (Daniel Bamberg of DeWitt) has a date for March 18 in Ingham Circuit Court for summary disposition," said Mager, who wants the records in order to enlist pistol owners in a campaign for less restrictive licensing laws.

But Chris DeWitt, spokesman for Attorney General Frank Kelley, said his office has until Feb. 25 to decide whether to ask the state Supreme Court for leave to appeal. "That has not been formally decided yet," he said.

Time is critical, said Mager, who delivers pizzas in Detroit for a living. The longer the state can delay, the less information he has to mount political opposition to those who oppose liberalized concealed weapons laws.

His particular target in 1996 was Rep. James Ryan, R-Redford, who lost reelection. On Mager's 1998 list are Reps. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, who

is running for the attorney general nomination, and Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

DeWitt said there is no deadline for the Supreme Court to decide whether to take the case.

In Mager's suit, State Police argued unsuccessfully that they may deny access to pistol permit records because they are "of a personal nature where the public disclosure ... would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy."

The Court of Appeals concluded, however, "that the ownership of a gun does not reveal intimate or embarrassing details of an individual's life." Mager seeks names and addresses of those who have target-

hunting and home business permits.

Meanwhile, four state representatives introduced a bipartisan package of bills aimed at uniform standards for issuing a concealed weapons permit. The group includes Alan Crocsey, R-DeWitt, sponsor of an earlier, failed bill to have a single state gun permit system. Co-sponsors include Democrats Candace Curtis of Swartz Creek and Howard Wetters of Bay County and Republican James McNitt, a former Midland County Sheriff.

"Crocsey caved in to the law enforcement lobby," Mager said.

He pointed to a section that would allow county gun boards to go behind closed doors to pore over an applicant's

mental health records. "Michigan is screwy with gun laws," he said.

The new package says applicants must be at least 21 years old, be a Michigan resident at least one year, complete a 12-hour firearms training course, and have no felonies or violent misdemeanors on their records.

The licensee must never have been acquitted for a crime by reason of insanity and not under a court order of legal incapacity or involuntary commitment.

A licensee with .02 percent blood alcohol content caught carrying a weapon could have his permit revoked. "Ridiculous! A pilot can fly a 747 with a higher content," said Mager.

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HEART TO HEART
The Oakland County Animal Care Center will be celebrating Valentine's Day this year by attempting to find loving homes for loving pets. An open house will be held at the center, 1700 Brown Road in Auburn Hills, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14. More than 100 homeless dogs and cats will be available for adoption. Theme for the day is: "Two hearts are better than one." For further information, call (248) 391-4100.

PET ADOPTIONS
The Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan will be hosting two pet adoption days this month. Cats only adoption day will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 15 at the AWS office, located on the corner of 12 Mile and Dequindre in Madison Heights. Animal lovers can also

adopt dogs, cats, kittens and puppies from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 21 at Classic Pet Supply, on the southeast corner of 12 Mile and Schoenherr in Warren. Adoption fee, sterilization deposit and screening are required. To obtain further information, call (248) 648-1150.

KEEPER OF THE DREAM
Oakland University's Keeper of the Dream Banquet, culminating OU's observance of African American Celebration Month, is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. Robert J. Easton, chairman of Chrysler Corporation, will deliver the keynote address. Tickets are \$75 per person, of which \$25 is tax deductible. For ticket information, call Lauren Herrington at (248) 370-4665 or Betty Green at (248) 370-4404.

GUARDIANSHIP VOLUNTEERS
The Oakland County Probate Court is looking for volunteers to periodically check on the care of the elderly and the very young who are in the care of court-appointed guardians. The next Guardianship Volunteer training is Feb. 19 at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 North Telegraph in Pontiac. For more information,

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COMPANIONSHIP VOLUNTEERS
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MASTER COMPOSTER CLASS
Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority is offering a master composter class, beginning from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Royal Oak Senior Center. Topics


covered include backyard composting, natural mulches, healthy lawn care, environmental gardening and education outreach to the public. There is a fee. For program information, contact SOCRRA weekdays at (248) 546-5818.

ANCIENT AFRICAN CONTRIBUTIONS
In celebration of African American History Month, the Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College presents OCC professor Dr. Schavi Ali speaking on "Ancient African Contributions to the Modern World." The program will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, in the campus' Student Center Arena, 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford. Admission is \$10. Call (248) 360-3188

for more information.

QUEEN APPLICANTS WANTED
The Michigan Beekeepers Association is looking for applicants for the 1998 Michigan Honey Queen. To qualify, entrants must be a single woman between 17 and 21 years of age. The

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