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City Council approves change in liquor license location

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved changing the location of a liquor license that will allow a local man to open a new restaurant.

The change, suggested by Mayor Chalmers Flint, who also serves as city liquor commissioner, will allow Steve Compton to use his liquor license at 231 W. Main, formerly the Marathon station.

Saturday will be Compton's last day at Compton's Bar and Grill, 225 E. Main. He announced that he would no longer be affiliated with that restaurant after he learned the business was sold by a co-owner, former Hoopeston car dealer Ron King. The deal, which has been a source of speculation for weeks, has reportedly not yet been finalized.

King, who now lives in the Atlanta, Ga., area, could not be reached for comment. Neither could the prospective buyer, who does not have a directory assistance listing and could not be reached by phone.

After Tuesday's meeting, Compton said he has met with bankers about purchasing the building. "They said it wouldn't be a problem," he said.

Compton, who has managed and cooked at the restaurant for more than three years, is unhappy about leaving the business that bears his name. "I wish I could stay there," he said. "All I have to take with me is my license."

Allowing the change in location means the council may be asked to approve a new license for a new owner of Compton's Bar and Grill, Flint said. Currently, only a beer and wine license is available, he said. However, after speaking with the Illinois Liquor Commission, Flint said the council may create or do away with as many licenses as they want.

In related business, the council postponed voting on changes to the city's liquor ordinances. The civic improvement committee has met to discuss a request to

have at least modified Sunday sales. However, committee chairman Ed Lotz, along with Aldermen Rod Kaag and John Haughee, were not at Tuesday's meeting.

Flint said the issue would be brought up when all eight aldermen are present, which may push a decision until March.

Also tabled was a vote on a proposal to raise trash pickup rates from \$4.75 to \$8 per month. In a letter to the council, Haughee requested that issue not be brought to a vote until after a Feb. 11 meeting between the city and landfill personnel. Haughee, along with Eckersley and Alderman Bill Goodwine, will attend that meeting.

Resident Al Walker suggested garbage rates be based on the amount of trash picked up at each home.

While agreeing with Walker's concept, Goodwine said the proposed rate hike would generate about \$100,000 for the city which would help offset a projected \$400,000 deficit in next year's budget. "We're not going to be able to nickel and dime our way out of that," he said.

In unrelated action, the council honored Audrey Mushrush, widow of John Mushrush, for the couple's service to the National Weather Service as weather observers.

Sheriff's police investigate double homicide near Henning

DANVILLE—Vermilion County Sheriff's police are investigating a double homicide reported at approximately 9 a.m. Tuesday morning near Henning.

Two men were reportedly found dead near the village. Autopsies were to be held Tuesday in Bloomington.

Further details were unavailable at press time.

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Senior YABA
Standings 2/2/02



1. Shibby	36½	14½
2. Lopsotoy	33	18
3. Lil Bowlers	30	21
4. Hot Shots	30	21
5. Pin Snappers	27	24
6. No Limit Soljuz	19	32
7. Shibby 2	12½	38½
8. The Simpsons	11	40

Team Scratch Game: Shibby 721, Pin Snappers 628, Lopsotoy 605; **Team Scratch Series:** Shibby 1,776, Pin Snappers 1,741, Lopsotoy 1,673; **Team Handicap Game:** Shibby 854, Hot Shots 835, Lopsotoy 834; **Team Handicap Series:** Lopsotoy 2,360, Shibby 2,331, The Simpsons 2,321. **Boys Scratch Game:** Zack Sage 199, Ronald Cappellano 196, Anthony Cappellano/Matt Watts 182; **Scratch Series:** Anthony Ronald Cappellano 514, Matt Watts 485, Anthony Cappellano 482; **Handicap Game:** Zack Sage 258, Ronald Cappellano 232, Michael Douglass 222; **Handicap Series:** Brad Garner 631, Zack Sage 628, Michael Douglass 626. **Girls Scratch Game:** Ashley Simpson 146, Michelle Garner 123, Brittany Rowe 115; **Scratch Series:** Michelle Garner 355, Ashley Simpson 306, Brittany Rowe 305; **Handicap Game:** Ashley Simpson 248, Brittany Rowe 213, Michelle Garner 191; **Handicap Series:** Ashley Simpson 612, Brittany Rowe 599, Michelle Garner 559.

Junior YABA
Standings 2/2/02

1. Rush & Co.	30	21
2. The Gutter Gang	29	22
3. Strike Zone	26½	24
4. Strikers	26½	24½
5. Sting Rays	21	30
6. Alley Cats	20	31

High Scratch Game: Sting Rays 525, Alley Cats 435, Strike Zone 435.



Police News


Iva Sue Hollis, 33, of 512 W. Penn, was arrested at 6:44 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of South Bank. Hollis was charged with leaving the scene of a vehicle damage accident, failure to give information after striking an unattended vehicle and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Police said the arrest stemmed from a hit-and-run accident reported Sunday. Hollis was released on a notice to appear. **A 59-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone took a flower wreath from her son's grave. **A 16-year-old** boy was arrested at 11:30 p.m. Monday in the 900 block of Orange, charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Police said the arrest was made after the boy was seen hanging out of a pickup truck window as the truck was westbound on Orange. The boy was released to his mother on a notice to appear.

Briefly

Chili supper
The FREEway, a nonprofit teen center in Ross-ville, will host a chili supper beginning at 4 p.m. Friday at the Ross-ville-Alvin High School. Cost is \$3 per person. Money raised will be used to purchase a new pool table for the center.

Tiny Tots
"Farmers" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots sponsored by the Hoopeston Public Library. Children will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. Tiny Tots is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Rules of the Road
A free Rules of the Road review course will be held from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Feb 8 at the Hoopeston city hall conference room. For more information, call 283-5833.


Weather
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