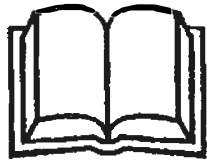



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★ **Police News** ★

**Betty A. Leslie**, 41, of 824 N. Third St., was arrested at 4:20 p.m. Thursday on a warrant for failure to appear. She was released on \$200 cash bond.

**Alfred J. Gagnon**, 33, of 204 E. Lincoln, turned himself in to Hoopeston police Thursday. Gagnon was wanted on a warrant for failure to appear. He was released on \$300 cash bond.

**Jason Hedgecock**, 17, of 313 Green St., Rossville, was arrested at 7:30 p.m. Thursday on two warrants for failure to appear. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of bond.

**Todd Rush**, 476 E. First North St., Wellington, reported to police Thursday that he was working behind Subway when he put down a screwdriver, went into the basement, and returned to find his screwdriver missing.

**Peggy Smith**, 623 S. Second Ave., reported Friday that her son's 24 inch 10 speed mountain bicycle was missing from 419 W. Washington. The bicycle is bright yellow.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:03 p.m. Friday. A vehicle driven by Lula M. Alkire, 1101 S. Second Ave., backed into a vehicle driven by Angela K. Tull of Rankin.

**Tracy A. Hughes**, 16, of 32443 State Road 1, was ticketed for failure to yield following an accident at 10:13 p.m. Friday.

According to reports, a vehicle driven by Megan E. Cornelius, 620 E. Maple, was southbound on 5th Ave., attempting to make a left turn onto Penn when Hughes, who was northbound, struck Cornelius' vehicle.

**Holly White**, an employee of Ted's Home Beverage, 101 W. Main, reported Friday that a 14-

year-old boy tried to steal a bottle of whiskey. The boy was returned home after receiving a notice to appear in court.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:46 a.m. Saturday.

A vehicle driven by Randi R. Judy, 418 W. Washington, struck a vehicle driven by Cathy A. Moore, 819 W. Seminary.

The accident happened in front of 301 W. Main. **Daniel P. Silver**, 1210 E. Thompson, reported Saturday that someone beat the mailbox in front of his residence.


**Michael A. Abbott**, 25, of 317 Front St., was arrested at 2:44 p.m. Saturday on a warrant for failure to appear. He was released on \$200 cash bond.

The 10 speed mountain bicycle reported taken Thursday from 419 W. Washington was found Saturday along Route 9. The owner identified and claimed it.

**Leaky roof damages school**

Hoopeston Area Junior High School received \$7,000 to \$8,000 in damage Wednesday night as a result of heavy rains. The roof, which is being repaired, leaked, damaging books, computers and printers.

**Weather**



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## City officials need wisdom to decide local zoning issue

There's a story that illustrates the wisdom of Solomon. The story goes that two women appeared before the king, each claiming to be the child's mother.

Solomon's answer was to order the child cut in two, giving half to each woman. One woman agreed, but the other asked that the child not be cut in order to save his life.

Solomon gave the baby to that woman, realizing she was the mother because she loved the child.

The Hoopeston planning commission, and subsequently, the city council will need the wisdom of Solomon to decide what's best for Hoopeston's northwest side.

At issue is whether an area currently zoned for heavy industry can be rezoned residential.

Residents and property owners in what is commonly called Greater Hoopeston have requested the change to maintain a residential flavor to the area.

But such a change could hurt existing businesses in the area because while they would be allowed to stay if the area is rezoned - called grandfathering - their properties would revert to residential status if the properties sold.

New owners would have to request variances to operate the businesses. Current owners say there are no guarantees that such variances would be granted.

Business owners have a valid point, but so do residents, some of whom have a long-term vested interest in the area.

Residents maintain that they do not want to close the businesses, but would like some control over their neighborhood. They say that few people care about what happens in Greater Hoopeston, which they compare to a dumping ground.

The area zoned I2, heavy industrial, which, according to the city ordinance book, means several types of businesses can be located there, including

a junk yard, a bottling, canning, packing or preserving plant, coke and brick ovens, and light and heavy manufacturing operations.

How many people, residents wonder, would like living next to such enterprises?

The situation raises questions about Hoopeston's zoning laws.

For example, Section 17.40.060 of the ordinance book, states that heavy industrial lots abutting residential districts shall have no buildings closer than 100 feet to the residential

district property line, nor shall any parking area be closer than 60 feet to the property line of any residential district.

Neither business meets this qualification.

Also, according to Section 17.40.080, any open storage or junk yard shall be entirely enclosed by at least an eight-foot tight board or sheet metal fence.

One of the businesses in question has open storage, but is not surrounded by a fence.

On the other hand, homes are not to be built in areas zoned for commercial or industrial use.

And at least once before, a zoning request was rescinded because the owner was told if the property was rezoned to commercial, he would have to move his residence from the building.

It seems that city officials not only need to decide the immediate issue, but also need to take a good look at zoning requirements, which often seem to contradict each other and make possible situations such as that on the northwest side.

Also, officials should consider whether existing ordinances will be followed in all circumstances. If not, they should be stricken from the books.

That will take time. Time is not something the planning commission has to deal with the issue concerning the northwest side.

Yes, they'll need the wisdom of Solomon to reach a decision on this one.

Let's just hope the baby doesn't have to get cut in half.



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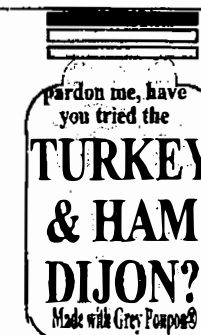
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