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## Hearing officer reaffirms decision process in expansion

The officer at the original siting hearing of the proposed landfill expansion disagrees with expansion opponents who say the issue can be decided on issues other than fact.

Tom Thanas, officer at the March 3, 1993 siting hearing, issued a written opinion March 24 to mayor Bob Ault and city council members, stating the same rules applied to the siting hearing will apply if the issue is remanded to the council.

"The City Council will sit in what is tantamount to a judicial role on the site approval application." Thanas wrote, adding aldermen "should refrain from expressing a final position on how they would decide the service area issue" because the decision "will be overturned on appeal if the members of the deciding body show a predisposition to a particular side or decision."

At issue is whether the council's original approval of siting was based on need in the intended 31-county service area proposed by Illinois Landfills, Inc., owner of the local landfill.

ILI has requested the existing landfill be expanded from 35 to approximately 120 acres.

Opponents of the expansion have stated that incumbent aldermen could have stopped the expansion and ruled for the expansion based on personal approval of the project. Opponents appealed the council's decision to the Illinois Pollution Control Board, which sided with opponents.

ILI appealed to the Appellate Court, which overturned the PCB verdict. Opponents have appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court, but the court has not yet decided if it will hear the case.

Landfill owners would not comment, issuing a written statement saying "it would be inappropriate to comment on a matter currently under judicial consideration," and that the company's position "has been stated several times at public hearings in accordance with state law in both Hoopeston and Danville."

#### **Police News**



Brian K. Whitney, no age given, of 203 Gilbert, Rossville, was arrested at 5:30 p.m. Monday, charged with reckless driving after he drove too closely to a 14-year-old boy on a bicycle.

According to police reports, the passenger mirror of Whitney's truck struck the youth. Whitney posted his license and was released.

#### Correction

It was incorrectly reported in Tuesday's edition that the tax rate for an expanded library district will be \$17. It will be \$.17 per \$100 assessed valuation. Just the Facts regrets the error.

#### **Obituaries**

QUIGLEY - Justin J. Quigley. 23. of Rossville. died Monday, March 27, 1995 in a automobile accident in Lafayette, Ind. Services are pending at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Rossville.

#### Weather



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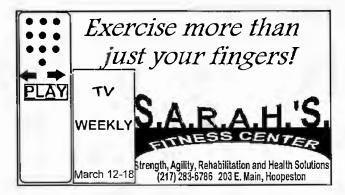
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#### Letter to the Editor

### Election issues critiqued

I am writing this regarding the upcoming elections. I am a former resident and my family still resides within Hoopeston.

My letter addresses issues that should be considered by Hoopeston voters. I have had the opportunity to visit Hoopeston often in the last month, educating myself on the current issues and current candidates.

First is the concern about the landfill expansion. This issue has been one of passionate concern. Now, however, the city of Hoopeston has reached a crossroad.

The crossroad is a referendum on the April 4 ballot. I have read and heard candidates blame someone else, threaten consequences if it does or does not happen, guarantee everything from fifty jobs to recycling, and even talk about a landfill as a way to attract business to Hoopeston. I have not, however, heard anyone say anything about listening to the people of Hoopeston.

Some candidates have made it clear that no matter how the referendum goes, they will still vote against the landfill. And these candidates really want your vote? They want you to vote for them. however once they get elected, they say point blank, "we won't listen to you. Thanks for electing me, but now I can take it from here."

The referendum is the only way to solve this unsolvable problem. The vote is, to many, the only way of voicing their opinions. How can people in a democracy created "for the people, by the people" say they will help you if they won't listen to you? Forget all the rhetoric surrounding the landfill expansion and vote your convictions.

If candidates won't respect your vote, then why should you give it to them?

Secondly, is a fun-for-all-ages issue melting pot. The first part of this is the Hoopeston Library referendum question, and the second part is juvenile crime.

If passed, the library referendum would guaran-

tee more access, quicker delivery of up-to-date periodicals, literature and research material.

As a young student. I spent many nights and Saturday mornings at the library. The Hoopeston Public Library is where many young people not only read, but also dream about far away places, different cultures and different peoples. The referendum should be supported so youth can continue to find asylum within the confines of the library.

If the youth don't have some form of entertainment then they create their own (ie. slitting tires, scratching cars, etc. etc.).

Finally, I will address what I feel is a definite misunderstanding of what really needs to be done to improve economic growth and development.

As I sat through the March 25 candidates forum. I heard candidates talk about citizens being upbeat ambassadors of the community. A number of candidates even suggested utilizing citizens to help attract industry and business to Hoopeston. I don't want anyone to feel that the citizens of Hoopeston are not capable of great things because I know from experience that they are. However Hoopeston needs professionals to handle marketing Hoopeston.

In today's international marketplace Hoopeston needs someone with knowledge and training in marketing, public relations and diplomacy - creative professionals to help lead the quest for growth. I agree Hoopeston needs existing entitites moving in the same direction, but Hoopeston needs an expert to help guide them.

Nevertheless, the residents of Hoopeston should elect people who will respect and listen to their vote. The founding fathers created our democracy for people who valued suffrage and its role in our society.

On April 4, remember that if people won't listen to your vote...then it's like you don't even have one.

Matthew Parsons Carbondale, IL.

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## **Susan Comstock**

April 4

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