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HA school board to hold expulsion hearing for student

The Hoopeston Area school board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday to decide whether a high school student should be expelled.

The student, a 16-year-old boy, faces expulsion for possessing marijuana in the school, said principal Mark Conolly.

Conolly said the drug was found after the boy was questioned in connection with another incident. School officials had the boy empty his pants pockets and found the drug.

The board will decide if and for how long to expel the student, Conolly said. Under Illinois law, school administrators may suspend a student for up to 10 days. Further punishment requires board action.

The board may expel students for time frames

ranging from 10 days to two years, he said.

Conolly said he will recommend the student be expelled for the remainder of the year. The recommendation is based on the boy's alleged involvement in the earlier incident, as well as the amount of marijuana involved. "There was enough that I thought until the end of the year was sufficient punishment," Conolly said. "I think it's adequate."

Because an expulsion hearing is a legal proceeding, the boy may have his parents present, as well as legal counsel, Conolly said.

The boy may face criminal charges as well. The incident was turned over to the Hoopeston Police Department and is under investigation, said Sergeant Steve Bane.

Icy nights call for hot new reads from Hoopeston library

The Hoopeston Public Library has received the following new books:

Fiction: "Mercy & Eagleflight" by Michael Phillips, "The Deep End of the Ocean" by Jacquelyn Mitchard, "Zeke and Ned" by Larry McMurtry, "Airframe" by Michael Crichton and "Charity" by Len Deighton.

Also, "Angel Playing Too Close to the Ground" by Annie Garrett, "Purgatory Road" by Bob Reiss, "Born in Shame" by Nora Roberts, "The Christmas Tree" by Julie Salamon, "The Book of Ruth" by Jane Hamilton, "Drums of Autumn" by Diana Gabaldon and "The Fallen Man" by Tony Hillerman.

Non-fiction: "Christmas With Southern Living 1996," "Weight Watchers New 365-day Menu Cookbook," "The Beardstown Ladies Guide to Smart Spending For Big Savings" by the Beardstown Ladies Investment Club, "My Sergei" by Ekaterina Gordeva, "Marketing on the Internet" by Jill H. Ellsworth and "Angela's

Ashes" by Frank McCourt.

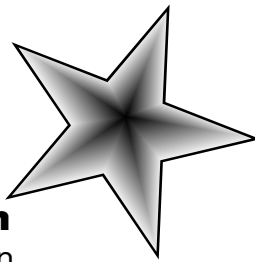
And, "Iroquois County Land Atlas & Plat Book," "The Perfect Wedding" by Maria McBride-Mellinger, Woman Doctor's Guide Miscarriage" by Lynn Friedman, "Handmade for Profit" by Barbara Brabec, "Bullies and Victims" by Suellen Fried, "50 Years of Notable Books" by the American Library Association, "U.S. Master Tax Guide," "Chase's Calendar of Events" and "The Koehler Method of Dog Training" by William R. Koehler.

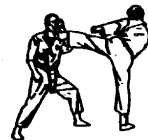
Also, "Information Please Almanac," Consumer Law Guidebook 1996," "World Almanac and Book of Facts," "American Car Price Guide," "Illinois Crash Facts and Statistics" by the Illinois Department of Transportation, "A Feast For All Seasons" by the Hoopeston Junior Women's Club, "The fate of a Gesture" by Carter Ratcliff, "Foreign Car Price Guide" and "I Was Wrong" by Jim Bakker.

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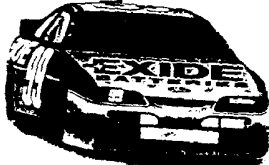
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Letter to the Editor



Stars on flag not representative of population writer says

Editor:

Ever since writing my infamous article on building a dome over Hoopeston, I have been told by people how much they enjoyed my article. What most people don't realize is that a dome would actually be good for the city and make *cents*. Now that's a different topic for another day; I won't discuss that again! Some of these people are asking me what I'm going to write about next. But I couldn't think of anything that disturbed me...until now.

In school the other day, I found myself pondering the design of Old Glory, our proud flag and symbol of this nation. Now don't get me wrong here, our flag has always been important in my life, serving as the symbol of this great nation! It's not the flag that's the problem, it's the design. I'm pleased that the 13 stripes are there to honor the original 13 colonies and that there are 50 stars to honor the 50 states. It's the size of the stars that I'm not pleased about.

Wyoming, with a population of 470,816 is represented on the flag by a star the same size as California's (population 23,668,562) star. The same star which represents 2,913,387 (Iowa) shouldn't also represent 11,418,461 (Illinois). That is absolutely ludicrous!

What I believe is that states should have their star sizes in accordance to their population. On a national level, the average population of the states is around 6 million; many states have populations below that level. States over the level would get larger stars and ones under that

level would get smaller stars. The states that are about average (say, Indiana) would remain unaffected. With this in mind, the proportions would all work out so the total space for stars on the flag would remain unaffected.

Another perk of this idea is that you would now finally be able to tell which state is represented by which star on the flag.

Changing the thickness of the stripes is a good idea, too. Letter to follow.

**Gavin Hamilton
Hoopeston**

Police News



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:24 a.m. Monday to 624 E. Honeywell for a report of smoke coming from an electrical heating unit.

No injuries were reported.

Obituaries

BILLINGSLEY - Kenneth Billingsley, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 1997, at St. Joseph Hospital in Bloomington. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Duffy-Pils Memorial Home in Fairbury. Burial will be in the Fairbury cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph Intensive Care Unit,



In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Jan. 23, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Anna Nichols, Cissna Park; Patricia Boyer, Beverly Hurt, Mildred Weger and Dora Gregoire, all of Hoopeston.

Jan. 24, 1997

Admitted: Hazel Edwards and Esther Glauser, Hoopeston; Francis Morts, Milford.

Discharged: Hazel Edwards, Hoopeston; Francis

Morts, Milford.

Jan. 25, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Esther Glauser, Hoopeston.

Weather



Mostly sunny, cold today. High in the upper teens. Tonight, clear, cold. Low in the low teens. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 32, low near 13.

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