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the rate the same. Neither the school nor park district have any power to stop development, so voting no will stop developers or growth, officials said.

Cooper defended his letter in principle, even though his arguments were wrong, his principles right. "I don't care whether it was \$36 million or \$3, it's not my job to induce a school district to build a school to help a developer to improve," Cooper said. "He's not going to have any money until he has the town approved."

Cooper said he understood the \$36 million was the cost of building a high school. When asked why he didn't call the school district to verify the figures in his letter, he said, "I'll call and ask them? They're telling us we're being ripped off. It's as plain as the nose on my face — and I've got a large one — it's not a proper function for a school board to

Cooper said the school district should tax to build schools, not get money from developers.

For years, school officials not in Geneva have been trying to get more money from developers to offset the cost of school buildings.

Cooper brushed off criticism that his letter came out right before the referendum with little

declined to release their names.

The trip was not a school-sponsored event, but one that was arranged by the teachers through American Council for International Studies (ACIS), based in Boston, Mass., a company that does tours for school groups and teachers.

"We're very sad," Cave said. "It's not a good situation at all. She's in very grave, very serious condition and we're hoping for the best. We're concerned for her health and well-being. We are very pleased that no one else on the trip was injured and we're glad to have them all home. We're looking forward to having Joy back as soon as her condi-

tion allows."

Vaughn was on life-support in an intensive care unit at La Clinica Biblica, her condition monitored by Assist America, which provides international medical assistance to Americans in accidents while they are in foreign countries.

Michael Eizenberg, president of the tour company, was also shocked by the accident. "This is not a wild, adventuresome place where they were," he said. "This is an everyday excursion from San Jose, not a wild adventure in the rain forest. It's a typical excursion, low-key rafting, an afternoon on the river."

Eizenberg said his company

was formed in 1978 and has provided trips for 300,000 to 400,000 students and teachers over the years. This year alone, they arranged tours for 28,000 students and 4,000 to 5,000 teachers.

"One of our main concerns, because we are dealing with young people and teachers, is to have very safe experiences. This is a very freak accident. Someone in our office was in the same rafting trip last week. There is just not that level of danger involved."

"We're all hoping to get some positive words about Joy, trying to do the best we can," he said.

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Grathoff said since the March 20 vote he had spoken with several constituents and after explaining to them what was at stake, they agreed that the plan should be changed.

Sue Klinkhamer, 1st Ward, made the motion to reverse the council's previous decision and to change the comprehensive plan.

She said after the meeting that everybody was focusing on West Chicago annexing the property, but Geneva poses a

annexation into that city.

A 19-acre parcel across Kirk Road from the 180 acres could also be annexed into Geneva, Sekera said, noting that this was the property he had believed his constituents were most concerned with.

The Regoles are requesting the zoning for that parcel be changed from all residential to allow the nine acres on the northwest corner to be zoned retail/commercial.

The focus of the argument against the annexation agree-

ments stood in the back of the council chambers during the meeting.

However, Martin said annexation agreements need a two-thirds vote of the council, which is 10 with the 14 aldermen and mayor voting.

A public hearing on the annexation agreement will have to take place before the council votes on it.

Norris said the about face on the vote to change the comprehensive plan was a positive

## Police report

To report information on criminals anonymously, you can call Crime Line at 202. Residents can call Crime Line at 800-373-9208, but callers should call 911 when reporting a crime.

## Batavia

### Home burglarized

A thief stole \$500 worth of dozen cassette tapes, a jewelry chain during a burglary last night or Sunday at the 100 block of South Street.

### Traffic arrest

An Aurora man was arrested for attempted obscenity after alleged to have had sex with a woman when he was over by police. Alfonso Zales, 25, Aurora, was charged with driving a car and driving while suspended driver's license. Zales was stopped Saturday afternoon on Route 31 Street after police conducted a traffic check on the driver. The discovered owner of the car wanted on a warrant allegedly gave police his name, but his true identity was discovered with the Aurora police.