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#### **Pelice News**

Hoopeston police are investigating the theft of three CDs. Ryan Rigsby, 221 W. Elm, reported Thursday that someone took the CDs between 5 and 6 p.m. Thursday.

No tickets or injuries were reported in a two-vehicle accident at 3:27 p.m. Friday. Vehicles driven by Patrick Clingenpeel, 508 S. Fifth St., and Drynda O'Neal, 608 W. Lincoln, collided at the Clingenpeel residence. Clingenpeel was backing from his driveway when he struck the O'Neal vehicle.

The Hoopeston fire department was called to 822 E. McNeil at 6:44 p.m. Friday for a reported stove that was sparking.

No tickets or injuries were reported in a twovehicle accident at 11:35 p.m. Saturday. Vehicles driven by Allison J. Cade, 814 E. Chestnut, and Carl D. Sanford, 714 E. Young, collided at north Sixth St. and East Young. According to police reports, Cade was northbound on Sixth and turned right onto Young when he hit ice and slid into Sanford.

Robert L. Irvin, 38, of 426 N. Eighth Ave., was arrested at 4:37 p.m. Saturday on a complaint from Crystal J. Inman, of the same address. According to police reports, Irvin was arrested at the Second Chance tavern. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A car reported stolen by Donald C. Witty, Jr., 215 Holmes, Rossville, was later found in Rankin. Witty reported the car missing at 11:55 p.m. Saturday from the Parkview Lanes Bowling Alley parking lot. The car was found at 11:21 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of Routes 9 and 49 in Rankin.

#### Obituaries

HENKE, Shirley A., 70, a resident of the Vermilion Manor Nursing Home, formerly of Milford, died at 9:08 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 1994 at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

LONG, Bernice Leoma "Sally", 71, of Danville and formerly of Hoopeston, died at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 1994 at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be two hours before services Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

PHILLIPS, Minnie, 93, of rural Milford, died at 4:11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 1994, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral services were yesterday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be 10 a.m. today at Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

#### Weather

Cloudy and cold today with snow flurries. High near 10. Tonight, colder. Low near -5. Tuesday, bitterly cold. High near zero, low -15 to -25.

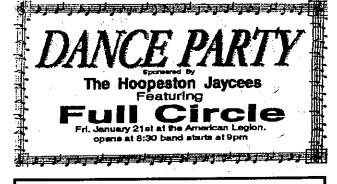
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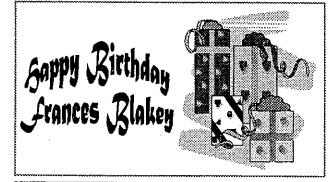


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#### Gun policies should be just the beginning

Government officials, in their never-ending quest to keep us safe from ourselves, have come down hard on guns.

Guns are the root of all evil.

The passage of the Brady bill, gun buy-backs in major cities and anti-National Rifle Association fever sweeping the country are all supposed to make us feel safer.

But how can we when there are so many other weapons out there just waiting to hurt someone?

Once Bill Clinton gets back from Geneva, when he's squirmed out of Whitewater Gate, when he's done dealing with here, we Arkansas state troopers with hig mouths he really specified.

Arkansas state troopers with big mouths, he really should get tough on the following:

- Sticks. Remember when your mother told you not to play with them because you could poke somebody's eye out? She was right. No one should be allowed to play with sticks until they've undergone strict psychological testing.
- Batons. Now that we know the damage that can be inflicted with one of those telescoping police nightsticks, we should pay more attention to so-called innocent batons. What happens if some power-hungry majorette decides to use one against an unsuspecting tuba player? You can never be too careful these days.
- Cars. Why, I myself have had to fight the urge to run over people I don't like or doorbang kids who insist on walking down the middle of the street. They're not faster than a speeding bullet, but they weigh more.
- Fillet knives. Just ask John Wayne Bobbitt.
- Condoms. Used properly, they're hailed as the leading way to fight AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. But the average condom will stretch enough to fit over someone's head. Do you know how many people

die of condom suffocation each year? I don't either, but let's not take chances on this. These are much too risky to be passed out to youngsters at random.

• Rocks. Remember when motorists were pelted with rocks from overpasses, causing serious accidents, even death? Such incidents have died down, but they could start up again. Anyone interested in rocks should have to carry a special card from the government.

• Snowballs. Now that winter's here, we really should push for a ban on all snowball throwing. After all, the center of some snowballs could become ice and cause severe injury on impact.

- Magazines. A friend of mine, who has a black belt in karate, swears you can kill someone with a properly rolled up magazine. I've never seen her do that, but I have seen her break boards with one. Just think how lethal those old copies of Ladies Home Journal could prove to be. No unlicensed U.S. citizen should be allowed to subscribe to a magazine.
- Leather coats and expensive tennis shoes. While I haven't heard of anyone being hurt with these items, plenty of people have been hurt because of them. Since we're no longer in the "greed is good" 80s, with its ostentatious displays of material things, the government really should outlaw things that inspire envy in others. Why should the envious learn to control their feelings when it's just as easy to pass mandates outlawing nice things?

It's obvious the government and many Americans believe we're not capable of protecting ourselves. Officials have gotten tough on guns, but the list is longer.

Should we get tough on them all?

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