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Broadcast, panel discussion to focus on health care issue

The future of health care in America is currently up for grabs as President Clinton and other leaders use the issue as a political football.

A special seminar has been scheduled to help area residents better understand the debate.

Co-sponsored by Edward D. Jones, Inc., and the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce, "Health Care Reform: What Can You Expect?" will be presented at 12:30 p.m. March 18 at the Hoopeston Area High School auditorium.

The seminar will be divided into two parts. The first will be an hour-long live satellite broadcast featuring Congressman Richard Gephardt, House majority leader, said Chris Klingensmith of the Edward D. Jones office in Hoopeston.

Gephardt, who is expected to be in the firm's St. Louis office for the broadcast, will discuss key aspects of the health care proposal and possible effects on the current health care system. He is also expected to preview the 1994 legislative agenda.

The second part of the seminar will focus on local health care issues.

Rod Burkett, administrator at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, is putting together a panel of local people, including representatives from industry, small business, the insurance industry, farming community and a local doctor.

"It may be an opportunity to get some questions answered," Burkett said, "although there may not be an answer because everything is so in flux."

The panel will "get a little local flavor" on an issue which has been debated at the national and state level, "to get the information out on the table for discussion," he said.

Discussion is expected to include how businesses now deal with providing health care, what the future may hold and problems particular to the area.

Few concrete answers will come from the panel discussion because no decisions have been made at the national level, but "we want to find out what common ground we have," Burkett said. "Everything else is up for negotiation."

Burkett said such panel discussions are needed in the state. "Illinois is in last place, if not close to last place, when it comes to doing something," he said. "Waiting to say 'let's wait and see what comes out of Washington' isn't a good idea."

The public is encouraged to attend the seminar.

Briefly...

Student teacher to conduct

Darrin Hicks, a student teacher at Hoopeston Area High School, will be the featured guest conductor and soloist at this evening's Mid-Winter Concert at the junior high school gym.

Hicks, who has worked under the direction of Mark and Marty Lindvahl, is in his last semester of student teaching. He attends the University of Illinois, where he has served as drum major.

Support group to meet

The Attention Deficit Disorder support group will meet at 7 p.m. March 10 at the Market Street fire station. The group is for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder.

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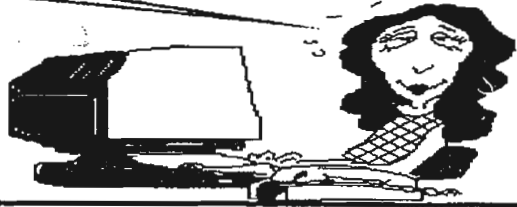
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Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Pamida parking lot when cars driven by Chad T. McCormick, 1035 Maple, Minonk, and Michelle L. Pickett, 427 W. Maple, collided.

Tracy L. Gick, 16, 704 W. Second St., Fowler, Ind., was ticketed for disobeying a traffic control light after her vehicle struck one driven by Sean T. Doyle, 805 E. Lincoln. The accident occurred at 5:40 p.m. Saturday at Penn and Market streets.

Hoopeston police recovered a motorcycle reported stolen Saturday. Dennis Norris, 850 E. Seminary, reported at 2:30 p.m. that someone had taken his Honda motorcycle/quad from a shed at his residence. It was later recovered on county road 1700, one-half mile north of 4100 north.

Richard Lee Smith, 25, 110 N. Market, was arrested at 10:58 p.m. Saturday, charged with battery on a complaint from Alice Sharp, Apt. 18, Parkview Court. Smith was released on a notice to appear.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:13 p.m. Sunday. Cars driven by Pedro J. Zarate, 221 W. Main, and Jessica L. Deck, 805 S. Market, collided at First Ave. and West Main.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital March 3, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Reuben Martinez Hoopeston.

March 4, 1994

Admitted: Molly Martinez and Barbara Pickett, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

March 5, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Mary Catherine West and Marilyn Davis, both of Hoopeston.

March 6, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Zarate was at fault for improper right turn and improper overtaking on the right.

The Hoopeston fire department was called to 702 E. Elm at 9:13 p.m. Sunday for a light fixture on fire inside the residence.

William Ray Thomas, 20, 624½ E. McCracken, was arrested at 10:16 p.m. Sunday. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from Jacinda Ann Hart, of the same address. Hart was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, complaining of a leg injury. Thomas was taken to the Public Safety Building.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:30 a.m. Monday. Cars driven by Lana Sinn, route 3, Hoopeston, and Todd Shaffer, 424 E. Main, collided on South Third Street and East Main.

Morris M. Riley, 70, Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:13 a.m. Monday, on a county warrant for failure to appear. He was released on \$300 cash bond.

Obituaries

EVANS, Lyle, 87, of Rankin, died at 11 a.m. Sunday, Mar. 6, 1994 at the Ford County Nursing Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Rankin. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may go to the charity of the donor's choice.

FRAME, Paul, 78, of Milford, died Sunday, Mar. 6, 1994, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Danville. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Weather

Partly cloudy and colder today. High in the mid-30s. Tonight, continued cloudy, low in the low 20s. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High near 34, low near 17.



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