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## Obituaries

**HERMAN** - Alice M. Herman, 84, of the Hoopeston Nursing Home and formerly of East Lynn, died at 10:30 pm. Friday, March 25, 1994 at the nursing home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. today at the East Lynn United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation was yesterday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the East Lynn United Methodist Church.

**KINCAID** - Florence M. "Flo" Kincaid, 88, of Hoopeston, died at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 1994 at the Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Boswell Cemetery, Boswell, Ind. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

**McMURRY** - Lucille McMurry, 88, of rural Hoopeston, died at 5:30 a.m. Friday, March 25, 1994, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. today at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 10:30 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

**PETTY** - Mary Ellen Petty, 69, of Hoopeston, died at 2:02 p.m. Friday, March 25, 1994 at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus in Danville. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Funeral services and burial will be in Hayti, Mo.

**SANDERS** - William "Bill" Sanders, 79, of See "OBITUARIES" on other side

## Police News

**Amanda J. Salazar**, 20, was arrested at 2:58 p.m. Friday on a warrant. She was released after posting \$75 cash bond.

The Hoopeston fire department was called to the city slab on south Route 1 at 5:01 p.m. Friday and 12:36 p.m. Saturday.

No tickets or injuries were reported in a two-vehicle accident at 4:40 p.m. Saturday. A car driven by Natasha Savage, 426 S. Fourth St, was shouthbound on the 200 block of Market street when she struck a car driven by Clifford E. Baldwin, 517 W. Maple. Baldwin was backing from a parking space at the Palmer Bank. Savage was at fault for an improper left turn.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:25 p.m. Saturday. Thomas G. Scott, 626 S. Third St., backed into a van driven by Robert A. Alkire, 713 E. Lincoln, Hoopeston. The accident occurred at routes 1 and 9.

**Ty L. Obenland**, 26, Hoopeston, was arrested at 12:27 a.m. Sunday at the Convenient Mart on West Orange, on two outstanding warrants for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond on each warrant.

A girl's 10-speed red Murray Spectra bicycle with a white seat, handle grips and pedals, was found Sunday at 313 E. Penn. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

## Weather

Mostly cloudy and colder today. High in the low to mid 40s. Tonight, clouds developing. Low in the upper 20s. Tomorrow, variably cloudy. High near 36, low near 26.

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## Proposed federal smoking ban just so much smoke-blowing

So just what's the deal with smoking?

The issue, which has gotten a lot of press in recent months, is getting even more now that a federal ban on workplace smoking is being considered.

The whole thing has made me more than a little baffled.

I smoke - but I wouldn't recommend it to anyone else. It's an expensive, filthy habit, one I know I'd be better off without.

But like many other women my age, I started smoking to appear "cool".

I didn't know my desire to be cool would end up making me wheeze and cough 20 years later.

Having said all that, I still don't understand the hullabaloo at the federal level about smoking.

Surgeon general Joycelyn Elders - who thinks it would be a good idea to look at legalizing drugs - thinks cigarettes should be banned.

I suppose there might be some convoluted logic in there, but it escapes me.

Then, too, President Clinton wants to use increased cigarette taxes to pay for his health care plan.

But he's doing everything in his power to make it difficult to smoke.

So, if people quit, who's going to pay for the health care plan?

Then, too, if he's really serious about eliminating smoking, why hasn't he done away with the federal subsidy to tobacco growers?

Like I said, smoking is a nasty habit, but it's a powerful addiction - kind of like drinking.

And we all know how successful Prohibition was.

The push to ban smoking isn't just at the federal level. It's everywhere.

Restaurants, including the local McDonald's, have become smoke-free, which I suppose is well and good if you want to eat and leave in a hurry.



For those of us who dawdle over an after-dinner cigarette, it's a pain in the butt.

Furthermore, in a totally unscientific study, I've found that at one local eatery, the Hoopeston Family Restaurant, the smoking section is usually

packed while the non-smoking section is empty.

What's that tell you?

It's getting to the point where those of us who smoke will have to keep our clouds of blue smoke behind closed doors.

The problem is a two-fold one. First, all these do-gooders who want to ban smoking are infringing on

our right. It comes under the "pursuit of happiness" heading.

Second, smokers are a large but very unorganized group of mild-mannered people.

Unless we organize, we're going to end up with places similar to the speakeasy of Prohibition - dark basement rooms with REALLY thick clouds of smoke. We'll talk in whispers and every time there's a knock at the door, we'll wonder if it's Elliott Ness ready to bust us.

That's what's going to happen if we don't act. If you're a smoker or a non-smoker who sees this as an erosion of everyone's rights, drop me a line. Maybe we can do something.

## Obituaries continued from other side

Hoopeston, died at noon Saturday, March 26, 1994 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

**SLOAN** - Elmer Sloan, 62, of Milford, died Thursday, March 24, 1994 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. today at the Knapp Funeral Home in Milford. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery near Stockland. Visitation was yesterday at the funeral home.

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