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## A small peep at the world of those Easter stand-bys: peeps

One of the more interesting aspects of the English language is its ability to incorporate new words and phrases, or to modify phrases to fit particular situations.

One of the more versatile words to appear at this season of the year is "peep."

Consider: as a noun, "peep" can only mean one thing - a cute, small, most often yellow, but sometimes pink or white, marshmallow, sugary, airy, purple-eyed, sweet treat found near Easter displays in grocery, discount and drug stores.

Artists' renditions of peeps are prominently displayed in grade and high school classrooms and high school teachers' lounges. According to one source, "Peeps are popping up all over."

The Mother Goose character, Little Bo Peep, is an example of a proper peep, while the term "peeples" is both common and collective. The song title "Jeepers Creepers! Where'd You Get Them Peepers" is an example of modifying the base or root word - in this case, "peep" - to suit the needs of the rhyme. And how well it works!

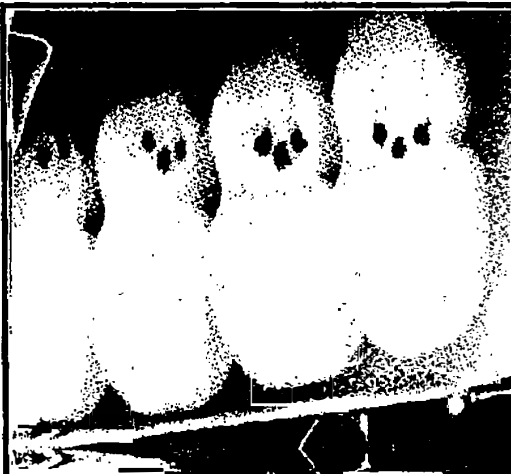
But the versatility of the "peep" is not limited to its use as a noun. "Peep" is also an active verb, as in "to sneak a peep" or "To peep or not to peep." As a descriptive word, "peep" works its wonders

with the phrases "peeping Tom," "peep hole" and "peep show." Some people, (usually blondes) are described as having "salt and peeper" hair. Perhaps the phrase "Tom Peepery" or the more famous "...squeeze them till the peeps squeek" will ring a bell for some readers.

Throughout history, peeps have appeared in times of domestic or foreign unrest. Marie Antoinette is remembered for coining the phrase "Let them eat peeps!" Douglas McArthur assured the peeps of the Philippines that "I shall return!" Martin Luther King announced "I have a Peep." Students of world history study Peep the Great, Czar of All the Russias. The American West provides us with Wild Bill Peepcock, Peep Along Cassidy and Peepcos Bill.

Peeps have also made their contributions to the creative world. Who could forget Hitchcock's classic thriller The Peeps, starring Tippeep Hendron, or Poe's eerily sinister ode to the rare black peep which begins with that rhythmic first line, "Once upon a midnight dreary..."

In the world of the television situation comedy, we remember with nostalgic fondness the town of Mayberry, Sheriff Andy with his son, Opeep. The folk trio Peepers, Paul and Mary entertained a generation with their ballads, including "Peep, the Yellow Dragon." On the pop scene, Gladys Knight and the Peeps gained a large following. In her




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## Public library sets extended hours beginning tomorrow

It's no April Fool's joke!  
Beginning tomorrow, the Hoopeston Public Library will offer expanded hours.  
The new hours will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.  
The Children's Library will have the same

### Peeps continued from other side

In her own tribute to the "uniqueness of the peep, Barbra Streisand gave the world "Peepie."  
As an interesting aside, it is curious to note how some people might become obsessed with peeps, becoming, as it were, "peep experts." The more usual turn of events for someone who eventually becomes known as an expert in a particular field of study is that the expert-to-be is consumed by his interest in his subject matter. However, in a bizarre twist of pseudo-cannibalism, the "peep expert" - rather than being consumed by - CONSUMES HIS SUBJECT MATTER!!! - which opens an entirely new avenue of mind-boggling thought - if you care or dare to! Suffice it so say "THEY'RE HERE!"

### Obituaries

**GIROUX** - Bernice Giroux, 76, of Milford, died at 10:35 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 1994, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital in Watseka. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday at the Segur-Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka. Burial will be in Iroquois Memorial Park, Watseka. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Milford Christian Church or the Milford Ambulance Fund.

### In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital  
March 22, 1994  
Admitted: Janice Borders, Hoopeston.  
Discharged: none.

morning hours and will close 15 minutes before the main library.

The change will be effective for one year.

### Hoopeston company closes

Power Plus diesel service has shut its doors.  
Workers at the company, located on Thompson Avenue, were let go Tuesday evening, according to company representative Jeff Stipp.

Stipp would not comment on why the company closed. "I really don't think I can give you that type of information," he said. "That's personal information. The shop closed and that's about all I can tell you."

### Police News

**Smokey R. Stevens**, 21, of 801 N. Chicago, Watseka, was arrested at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday by Watseka police. Stevens was charged with residential burglary, auto theft and criminal damage to property on a complaint by Paula S. Kempen, 207 N. Third St.

Kempen told Hoopeston police that Stevens allegedly damaged her residence and took several personal items and a video cassette recorder. Stevens then allegedly took Kempen's 1979 Dodge van.

Stevens was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**A boy's dirt bike** was found Wednesday in the alley between the 400 block of East Lincoln and East Washington. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**The Hoopeston police department** has scheduled a bicycle auction/sale beginning at 9 a.m. April 16 at the police department.

### Weather

Sunny and warmer today. High in the mid 50s. Tonight, clear, low in the low to mid 30s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 56, low near 35.

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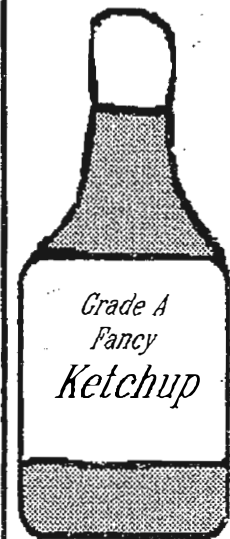
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