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## Police News



**Pamela L. Christensen**, 824 E. Wyman, reported Thursday that someone took her purse from her 1989 Geo while it was parked at 605 W. Penn. The purse was later found in a garage, but money and food stamps in the purse were missing.

**Bobby J. Morgeson**, 518 E. McCracken, reported Thursday that someone took his 1978 Buick Regal from 504 W. Lincoln.

The vehicle was later found behind Turk Furniture in Danville and towed to Carneghi's in Danville.

**Warren Watkins II**, 19, of 816 E. Seminary, was arrested at 11 a.m. Friday on a traffic warrant. He was released on \$300 cash bond.

**Elizabeth Gill**, 824 E. Wyman, reported Friday that someone slashed two tires on her son's bicycle.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:25 p.m. Friday.

A 1989 Mercury driven by Robert Marko of Ambia, Ind. was on Route 9 at the McDonald's driveway when he backed up to avoid being hit by a vehicle in front of him. While backing, he struck a 1985 Pontiac driven by Judy A. James, 1031 1/2 W. Thompson.

A boy's 20-inch red Murray BMX bicycle was found Friday at East Washington and North Seventh St. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A key ring with two keys and a car door opener was found near the railroad tracks by FMC. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**Teresa C. Gaffney**, 705 Wilson Ave., removed

a Motorola cellulaar slim phone from her vehicle while it was parked at her house.

**Guadalupe Vela De Vasquez**, #1 Baer's Trailer Court, reported Saturday that a man forced his way into her residence and threatened her and two children at knife-point and removed an unspecified amount of money from from the trailer.

**Rolando Salazar**, 26, of route 3, Hoopeston, was arrested at 7 p.m. Saturday, charged with home invasion and armed robbery in connection with the incident.

Salazar turned himself in to Benton County, Indiana authorities, waived extradition to Illinois and was brought first to Hoopeston, then transported to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Kevin D. Chrisman**, 1103 S. Second Ave., reported Saturday that someone took a Sany color television, two Emerson VCRs and a six-component stereo from his residence.

**Joseph C. Cannon**, 22, of 621 S. Fifth St., was arrested at 2:35 p.m. Sunday, charged with criminal damage to auto on a complaint from Brian L. Smith, 721 S. Market.

A witness told police Cannon allegedly damaged the two driver's side tires of Smith's car, then fled.

Cannon was released on a notice to appear.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:42 a.m. Sunday

**Ralph P. Lytle**, 404 E. Penn, was backing his 1991 Mercury from his driveway when he was struck by a 1971 Buick driven by Gary E. Fink, 425 E. Maple.

Lytle was at fault for improper backing.

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## New job provides humbling experience, funny stories

Sometimes it's the little things in life that keep you humble.

Last week, I started a part time job at Burger King working what is euphemistically called "mother's hours": 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

I took the job A.)for Christmas money and B.) I've never done fast food work before and thought it would be interesting.

What I do is work the drive through window, what I like to call the exhaust fume room.

You all know how drive-throughs work: you pull up, a faceless voice comes over the speaker and you give the voice your order. The voice tells you the total and to please pull up.

It really did seem simple enough.

What I didn't know is what goes on in that little room.

First, the window worker - in this case, me - is connected to you, the customer, by a lovely headset apparatus, similar to what Madonna wears on stage. (So when I'm not taking your order, I'm dancing around this little room "Vogue"ing for all I'm worth.)

Trouble is, sometimes its hard to understand what you, the customer, are saying because you all talk SO FAST. It sounds something like "I dliketwoWhoppersnoonionnopicklealargefryan dadietCokewithnoice."

Say what?

Also, headsets are battery operated and those batteries can die an untimely death, say, in the middle of an order.

"OK, that'll be two hamburgers, two fries and what did you want to drink? Hello? Hello? HELLO?"

The hard part of all this is the order has to be punched into the cash register which, newfangled thing that it is, has no numbers, but lots of buttons.

There are buttons for every sandwich, every drink, every size order of fries. Even the Disney

glasses currently offered have a button. It's marked "apple danish." Go figure.

So while you're out there rattling off your order at the speed of an automatic weapon, I'm in the fume room trying to find the Mega Double Cheeseburger button.

It's not bad enough that I have great difficulty finding the right buttons for the meals ordered, but I'm also supposed to fill drinks, take money and, in my spare time, bag orders, all while trying to remember to ask if salt and ketchup are needed, thank you, and have a good day.

That's an awful lot to ask of someone who has trouble walking down the street and chewing gum.

I notice I also have a tendency to get bagged orders mixed up. Last Tuesday, a woman ordered a chicken sandwich and onion rings. Unfortunately, I grabbed a bag with two hamburgers.

(I don't know who you are, but I'm sorry I screwed up your order, even though it makes a very amusing story when compared to the one about the fish and the loaves.)

I've learned that there are people who are very patient with neophytes like myself. They're willing to talk slowly and wait until I find the right button before going on to the next item.

The other employees are kind, as well. When I scream for help, one of them comes to undo whatever it is I've done.

This job, like every other I've done, is going to get my very best effort, but I've decided that at least for a week or so, the term "fast food" is a misnomer when I'm working the window.

*The  
Second  
Cup*  
By LOURDINE FLOREK



## Weather



Cloudy and cooler today. High in the low to mid 50s. Tonight, clouds developing. Low in the upper 30s to low 40s. Tomorrow, showers likely. High near 47, low near 40.

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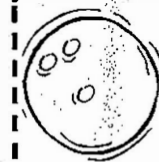
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