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March 6: Dave & Pat Foster, Wellington
March 7: Carolyn Gress, Hoopeston
March 8: Jack & Sarah Miller, Hoopeston
March 9: Madge Silver, Hoopeston
March 10: Dave Reed, Danville

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Police News



Tonya K Irvin, 18, of 3750N 1775E Road, was arrested at 2 p.m. Thursday on a warrant. She was released on \$100 cash bond.

Ralph M. Plecker II, 25, of Wellington, was arrested at 2:50 p.m. Thursday on a warrant. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called to a trash fire at 9:15 p.m. Thursday on McCracken between Ninth and Tenth Ave.

The department was called at 10:33 a.m. Friday to 319 S. Fifth St., for a reported dryer or furnace fire.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:52 p.m. Friday.

Teresa J. Martin, 753 N. Market, driving a 1989 Dodge van, and Shirley L. Burton, 504 N. Tenth Ave., in a 1986 Oldsmobile, collided at North Seventh Ave. and West McCracken.

According to police, Martin was at fault for failure to yield at an unmarked intersection.

Court dispositions



Feb. 2 - Rachael Stoats, Hoopeston, uninsured, continued to March 2.

Scott Tyler, Hoopeston, uninsured, plea agreement.

Gabriel Alfaro, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, body attachment to be issued.

Steve Cross, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, to pay \$75 or 22 hours public service work, failed to appear, warrant to be issued.

Erik Gudgel, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, to pay \$43 or 11 hours public service work, paid in full.

Gregory M. Bird, 20, of 516 E. McCracken, was ticketed for driving in the wrong lane following an accident at 6:58 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of East Wyman.

Police said Bird, in a 1989 Nissan, was east-bound when he dropped a tape. When he bent to pick it up, he struck a parked 1995 Pontiac owned by Ione Clements of Wellington.

Obituaries

GRESS - Dorothy L. Gress, 67, of Danville, died at 12:25 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 1995, at South West Regional Hospital in Fort Myers, Fla. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was Sunday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

MORGAN - Ralph C. Morgan, 84, of Rossville, died at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 1995, at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Rossville United Methodist Church. Burial was in Mann's Chapel Cemetery, Rossville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rossville United Methodist Church. The Sunset Funeral Home in Danville was in charge of arrangements.

Weather



Mostly cloudy and warmer today. Showers and thunderstorms likely. High near 55. Tonight, clearing. Low in the mid 30s. Tomorrow, dry, colder. High near 40, low near 33.

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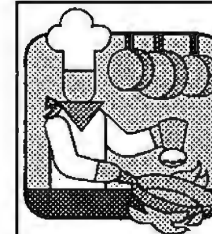
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Steak Fry

5:30-8 p.m.

March 10

Steak - \$10

Chicken - \$7

Hoopeston American Legion

502 E. Penn



Spring is

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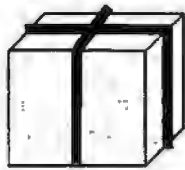
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Joan Torrence, where are you when we need you?

I was thinking the other day about Joan Torrence, a friend of my mother's in Chicago.

I don't remember anymore what this woman looked like, but I do remember that she was the focal point of more than one nightmare during my childhood.

Joan (although I never thought of her as that - she was always "Mrs. Torrence" to her face and that word that rhymes with "witch" behind her back) was a buttinsky.

If my sisters and I were sitting on the curb between parked cars, Joan would butt in, telling us to move. "Whaddya wanna do, get run over," she'd yell.

If we "accidentally on purpose" rode our bikes into the street, she'd butt in. "What - you're trying to get run over," she'd holler. "You guys know you're not supposed to be out there. Get back on the sidewalk."

If we were sword fighting with sticks, we could always count on Joan to end the battle for us. "You're going to poke somebody's eye out! Stop that right now!"

Dire predictions about our well-being were followed by words that struck dread in our hearts: "I'm going to tell your mother."

It wasn't bad enough that she was a buttinsky. Oh, no. She had to be a tattletale, too.

You're probably asking yourself what this has to do with anything.

Good question.

It has to do with the Neighborhood Watch program requested by several Hoopeston residents.

Joan was our "Neighborhood Watch" program. Whenever kids of any age were doing anything they weren't supposed to, she magically appeared.

If a strange group of kids - "hooligans," she'd call them, looked at a neighborhood car too long, she was there to loudly list the evils thinking about car theft. The kids may have laughed and made fun of her, but they left.

When younger kids purposely rode bikes over an old woman's garden hose after the woman had asked them not to, Joan was there to snatch them off the seats and provide a lecture on respecting the elderly.

And, heaven forbid a big kid beat the snot out of a smaller child. Joan would wade in, snatch the big kid up and give him what for.

She would not only tell the kid's parents, but also (since we all went to Catholic schools) the principal/mother superior and pastor. Kids were known not to be able to sit for weeks after Joan got done telling the appropriate parties.

She wasn't the only one who got involved. Our whole block seemed to be filled with mothers who took great pleasure in making our lives miserable and dull.

These mothers didn't worry about their own safety. If any of us had raised a hand to one, well, I hate to think what would've happened.

They didn't worry, either, about potential lawsuits from other parents. There was an unspoken agreement among them that if a parent said you did something, you did it and boy, were you gonna get it.

It's a sad commentary that A.) adults don't feel they can correct kids anymore and B.) kids corrected by adults have no qualms about telling them where to go and using one finger to point the way.

Since police chief Orval Kaag has gone to the trouble of organizing a meeting, I hope at least some residents attend. I hope that, unlike earlier attempts, the program gets off the ground.

But I wish most that we didn't live in an age when people were too afraid, too apathetic to get involved.

I never thought I'd live to see the day I said this, but what this world really needs is more Joan Torrences.



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**Candidates
Night**

7 p.m.

March 9

Hoopeston Municipal
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Night and we'd like readers to submit
questions to be asked of the 13
candidates for the Hoopeston city council
during a panel discussion.

Send questions to Candidates,
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