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Mar. 23: Connie & George Kult, Hoopeston
Mar. 24: Craftsman Printing, Hoopeston

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☆ **Police News** ☆

William A. Bruens, Wellington, reported to police Friday that someone took a CD head unit from his 1985 Lincoln.

The theft occurred between 8:15 a.m. and 3:21 p.m. Friday while the car was parked at Hoopeston Area High School.

Bruens reported that his car was locked at the time.

Joe Trueblood, 200 E. Main, reported Friday that an unknown vehicle struck his 1979 Pontiac Bonneville while it was parked at the Coffee Cup on Route 1.

The accident happened at about 5:30 p.m.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:45 p.m. Friday.

A 1995 Ford Carryall, driven by Santiago Casteneda, 222 E. Lincoln, backed into a parked semi trailer in the alley behind 515 W. Lincoln.

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 6:42 a.m. Saturday to a barn fire east of Twin States Seed on Route 9.

It was later learned that the fire was a controlled burn.

Jack L. Cunningham, Jr., 22, of 3150 Chanute, Rantoul, was arrested at 12:50 p.m. Saturday on a warrant.

He was released on \$75 cash bond.

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:28 p.m. Saturday to a fire on the railroad tracks behind Casey's, on Route 9. Police also responded.

Helen S. Miller, 901 W. Washington, reported Saturday that someone threw two beer bottles at her 1991 van while it was parked at 526 W. Elm.

One bottle broke the rear passenger window

while the other scratched and dented the van.

Sara Fourez, 424 E. Wyman, reported Saturday that someone scratched her 1994 Oldsmobile while it was parked at McFerren Park during the Business Expo.

Jack L. Cunningham, Jr., 3150 Chanute, Rantoul, reported Saturday that someone took several parts from his vehicle while it was parked at 624 E. McCracken.

The parts are valued at \$1,225.

The Hoopeston Fire Department responded to a reported oven fire at 5:32 p.m. Saturday. Police also responded.

Timothy J. Lane, 617 E. Chestnut, reported Saturday that someone sprayed his 1991 Chevrolet truck while it was at McFerren Park.

Billy John Crum, 999 Morris Lane, Key Largo, Fla., reported Saturday that while his 1991 Peterbilt semi tractor was parked at 900 W. Orange, someone took a laptop computer, small television and citizens' band radio.

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 11:08 a.m. Sunday to a field on fire near the church in Cheneyville.

Obituaries

FRANKLIN - Larry D. Franklin, 42, of the Danville Care Center, died at 11:35 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 1995, at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Graveside funeral services were held Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lung Association of America, Illinois Chapter, 725 S. 26th, Springfield, IL. 62700.

**HOOPESTON
70th ANNUAL
FIREMEN'S BALL**

Saturday, March 25, 1995
McFerren Park Civic Center
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Just what, exactly, does GTE stand for?

It happened one day last week. In the early morning hours, I was yakking away, like I tend to do.

Later in the morning, I picked up my phone to yak some more, but instead of getting the usual dial tone, I got a recording:

"Your phone is temporarily out of service."

My first thought was "Why?"

My second thought was "Gee whiz, this ain't gonna be easy to fix."

I'm still waiting for an answer to the first thought. And I was dead-on with the second thought.

Calling GTE was an educational experience. I think they're called lessons in futility.

The 800 number for business numbers was busy. So was the 800 number for residential service. In fact, all the 800 numbers they nicely provide in the phone book were busy.

Undaunted by this slight inconvenience, the dialing continued. Of all the 800 numbers listed. Figured once a connection was made, someone on the other end could make a connection to the appropriate department.

Someone finally answered and directed the call to the right place. Unfortunately, that number was busy, so the operator pushed the hold button.

Being on hold is kind of like being in limbo. You know you're not where you should be, but there's not a lot you can do about it.

And the longer you're there, the less you like it. Five minutes went by, then 10. 15. 20. 25. 30. 35. 40.

Finally, after 45 minutes, a human voice came to the rescue.

Of course, that was not the end of the problem because the human voice 1.) did not know what state the call came from; and 2.) seemed to have difficulty deciphering their record-keeping system.



After much discussion, the human voice deigned that the phone service could be restored "in a little while."

My idea of "a little while" is the time it took to drive from my friend's house back to my house.

Unfortunately, GTE's idea of "a little while" is a little longer.

The whole incident really honked me off. When

GTE took over local service and announced staff cuts, one of the people I interviewed said the change was made to improve customer service.

How, I asked, could customer service be improved when there were

no people to provide customer service?

I didn't get an answer then, but I have my answer now - GTE and companies of their ilk don't care about customers. They care even less about service.

I know this because I've talked to other people who have had problems with GTE

Unfortunately, there is little customers, peons that we are, can do about this.

I plan to write to the Illinois Commerce Commission (Consumer Services Division, 527 E. Capitol Ave., Springfield, IL. 62706, for those who are interested.)

It's unlikely the ICC will do anything about my small complaint, but I will have had the satisfaction of doing my part, of speaking up.

I always did like the David vs. Goliath thing.

Returning to the question I opened with, I'm not sure what GTE stands for, but I'm pretty sure it's not "Good Telephone Experience."

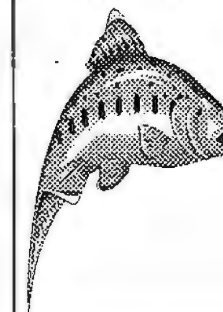
Weather



A 50 percent chance of morning showers, then becoming partly sunny. High near 72. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 40s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 60, low near 44.

BJ's Pump Liquor Store Grand Opening

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