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Pillsbury official denies "gag order" on negotiations

A Pillsbury official on Friday denied the company imposed a "gag order" on officials of Hoopeston Foods, Inc.

Hoopeston Foods, Inc. purchased the Pillsbury's Hoopeston plant and plans to begin canning operations today.

John Steele, Hoopeston Foods president, said last week that secrecy surrounding the sale was a result of Pillsbury requesting a "gag order."

However, Terry Thompson, vice president of public relations, denied Steele's statement.

"I'm so distressed," Thompson said Friday,

calling the term gag order "such a vicious sort of name. We don't gag anybody. We didn't have a gag order and there was never any intention to keep people in the dark arbitrarily."

Thompson said Pillsbury "took a course of moderation" during negotiations that was "wholly consistent with how the Pillsbury company operates. We don't speculate. We don't deal in rumor."

Meanwhile, a press conference to announce the sale, originally scheduled for Friday afternoon, was rescheduled for 10 a.m. today.

Briefly

Man injured

A Westville man was injured Friday morning in a power tool accident in Wellington.

Anthony Seripinas of Westville almost severed his arm in an accident at the Hoopeston Migrant Headstart building in Wellington.

Hoopeston Ambulance personnel transferred Seripinas to Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. A spokesman there said yesterday Seripinas was treated and released.

New teachers hired

Four teachers were hired by the Hoopeston

Arca school board Thursday.

Tonya Thomson was hired as high school special education teacher; Debbie Lankford, junior high computer education; Michelle Bell, junior high math/science; and Jeff Wise, high school business/computer education.

Two resignations were accepted, from Valerie Montgomery, high school special education, and Randy Feller, high school social studies.

Keith Dillman was changed from junior high math to junior/senior high chapter 1 math and junior high social studies.



Police News



Earl E. Clouse, 78, of route 2, Hoopeston, was ticketed for a stop sign violation following an accident at 11:50 a.m. Thursday.

Clouse, in a 1984 Chevrolet pickup truck, allegedly ran the stop sign at East Maple and South

Market, striking a 1984 Oldsmobile driven by Donald E. Underwood, 827 E. Seminary.

No injuries were reported.

James C. Roof, 25, of 505 N. Eighth Ave.,

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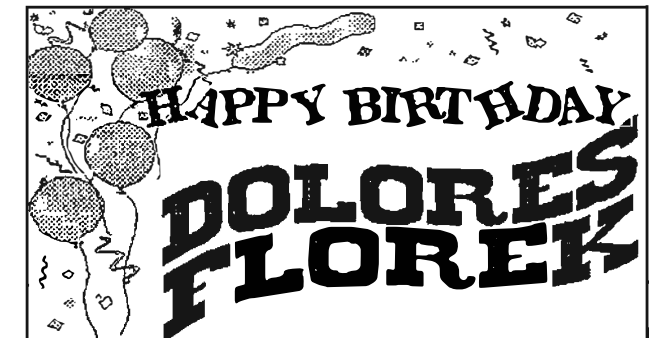
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turned himself in to police at 2:05 p.m. Thursday. Roof, wanted on an Edgar County warrant, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

Charlene S. Hofer, 34, of 19522E 400N Road, turned herself in to police at 3:10 p.m. Thursday. Hofer, wanted on a warrant, was released on \$100 cash bond.

A girl's green Huffy 24-inch bicycle was found at 316 W. Washington Thursday. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Robert G. Hinkle, 827 W. Main, reported Friday that three bicycles were taken from his home, including two 20-inch bikes and one 26-inch bike.

Robert L. Clayburn, no age given, of 321 W. Main, was arrested at 7:48 p.m. Friday on a warrant for failure to appear. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

Robert B. Bogard, 20, of 428 N. Market, was arrested at 9:05 a.m. Friday on a warrant. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

Mary E. Moyer, 63, of 876 S. Third St., was ticketed for failure to yield when turning left fol-

lowing an accident at 9:40 a.m. Friday.

Moyer, in a 1992 Chevrolet, was leaving the parking lot at 714 W. Orange, when she allegedly struck a 1990 Oldsmobile driven by Odell Sexton, 317½ W. Elm.

Both drivers were treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

Jackie L. Trautvetter, 34, of 615 S. First Ave., turned herself in to police at 5:25 p.m. Friday. Trautvetter, wanted on a warrant, was released on \$100 cash bond.

Gerardo Montoya, 18, of #12 Hunt's Trailer Court, was ticketed for operating an uninsured vehicle following an accident at 8 p.m. Friday.

Montoya, in a 1989 Pontiac Sunbird, collided with a 1985 Renault Alliance, driven by Brian E. Morland, 17219E 4000N Road, at Main and Market streets.

Emilion Solis, 20, of 824 E. Wyman, was arrested at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, charged with domestic battery, intimidation and criminal damage to property on a complaint from Alicia Solis of the same address. He was taken to the Public Safety Building.

Carolyn Mastin, 905 Sprague, reported Saturday that someone broke into Fun for All miniature golf course and took potato chips and candy.

Mark A. Hewitt, 24, of #29 Baer's Trailer Court, was arrested at 6:32 p.m. on warrants for criminal damage to property and theft under \$300. He was taken to the Public Safety Building.

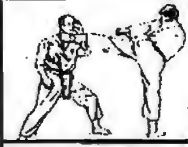
No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:40 a.m. Sunday. a 1988 Nissan, driven by Eric J. Lane, 309 W. Elm, and a 1991 Mazda driven by Jackie L. Martinez, 610 W. Chestnut, collided at North Market and East Honeywell.

Weather



Warm today, with a 40 percent chance of showers. High near 90. Tonight, chance of rain. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, isolated thunderstorms. High near 86, low near 74.

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