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Sidewalk repairs less taxing second time around: owner

Robin Lawson knows a thing or two about sidewalk repairs.

She doesn't actually know how to do them. She's just familiar with the effects.

Lawson, of Global Fashions, is the only Hoopeston businesswoman to be affected twice by downtown sidewalk repairs.

Two years ago, when repairs were made on the 200 block of East Main, Lawson dealt with the effects of having the street and sidewalk in front of her store torn up. After moving to 305 E. Main last year, Lawson is being reminded of the headaches all over again.

Lawson will attest to the fact that having the entrance to one's store demolished is not good for business. During the summer, Lawson usually puts some merchandise on the sidewalk as part of an ongoing sidewalk sale. That is not happening right now, which is affecting sales. Sales were also affected when the 200 block was repaired. "I'm still trying to get caught up from the last time," she said.

However, crews seem to be making the trying time less trying. Workers placed gravel from the street to Global's front door to make walking easier for customers. "They seem to generally care," Lawson said.

Also, repairs seem to be going faster this time. "I do think this time they're moving more quickly," she said.

During repairs, customers are using the back doors of many businesses, including Global Fashions. That is something that did not happen the last time. "We've got a good entrance in the back," she said, "and I think people are used to (going in the back door at L&M, so maybe that's helping me."

Lawson's attitude has also changed somewhat since the first time. "There's nothing I can do about it," she said. "I tell myself it's going to be really nice when it gets done."

Global Fashions customers will reap the rewards of the repairs. Lawson plans to host a customer appreciation celebration when repairs are finished. The event is tentative scheduled for July 15-16.

Long-time soap won't get in viewers eyes after Friday

If I seem a little teary-eyed today, it's because of soap. Or rather, the lack of a soap.

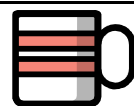
The head honchos at NBC have, in their infinite wisdom, cancelled the network's longest-running soap, and one of my favorites, *Another World*.

Now, I don't often get to watch *AW*, as it is fondly known, but on those rare Monday holidays that aren't connected to football, I like to catch up.

After today it's gone. And I'm not happy about it.

AW has had more anniversaries than a lot of married

The
Second Cup
by LOURDINE FLOREK



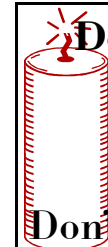
couples (35 this year, to be exact) and for the most part, it's been a good show.

Through the years, I've become as familiar with the Cory family history as I am with my own. I've watched Rachel, the family matriarch, go from troubled daughter to grand dame. I watched her marry Mac Cory, Mitch Blake and Carl

Hutchins. As a young teen,

See SOAP on other side

Soap continued from other side



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Briefly

B&PW winners

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Immunization reminder

The Vermilion County Health Department is reminding parents to make sure their children meet state requirements for hepatitis B immunizations.

Illinois school code requires all students entering fifth,

sixth or seventh grades to have the hepatitis B series. All children two years or older who are entering a childcare facility or pre-kindergarten program must also be immunized. It takes at least four months to complete the series of shots.

Parents should contact their child's health care provider as soon as possible. Immunizations are also available from the Vermilion County Health Department for \$6 each. For more information, call (217) 283-2662.



Police News



A **tiller** was reported taken Wednesday from the 300 block of North Ninth Ave.

The **boy's 26"** chrome Red Line bicycle reported stolen June 22 was found Wednesday in the 400 block of West Washington.

The bike was returned to its owner.

I mimicked her coquettish head toss (and was sadly disappointed when it didn't produce the same results).

I've grown fond of Felicia and Cass, who remained friends throughout Cass' marriages to Kathleen, Frankie, and now Lila. I watched Vickie and Jake arrive, become lovers, then friends and now, a married couple.

Unlike a lot of soaps, AW has always been about family. There have been no demon possessions, no tsunamis that wipe out half the population. It's always been about relationships.

AW's ratings were not stellar, but they have consistently been higher than another NBC soap, *Sunset Beach*. However, *Beach* appeals to a younger audience, something NBC hopes to cash in on even more with its new show, *Passions*. I say *Passions* Schmassions.

During its last week, AW has tried to wrap things up nicely for its audiences. Cass and Lila got married, Carl, presumed dead, came back to Rachel. Cameron and Amanda patched up their differences and got hitched. Gary came back to Josie. It's been sickening.

When a show goes off the air, there is no tension left. We don't get to wonder "will they get together," or "will they stay together?" Everybody's happy and that makes for bad daytime drama.

And it's all NBC's fault. They could have – and

A **Hoopeston woman** reported Wednesday night that her vehicle was damaged when it was hit by a water balloon thrown by occupants of another vehicle.

A **16-year-old** youth was arrested at 10:12 a.m. Thursday. On a Vermilion County warrant. The youth was turned over to the county courts.

should have – cancelled Sunset Beach. But rather than make the young folks mad, they decided to tick off older, more faithful viewers.

NBC hopes to clean up with its new soap but I think their decision is AW-ful.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

June 23

Admitted: Elizabeth Cook, Hoopeston; Ruth Waschow, Danville.

Discharged: Bernice Lawrence

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 88. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 68. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 90, low 75. Sunday, chance of showers. High 89, low 72.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

Summer reading club

Next week is "Frontier Week" at the Hoopeston Public Library summer reading club. Fifth and sixth grade students will meet at 2 p.m. Monday.

Participants are asked to bring flashlights, if they have them, as well as a favorite recipe to exchange. Club members will also see a film, play "Trapped in a Sleeping Bag" and have refreshments.

Students may come as their favorite pioneer.

Children in third and fourth grade will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday, with grades one and two meeting Thursday.

Children ages one through kindergarten will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

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