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## Twin takes advantage of absence to spread Christmas 'cheer'

*Editor's Note: Lourdine is off Christmas shopping so this column is written by her evil twin, Sardine.*

Since there's almost no news the day before Christmas, Lourdine wrote a column that was supposed to go here. She asked me to answer the phones while she was gone but I got bored just sitting here and decided to write my own column. She won't notice the difference until she's done shopping and by then it will be too late.

The  
Second Cup  
by LOURDINE FLOREK



If her column were here, you'd be reading all about smarmy stuff, like how she always reflects, at this time of year, about all the blessings she has. You'd think she was trying to qualify for sainthood or something.

She wrote about her friends, both the ones she's had for years and the ones who are newer. I say the only reason she has them is because they don't know the "real" her, that if people

See CHEER on other side

## Police News

**Kathie A. Fink** of Hoopeston reported at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday that while her 1999 Chevrolet pickup truck was parked at Hoopeston Plaza, an unidentified vehicle hit it in the rear bumper, then left the scene.

**An 8'x10' window** was reported broken Wednesday in the 100 block of East Penn. The damage occurred between Monday and Wednesday

**A resident** of the 800 block of East Seminary reported at 2:27 p.m. Wednesday that his cat had been badly injured. The cat was treated by a veterinarian.

**David L. Smock**, 38, of 109 Benton, Rossville, was arrested at 11:51 p.m. Wednesday by Rossville police.

Smock was charged with aggravated battery following an altercation in the 400 block of East McKibben.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**A boy's bicycle** was found at 8:36 a.m. Thursday in the 400 block of South Sixth St. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**Ora J. Singler**, 73, of Boswell, Ind., was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way at a marked intersection

following an accident at 9:12 a.m. Thursday.

Police said Singler, in a 1996 Buick, stopped at South Third St. and East Penn, then entered the intersection, hitting a westbound 1992 Pontiac driven by Traci L. Moyer of Hoopeston. The force of the impact pushed Moyer's vehicle over the curb, onto snow-covered ground and into a building, police said.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene.  
No injuries were reported.

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## Obituaries

**FINK**—Eugenia “Jean” Fink, 72, of Hoopeston, died at 8:19 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1999 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

### ***Cheer*** continued from other side

only knew, she’d be as popular as fruitcake.

Then you’d have to read cheesy stuff about our family, how she’s looking forward to spending time with them. Yeah, right. I’m sure she’s going to be just tickled to spend Christmas dinner across the table from me.

Then she rambled on and on and on about why we celebrate Christmas, that it’s not about presents and Santa but about the birth of Jesus. Well, I’ll grudgingly admit she’s got a point there but let’s not knock presents. I bet she wouldn’t be too happy if she found a lump of coal under the tree Christmas morning. Of course, knowing that goody-two shoes, she’d probably save it just in case the power goes out for Y2K.

Then she carried on about how we should try to be nice to each other. I happen to know, however, that when she was in a local store just last week, that she told someone to “get the #%\*@ our of my way!” I suppose I should mention that it was a friend of hers and they were both exorcising a little good-natured seasonal frustration

### **New Books at the Library**



#### **Non-fiction:**

Shade Gardening with Derek Fell by Derek Fell  
 Fay by William Wegman  
 Christmas with Southern Living Cookbook  
 Online Auctions at eBay by Dennis L. Prince  
 Simple Fountains for Indoors and Outdoors by Dorcas Adkins  
 Fisher-Price Toys by Brad Cassity  
 Handcrafted Weddings  
 Girl Singer by Rosemary Clooney  
 DK World Atlas (reference)  
 Fodor’s The Bahamas by Ian Glass  
 Genealogy Online by Elizabeth Powell Crowe

**HAMMOND**—Martha H. “Patty” Hammond, 92, of Oakbrook Terrace, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 6:20 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

at not being able to find what they wanted. But that’s beside the point.

And she wasn’t feeling much Christmas spirit when her kitten knocked over a basket of plants this morning. She fumed as she vacuumed up the dirt that the darling little Emma had strewn from one end of the living room to the other. What kind of Christmas spirit is that?

She’s been walking around for days humming Christmas carols and not once would she join me in singing “Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer.” She’s looking forward to wearing that ridiculous Santa hat of hers. She actually has two of them.

She almost gets misty-eyed about Christmas and thinks she needs to share it with everyone. But I know you don’t want to read about that stuff so her column’s gone and mine is in it’s place. That’s my gift to her readers.

Merry Christmas.

### **In the Hospital**



#### **Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Dec. 22**

**Admitted:** Robert Eades, Lois Martin, Marjorie Brockway, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Pat Burch, George Dunlap, Doug Musk.

### **Weather**



Mostly sunny today. High 20. Tonight, clear. Low 8. Tomorrow through Monday, partly cloudy. High today 37, low 25. Tomorrow’s high 45, low 30. Monday 42, low 25.

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

### **Molly’s annual Christmas Sale Starts Monday at 9 a.m.**

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