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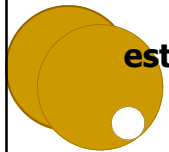


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**Hoop-**

**March**

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## HAHS drama, music students to present *The King and I*

Hoopeston Area High School music and drama departments will present the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, *"The King and I."*

The story revolves around a civilized British teacher hired to instruct the family of a Siamese king in the ways of the Western world. Little does she know of the impact she will have on all, at times leading to joyous and tragic results.

The production includes such hits as "Getting to Know You," "Shall We Dance," and "Hello, Young

Lovers."

The production stars Tony Burch as The King, Erin Spaur as Anna, Jamie Silver as Tuptim, Jimmy Chism as Lun Tha and a supporting cast of more than 30 students.

Performances will be held at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the high school auditorium. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for grades 1-12. Senior citizens over 60 and children kindergarten age and younger will be admitted free.

## Briefly

### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Tuesday, Bloomington. (leave at 8 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

### Music Booster winners

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Letter to the Editor

Politicians say thanks

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the County Clerks and Election Judges who worked so hard on Tuesday throughout the 22 counties that make up the 15<sup>th</sup> District of Illinois.

The clerks all did a wonderful job making sure everyone who wanted to vote was able to get to the polls and cast their ballots. The returns were counted in a professional manner and were available very quickly.

A special thank you to the election judges who took time out of their lives to spend the day in a polling place making it easier for all of us to vote. You are very important part of the democratic process and we are lucky to have you.

Tim Johnson

U.S. Congressman, 15<sup>th</sup> District

Jerome T. Clark

15th District,

Illinois State Central Committeeman

Of tax breaks and remote controls

Editor,

I've been thinking lately about contributing some of the money I've saved on federal taxes to my

favorite presidential candidate. But, then I thought ... no, it's only a drop in the bucket, and could be broadcast on the world-wide web. Those people with an extra \$2,000 tax savings may not hesitate to pass it on when they figure out who really wants it.

Since knowing there must be some hidden agenda behind our tax break, I'm left wondering how it was geared to help the economy. The extra money has made me skeptical ... fearing that it's up for grabs. When, and If the economy gets the boost it needs, will there be a clear understanding of future tax increases? I just see another political battle.

In my confusion, I wonder if this tax break was an encouragement for us to help pay for the million dollar campaign ads that are beginning to flash across our television screens. Could this be the most profound way to help boost the economy? If so, I feel helpless.

Some people may say it is anger that motivates me to think this way, but it is confusion about the truth, and what really matters in Washington at a time when thousands of God's people all over the world are suffering and dying.

Call me what you wish ... non-Christian, con or liberal, but I used some of my tax savings to buy a new remote that works like lightening to avoid the slan-

Police News

Three people were

charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor after police were called to a reported underage drinking party Friday.

Police were called at 9:57 p.m. Saturday to the 800 block of East Seminary where they arrested Victoriano Martinez, 18, of 859 E. Seminary, Ahsley M. McCormick, 18, of 521 S. Dixie Hwy., and a 16-year-old boy. All were charged with the alcohol violation. Additionally, Martinez was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Juan A. Martinez, 23, of 859 E. Seminary, was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

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Weather

Chance of showers today. High 51.Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 42. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 55, low 46.

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79th annual

Firemen's Ball

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Saturday, March 27

8-12

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