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## African American is target of local cross burning

An African American man was the target of a cross-burning incident late Sunday or early Monday.

J.R. Nation of 610 E. Young, looked out his window Monday morning to find a makeshift cross had been burned in his front yard.

The cross, made from branches and covered in cloth, was apparently soaked in an accelerant before it was lit.

At first, Nation said, he thought neighbors might have built a stand to set off fireworks. It was only on closer inspection that he found the racially-charged symbol.

Nation said he gathered the cross and other pieces of evidence and took them to the Hoopeston Police Department. Chief Mark Drollinger said Tuesday that the incident is under investigation. "It's unfortunate

that something like this happened in this day," he said.

Nation, too, believes the incident is unfortunate but it is not the first time he has experienced racism since moving to Hoopeston in 1996.

On some occasions, Nation said he has been called "nigger" by passersby as he has ridden his bicycle in the city. He has had items stolen from around his home and has received phone calls using the same epithet and accusing him of "taking away our work."

Nation is semi-retired and operates his own business doing construction, landscaping and other home improvement services.

"I've heard that 'N' word used more in Hoopeston than I ever had before, except when I was a little boy," he said. "I try to ignore (the racial slurs) because I'm bigger than that," he said. When called names, "I

## Proposed swimming pool ordinance beached for questions

A proposed swimming pool ordinance based on a similar law in Danville was tabled by the Hoopeston City Council Tuesday night to allow time to gather more information.

The suggested ordinance would cover all facets of swimming pools from electrical to installation, chlorination to filtration, said city attorney Bill Nelson. "It's like a building code for a swimming pool," he said.

Mayor Chalmers Flint said the idea of an ordinance came because of concerns about stagnant water breeding mosquitoes and because of child safety.

Some aldermen questioned the sample ordinance. "There are a lot of things in there I don't agree with," said Alderman Rod Kaag. For example, he said, "Chief (Mark) Drollinger just bought a set of steps that are in violation of this ordinance."

Aldermen will review the suggested ordinance

and are expected to discuss it again at the July 20 meeting.

In unrelated business, the council:

tabled bids for sidewalk work on Orange from east of the hospital to Euclid. Homemaker was the lowest of five bids, at \$3,980 but the council was unsure whether the bids included reinforcement wire. The issue will be checked into before a bid is accepted.

approved purchasing road salt through the Illinois Department of Central Management. Salt requests must be submitted soon to the department, Kaag said.

learned a fundraiser of local bands will be held Saturday at the McFerren Park Civic Center. The event begins at 1 p.m. and there is a \$5 admission charge.

discussed vicious dogs after a dog was shot by police Monday and a mail carrier was bitten last week.

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## Briefly

### Correction

Ben Fleming was incorrectly listed as owner of The Bakery Company in ads that ran last week. Fleming's father owns the business.

Just the Facts regrets the error.

### Weather lady to appear

Judy Fraser, WCIA weather forecaster, will

be at the Hoopeston Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Trash Walkers

Hoopeston Trash Walkers will meet from 8-9 a.m. Saturday at Brown's Woodworks to clean up trash in the area. Anyone who would like to volunteer is welcome to attend.

### Meningitis immunizations

The Vermilion County Health Department is offering meningitis immunizations to college students. Through July 12, students can pre-pay for the vaccine and make an appointment for a one-day immunization clinic July 22. Cost is \$77. For an appointment or information, call (217) 432-2662.



## Police News



### Police kill vicious dog

A pit bull was killed by a Hoopeston Police officer Monday after it and a boxer chased a child and killed a cat.

The incident began at 5:55 a.m. in the 500 block of North Third St., when police received the call. The dogs took off, followed by officers who wanted to insure that they did not bite anyone and try to guide them home, said Chief Mark Drollinger. In an alley between Thompson and McCracken, the pit bull lunged at an officer, who fired once, killing the dog.

Animal control determined the boxer was not vicious and was controlled by its owner.

This is the second time in little more than a year that a dog was shot by police. The last was in April 2003.

In other police news:

**Gary L. Catron**, 31, of 609 E. McCracken, was arrested at 3:24 p.m. Sunday in the 500 block of East Wyman.

Catron was charged with violation of an order just walk on."

**See BURNING on other side**

### Burning continued from other side

The burning cross, however, "was the icing on the cake," said Nation, adding a cousin who lived in the south had a cross burned in his yard, then had his house torched. "As a kid growing up, these kind of scars stay with a person," he said.

Coming up in the civil rights era, Nation expressed surprise that some people would continue to be biased against African Americans. "This is 2004, not 1964," he said. "In modern day times, you don't think something's going to happen."

## Obituaries

**FLYNN** - William Carl "Fuzz" Flynn, 79, of Lafayette, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 4, 2004 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette. Graveside services with military rites will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Tippecanoe Memorial Gardens, 1718 W 3050 North, West Lafayette, Ind. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or Heart Association.

of protection on a complaint from a 74-year-old Hoopeston man after Catron was allegedly on property protected by the order.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident and criminal damage to property reported at 1:30 a.m. and 3:45 a.m. Monday at McDonald's, 1016 W. Orange.

An entrance sign on the north end of the property was knocked over and several branches were bro-

The 49-year-old man admitted he did not sleep well Monday night, worried that the people responsible would return. "I'm going to watch very closely and sleep very lightly," he said.

He was not the only one who did not sleep well Monday. Nation's landlord, Laura Jenkins, said she was up through the night keeping an eye on Nation's home. Jenkins, too, has received anonymous calls for renting a house to Nation.

Nation came to Hoopeston from Nashville, Tenn., where he said he served as maintenance director for the Country Music Foundation which oversees the County Music Hall of Fame.

Nation hopes police find those responsible for the incident. "I don't want no trouble," he said. "I don't

## Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 75. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 57. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 80, low 63.

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City of Hoopeston Street & Alley Department will be taking applications for a full time position. Required qualifications are as follows:

Must possess CDL. (List equipment you can operate)

Must be able to work as a team member.

Must be able to meet time schedules and

deadlines as they

are set.

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