

## LORRAINE THEATRE

Screen #1:

### "War of the Worlds"

(PG-13)

STARRING TOM CRUISE

7:30 p.m. nightly; 10:15 p.m. Fri./Sat.;

2 & 4:30 p.m. Sat./Sun./Mon.

1:30 & 4:30 p.m. Sat./Sun.

Screen 2:

### "Bewitched"

(PG-13)

7 p.m. nightly, 2 p.m. Sat./Sun./Mon.

## ART THEATRE

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### "Mad Hot Ballroom"

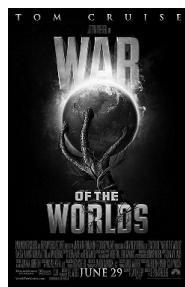
(PG)

7 p.m. nightly, 9:15 p.m. Fri./Sat./Sun.;

2:15 & 4:30 p.m. Sat./Sun./Mon.

Wee-Wed 4:40 p.m. \$5

Coming next: "The Wild Parrots of  
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## Citizens urged to protect themselves from identity theft

Protecting yourself takes more these days than just looking both ways before you cross the street.

With the growth of computer use, people must now protect their financial identities, according to a representative of the Illinois Attorney General's office.

Nick Dolce, the featured speaker at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting, had several tips to keep people from being a victim of identity theft and consumer fraud.

Identity theft is the "fastest-growing segment of consumer fraud," Dolce said. "They can do a lot of damage to your name very quickly."

Identity theft happens when someone obtains personal information about another, such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers, then uses the information to make purchases without the owner's permission.

Unscrupulous people obtain the information in many ways ranging from digging through curbside garbage to more sophisticated methods involving posing as a bank or credit card company and telephoning or emailing unsuspecting victims for the information.

On-line scams are especially convincing. "These people are really good," Dolce said. "They look like the real deal."

There are things people can do to protect themselves. First, Dolce advised people to be wary of telephone calls. "Any legitimate business is not going to call you out of the blue," he said.

Second, do not give in to high-pressure tactics. "Any time you're being pressured, don't be afraid to hang up the phone, don't be afraid to be rude to these



**DOLCE**

people," he said. "They're being rude to you."

Perhaps the worst telephone solicitors are those representing police and fire departments. "There's a lot of fraudulent ones out there," Dolce said, adding the best course of action is to not donate to any such solicitors.

Police Chief Mark Drollinger agreed, saying that while solicitors may say they're representing the local department, they're not. "We've never solicited for anything and we never will," he said. "None of (solicited money) even comes back to Hoopeston."

Once identity thieves get personal information, they often make a small purchase first to see if the owner will notice it on his statement. An ignored purchase often leads to larger ones so Dolce suggested keeping a close eye on credit card statements. Another way to help is to request free credit reports from the three main credit reporting agencies. By law, each person may request one free report from each of the agencies annually.

To obtain credit reports, citizens may call Equifax at 1-800-685-1111; Experian, 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742); or Trans Union, 1-800-916-8800.

Other tips include:

- don't give out social security numbers unless necessary and do not carry the card on you.
- carry only the ID and credit cards you need.
- don't give personal information over the phone unless you initiated the call.

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## VFW Picnic & July 4th Celebration

**Saturday, July 2**

**Carry-in dinner 5 p.m.**

**Serving chicken & hamburgers.**

**Watch the fireworks from here!**

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## Summer Savings

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*All comers welcome*

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Dash Plaques to commemorate show  
to first 50 entries.

**Participate Judging for:  
Best GM, Ford, Mopar, Truck & Tuner  
Car**

Pre-entry to: **Phil or  
Kathy Vines**



- don't transmit personal information over the internet unless it is a secure site and don't reveal personal information in emails or discussion forums.

**See THEFT on other side**

### *Theft* continued from other side

- mail outgoing bills at the post office rather than leaving them in your home mailbox. This is especially important in rural areas, Dolce said.

- empty your mailbox as soon as possible.
  - shred or tear into small pieces documents containing personal information before throwing them away.
  - know when account statements are mailed and report discrepancies and late or missing statements.
- While identity theft has gotten much atten-



Photo by Carl Ankenbrand

### *New champs*

The team sponsored by Hoopeston Express Lube took the Eastern Illinois Pony League Association championship Monday night at McFerren Park. The team beat Iroquois West 12-10 for the title. Coach Danny Silver told the boys before the game that all he wanted for his 46th birthday was a win and they delivered. Pictured are: kneeling l to r- Jeffrey Berlin, Hayden Cornelius, Jonathan Haley, Matt Silver; standing (from left) head coach Danny Silver, Tate Compton, Ryan Stewart, assistant Coach John Stewart, Jordan Ervin, Jordan Flint, assistant coach Mike Berlin, Bradley Lawson, assistant coach Terry Flint, Jordan Weise. Not pictured are Jason Leigh, Clayton Walder and Wes Leemon.

tion lately, other forms of consumer fraud are still going on, such as home repair fraud.

Dolce warned especially of door-to-door con-

### Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 95. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 72. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 89, low 65.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

### Pla-Mor Lanes

The best place in town to see the  
**FIREWORKS**

Dance to Haywire  
Saturday 8:30-12:30  
No cover  
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### Classifieds

#### CHILD CARE

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#### HELP WANTED

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