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Police News



A **28-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 1:24 p.m. Thursday that someone took tools from his garage in the 700 block of East Lincoln.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported Thursday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital parking lot. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1997 Toyota Tundra owned by Jacqueline Chrostowski, of Tilton.

A **12-year-old** Hoopeston girl was issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court for battery after police were called to McFerren Park swimming pool at 2:40 p.m. Thursday.

The 12-year-old was charged on a complaint from an 11-year-old Hoopeston girl.

Billy Bass, 37, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle after an accident at 10:58 p.m. Thursday.

Police said Bass, in a 1996 Pontiac Sunfire, was turned left from a private drive, when his accelerator became

stuck under the floor mat, causing the car to be unable to stop. The car entered the road at Elm and Market and hit a 1964 Chevrolet Corvair owned by Dennis Thomas, also of Hoopeston.

No injuries were reported.

A **51-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 9:33 a.m. Friday that someone forced entry to property in the 800 block of South Third St.

A **43-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 11:34 p.m. Friday that someone took items from her home in the 700 block of South Fifth Street.

A **52-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 10:38 a.m. Saturday that someone forced entry into her home in the 700 block of South Sixth Avenue and took medications.

Christopher M. Howe, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 7:12 p.m. Saturday at Market and Seminary. He was charged with driving while license suspended and was released on a notice to appear.

Letters to the Editor

Let's try Mexico's immigration laws

Mexico has a radical idea for a rational immigration policy that most Americans would love. However, Mexican officials haven't been sharing that idea with us as they press for our congress to adopt the McCain - Kennedy Immigration Reform Bill.

That's too bad, because Mexico, which annually departs more illegal aliens than the U.S. does, has much to teach us about how it handles the immigration issue. Under Mexican law, it is a felony to be an illegal alien in Mexico.

At a time when the Supreme Court and many politicians seek to bring American law in line with foreign

legal norms, it's noteworthy that nobody has argued that the U.S. look at how Mexico deals with immigration and what it might teach us about how best to solve our illegal immigration problem.

Mexico has a single, streamlined law that ensures that foreign visitors and immigrants are: In the country legally; have the means to sustain themselves economically; not destined to be burdens on society; of economic and social benefit to society; of good character and have no criminal records; and contributors to the general well-being of the nation.

The law also ensures that: immigration authorities

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have a record of each foreign visitor; foreign visitors do not violate their visa status; foreign visitors are banned from interfering in the country's internal politics; foreign visitors who enter under false pretenses are imprisoned or deported; those who aid in illegal immigration will be sent to prison.

Who could disagree with such a law? It makes perfect sense. The Mexican constitution strictly defines the rights of citizens -- and the denial of many fundamental rights to non-citizens, legal and illegal. Under the constitution, the Ley General De Publacion, or General Law on Population, spells out specifically the country's immigration policy.

It is an interesting law, and one that should cause us all to ask why is our great southern neighbor pushing us to water down our immigration laws and policies, when it's own immigration restrictions are the toughest on the continent? If a felony is a crime punishable by more than one year in prison, then Mexican law makes it a felony to be an illegal alien in Mexico.

If the U.S. adopted such statues, Mexico no doubt would denounce it as a manifestation of American racism and bigotry.

We looked at the immigration provisions of the Mexican Constitution. Now let's look at Mexico's main immigration law. Mexico welcomes only foreigners who will be useful to Mexican society: foreigners are admitted into Mexico "according to their possibilities of contributing to national progress." article 32; immigration official's must "ensure" that "immigrants will be useful elements for the country and that they have the necessary funds for their sustenance and for their dependents article 34; foreigners may be barred from the country if their presence upsets "the equilibrium of the national demographics; when foreigners are deemed detrimental to "economic or national interests"; When they do not behave like good citizens in their own country; when "they are not found to be physically or mentally healthy." article 37; the Secretary of Governance may "suspend or prohibit the admission of foreigners when he determines it to be in the national interest. article 38; Mexican authority must keep track of every single person in the country: federal, local, and municipal police must cooperate with federal immigration authorities upon request, i.e. to assist in the arrests of illegal immigrants article 73; a national population registry keeps track of "every single individual who comprises the population of the

country, and verify each individuals identity. articles 85 & 86; a national catalog of foreign tourists and immigrants article 87; and assigns each individual with a unique number; foreigners with fake papers, or who enter the country under false pretenses may be imprisoned, foreigners with fake immigration papers may be fined or imprisoned, foreigners who sign government documents "with a signature that is false or different from that which he normally uses" are subject to fine and imprisonment article 116.

Foreigners who fail to obey the rules will be fined, deported, and/or imprisoned as felons; foreigners who fail to obey a deportation order are to be punished. article 117; those deported from Mexico who attempt to reenter the country without authorization can be imprisoned for up to 10 years. article 118; foreigners who violate the terms of their visas may be sentenced to up to six years in prison. article 119. 120, and 121. Foreigners who misrepresent the terms of their visas while in Mexico -- such as working without a permit -- can be imprisoned.

A penalty of up to two years in prison and a fine of 300 to 5,000 pesos will be imposed on the foreigner who enters the country illegally." article 123; foreigners with legal immigration problems may be deported from Mexico instead of being imprisoned article 125; foreigners who "make attempts against national sovereignty or security" will be deported. article 126

Mexicans who help illegal aliens enter the country are themselves considered criminals under the law: A Mexican who marries a foreigner with the sole objective of helping the foreigner live in the country is subject to up to 5 years in prison. article 127; shipping and air line companies that bring undocumented foreigners into Mexico will be fined. article 132.

Obituaries

LIGHTLE - Mildred "Micky" (Goin) Lightle, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 5:15 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Chestnut Street Church of Christ, 709 E. Chestnut St., Hoopeston IL 60942 or a charity of the donor's choice.

All the aforementioned runs contrary to what Mexican leaders are demanding of the U.S. The stark contrast between Mexico's immigration practices versus American immigration preaching is telling. It gives a clear picture of the Mexican government's agenda: to have a one way immigration relationship with the U.S.

Let's call Mexico's bluff on its unwarranted interference in U.S. immigration policy. Let' propose, just to make a point, that the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) member nations standardize their immigration laws by using Mexico's own law as a model.

Latinos are strongly pointed out in any discussion about illegal aliens, because Mexico comprises 51% of all illegal immigrants and Central and South American countries comprise about 25%, with the balance coming from the rest of the countries around the world. It has been mentioned that Latinos will be profiled by law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement agencies already profile citizens in this country who might be a definite threat to our citizens' safety. Routinely, day and night, our law enforcement officers stop vehicles that might have a drunk driver, or other dangerous person driving on our streets and highways. It is during these stops, while running checks of the vehicle and passengers in the vehicle, violations of our laws are discovered. I hope this law enforcement tool is never done away with. It was also mentioned that it is unconstitutional for the Arizona law to stop people and check their identity. Illegal aliens do not have the rights of our constitution. They could not meet the laws of Mexico, and cannot ask us to give them rights when they are not U.S. citizens.

If we don't put a curb on immigration from all over the world soon, by the year 2050 Latinos will be in the majority with 60% of our population, and we won't have any say in our government.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau the U.S. population is comprised of approximately 4% of illegal aliens. One in twelve (8%) births in the U.S. from illegal aliens

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in 2008 was from illegal aliens. In 2009 79% of the 5.1 million children of illegal immigrants residing in the U.S. were born in the U.S. and therefore citizens. This is a big problem and must be corrected.

Utah and Florida are preparing for legislation that would go beyond Arizona's law.

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