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Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:12 a.m. Friday at West Washington and South Fifth Avenue. Police said Ed Green, of Hoopeston, was northbound in a 2003 Dodge when he struck an east-bound 2006 Chevrolet driven by Kimberly Longfellow, also of Hoopeston.

A 16-year-old Alvin boy was arrested at 1:35 p.m. Friday in the 600 block of East Orange. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and was released to a parent. He will appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Andre Colunga, 18, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 3:32 p.m. Friday at First Avenue and

West Penn. Originally stopped for loud music, he was charged with illegal operation of sound amplification and no valid driver's license.

Colunga was released on \$100 bond.
 Vicki L. Ford, 52, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 12:28 a.m. Saturday in the 800 block of East Seminary.

She was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 50-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged she yelled and screamed and threw things around the home.

Ford was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 8:06 p.m. Saturday in the 500 block of East Main. An unknown vehicle hit a 2011 Jeep owned by Enterprise Rental.

Domingo Reyes, 49, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 9:26 p.m. Saturday in the 200 block of East Main. He was charged with aggravated assault and unlawful use of a weapon on a complaint from a 30-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Reyes argued with him and threatened him with a knife. He was additionally charged with See POLICE on other side

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Why did our ancestors decide to seek independence from Great Britain in the 1770's?

Thomas Paine wrote in great detail in "Common Sense" exactly why we could no longer let Great Britain control our lives. Foremost was taxation imposed upon us without any kind of representation on our part about just what these taxes would be. The importance of just how our government should be run (both by federal and state governments) is indicated by just how long it took for our forefathers to ratify those guidelines that each state would agree upon.

It was also very important to our forefathers that there be three branches of government (executive, legislative and judicial), and that there was to be accountability by each, with checks and balances, with each branch looking over the shoulder of the other two.

Also, it was established that each state would have representation within our legislative branch from each state as voted on by each state's citizens. These representatives were mandated in their duties to conduct themselves as the

majority of their constituents would want.

Our Revolutionary War with Great Britain began on April 19, 1775 on the greens of Lexington & Concord and lasted until the Treaty of Paris was signed on Sept. 3, 1783. In 1781 our Continental Congress agreed on the Articles of Confederation, and on June 22, 1788, nine states ratified these articles and it becomes the supreme law of the USA. This illustrates the amount of time it took for us to achieve our independence and set up a democracy.

Do you feel that our forefathers had intended for the individual citizen to have a say in how his government was run? We do have the right to vote in or out representatives that we like or dislike. Is that enough?

It became necessary for laborers to seek united labor representation because the people that hired workers became untrustworthy, and for many years our ancestors fought for better working conditions, including health and safety issues and a fair salary. Do you feel that our forefathers would applaud the necessary freedom from

these unfair labor practices?

Now people in labor (public or private), are being confronted with the idea that all of this was for naught? With a stroke of a pen and no debate, governments want to do away with all the negotiations that our ancestors worked so hard for. It is bad enough that our jobs have been sent overseas and we have to accept 9-10 percent unemployment. This would be the final blow to the American labor force.

At a time when we count on law enforcement agencies to protect us, at a time when we need to spend more money on education, (without education - how are our children going to be able to compete with the rest of the countries in the world), and at a time when our infrastructure is collapsing—who are going to correct these issues?

Who is going to teach your grandchildren? Who is going to protect us from criminals and our enemies? Who is going to rebuild this country's infrastructure?

Is getting rid of labor groups going to make a better

Obituaries

AUSTIN - Bruce D. Austin, 66, of Wellington, died Friday, March 11, 2011, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service was at noon Monday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Burial was in Cissna Park Cemetery, with military rites by Cissna Park American Legion. Visitation was one hour before service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Police continued from other side

resisting/obstructing a police officer.

Reyes was released on a recognizance bond.

An **86-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 11:01 a.m. Sunday that someone broke a window in his vehicle while it was parked in the 300 block of West Penn.

Weather



Chance of showers today. High 43. Tonight, cloudy. Low 35. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 58, low 42.

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education system, a better police force, or a better group of people to rebuild our nation. I believe just the opposite will occur.

I would suggest to you that our forefathers must be cringing in their graves. We need much more individual contribution in our societal issues, not less. Government has proven that they are not up to the task of solving our nation's problems. That is why, every two to four years we turn over our government representatives, and we put the other party in charge. It is insane. We keep changing from bad to worse representatives. Who are these people? They are not, I repeat not, good Americans, and I would suggest they are not what our forefathers had in mind, when this country began.

We only have to read our history books to understand that all nations that place the governments ahead of the people may rise, but they will also fall. Eventually the people will take over. We don't have to look that far back. Soviet Union, and many of the countries in the Middle East have or are taking control of their countries. It can and will happen here, too.

Tom Evans
Hoopeston

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