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Controversial film opens at Lorraine Theatre Wednesday

Mel Gibson's controversial new film will open Wednesday at the Lorraine Theatre.

"The Passion of the Christ" is the story of the last 12 hours of Jesus' life, from his betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane to his death on the cross.

Gibson, a devout traditionalist Catholic, directed, produced and co-wrote the film, which is 127 minutes long.

Controversy has surrounded the film even before it was released and reaching as high as the Vatican, when reports indicated Pope John Paul II first gave

the film his blessing, followed by reports that he did not issue an opinion. Later, the controversy continued when some Jewish leaders feared the film would cause an increase in anti-Semitism.

Ticket sales for the movie have been brisk despite its late entry into the market, said Lorraine owner Greg Boardman.

Initially, only 2,000 prints were going to be available nationwide. The number was later increased to about 2,800, allowing Boardman to open it locally.

The late date did affect sales, however, as

Rossville church among those planning to see 'Passion'

ROSSVILLE—The Rossville Church of Christ is one church whose members plan to see "The Passion of the Christ" as a group.

Nearly 75 tickets have been purchased by church members for the Thursday night show, said Pastor Fred Sigle. Of those, many have been purchased by older youth in the church who will watch the film and then return to the church to discuss it with youth minister Andy Thomas, Sigle said.

Although he has not seen the movie, Sigle believes it will allow Christians to understand the true

nature of Christ's suffering on the cross. "We hear the story so much, we've become blasé to it," he said. "I want people to understand the nature of what He did. He did it for love's sake."

Sigle has no qualms about his congregation seeing an R-rated film. "The R rating is for violence," he said. "There's no doubt what Jesus went through was violent."

Sigle said he expects the movie will "depict a realism that we've never seen in movie history about what Jesus went through."

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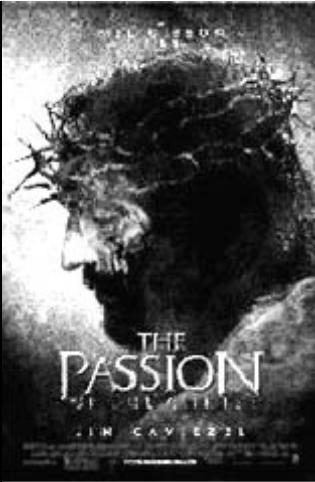
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10 p.m. Fri./Sat.
1 p.m. Sat./Sun




Screen 2:
"Welcome to Mooseport" (PG-13)

Starring Gene Hackman and Ray Romano

7:30 p.m. nightly, 3:30 p.m. Sun.

eTickets/reserved seats:
www.BoardmansLorraineTheatre.com



Jamie D. Huckleby, 21, of 611 E. Irvin, Milford, was arrested at 12:31 a.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of South Fifth St.

Huckleby, wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear, was extradited by Iroquois County authorities.

Richard C. Strawser III, 17, of 416 N. Eighth Ave., was arrested at 3:30 p.m. Monday and again at 8:23 a.m. Tuesday.

The first arrest was made at Fifth St. and East Washington, when he was charged with battery and disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 16-year-old boy who alleged Strawser and he were in an altercation.

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groups purchased tickets for other theaters before Boardman knew he could get the movie.

The Lorraine will have employees at the thea-

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He was released on notices to appear for those offenses.

The second arrest was made at Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange. Strawser was then charged with aggravated battery, battery and disorderly conduct after an alleged altercation with a 16-year-old boy and after he allegedly pushed a teacher trying to break up the altercation.

Strawser was then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.


A 16-year-old boy was arrested at 8:23 a.m. Tuesday at Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange. He was charged with disorderly conduct and bat-

ter during the day Wednesday to answer questions and sell tickets to those who do not use the theater's website.

The graphic nature of the movie, combined with the realism allowed by the Lorraine's equipment, may be a little intense for some viewers. "I'm a little concerned that it may be **too** realistic at the Lorraine for some people," Boardman said. "It's an intense film, and we do make you feel like you're a part of what's going on, on-screen."

"The Passion of the Christ" will show at 4 p.m.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 41. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 24. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 44, low 26.

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Rossville American Legion

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