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Lorraine Theatre goes back in time with 'Phantom of the Opera'

The year is 1925, the place, the Lorraine Theatre in Hoopeston.

The lights dim as the orchestra begins to play. Suddenly, the screen is alive as Lon Chaney convinces viewers he is "The Phantom of the Opera."

Seventy-two years later, in 1997, the lights will dim, the orchestra will play and Lon Chaney will once again thrill viewers as the phantom.

The Lorraine Theatre will, for the second time in its history, show the original, silent "Phantom of the Opera" at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

"It's going to be really cool," said theater owner Greg Boardman. "It will be real entertainment."

Members of Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana, part of the Champaign Urbana Symphony Orchestra, will accompany the performance. Fiddles, a viola and a

synthesizer will play music, some of which was composed especially for the event, to play. "It will be very

Low attendance may shut theater

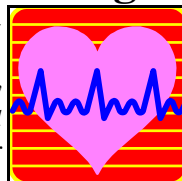
One of the area's best theaters may remain dark more often.

Greg Boardman, owner of the Lorraine Theatre, is considering scaling back hours or closing the theater completely.

Most customers at the Lorraine come from out of town, Boardman said, adding those come for big pictures like "Men in Black" and "Air Force One."

Fever, headache, aching muscles: flu season has arrived

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Health Matters

by ROBERT BANE, L.P.
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As the fall season approaches, so does another season: influenza flu season.

Influenza, or "flu" is a viral disease of the respiratory tract. Symptoms, which can last several days or a week, include fever, headache, cough, sore throat and aching muscles.

Vaccines have been created to fight flu. Viruses in the vaccine are not live, so they are unable to infect anyone. Effectiveness begins one to two weeks after the vaccine has been given. However, flu shots will not protect all people against the flu.

Possible side effects of the vaccine include soreness in the muscle of the upper arm, fever or achiness. Both side effects can last one to two days.

Some people should contact their doctor before receiving a flu shot. Among them are those allergic to eggs, people who have had a serious reaction to a previous flu shot, anyone paralyzed with Gullian-Barré syndrome, pregnant women and anyone who is ill and has a fever.

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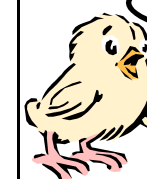
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Phantom continued from other side

much the way it was done in that era,” Boardman said.

Theater-goers may find the musicians distracting at first, but will quickly become used to them, Boardman said. “You come in and you’re very aware they’re there,” he said. “After a while, you get so into the movie that you forget. There they are, working so hard, and you forget they’re there.”

Boardman expects a very special guest to attend the

“That’s nice but I’ll play those maybe 10 times a year,” Boardman said.

Some movies only draw 100 customers, a low percentage of the area population, which Boardman estimated at 10,000 people.

“That tells me 99 percent of the people don’t care if there’s a theater,” Boardman said.

An option to closing the theater completely may be to only show big films that have better attendance

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Attendance continued from other side

movie.

John Cadle, of Rossville, plans to attend with his wife, Mildred, Boardman said.

Cadle, who recently celebrated his 91st birthday, saw the “Phantom of the Opera” at the Lorraine when it played the first time.

The idea for the event came when Boardman attended a screening of “City Lights,” with orchestral accompaniment, at UCLA in California. “It was such a

and keep the business closed during other times.

Another option, Boardman said, would be to keep the theater and use it for private screenings, allowing others to see movies only by private invitation.

“It’ll be like a big, private movie theater for me,” he said. “It’d rather show it to 100 people who have been good to me.”

The theater has drawn nationwide interest, but Boardman has, for the most part, been disappointed in local turnout. “I’m known from coast to coast and

Police News

Gary D. Franklin, 719 E. Elm, reported Monday that someone took a 20-inch boy’s FS Royce Union bicycle. The bicycle is chrome with purple foot pegs.

Fire Calls

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5:14 p.m. Monday to a field fire in the 1000 block of East Orange.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Oct. 21, 1997

Admitted: Thomas Frederick, Hoopeston.
Discharged: none.

Weather

Partly cloudy today. High 50. Tonight, cloudy. Low 36. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 48, low 42.


neat, different experience,” he said.

Prior to the screening, theater-goers are invited to a complimentary wine reception at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the evening are \$7 and are available at the theater and Global Fashions.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra.

“I think people who come will really have fun,” Boardman said. “Come in and close your eyes and feel



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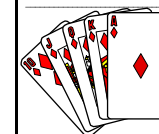
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