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Lack of lines makes moviegoer think premier a 'phantom'

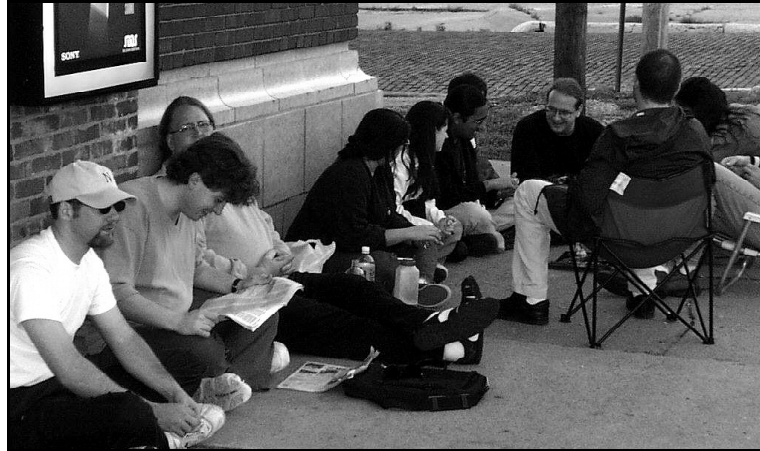
Dan Bounds, 29, of Champaign, thought the premiere showing of "Star Wars: Episode 1 – The Phantom Menace" had been cancelled at the Lorraine Theatre.

Bounds and Dan Traeger, also of Champaign, were first in line to see the film which opened at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday.

"When we got here at 6 p.m., we were shocked," Bounds said. "There was nobody in line here. People had been lining up in Champaign all day. We thought they weren't showing the movie."

The two made the trip from Champaign in record time, driving 85 to 90 m.p.h. to Hoopeston to see the prequel to the original "Star Wars" movies.

"When we saw "Star Wars," we were seven," Bounds said.



Just the Facts photo by James Eyrich

Dan Bounds, left, and Dan Traeger are among those lining up early Tuesday evening to watch the premier of "Star Wars: Episode 1 – The Phantom Menace."

"It was like the perfect age to see it," Traeger said.

See PREMIER on other side

Ross-Al approves Life Safety bonds for grade school roof

ROSSVILLE—Rossville-Alvin Grade School will get a new roof next month.

The school board on Monday approved \$200,000 in Life Safety bonds, said district superintendent Phil Smith.

Approximately \$110,000 will be used to fix the roof. The rest will be used for other district Life Safety work, Smith said.

Life Safety work is that which keeps schools up to code, Smith said. Each year, buildings are reviewed by architects for needed Life Safety repairs. Once the list is

approved, districts may sell bonds to fund repairs, Smith said.

Work on the roof is scheduled to begin June 2.

In other action, the board:

approved purchasing \$27,000 in computer equipment to network the high school lab. Equipment will be purchased from a division of Clifton-Gunderson.

approved hiring Macon Floor Care to redo the gym floor. The cost will be \$9,000.

approved a special education class at Rossville for district students as well as Potomac and Bismarck students.

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In subsequent years, the two received "Star Wars" memorabilia for birthdays and Christmases, all leading up to their wait Tuesday. "We've been programmed since we were children," Traeger said.

To watch the movie with a fresh eye, Bounds removed himself from the hype surrounding the film. "I subscribe to "Star Wars Insiders magazine and I haven't read it in a year," he said, adding he has also shied away from television and radio shows about the movie. "I hope to rekindle a little of my seven-year-old childhood," he said. "It would be a lot less fun for me if I knew half of what was going to happen."

The two were not the only ones who stood in line to see "Phantom Menace." Moviegoers formed a line more than a block long, waiting for 10 p.m. when the doors to the Lorraine opened. Some played Trivial Pursuit; others opted for conversation with friends. Still others showed up as characters from the original "Star Wars" trilogy.

Tyler Moore, 16, of Catlin, got in line at 8 p.m. "This is the best place to go see it in the state of Illinois - outside of Chicago," he said.

Moore's mother, Cindy Parsons, joined her son in line. "The special effects are what most of us are here for," she said. "I'm a special effects/sci-fi person."

Most people waited patiently to enter the theater. A few spectators raised their voices when a group of approximately six special guests were allowed in the theater early.

"They said no reserve seats," one early bird yelled.

"Make sure you write the first guy here wasn't the first guy seated," Bounds said angrily.

Police News



Marcos Ubaldo, 22, of 1115 W. Orange, Lot 39, was arrested at 7:12 p.m. Tuesday on a Vermilion County warrant. He was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

An attempted break-in at the Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St., was thwarted early Wednesday.

Police were alerted to the attempted break-in at 2:42 a.m., but the intruders were scared off before entry could be made.

Police are investigating the incident.

The guests of owner Greg Boardman were given a tour of the theater and were not seated before the doors opened.

As moviegoers mulled outside, inside the theater, employee Ray Stumph met with other workers, planning strategy for when the doors opened. An additional eight people were brought in to handle the demand, popping additional popcorn and checking other supplies.

The preparation was well-founded as 219 people went through the doors within nine minutes of when they opened. Most had purchased advance tickets; only 30 regular tickets had been sold by 10 p.m.

About 700 advance tickets were sold in Hoopeston, Champaign, Danville, Paxton and Kentland and Fowler, Ind., Boardman said.

Unlike many movies, where viewers purchase concessions before finding seats, those who had waited made a beeline for seats before purchasing food and drinks.

Boardman hopes attendance for "Phantom Menace" will top that for "Twister," his most popular movie to date.

In May 1996, "Twister" brought in 3,100 people in its first week. Approximately 7,000 tickets were sold during its four-week run.

Boardman showed "Twister" a maximum of four times daily. "Phantom Menace" will be shown five times daily for the first two weeks. "I've never done that before," he said.

Several groups plan to see the movie during its first week, including a group of about 50 from Volition, the company that created the computer game Descent, Boardman said. "They're going to close their office and come over," he said.

Darth Maul, a "Phantom Menace" character, will also be at the theater. He was expected for the Wednesday night show, as well as the 7:30 p.m. shows Friday and Saturday.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 75. Tonight, fair. Low 54. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High near 80, low 55.

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