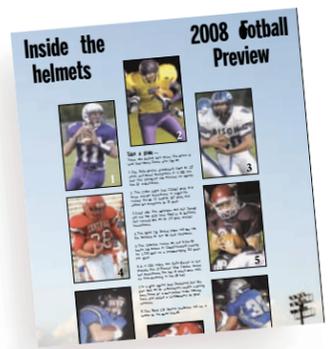


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'Passion Play' to end after 70 years

TOURISM PIONEER: Sunday scheduled to be the final performance of the long-running play.

By Mary Garrigan
Journal staff

The stage lights will dim for the final time on a piece of South Dakota theatrical history on Sunday as the last performance of the "Black Hills Passion Play" ends its nearly 70-year run in a Spearfish amphitheater.

"As far as we know, that will be the closing performance of the production," Johanna Meier, its owner and artistic director, said Wednesday. "It's an important part of the history of the Black Hills, of Spearfish and of South Dakota. It was one of the pioneer pieces of South Dakota's tourism industry."

The play was first performed in its outdoor setting in May 1939 in an amphitheater designed by its founder and longtime star, Josef Meier. That theater seats 6,000 and has the longest outdoor stage in the country.

The production played in Spearfish each summer and toured the United States and Canada during the fall and winter months, playing over 650 cities nationwide before a lifetime audience of nearly 11 million people. From 1953 to 1998, there was a regular winter season in a similar

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If you go

What: Final performances of the Black Hills Passion Play
When: 8 p.m. today and Sunday, Aug. 31
Where: Spearfish
Cost: Tickets range from \$20 to \$25
Call: The Passion Play office at (605) 642-2646.

ARENA FLOOR: Workers spend Wednesday pouring 270 cubic yards of concrete on the floor of the new \$25 million arena



Photos by Ryan Soderlin/Journal staff

Construction workers pour concrete to form the cement floor of Rapid City Rush's hockey arena at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center on Wednesday. The pour used 270 cubic yards of concrete. It started before 7 a.m. and ended about 1 p.m.

Floor of new arena at civic center poured in one day

By Scott Aust
Journal staff

Only 27 more days to go until the new floor on the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center addition will be fully cured.

Workers spent six hours Wednesday pouring 270 cubic yards of concrete on the floor of the new \$25 million multipurpose arena that will be home to the Rapid City Rush of the Central Hockey League.

The CHL 2008-09 season opens in October, with the first home game for the Rush expected in late November.

"This is the last, final, important piece of the puzzle," said Brian Maliske, civic center general manager.

"If this were to go wrong, our whole schedule gets set back and we won't make

our opening. If this goes right, it's our last obstacle."

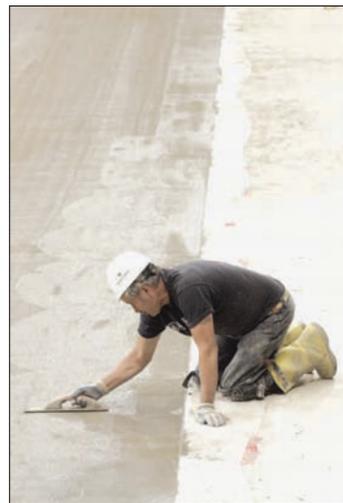
Maliske said the arena is on time, and on budget for the Rush's first home game.

But getting the concrete floor perfect is vital to stay on schedule. To prevent cracks, the concrete had to be poured and set all in one day. Cracks are deadly for an ice arena because water could infiltrate the base and cause the floor to buckle.

Work on the floor started with a sub-grade base followed by layers of heating pipes, 8 inches of sand, 4 inches of insulation, and 3 miles of piping used for the ice freezing system.

On top of all that, workers laid down a steel meshing to add rigidity and hold the piping in place for the

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Construction worker Adelaido Sanchez evens out the concrete edges.

No federal charges in OST police altercation

PINE RIDGE: U.S. attorney says tribal court charges are still a possibility for those involved in the Aug. 12 incident at Pine Ridge reservation.

By Mary Garrigan
Journal staff

U.S. Attorney Marty Jackley has declined to press federal criminal charges against any of the people involved in an Aug. 12 fracas in Pine Ridge between police officers and tribal council members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

"We believe it does not present a prosecutable federal offense at this time," Jackley said in a news release from his office in Sioux Falls.

Tribal court charges are still a possibility, Jackley said, since the Federal Bureau of Investigation's report on the incident has been referred to the tribe's Attorney General Alberta Miller.

"The matter has, therefore, been referred to Oglala Sioux prosecutors for any action the tribe deems appropriate under tribal law. In addition, the

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After the incident

Nearly 30 officers resigned, walked off the job or were otherwise relieved of duty, resulting in 25 additional officers being sent to Pine Ridge from other agencies and reservations to supplement the remaining tribal police force.

No charges yet in shooting at Sturgis bar

By Ryan Woodard
Journal staff

A Meade County grand jury convened again Wednesday to further investigate whether charges should be filed in a downtown Sturgis bar fight and shooting involving an off-duty Seattle policeman and a Hells Angels member. The results of the proceedings were not released by news deadline Wednesday evening.

The grand jury has been trying to determine who if anyone should be charged. The 1 a.m. Aug. 9 altercation at the Loud American Roadhouse involved Ronald Smith, 43, twice shooting Joseph Patrick McGuire, 33, of Imperial Beach, Calif.

In media interviews, officer Smith has said he shot McGuire in self-defense. McGuire reportedly remains hospitalized for the injuries.

The grand jury was expected to recess by early Wednesday evening, said Meade

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The incident

A police officer and a member of the Iron Pigs motorcycle club said he was "cold-cooked by at least one, if not three, Hells Angels" before being pinned to the floor and struck with "fists and feet" during a confrontation between the Hells Angels and Iron Pigs. He said he pulled his handgun from his hip and opened fire in self-defense.



Joshua Buck/LongmontTimes-Call

Karl Giuseffi is shown Wednesday at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver.

Spearfish High grad working as an intern at convention

By Deb Holland
Journal staff

When Sen. Barack Obama accepts the nomination for president of the United States at the Democratic National Convention in Denver tonight, Karl Giuseffi of Spearfish will be in the thick of the action.

The University of South Dakota political science major was chosen to attend the convention as an intern after being nominated by profes-

sors from the USD Political Science Department.

"I'm guiding delegates to places, handling access control, working with the press and blogging," said Giuseffi, a 2006 Spearfish High School graduate.

Giuseffi said he always had an interest in law, but his intrigue with politics blossomed while participating in debate in high school.

The convention experience

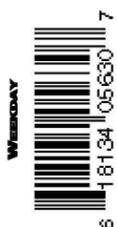
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