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Family Remembers Stephanie Steiner

Obituaries

Back In December, I shared my heartbroken story about my stepmom, Stephanie Steiner, who was diagnosed with stage-four melanoma. Many of you have been supporting her and buying the green bracelets. I had planned to give my father, Jeffery Steiner, the bracelet money for his birthday on 26 May and surprise the both of them. My plan to do that took a rough turn.

Stephanie had found out that she had another tumor that formed above the original metal rod that was placed in her back. She had to go into surgery again to extend the rod with more cages and screws. She returned to the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia for more tests and radiation. Stephanie then received the news that the cancer had spread to her brain. We didn't even know how to react to this news. Stephanie was informed that she had only two weeks to live.

A hospital bed was placed in our living room, and she came home to be with her family, who was by her side every step of the way. We decided to celebrate my birthday that weekend so that Stephanie could see me blow out my 18 candles. She and my father wrote me a note for my birthday. It was the best present I could have received, so I thought.

Stephanie and I had a joke between the two of us. I was always an exaggerator, and, whenever I was sick, I would say I was dying. She would say sarcastically, "If you die, then I get your bedroom." She wanted to have her own scrapbooking room in the worst way. I always admired her three-row tanzanite bracelet that my father gave her, and I would always reply with, "Fine, but I get your bracelet if you do." I will always remember this birthday when she told me to close my eyes as

she placed the bracelet on my wrist.

My sister Katie Steiner, her boyfriend Justin Racine, my brother Jeffery Steiner, his fiancé Ashton Cox, my boyfriend Steve Dunkle, and I decided to give my father



everything she wanted: fountain soda root beers, Redbulls, slushies, and even pudding. We wanted our princess to have everything she wanted to keep her as comfortable as possible. I was always one to tell her how beautiful

she was and that I loved her every time it crossed my mind. I sat next to her one day and asked her questions. Stephanie told me she had everything she wanted in life from her family and she was not afraid to leave, but she was afraid we would be upset and she didn't want to see us sad.

The six of us kids and my father stayed up for three hours with Stephanie one night, as she needed the company. On 10 May, at 5:50 a.m., Stephanie passed away and left

our hearts with the greatest wound our family has ever encountered.

God received a beautiful and strong woman, and my family received an angel. Stephanie's wishes were to be cremated and to have a Celebration of Life with happy memories and reminiscing. We will be honoring her wishes with about two hundred others who loved and shared the happiness that we did.

I again want to thank each and every one of you who donated money towards our family, and, if anyone would still like to purchase one, I am still selling them and can be contacted on Facebook. Another way to honor Stephanie would be to donate to Melanoma research at the Kimmel Cancer Center.

By Kelsey Steiner

Noah Sinks Beneath Aranofsky's Action-Oriented Melodrama

Review

The biblical story of Noah and the ark has been passed down through history in cultures and countries all over the world, and the latest re-telling of the classic fable is Darren Aronofsky's Noah, the first Hollywood production to tackle this particular tale. The film was met with a myriad of controversy from Christians who believe Aronofsky and Ari Handel, who co-wrote the screenplay with Aronofsky, took too many liberties with the story.

It is hard to imagine a big-budget, audience-pleasing film of this ilk that doesn't take liberties with the story to appeal to the action-oriented market of today's movie goers. For those who need a refresher, according to the Bible, Noah was tasked by God (who is never referred to as such in the film, only 'the creator') to build an ark that would house two of every creature on Earth in order to survive a coming apocalypse, via flood, that would rid the Earth of sinful humans.

It becomes a little more complicated

than that, but those who aren't well-versed in their Biblical timelines need not worry. This is an action-oriented film, and, before long, the familiar Hollywood clichés begin to appear. The biggest set piece involves giant golem-like creatures, called Watchers, fighting off hordes of attackers, attempting to get aboard Noah's ark before the rains drown them all.

These giants are actually fallen angels who have taken it upon themselves to help Noah build his ark in hopes that God would let them back into heaven when the task is complete. If this sounds a bit ridiculous to you, then you're not alone; this plot device has been widely criticized by both the religious right and sensible filmgoers in general who aren't too excited to see this Biblical tale turned into an overblown spectacle.

Unfortunately, this isn't the only liberty taken by the film. The third act turns into pure melodrama, as if Aronofsky and Handel knew their film needed broader, sensational plot developments to keep the interest

of moviegoers.

Their distrust in the audience is disappointing, since Noah is an otherwise ambitious film that boasts several visually impressive sequences, including the building of the ark itself and Noah's visions of impending doom. Russell Crowe is well-suited for the title role, with his unwavering, stern obedience to God's will, which often seems like genocide, leaving some people to believe Noah was portrayed in a negative light.

This would make Noah sound like a dark character study, like some of Aronofsky's earlier films, Black Swan or The Wrestler. Unfortunately, Noah's internal struggle with his faith is pushed too hard in the final hour, almost to the point of unintentional humor. Add on top of that unnecessary subplots, too many fantasy elements, and dialogue that is about as subtle as a sledgehammer, and you get a mess of a film that pleases no one.

By Michael Norton



Puck Drops on NHL Playoffs

Sports

The Philadelphia Flyers and the New York Rangers, both in the Eastern Conference, began their series in New York. Wayne Simmonds lead the series for the Flyers, scoring four total goals. After a back and forth fight, the Rangers won this series 4-3 and moved onto the next round.

Sixteen total teams started off in round one. Eight teams were from the Eastern Conference, while the other eight were from the Western Conference. These teams played the best of seven games, and the winner moved on to the next round.

Another first round matchup was the Pittsburgh Penguins against the Columbus Blue Jackets. The Penguins' Matt Niskanen led the series with eight points. The Penguins won 4-2 in this series against the Blue Jackets.

The Bruins also won their series against the Detroit Red Wings after winning four games to one. Goalie Tuukka Rask of the Bruins led the NHL and the series with a GAA of 1.52, a save percentage of .946, and one shutout. However, the Red Wings center Pavel Datsyuk led the series with three goals and five points.

The Tampa Bay Lightning and Montreal Canadiens are the last of the Eastern Conference teams to play. Carey Price, goalie of the Canadiens, leads the NHL with 5 wins. The Canadiens shut out the Lightning 4-0 in their series after Brendan Gallagher led the series with three goals and five points.

From the Western Conference, the Anaheim Ducks and Dallas Stars faced each other in the first round. The Ducks won four games while the Stars won two, making the Ducks the winners of the series. Jamie Benn led the series with four goals for the Ducks.

The San Jose Sharks and Los Angeles Kings were also a part of the Western Conference. This series began with the Sharks winning the first three games, but the Kings came back and ended up beating the San Jose Sharks with a 4-3 series. The Kings player with the most points and goals was Anze Kopitar. He led the series with four goals and a total of ten points.

The Colorado Avalanche and Minnesota Wild also played. Paul Stastny of the Avalanche led with 10 points and 5 goals, which was the highest in the NHL and the series. Avalanche's Nathan MacKinnon also led the NHL with 8 assists. Minnesota won the series winning four games to three, after winning the seventh game in overtime 5-4.

The Chicago Blackhawks and St. Louis Blues are the last for the Western Conference. The Blackhawks defeated the Blues with a 4-2 game series. The next round of the playoffs is currently taking place. Only eight teams are left in the second round, on the road to the final game.

By Michael Osenbach

Eagles Sign Army Vet

Sports

The Philadelphia Eagles recently signed Captain Alejandro Villanueva, a six foot, nine inch, 277 pound Army Ranger. He plays defensive lineman and recently worked out at the Super Regional Combine in Detroit. The Eagles liked what they saw in him and signed him to a rookie free-agent deal.

He served three tours in Afghanistan, which amounted to six years. He was born in Michigan but mostly lived in Spain, where he played rugby. While attending high school in Belgium, he picked up football.

He went on to play at West Point for college. He played wide receiver for the Black Knights. He was their leading wide receiver with 34 catches for 522 yards and 5 touchdowns. He was their senior offensive captain. He graduated in 2009 with a degree in science and systems engineering.

He joined the Army on 22 May 2010 as a 2nd Lieutenant in Infantry.

According to phillymag.com, he has received the following medals: the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, the Ranger Tab, the Parachutist Badge, the Bronze Star Medal for overseas service, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with the Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Infantryman's

Badge and the Expert Infantryman's Badge.

"As soon as I graduated, especially with all my classmates at West Point who were all going to serve, my mind and my heart were going to Afghanistan. That's where I wanted to be. I wanted to serve. I wanted to see combat. I was actually trying to get as many deployments as I could and see it with different units. That's where my mind and my heart was," Villanueva said.

"And even without his post-college heroics, or his West Point background, Villanueva's tale is an interesting one. The son of a Naval officer, he played only two years of high school football, both in Belgium, and started at left tackle as a junior, then became Army's top wideout as a senior, while also having taken snaps at left guard, tight end and defensive end over his four years. In 2009, he was the Black Knights' leader with five touchdown catches, and the tallest player in major college football. As he said, at that point, his focus shifted to more serious battlefields. After his tryout with the Bengals, he went to Ranger school and Airborne school, and was deployed to Afghanistan in the spring of 2011. He went again in 2012, and again last year, all the while never losing his passion for football," Albert Breer said about him.

By Nathan Mayer

Keep Your Cool in College

Academics

High school is, for some, the last stop before heading into the job market and for others is the next step on the ladder towards college. Those who are going to college can expect many challenging hurdles, from harder school work to more difficult school challenges. However, the rewards themselves can be great as well. This column can help all those who are planning on going to college find easy tips and tricks to excel.

The main tip for an easier time in college comes down to choosing the college you wish to attend. This may seem obvious but, according to Fleetwood teacher Mrs. Charlene Fischer, "many people end up going to a college they are uncomfortable with and may end up dropping out."

It is imperative that the college of your choice really lives up to your expectations.

"It's important to know what you want from college. Do you wish to live on site or at home, do you like small campuses or large ones, or do you like colleges in the city or country, etc.?" Fisher said.

This is why you should research as much as you can on specific colleges you wish to attend. Do not just pick one college and leave that as your only option. Be open-minded and check the college's online website to know further details about it that you may have missed.

Also, be sure to check in with your guidance counselors. They will generally have on-hand packets and guides for local or state-wide colleges and universities. They can also find visiting dates for when the colleges are open for tours. Touring is also essential for finding out whether or not this college is for you, as you will get a firsthand account of the campus itself, as well as instructions and information from those that work.

Remember, going to college is one of best choices you have for getting a better career in life. On the other hand, college may not be for everyone.

"Some people may not be comfortable with college life, and they may find the work too demanding. If this is the case, it may be better to save your money and try looking

for a job you're qualified for, or, if need be, looking for a trade school or internship," Fisher said.

When your college is selected, you should start making the necessary preparations for going to that college. First, be sure you meet the requirements needed to actually be accepted into the college. All colleges are different, some have certain GPA or SAT scores that need to be achieved in order to be accepted, while others will require you to hand in an essay before your application is reviewed.

"Students should begin looking into the work needed for college by at least their junior year of high school in order to get a head start in the application process," Fisher said.

If you complete all things necessary and are accepted, then congratulations; however, there is still much work to be done. If you have not been accepted, do not fret, as you can try again next semester or you can move on to another college of your choice. Even if you are still dead set on your original choice, many colleges have transfer programs that allow students to move from college to college in hopes of furthering their education. There are always other options at hand.

When you are accepted, the first thing you should look into is getting financial aid. Fisher recommends visiting the guidance office, as they usually have notices about current scholarship and grants that are being rewarded. Be sure to check online as well for legitimate scholarships or grants available; the money is out there, and you just need to find it.

If finding money is still an issue, you can also look into getting a loan; however, you must be wary when it comes to finding a good loan. First, you should look into filling out a FAFSA form, which, according to Fleetwood teacher Mrs. Wendy Wunderlich, "can be gotten online at appropriate government approved websites." This form will allow you to see what you are eligible for in terms of money and can help guide you on the right track for finding a suitable loan company.

Be sure that the loan you chose only makes you start paying after college; otherwise,

you may rank up the debt earlier than usual. Other than that, most banks will offer student loans as well; however, they may have higher interest rates than companies that specialize only in loans. Be sure to be careful if you are dealing with anyone other than a bank, as they may not be 100% legitimate or may have certain by-laws hidden in the paperwork.

After the money issues are sorted, it is time to pick your classes. Have a good idea ahead of time what your major and minor might be. While you can change both, keep in mind that this can set you back a couple of months in terms of education. Also, unlike high school, you can now choose your class's hours and the overall courses that you will focus on. While all colleges are different and some are more rigid than others, you will generally be given certain classes you will have to take, but with leeway on when you take them and how much time your schedule focuses on them.

With the paperwork done, money taken care of, and your classes and professors chosen, the only thing left is to figure out how you cope with the upcoming amount of work. While the hours in college are generally shorter than that of high school, there is usually more work involved. Also, most of the work is harder and longer than that of high school as well.

Fisher suggests that "students spend at least two hours working out of school for every hour they spend in school." This means you should have a decent and organized schedule that details when you should have off time and work time. If you have issues with the assignment, be sure to know your professors after-school hours so that you can arrange time to talk with them on anything you do not understand.

If you still find yourself having a hard time, most campuses post tutoring programs or studying groups that can allow a collective group of students to work on topics on which they are unclear. While tutoring can be extremely helpful, it may cost money in order to get a tutor; be on the lookout for them on school bulletin boards. Study groups, while (hopefully) free, can be a bit more challenging to find, as you would probably only look for

groups that are working on your curriculum.

Be sure to remember that most professors will not accept late work, unlike in high school where teachers will usually accept work late with points deducted. As such, be sure to commit enough time to large projects as one or two missed assignments can destroy your grade. If your grade drops low enough for too long a time, you may end up being kicked from the curriculum with no refunds.

Because of this, try to get the assignments done as fast as you can and do not wait until the last minute. You may have been told this all your life by your teachers and parents, but, even if you were able to slip in high school, chances are, due to the immense size of each project, you will not be able to get away with it in college.

One recommended tip for getting projects is to schedule dates for when you need to work on the project. For example, after getting the assignment, immediately take time to try to pool together as many research materials as you can find; this way, you will not have to scramble to find them later on. Make sure to mark your calendars for when the projects are due and tests are to be taken; keep them in plain sight so that you won't forget that date!

Each individual class's time schedule can vary from half-hour classes to hour classes and so on. Generally, longer classes are held less often than that of shorter length classes. Depending on your schedule, you should pick how you wish to attend class accordingly.

One last thing to consider is that, during college, there are a lot more distractions of which to be aware. For example, there are a lot more clubs and activities in colleges than you would find in high school. Also, the massive amounts of parties or vacation trips taking place will provide an ample amount of distractions. While all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, be sure to juggle fun activities and work, lest you fall too far behind.

By Kyle Weinhold

Wild Fire Season Commences in California

Environment

Recently, a number of fires have started in different areas of California, devastating the area. Over 1,000 firefighters, the California Military Corps, 100 fire engines, and dozens of water trucks are working hard to put an end to the wildfires. Since January, there have been over 1,500 fires in California. Temperatures reaching the triple digits have been reported with low humidity and hot, dry winds from the desert engulfing California. These high temperatures and dry conditions have started up the earliest and worst wildfire seasons that California has seen in decades. One specific fire, called the Cocos fire, is one of the biggest ongoing wildfires, which has destroyed 40 houses in San Marcos and burnt down over 2,520 acres. An-



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other fire, named the Pulgas Fire, in San Diego County is only 40% contained and has already destroyed over 15,000 total acres. Over 125,000 people in and around San Diego alone have been forced to evacuate their homes because they were in danger. Many houses are receiving a lot of damage. Thousands of homes and buildings are in jeopardy, while many were burnt down or destroyed. San Diego County's electric company was even forced to shut down because of power lines that were in danger. Schools and businesses were forced to shut down,

causing limited spending around the state. Farmers will also have a long recovery rate because of damaged land. Tourism is also experiencing a downfall in California with popular places such as the San Diego Zoo and Sea World being forced to shut down. Overall, the total damage is unknown. As of now, there were 7 deaths and over 2,000 homes destroyed. Half a million acres were burnt, causing billions of dollars in damage. According to economists, the damage will be well over the amount already recorded. Investigators are working to find out what is starting all of these fires. One of the blazes was said to start by sparks from a construction site. Two people from northern San Diego were even charged with arson, but it is not clear if they are connected to any of the fires. Fires are still continuing to rage, and further fires are expected to start this summer.

By Michael Osenbach

Clippers Owner Donald Sterling Banned

Sports

Donald Sterling, owner of the Los Angeles Clippers, is in the news for all the wrong reasons. He was fined by the NBA for about \$2.5 million and was slapped with a lifetime ban from all games after making racist comments to his 31-year-old girlfriend over the phone. Sterling is 80 years old and is currently married. Sterling's girlfriend posted a picture on Instagram with hall of famer Magic Johnson. Sterling was not too happy about it. He recently bought her a \$1.8 million dollar home, a Ferrari, two Bentleys, and a Range Rover. Sterling was born on 26 April 26 as Donald Tokowitz. He went to California State University, Los Angeles, and graduated in the class of 1956. Afterword, he went to law school and graduated in 1960.



He began his real estate career when buying a 26-apartment complex in Beverly Hills. Then he also bought the Lesser Towers. He renamed them the Sterling Towers, and now they are called Sterling International Towers. Sterling bought the Clippers for \$12.5 million in 1981. Now his team is estimated to be worth \$575 million. In 1984, Sterling moved the San Diego Clippers to Los Angeles. He did not have the move approved by the NBA, which fined him \$25 million. Donald sued the NBA for \$100 million but removed it because the NBA reduced his fine to \$6 million. Sterling was called the worst owner in sports by The New York Times and Forbes Magazine. Sporting News named him "one of the worst owners in basketball for decades." "I think it's very fair and bad what he did," English teacher Andy Good said.

By Nathan Mayer

March Madness Hits a High Note

Sports

The NCAA basketball tournament is one of the biggest sporting events of the year. Upsets dominate the headlines game after game. People cannot get enough of it, especially this year. "It was a pretty great month for college basketball, a lot of great games and crazy upsets," junior Wyatt Pennsinger said. Florida was the favorite heading into the tournament, but they did not live up to expectations in that regard. They lost to UConn in the Final Four, who went on to win the tournament. It was an unlikely final with UConn and Kentucky battling it out for the crown. Kentucky was full of young inexperienced team members who just could not get the

job done. "I hope these tournaments keep having the same excitement. It's so much fun to watch," junior Gary Gabriel said. UConn men's basketball has a storied history, winning national titles in 1999, 2004, 2011, and now 2014. That makes the Huskies tied for the fifth most all-time, winning one twice in the last three years. "That was pretty crazy. I don't think anyone saw Kentucky winning this



year," junior Brendan Homan said. Before the tournament began the odds were against them, it was very unlikely for them to make it to the final. That was not the only result that no one expected. Duke, who was expected by most to make it to the final four, lost in the first round to fourteen seed Mercer. "I was really surprised that Kentucky won, to be honest. I think I speak for a lot of people when I say I thought it would probably be Florida winning it all," senior Doug Karpeuk said. March Madness tournaments never seem to fail in delivering ratings and excitement.

By Tyler Rapposelli

This Week in History: June 4-10

History

June 4
781 BC - Oldest Chinese recording of a solar eclipse.
1789 - U.S. Constitution goes into effect.
1805 - Tripoli forced to conclude peace with U.S. after war over tribute.
1845 - Mexican-U.S. war starts.
1940 - British complete miracle of Dunkirk by evacuating 300,000 troops.
1984 - D.N.A. is successfully cloned from an extinct animal.
1998 - Terry Nichols is sentenced to life in prison for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing.
June 5
70 - Titus and his Roman legions breach the middle wall of Jerusalem.
1661 - Isaac Newton admitted as a student to Trinity College, Cambridge.
1805 - First recorded tornado in "Tornado Alley" (Southern Illinois).
1917 - 10 million U.S. men begin registering for draft in W.W. I.
1940 - Battle of France begins in W.W. II.
1963 - State of siege proclaimed in Iran; Ayatollah Khomeini arrested.
1990 - South African troops plunder Mandela's dwelling.
June 6
1813 - U.S. invasion of Canada halted at Stony Creek (Ontario).
1832 - The barricades fall, and the Paris stu-

dent uprisings of 1832 end.
1912 - The eruption of Novarupta in Alaska begins. It is the second largest volcanic eruption of the 20th century.
1942 - Japanese forces retreat, ending Battle of Midway.
1944 - W.W. II D-Day: 150,000 Allied Expeditionary Force lands in Normandy, France.
1968 - Senator Robert Kennedy dies from his wounds after he was shot the previous night.
1982 - 30,000 Israeli troops invade Lebanon to drive out P.L.O.
June 7
1099 - First Crusaders arrive in Jerusalem.
1654 - Louis XIV crowned King of France.
1692 - Earthquake in Port Royal, Jamaica, kills 3,000.
1912 - U.S. army tests first machine gun mounted on a plane.
1942 - Japanese troops land on Attu, Aleutian Islands.
1968 - Sirhan Sirhan indicted for Bobby Kennedy assassination.
2012 - 16th century archaeology remains of the Curtain Theatre, where some of Shakespeare's plays were first performed, were found under a pub in London.
June 8
65 - Jews revolt against Rome, capturing fortress of Antonia in Jerusalem.
452 - Italy invaded by Attila the Hun.
1886 - First Civil Rights Act passes

1896 - First car is stolen.
1966 - Topeka, Kansas, is devastated by a tornado that registers as an "F5" on the Fujita Scale: the first to exceed \$100 million in damages. Sixteen people are killed, hundreds more injured, and thousands of homes damaged or destroyed.
1968 - James Earl Ray, alleged assassin of Martin Luther King Jr., is captured.
1995 - Downed U.S. Air Force pilot Captain Scott O'Grady is rescued by U.S. Marines in Bosnia.
June 9
68 - Roman Emperor Nero commits suicide, imploring his secretary Epaenodorus to slit his throat to evade a Senate-imposed death by flogging.
1959 - First ballistic missile sub launched (George Washington-Groton, Ct).
1978 - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) strikes down 148-year policy of excluding black men from priesthood.
1999 - Kosovo War: the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and North Atlantic Treaty Organization sign a peace treaty.
June 10
1793 - Washington replaces Philadelphia as U.S. capital.
1801 - Tripoli declares war on U.S.

for refusing tribute.
1898 - U.S. Marines land in Cuba during Spanish-American War.
1915 - Girl Scouts founded.
1940 - Italy declares war on France and Britain during W.W. II.
1963 - J.F.K. signs law for equal pay for equal work for men and women.
1997 - Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot orders the killing of his defense chief Son Sen and eleven of Sen's family members before Pol Pot flees his northern stronghold.

By Kyle Weinhold

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Summer Fashion All About Maxi Skirts and Crop Tops

Fashion

The 2014 summer fashion is hotter and more stylish than last year. There are new styles of shorts, tops, skirts, and shoes. The big trend this year is maxi skirts and crop tops, but also side-shoulder purses. Printed short dresses are out; long, solid, bright dresses are in.

According to Glamour.com, knee-length, nineties flower-print dresses are making a comeback. This year, there are a lot of bold and eye-catching colors, including metallic, bright blues, greens, and pinks. Two colors that never go out of style are black and white.

"My favorite thing to wear are maxi skirts or shorts and crop tops," sophomore Katie Lochman said.

Pant body suits and long printed dresses are in this summer, says Vogue.com. Although they have a selection of colors for their summer fashion, they are keeping it simple, not too bold but very stylish this year. In the nineties, the fashion trend was to wear jeans and a tie with a jacket around the waist. Vogue is

bringing back that trend while adding a white crop top.

"I like to wear high-waisted shorts with a high, low-cut blouse," junior Katelyn Langford said.

eventeenmagazine.com said bright swimming suits and wedges are in this summer. By adding a long maxi dress to the wedges, you'll have a cute outfit to walk the boardwalk at night. During the day, a bright swimming suit with a see-through blouse is comfortable to wear on the beach.

"I wear shorts and a t-shirt with sneakers," freshman Luis Leon said.

According to InStyle.com, sheer white tops with a bright-colored bandeau and a long black maxi skirt are in this year. As for colors, black and white is at the top, but there is a trend that is coming back; metallic colors are hip this year as well.

"I like to wear shorts and a t-shirt with Vans, but, to dress up, a crop top and a

maxi skirt," Sophia Hadeed said.

"Dressy top + Denim shorts= your good to go," Glamour.com writes.

High-waisted shorts with a crop top have also been a top favorite in the fashion industry; crop tops are also a good match with a stylish maxi skirt and some sandals for a nice comfortable outfit to hang out in.

"I wear t-shirts, shorts, flip-flops, with a lot of bracelets," sophomore Lizzie Geesey said.

Elleuk.com says low heels are in this summer. Also, heel boots are a big trend. The summer's biggest trend is sandals. They can go with any outfit to make it look a little dressier.

Cosmopolitan.com writes, "No makeup, 'raw, natural beauty.'"

But, if you want to do makeup this summer, the trend is the nineties pin-up look, mostly mascara, red cheeks, and deep red lipstick that makes a statement.

By Emily Moyer

Students Raise Questions on Dress Code

Fashion

As warm weather is approaching, teachers are cracking down on students violating the dress code. For those unaware, Fleetwood Area High School has a dress code that students are responsible for following on a daily basis.

Every school needs a dress code in order to keep students dressed appropriately. There are some rules that students are required to follow, but some have deemed them unrealistic.

Rule eight in the handbook states that all shorts, skirts, or skirts must be fingertip length when the wearers arms are fully extended. If this rule is broken, it will result in the wearer having to change clothes for the remainder of the day.

"I think there should be a dress code, but I feel like they shouldn't be so strict about it," sophomore Lacey Greiss said.

There are no exceptions for students who are wearing sunglasses, hats, hoods, or jackets. Unless it is for religious purposes, students need to remove any headwear by the time they enter the school building.

Any clothing that promotes alcohol, tobacco, or drug use is also prohibited. This includes slurs, slogans, logos, and symbols. The dress code is meant to keep students looking modest.

"Some of the dress code is hard to follow because a majority of stores sell stuff that is not allowed in school," sophomore Brooke Schaeffer said.

Rule five of the dress code is that no pajamas, sleepwear, loungewear, or slippers should be worn in school. Another rule is that all clothing needs to be worn properly, with no undergarments exposed.

"Students wear pajamas to school all the time, and it's not fair to other people who get in trouble for other dress code reasons," junior Lizzay Faust said.

"It's hard to find clothes that fit the dress code requirements," junior Katelyn Langford said.

By Mia Nowotarski

There's a Reason He's Called "King of the Monsters."

Review

Godzilla, a legend spanning nearly half a century, is back in theaters.

A creature of gigantic proportions, the giant lizard that crushes cities as if they were paper mache is popular worldwide. Nearly fifty years ago, Godzilla started as an inquiry into the fears of the early 1950's: What is the nuclear testing doing to the oceans of the world?

For Japanese film studio Toho, this came to life in film as an over 300 feet tall, mutated T-Rex with stegosaurus back plates. The creature unleashed his wrath upon mainland Japan and other monsters across dozens of movies.

Ranging from campy B-movies to big budgeted blockbusters, these movies have provided entertainment for both Japanese and foreign audiences alike as Godzilla smashes through cities, militaries, and other Kaiju (Japanese for "giant monster") alike.

The last Japanese Godzilla movie, Godzilla Final Wars, was released in 2005 and marked the last chapter of the Godzilla franchise... at least for Japan. Now, nearly nine years later, Godzilla returns to the big screens in this American made reboot.

Gareth Edwards, a relatively unknown independent director, mans the helm of Godzilla's comeback. Gareth had also brought along members of the Toho Company to help advise him on the storyboard, hoping to be as faithful to the original movies as possible. The result is a dramatic, if somewhat overly so, mon-

ster movie that may not be for everyone.

The movie has a rather slow build-up, showing a montage of old photos dealing with discovering of Godzilla, which leads into the introduction of the characters as well as the overall set up to the plot. Dr. Ishiro Serizawa (Ken Watanabe) portrays the lead scientist in charge of the findings dealing with these ancient monsters, providing the movie's scientific insight behind the creatures. Serizawa is constantly at odds with higher authority figures, with a staunch man vs. nature mentality. All-in-all, Ishiro provides a voice of reason, and the movie's focus on the present monster battle disallows much background information on his part, sans the reason why he detests the use of nuclear based weapons.

This brings us to Joe Brody (Bryan Cranston) and Ford Brody (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), the latter the movie's main character, as they are thrown into a tale a personal tragedy as three god-like creatures engage in a fight that could bring the world to its knees. Joe, at first a nuclear technician in Japan and later a conspiracy theorist, and his son, Ford, a lieutenant in the U.S. military, were thrown into the conflict fifteen years ago when a tragedy at the nuclear power plant changed both their lives forever.

Now, in 2014, the creatures responsible for the destruction awaken and brings forth a chain of events that lead to three monsters, Godzilla, Muto (male), and Muto (female) engaging in a massive two-versus-one fight. Ford, now

a respected EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) expert is thrown into the helm of destruction as he works to bring the monsters down and save his family in the process.

The acting is well done at parts; however, it can approach soap-opera levels of over-dramatics at times. One thing that really sticks out is that there are a small amount of unnecessary romance scenes and needlessly convoluted plot. The movie does not try to be anything more than it is: a giant monster movie.

With its intense fights scenes, a switch between beautiful and dreary scenery, and acting that is sometimes overdramatic at times, Godzilla provides a great start to the summer movie experience.

Though it is not for everyone, any fans of Godzilla will appreciate this take on a classic movie monster. And while probably not Oscar nomination material, Godzilla provides a fun and entertaining experience that is essentially three movies in one: one part drama, one part monster movie, and one part commentary of how man interacts with nature.

Godzilla holds well with the original theme of the 1950s and does very well to bring it into a new light of the 2010s.

All-in-all, I give this movie a 8.8 out of 10.

By Kyle Weinbold

Random Cheese

It's almost that time of year again...

What Is Your Favorite Summertime Activity?

By Emily Moyer



"Bonfires and night swimming." 12th grader, Caitlyn Murray



I like to sleep." 11th grader, Angelika Guiguema



"I like to play basketball." 9th grader, Justin Hummel

"Go to Lake Ontario and chill with my friends." 12th grader, Lauren Fuerst



"I like to go swimming, go on vacation, and hang out with my friends." 11th grader, Kate-Lyn Langford



"I like to sleep." 11th grader, Kale Sacks



"Hang out with my friends." 9th grader, Hanna Schoener



"Shopping, go to the beach, hang out with friends." 10th grade, Lacey Greiss



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