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Summertime Movies To Rent, Buy, or Avoid



BY KAYLA SYLVESTER

If you didn't get a chance to catch all the movies in theaters this summer, let me help you decide what to rent or buy and what to avoid. Let's start with the must-see movies of summer.

The Dark Knight Rises- If you have seen the first two batman movies in Nolan's trilogy, this one is for you. If you haven't, or haven't seen them recently, you will be lost. In this movie there is never a dull moment—it has action, drama, and of course, a little romance. Gotham is the same as always—corrupt and riddled with villains. In this third installment of Batman, the viewer is introduced to Catwoman, wonderfully portrayed by Anne Hathaway, and an even more vicious criminal, Bane. Because of those two, Batman comes out of his eight years of hiding. Alfred, Fox, Gordon, and Bruce are joined by Blake, played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, and Miranda Tate, played by Marion Cotillard. The only downfall is the fact that it is the end of Nolan's Batman story. It is a great conclusion to the never disappointing trilogy. Look for this one in December at Redbox or wherever you rent or buy your movies.

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter- Now I know what you are thinking, I thought it too! This is the most stupid thing I have heard! But like a good movie theater employee and avid moviegoer, I gave it a shot and was pleasantly surprised. The premise may seem ridiculous, but the story is unbelievably entertaining through the movie. It looks at history in a completely new way. Just because it actually happened doesn't mean it isn't still a good story that can be tweaked for a new genre and audience. If this had been a fictional story with a vampire twist, it wouldn't be receiving the criticism it received. If you want a historical drama/documentary, this isn't one for you; but, if you want a historical action adventure movie with a vampire twist, this is for you. Look for this one in October.

Avengers- What more could you ask for than Iron Man, The Incredible Hulk, Thor, Captain America, Hawkeye and Black Widow together? When an unexpected enemy emerges that threatens global safety and security, Nick Fury, director of the international peacekeeping agency known as S.H.I.E.L.D., finds himself in need of a team to pull the world back from the brink of disaster. This movie is everything you could ask for in a

super hero movie: a great crisis, a great team, and great action scenes. That is not even mentioning their dynamic together. If you like any of the Marvel movies, Whedon doesn't disappoint with this one—his clear vision for each character and how they might be profitably intermingled; his unexpected knack for action choreography; his funny, tender, immaculately constructed script. This block buster will be coming to a DVD or blu-ray player near you September 17th.

Rock of Ages- Yes, it is a musical, and yes, it is cheesy; but, its blend of a Broadway musical experience and 80s rock and roll will surely get you singing along and, at the very least, entertained. As a fan of the original music, I can say it is nice to have a fun story to go along with the great music of Def Leppard, Joan Jett, Journey, Foreigner, Bon Jovi, Night Ranger, REO Speedwagon, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister, Poison, Whitesnake and more. It is the definition of a guilty pleasure film. Watch for this one on September 17th as well.

Some other must see movies to look out for on DVD and Blu-ray are: *Prometheus* (Sci-fi, October 1st), *Men in Black 3* (Adventure, Comedy, Sci-fi September 17th), *The Amazing Spiderman* (Action, Sci-fi, Hero, November 9th) and *Brave* (Action, Family, Fantasy, November 6th).

Now for a couple of summer flops...

Magic Mike- Yes, Channing Tatum is beautiful to look at along with his attractive co-stars, but that is all this movie has to offer. This movie has too much stripping, yes too much, and not even plot to keep the viewer captivated for the duration of the movie. It has a few points where you think they could develop a more serious story, and then it just breaks to a dance scene. The actors in the cast are all great actors; they just didn't get a chance to show it off in this movie.

Battleship- This movie is an attempt to rival *Transformers* but fails. The movie has a more ridiculous plot than the giant robot trilogy did. Yes, there are some big explosions, but the screenplay is not logical at all and is disappointing. When standouts of your top-billed cast include this year's Sports Illustrated swimsuit model of the year (Brooklyn Decker) and a famous pop singer making her acting debut (Rihanna), expect nothing more than mindless eye-candy. It may look like a great action adventure with aliens, but it isn't worth it.

These certainly aren't the only movies this past summer has produced; but, I hope this has helped you. Hopefully, next time you are at Redbox, you will know what movies to get and which to avoid, so you don't have to hold up the line.

Editor's Note

Most people would say that the steroid era in baseball and in other sports is a thing of the past. Recently, three household names have made headlines for performance altering drug use. Melky Cabrera of the San Francisco Giants was having his best year so far in the majors. Then, he got suspended fifty games for jacking up on steroids. The fact that Cabrera tried covering it up by making a phony internet site that cost him thousands is even more devastating.

Across the bay in California, Bartolo Colon, a pitcher for the Oakland A's was also suspended fifty games for using steroids. Colon was a "resurrected" pitcher who, as of last off season, could barely find a job. He ended up signing with Oakland, and at an old age for pitchers, was essentially lights out until his suspension.

The most popular athlete who has been accused of doping in the past few weeks is one who some call an American hero, Lance Armstrong. The alleged doping, in Armstrong's case, is when an athlete injects blood with more oxygen into his system before a race.

He won seven Tour De France races in a row and also defeated cancer twice. Unlike the other two, Armstrong was an American sensation. He has his own brand to promote the awareness of cancer, LIVESTRONG. Now his legacy looks tarnished and ruined forever.

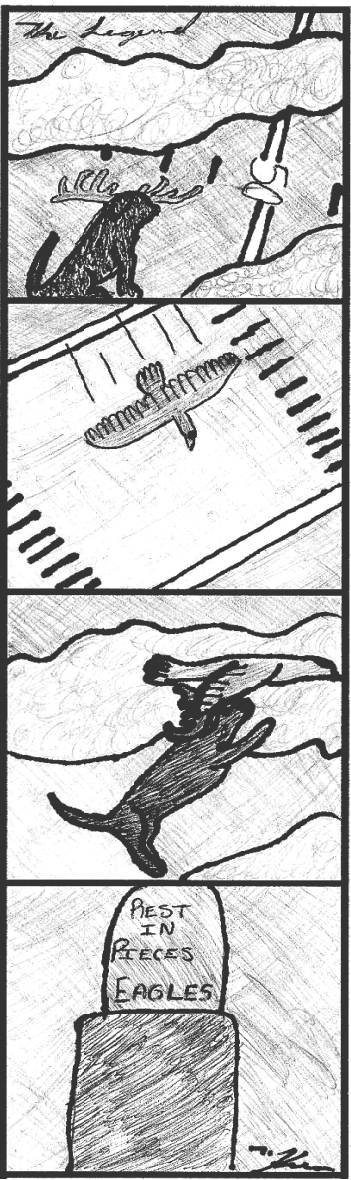
I don't understand why someone would think it is okay to inject something into one's body to make him or her perform better. With all the testing agencies do nowadays, it's almost certain that they will get caught. But even after all the controversy we have had over the last ten years with so-called "role models" taking steroids to make themselves better, we still see athletes doing it.

I believe in second chances, but why keep giving these ruthless people opportunities to play? You would think these athletes would realize when people first got caught that it was their warning. It should be a no tolerance policy. Maybe then fans wouldn't have to pay hard earned money to watch these juiced athletes.


Nick J. Robinson

Dingus

BY TOM KELLEN



Moonrise Kingdom Features an Air of Nostalgia



BY HUNTER KOCH

Moonrise Kingdom takes place in 1965 on the fictional New England island "New Penzance." 12-year-old Khaki Scout Sam Shukusky meets island resident Suzy Bishop, and the two become pen pals.

They agree to meet again the following summer and run away together.

For several days, Sam and Suzy hike the forest until they reach a cove on the island, which they deem Moonrise Kingdom. However, the Khaki Scouts along with Suzy's parents and the island police captain search for the two run-aways.

The two are eventually caught at their cove, and Suzy is forbidden to see Sam again. Sam then stays with the police captain, Captain Sharp, until Social Services can come and take him to a juvenile refuge, as he is an orphan and his previous foster parents no longer wish for him to stay with them.

The other Khaki Scouts feel remorse for their previous belittling and teasing of Sam.

The Scouts help Sam and Suzy escape, but they face many obstacles along the way, leading up to the climax on the steeple on top the church where Sam and Suzy first met.

Like Wes Anderson's other films, *Moonrise Kingdom* is stylized and features an ensemble cast of eccentric characters.

The movie had an air of nostalgia about it, of past childhood summers. The characters were extremely interesting; Sam and Suzy acted almost as adults, but with the quirks and naivety of children still intact.

Bill Murray is as great as ever in this film, and Bruce Willis gives one of his finest performances.

All in all, it was just a fun film to watch, and I'd recommend it highly.

Unfortunately, this film is not playing in area theatres. One must wait until the DVD and Blu-Ray release, but it is well worth the wait. Expected release date for the film is October 16.



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HOW TO: Survive Midterm Struggles



BY KATIE GREENEWAY

- Wake up.
Start getting in the habit of waking up early every day to ensure you're on your tip-top game.
- Eat a good breakfast.
Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Skipping breakfast doesn't help stimulate and wake your brain.
- Arrive to school early.
Don't arrive one minute before the bell rings. Give yourself time to get to class without rushing.
- Use your study halls.
Don't talk your study halls away. Use them wisely and get your homework done, so you don't have to work on all of it at home.
- Do homework at home.
Do your homework at home and take your time. When you rush your homework and do it 5 minutes before class, your grade will reflect it.

If you follow these simple rules, you will survive not only to midterm, but successfully survive the whole year!

2012 Homecoming

Dress Up Days:
Monday: Pajama Day
Tuesday: Twin Day
Wednesday: Western Day
Thursday: Class Color Day
Freshmen-Purple
Sophomores-Blue
Juniors-Green
Seniors-White
Staff-Tie Dye
Friday: Spirit/Red & Black Day
Parade: 2:30 p.m.
Football Game vs. Aberdeen
Central 7:00 p.m.

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