

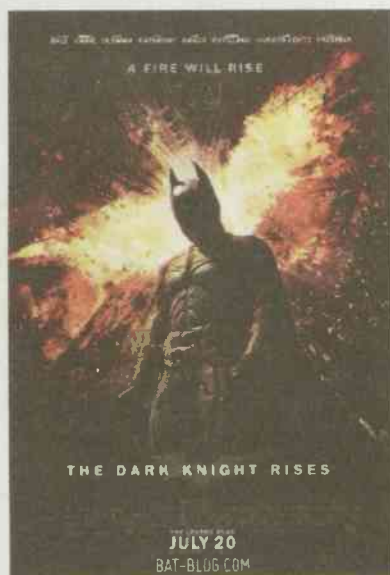
The Summer Box Office Hits

By Cimmeon Q. Terry

The Dark Knight Rises

The most anticipated film of the summer didn't fail to deliver. Arguably, "The Dark Knight Rises," is the best movie of the year. The hard part is finding someone that would disagree. As of August 14, the movie grossed \$394.6 million.

The performances of Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway and Tom Hardy gave a most promising depiction in the finale of this Batman series. Bale brings this Batman series to a phenomenal close. Just as the "Lord of the Rings" and the "Pirates of the Caribbean" series, seeing the past Batman films of this series would tie loose ends. The story starts eight years from the aftermath of the events of "The Dark Knight". The city is still recovering while Bane (Hardy) is planning the worst for Gotham City, all the while when Batman is nowhere to be seen. The young and attractive con artist, Cat Woman (Hathaway), posing as a waitress at Bruce Wayne's dinner party, is caught



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by Bruce himself trying to steal his late mother's pearl necklace. One would think that the man who's secret identity is Batman would be more clever to apprehend Cat Woman, but his leg is nearly broken just as his spirit, and she escapes. As Bane's evil plot unfolds, Bruce decides to get himself back in the superhero swing of things even though Alfred (Michael Cain) advises against it. On his

journey to save Gotham, Batman finds ultimate truths about himself, his allies, and who his true enemy is after all.

Captivating from beginning to end it will leave many questions and the desire to see more. A solid 10 out of 10 is what I rate this film, as it was nothing less than an excellent conclusion to an epic series.

Condolences to the victims of the Aurora, Colorado shooting that took place on July 20, 2012. Unfortunately, there are bad guys in real life.

Mommies and daddies, if you didn't know, you wouldn't bring this teddy bear home to the kids. Seth MacFarlane's comedic creation is great fun but NOT for the whole family. Actors Mark Wahlberg and Mila Kunis take part in a hilarious performance that has taken in more than \$211.1 million dollars as of August 15th. After its debut on June 29th, Ted was the trending topic amongst Twitter users nationwide. Fans of MacFarlane's cartoon television series "Family Guy", "American Dad", and "The Cleveland Show" should expect this film to be as politically incorrect and sarcastic.

The movie starts off with little John Bennett (Wahlberg), a boy without one friend in the world who wishes upon a star for his teddy bear, Ted (MacFarlane), to talk and become his real live best friend. The next morning he awakes to find his dream has come true. As years pass, Ted becomes the talk of the town as a prodigy and a living miracle, not to mention his rap sheet grows with time. No



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the decision of what he really wants.

This movie is great if some laughs are needed in your life, but if "Family Guy" is regularly on, then Ted could be a bit predictable. I give this movie a 9 out of 10 and recommend the movie ticket and or DVD purchase.

matter, what John and Ted remain best buddies and eventually the main plot places John all grown up at the age of 35 and his trusty pal Ted crashing on his couch. John finds himself caught in an ultimatum from his girlfriend Lori (Kunis); it's either Ted or her. Reluctantly Ted finds his own job and apartment but still cannot help being attached to his best friend. As the story progresses into a mix of partying, drugs, and even kidnapping, John is forced to make

24 HOUR THEATER PROJECT



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EXPLICIT members Fidel Benton, Vaughn Garcia, Laquaha Boney and Aleigha Hamilton performed in the 24 Hour Theater play "Dead on Arrival" on Saturday night.

Fresh Fruity Tutty Salad

By Ta'Meka Breland

While the month of August signifies the finale of summer, this month also represents the opening of the new school year. August incorporates cuisine that has a richer and robust flavor that will tingle your taste buds. Peak fruits and vegetables in this month include: blueberries, blackberries, yellow peaches, watercress, tomatillo, peppers, melons, bok choy, kiwi, and nectarines to name a few. The following recipe is inspired by this season's fresh produce.

What you will need:

- 1 small package of blueberries
- 1 kiwi fruit (peeled and chopped)
- 1 lemon (squeezed)
- 1 peach (peeled and chopped)
- 1 ½ tablespoon of orange marmalade
- pre-cooked chicken strips (chopped)
- small package of prepared salad mix
- pinch of salt

- pinch of pepper (cayenne and black)
- pinch of onion powder
- pinch of garlic powder

Steps:

In a clean container, add your package of prepared fresh chopped lettuce and from there you want to top it with the chopped kiwi, peach, and a handful of blueberries.

Next, in a microwavable container place your chopped meat, the 1 ½ tablespoon of orange marmalade, the juice squeezed from the lemon, salt, pepper, onion powder, garlic powder, a pinch of cayenne pepper and heat for approximately one minute.

Mix together and reheat the mixture for two to three minutes.

Afterwards, arrange your meat and sauce mixture over your lettuce and fruit mixture, toss, and enjoy.