



Avengers assemble at your local theaters

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Avengers, assemble! Marvel studios brings another superhero movie into the fold, but this explosion-filled flick has had a long buildup of four years. The release of "The Incredible Hulk"

and "Iron Man" in 2008 kicked off the series that includes "Iron Man 2" (2010), "Thor" (2011) and "Captain America: The First Avenger" (2011), which culminates in the events of "The Avengers."

Fans of the comic book series will be missing two of the first Avengers in Ant-Man and Wasp, but the film does use the more well-known superheroes from the Marvel cinematic universe. While Iron Man, alter ego Tony Stark, played by Robert Downey Jr.; Captain America, alter ego Steve Rogers, played by Chris Evans; Thor, played by Chris Hemsworth and Black Widow, alter ego Natasha Romanoff, played by Scarlett Johansson are reprised roles, the Hulk, alter ego Bruce Banner is now

played by Mark Ruffalo after contract talks with the original Hulk broke down. Added to the team is Hawkeye, alter ego Clint Barton, played by Jeremy Renner, the team's resident bow and arrow sniper who had an uncredited cameo in "Thor."

As a continuation of a plot line from "Captain America: The First Avenger," an energy source known as the Tesseract is being tampered with by Loki, played by Tom Hiddleston, the god of mischief and brother of Thor. As Loki breaks through space and time through the Tesseract's power, Nick Fury of S.H.I.E.L.D., played by Samuel L. Jackson, reactivates the 'Avengers Initiative' and gathers the team of superheroes to stop the menace and impending

extra-terrestrial invasion. The new team experiences bumps along the way, but ultimately comes together in a few epic battle scenes.

Directed by Joss Whedon, science-fiction mastermind, "The Avengers" brings exactly what is expected to the table. While the addition of a new Hulk is originally confusing, Ruffalo delivers an excellent performance as the meek scientist with a not-so-secret anger issue. The pure evil of Loki and the battle inside Thor is on display as a classic brother versus brother face off. Tony Stark and his quick wit mixed with egotistical genius is tested against good-natured all-American Steve Rogers. Not to be outdone, Romanoff and Barton round out the team

with their classic old-fashioned human abilities of dexterity and height, respectively. Nick Fury attempts to lead his team in the correct direction after a bit of questioning S.H.I.E.L.D.'s motives. Stan Lee, the chairman of Marvel Comics has another cameo as usual in his films. It's just a matter of finding him.

"The Avengers" has explosions, fighting, unexpected humor and all the makings of being one of the best films Marvel Studios has produced. It took four years and five films to bring "The Avengers" together, and they most certainly delivered. Additionally, stay until after the credits. Marvel has a way of putting clever things in when you least expect it.

5 out of 5 S.H.I.E.L.D.s

TRAIL: Silver Falls State Park entices hikers to return



On the trail near Upper North Falls in Silver Falls State Park. The mist from the falls is quite refreshing after a hike.

Silver Falls State Park was one of the many parks that President Franklin Roosevelt deemed as a recreational demonstration area back in the 30's. In 2008 Fred Girod from the House of Representatives sought to turn the area in to a state park; however the bill died in committee. Nonetheless Oregonians travel the beaten trails everyday. The \$5 entry fee goes to fixing up the park and while we were there we got to see it firsthand. The sheriff's van brought inmates to reconstruct the fallen dykes made to keep the trails decent enough to walk on. They were also clearing the trail of all the mud that had fallen due to the winter months of mudslides. I didn't feel the need to pack much with me besides my camera, and it turned out I didn't really need to. With my pace set

— the hike was a breeze.

While we walked I couldn't help but appreciate the beauty of the park. I'd never traveled among the falls before and I was truly glad we chose this spot to hike. I had my

camera around my neck the whole time and I was especially glad to see I wasn't the only one capturing the true Oregon beauty. I was glad we chose Silver Falls and I'm excited for the day we return.

Name: Silver Falls
Location: Silver Falls State Park (Marion County)
Type: Rocky (muddy at times)
Length: Up to 24 miles
Difficulty: Easy to moderate
Equipment: Boots (if it's wet), water bottle, \$5 for entry

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Spring brings out the sexy



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Spring is a time where warm weather helps strip the clothing off of people everywhere. Therefore, less clothing means more sexual tension. Seasons may have something to do with how much sex people are having, but the main fact is that it happens all the time, no matter the season.

Well we're not here to write about some lousy shushed version of sex, or to be discrete about the male and female bodies, we're here to get straight to the point. We're sex columnists and are hoping to impart some knowledge and information to people who have, for lack of a better phrase, been left in the dark.

Even for those who know a lot about the sexual organs, we may be able to clear some things up for you or even share things with you that you would have never thought could be true. So, now like we said, let's get straight to the point.

Both genders of the human species have a few things in common, they share many of the same organs, but the one thing they do not share are reproductive organs. Sex education varies from school to school up until college, well we believe that everyone should know the facts. Most females don't even know the first thing about a male's doinker because most are too shy to learn or talk about it. When on the other hand, most guys couldn't be more excited to talk or share stories about the adventures of a female's hoo ha.

For whom it may concern, the word penis is taken from a Latin word that means tail. Although, before the English language adopted the word penis, it was referred to

as "yard."

Men worry a lot about the size of their "package," specifically the length, when during intercourse it is actually preferred by us to be larger circumference-wise compared to lengthwise. In reality most men still fuss about their length when they should be worried about the circumference.

Not only are men worried about their size, women are also discouraged by the size of the dingaling. When a girl gets into bed with a guy and things start to get hot and heavy they usually lead to one thing in the end, sex. Although, if a guy is truly small in his pants it is not easy for a girl to continue doing the deed, she'll usually immediately come up with a few excuses of why it just won't work out that night ... or any night. "I have a test, uh now," "I forgot my cat ... in the dryer," or "I forgot to shave my feet!" these are excuses that many women have come up with to get away from the little pencil stub.

Girls, don't be alarmed if you see a small penis, you don't know until you try, right? In reality the length doesn't matter, the girth is what you're focused on. If there is a size issue, take a gander at the girth, but if that is nonexistent as well, run.

The word vagina comes from the Latin word meaning scabbard or sword-sheath. It is the female organ used for sexual intercourse and child birth. The vagina has an average depth of three to four inches, but when sexually aroused it expands to up to 200 percent. Even hiding things up there can be easy, for instance a woman walked into the doctors office one day complaining of pelvic pains. The doctor then examined her pelvis and found a set of car keys, the woman simply explained that she did not want her husband to drive so she put them somewhere he supposedly "never goes."

The human body can be one of the most interesting and weirdest things in all existence, but most of the bizarre aspects of it come from the vaginas and penis. Although they're meant to keep private, sharing stories and learning more about them is not always a bad thing, it just helps make people aware and knowledgeable about them.