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'Jurassic' is back, 'Magic Mike' is XXL and superheroes abound in this season's blockbusters

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Everything old is new again this summer, as many familiar characters and beloved titles return to the big screen. That means superheroes, of course, so summer officially begins with the second "Avengers" film Friday and continues with "Ant-Man" and "Fantastic Four." We'll also see sequels to Seth MacFarlane's "Ted," the a cappella rom-com "Pitch Perfect" and the Channing Tatum movie "Magic Mike."

Steven Spielberg's "Jurassic Park" will get a new sequel; his "Poltergeist" will get an update. George Miller, the action-pulp auteur behind the "Mad Max" franchise, delivers a new one starring Tom Hardy in the title role.

Another clear pattern is emerging: In the wake of hits such as "Bridesmaids" and

"The Heat," we'll see a wave of female-fronted comedies this summer. Reese Witherspoon plays a cop in "Hot Pursuit," Melissa McCarthy joins the CIA in "Spy," and Amy Schumer takes the spotlight in "Trainwreck."

Here are Hollywood's biggest noise makers for this summer.

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FRIDAY



"Avengers: Age of Ultron"

Technically, Friday isn't the first day of summer, but the summer movie season starts when Marvel Studios tells us it starts. The superheroes (Robert Downey Jr., Mark Ruffalo, Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson and Jeremy Renner) are back as the team takes on Ultron, a villainous techno-wizard (James Spader). Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Elizabeth Olsen join the cast as the Maximoff twins.

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"Hot Pursuit"

An uptight and earnest cop (Reese Witherspoon) is assigned to guard a drug dealer's widow (Sofia Vergara). The odd couple pairing isn't the most original idea, but this looks like it could have some laughs.

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"Pitch Perfect 2"

A sequel to the 2012 hit about women (Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson and Elizabeth Banks) competing in the male-dominated world of a cappella. Banks also directs. Between "Pitch Perfect" and the series of Hollywood musical adaptations that she's starred in, you'd think people would want something new from Kendrick. And you'd be very, very wrong. You go ahead and sing as much as you want, you charming lady, you.

Mean girls grow into mean adults

They're little, they're charming and they're usually very cute. But sometimes they're also cruel, bullying classmates as they climb to social domination of the playground. They're the mean girls.

As they age, old habits die hard. Their tools of torture and pack of minions might change, but they still rule by gossip, criticism and exclusion. Adulthood doesn't topple the Queen Bee. Her stopping just becomes a little more sophisticated.

The playground morphs into the break room, rumors shift from whispers to social media, and the cafeteria cliques become sororities or the PTO. It doesn't matter how old you are, the cruelty still hurts.

Cheryl Dellasega, a professor at the Penn State College of Medicine, said women are sometimes their own worst enemies.



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Adult, female bullies can be as vicious as their younger counterparts. Dellasega is a nationally recognized expert on relational aggression, bullying that uses words and behaviors. She has written several books, including "Surviving Ophelia" and "Mean Girls Grown Up."

"I would say some women definitely get into the dynamic of aggressive, negative behavior in their relationships."

"Middle school, high school or college — all their lives

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A HOTBED OF GARDENS

10 MUST-SEE SPOTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

BY GEORGE WEIGEL
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Garden tourism is on the upswing to the tune of 78 million visitors a year to America's estimated 500 public gardens.

That's more tourists than traveling to Las Vegas and Orlando combined, said Richard Benefield, author of "Garden Tourism."

People say they like visiting gardens because it's a great way to destress, to enjoy beauty in the fresh air and to spend time on a wholesome, family activity. A side benefit is seeing an immaculate garden setting without being responsible for weeding, pruning or mulching it.

Pennsylvania is a hotbed of some of the nation's best public gardens. They offer the additional benefit of showing which plants will work in



our soil and climate — seen in real-life settings at mature sizes.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve

1635 River Road, New Hope
bhwp.org; 215-862-2924

Wildflower and native-

plant fans will love this mostly wooded nature center and landscape in Bucks County, near where Gen. George Washington crossed the Delaware River.

The preserve, shown above, encompasses 134 acres with Pidcock Creek flowing

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