

FOUR THINGS

WORD OF THE WEEK

Pell-mell
What it is: adverb
What it means: to be in confusion or disorder
Where it comes from: 1590 Middle French word "pelemele"
How to use it: "Clothes were lying pell-mell on the floor of the messy bedroom."
SOURCE: MW.COM

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut."
 Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)

Hemingway was the writer of notable works such as, "For Whom the Bell Tolls," "A Farewell to Arms," and the Pulitzer Prize-winning story "The Old Man and the Sea." Hemingway was a veteran of both World War I and World War II and spent time in Northern Michigan. His family had a vacation home on Walloon Lake.
SOURCE: IMDb.COM, PBS.ORG

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Estonia declares independence in 1918.
SOURCE: PRESIDENT.EE/EN/ESTONIA

President Andrew Johnson was impeached in 1868.
SOURCE: HISTORY.COM

Today is Mardi Gras. This celebration of Fat Tuesday takes place every year on the day before Ash Wednesday. The New Orleans tradition is celebrated with bright, colorful costumes, parades and brass bands. The celebration became an official Louisiana holiday in 1875.
SOURCE: MARDIGRASNEWORLEANS.COM

DID YOU KNOW

The first American celebration of Mardi Gras took place in 1699 near what would eventually become New Orleans.
SOURCE: NEWSBLAZE.COM

The tradition of Mardi Gras "throws" — the tossing of trinkets such as beads, doubloons and stuffed animals — began in the 1870s and still occurs today.

By law, float riders in Mardi Gras parades must wear a mask.

The Mardi Gras colors are purple for justice, green for faith and gold for power. The colors were selected in 1892 by Rex, King of Carnival.

More than \$1 billion is spent on Mardi Gras each year.
SOURCE: MARDIGRASNEWORLEANS.COM

State News arts reporter Cole Bertson says you can see the influence of the legendary Barbie doll in the fashions of women around campus. See what she's talking about in this week's SN Style at statenews.com.



JEANA-DEE ALLEN/THE STATE NEWS
 Accounting sophomore Thea Plienazek, right, and her roommate have twinkle lights and homemade bottle lanterns hanging from their dorm room ceiling.
 Check out their room at statenews.com/multimedia.

LIFESTYLE

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Tuesday

Barbie: 50 and still fabulous



PHOTOS BY ANGELI WRIGHT/THE STATE NEWS

Barbie, the pop culture icon, celebrates her 50th birthday this year. The doll debuted on March 9, 1959 at the annual Toy Fair in New York.

Toy icon celebrates golden birthday, maintains influence in popular culture



Retailing junior Angie Lindberg poses with a Barbie doll. Barbie dolls have been said to create a negative body image in young girls, creating the idea that they should look just like the doll.

By Julie Baker
 THE STATE NEWS

In her 50 years, she has run for president four times as an independent, had a total of 108 careers, cared for 50 pets and starred in 14 direct-to-DVD movies. She's also been outfitted by 70 famous fashion designers, represented 50 nationalities and ended a 43-year relationship with her boyfriend, Ken, on Valentine's Day 2004. To say it has been a wild ride for Barbie Millicent Roberts, or Barbie, would be an understatement. On March 9, the often-controversial, yet loved Barbie will celebrate 50 years of fashion, fun and fantasy.

Barbie's birth

Ruth Handler, often referred to as "Barbie's mom," founded Mattel Creations in 1945 with her husband Elliot. Fourteen years later,

after noticing a product void in the world of paper dolls her daughter Barbara played with, Handler created Barbie, the Teenage Fashion Model. The doll, sporting the infamous black-and-white striped swimsuit and signature ponytail, debuted at the annual Toy Fair in New York on March 9, 1959 and sold for \$3.
 "When she was first developed, she was a different kind of doll. She was a fashion doll — that was something different. I think she became popular because you could buy things

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1959:

Ruth Handler introduces the first Barbie, which appeared in the now-famous black-and-white-striped swimsuit and signature ponytail.

1967:

"Twist 'N Turn" Barbie doll had a new, movable waist and donned a bright orange bikini.

1986:

Five years after MTV debuts, Barbie has her own band — Barbie and the Rockers.

1992:

Barbie runs for the Oval Office for the first time.

2004:

Ken and Barbie break up on Valentine's Day after being together for more than 43 years.

1961:

Barbie's first boyfriend, Ken, debuts.

1975:

Barbie becomes an Olympic gold medalist in gymnastics, figure skating and downhill skiing.

1989:

Barbie joins the Army a year before the Gulf War begins.

1992:

Totally Hair Barbie, the best-selling Barbie doll ever, was introduced.

2008:

Barbie introduces a collection of eco-friendly accessories for girls.

SOURCE: MATTTEL INC.

To see a video of students quizzed on Barbie trivia, visit statenews.com/multimedia.