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and occasionally eat...

'Love is just a word that's used so often it's misunderstood'

By *Nicole Marshall*

As Valentine's Day slowly creeps upon us, some of us people don't have a special someone to share the day with. Few of us enjoy this special day of the year because we're labeled as "single" in the teenage dating world.

But fear not, single lovers! Your burdens shall be lifted from your heavy shoulders.

Option 1: Girls, seriously, don't just throw yourself at every guy. It sounds stupid, but waiting for the right one will definitely be worth the wait in the end.

Option 2: Valentine's Day is about being with ones you love, not meaning at all a boyfriend or girlfriend. Set up girls' night

out, or even a night with the guys, playing cards watching football, anything.

Option 3: If you're seriously interested into someone and just can't give up hope, leave him or her a valentine in their locker or on a desk in a class you share. The gesture could be the best choice you make. Don't be afraid to let your guard down a little. Rejection is never pleasant, but remain strong!

Option 4: Curl up with a good book and a cup of hot chocolate or a bowl of ice cream. Being alone on Valentine's Day doesn't mean it has to be a bad night; make it an evening of fun for yourself!

Finally, Option 5: Don't sit around and gripe about how this is the most pointless

holiday in history (even though, for single people, it certainly does feel that way) because going out and just having a good time with some close friends or even making a family night will make it more tolerable. Don't sit at home and be depressed; get out and have some fun.

I hope you can enjoy this holiday that haunts single people. If these tips don't help, hopefully another alternative is in your mindset. Don't sit around and mope; do something you enjoy.



Avatar explodes into theaters and hearts everywhere

By *Tess Trahern*

James Cameron's *Avatar* is a science fiction film filled with action, drama, love, and thrills. This movie is 162 minutes of beautiful color and amazing graphics.

The movie starts out with Sam Worthington, who portrays the protagonist, Jake Sully, taking his deceased twin brother's place in an Avatar Program on the planet Pandora.

Sully is a handicapped ex-marine who is trapped between working for the good of the natives of Pandora (who look like tall, blue monkeys) or exposing their weaknesses to Colonel Quaritch, played by Stephen Lang, who is the leader of security detail for the mining operation.

Underneath parts of Pandora there is a mineral that humans want. Some work for it peacefully and others don't.

Sigourney Weaver plays Dr. Augustine who is working to build peaceful relations with the tribe on Pandora called the Na'vi.

She helps Sully learn more about the natives. Jake befriends the Na'vi and learns all about their culture. After being accepted by them, he is eventually caught in a rough situation when he betrays the natives he has come to love.

This movie is wonderfully done and never has a boring moment.

It's got a little bit of everything. It has love, action, thrills, and aliens for the science-fiction lovers.

The special effects are fantastic, and Pandora looks so brilliant that anyone



would want to give up our ugly earth to live there.

The only thing disappointing about this movie is that the story line feels familiar and unoriginal.

All together this film is spectacular in almost all aspects. It is absolutely worth your money and your time.

Daybreakers

Vampire movie causes day to break

By Nicole Marshall

Nowadays, when people think of vampires, they instantly associate them with Twilight's heartthrob Edward Cullen (portrayed by Rob Pattinson). However, on January 8, directors Michael and Peter Spierig released a new vampire movie, *Daybreakers*.

The movie stars Ethan Hawke, Claudia Karvan, and Michael Dorman. Hawke portrays the main character Edward Dalton (irony?). As the movie starts, we quickly learn that Dalton is a trustworthy vampire. As the plot begins to establish, a car accident takes place after dark.

Dalton finds himself faced with humans, which he knows he should turn in since there is a shortage of blood starting

to take place. But instead, what he truly wishes for is to be human again.

As the movie progresses, Dalton befriends Audrey Bennett (Karvan) and her "coven" of humans that are still thriving. But when things start to get crazy, Edward's brother, Frankie (Dorman), turns against him and turns them in.

Once the movie drags on a bit longer, we realize that some of the vampires are beginning to eat themselves in order to satisfy their hunger. Once they drink their own blood, they become evil and very ugly, and it slowly starts to "poison" their bloodlines. In order to get rid of these ugly demons, the mayor of the town chains them all together and sends them into the sunlight to burn them to a crisp.

A turning point comes for Dalton and he's faced with several challenges. His brother is torn between helping him and remaining a dedicated soldier. Towards the end of the film, the brothers have to part forever, and we'd think we'd be sad, but it's just another happily ever after into the sunset...and this was vampire movie!

The graphics used for the creepy evil vampires were poorly done and too much blood was shed. So many vampires were being killed and exposed to light that my interest was immediately turned off.

Even though there were few interesting points in the movie, the overall film was poorly put together for my taste.

Love songs

Total cliché or especially appropriate?

By Nicole Marshall

Valentine's Day is going to be here soon, and everyone knows what symbolizes love better than anything: love songs.

When most couples start dating, the very first thing girls (especially) love to pick out a special song for their significant other. When couples hear "their" song, it simply makes that special day of the year have an even bigger meaning.

When you turn on your radio, nowadays it seems that every song that comes on is a love song; or it could be about breaking up, making up, or missing someone special. Nothing against love songs, but there is more to music than mushy, gushy songs that many people are beginning to cringe about.

Love songs seem to be taking over every station on the radio. Though the songs have heartfelt meaning and some could seriously bring a tear to some eyes, love songs are clichés and starting to dull the mood for music lovers.

Country music seems to be the genre of music that is love-overloading. However, some of the country songs are almost too

perfect for certain moments.

Some love songs are appropriate for this particular time of the year. Don't get your hopes shot down, but sometimes love songs tend to show up at the most inappropriate times.

For example, in the middle of bad break-up, no one really wants to hear the song,

"So Sick," by Ne-Yo, off the album *In My Own Words*, released in 2006. The song gets into details about how he's never going to see his ex-girlfriend and how heartbroken he is.

When things get rough in a relationship, many people turn to music to help heal the wounds they feel that they're suffering, even though the wounds are on the inside, mainly in your heart.

Love songs are great since February is the month of love; well, it carries one of the most love-infested holidays of the entire year.

For this Valentine's Day, put on a love ballad and drift away into your love's eyes. The song only does half the job that it needs to do to make the entire holiday special.

