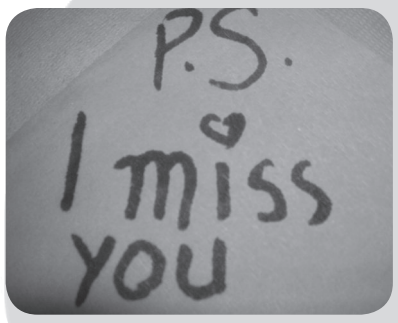
How To Be the Best Romantic



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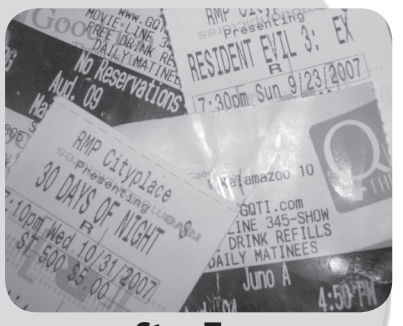
Being romantic shouldn't be limited to just Valentines Day. It should be 24/7, 365 days a year. You should tell and show your significant other how much you care and love them not on only one day.

You don't need go out and buy them chocolate and roses everyday, but small gestures to remind them of your love are needed. Here are some guidelines to help you remember how to show your affection.



Step One:

Give her/him a letter. Nothing huge, just something sweet, simple, and handwritten and definitely not an e-mail.

Step Two:

Do something that interests the other person. Even if it's as small as going to see that chick flick or action filled movie.

Step Three:

Cook each other something. It means more when you take the time to make it rather than going out and buying it.

Step Four:

Surprise them. Plan something they would never expect, but would love.

Picoult's Novel is a "Perfect Match" of Thrill and Personality

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Is there any good reason to kill? Are there any situations in which people should have the right to commit murder? According to the law, except in cases of self-defense, the answer is no. According to some ethical codes, however, some acts deserve this punishment. In the novel "Perfect Match," Jodi Picoult investigates the boundaries of ethics, morals and laws and where they intersect, parallel, and repel.

Prosecuting attorney, Nina, specializes in the area of child sexual abuse. Her work and home life are forced to intersect when she discovers that her five-year-old son, Nathaniel, has been sexually abused. Nina has seen too many of her clients' perpetrators walk free to allow this fate for Nathaniel. She has seen too many children more traumatized by the court proceedings than by the actual act to let Nathaniel go through with the trial.

Nina uses her experience as motivation to take every measure possible to save him from facing his abuser in court. Every measure possible. As a result of her act of revenge, she may end up losing Nathaniel as well as her relationship of her husband. This novel proves just how far humans are willing go to guard the ones they love. Would you risk losing someone you love to protect them?

Some of the reason for the success of this novel is Picoult's ability to transcend age and gender in her narration's. She is equally triumphant in chapters that she writes from Nathaniel's perspective as she is with Nina's. Picoult captures the naïveté and the confused nature of Nathaniel's five year old voice, the loving but terrified voice of Nina, the angry husband who is watching his family melt to his feet, and the hopelessness of Patrick, Nina's oldest friend who is completely enraptured by her.

In this blockbuster of a novel, Picoult captures the thrill of a John Grisham novel, the love of a Nicholas Sparks story, and the ease that is all her own, with enough twists and turns to keep every reader guessing. Picoult somehow has the ability to simultaneously make readers love and hate her characters, as if they are real people.This just so happens to be the recipe for the success that this New York Times' best selling author has experienced in the past decade.

"Little Shop of Horrors" Comes to Loy Norrix

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Catrina Brooks, Jacquese Steele, and Abbey Brooks rehearse for their roles as the three main urchins for the upcoming LN musical "Little Shop of Horrors."

Beginning on Friday, March 7th the Loy Norrix choir will be putting on their anual spring performance. Come and watch the dashing "Seymour" played by Ryan Smith try and win the heart of the lovely "Audrey" played by Annie Farner. You can come and enjoy this performance during the matinee time of **2:00 PM** and if you're more of an evening person you can grab a quick bite to eat and catch the late show at **8:00 PM** which follows after an entertaining **7:30 PM pre-show**. Come and enjoy the show as a giant plant will take over the stage of Kasdorf Auditorium.

Keep in mind you only have until March 22nd to catch this musical, so come out and support our starts and put your hands together for the Loy Norrix production of "Little Shop of Horrors."

STARRING:.

Ryan Smith:	"Seymour"
Annie Farner:	"Audrey"
Anthony J. Hamilton :	"Audrey II"
Abe Epskamp-Hunt:	"Mr. Mushink"
Carl Depew:	"The Dentist"

LOY NORRIX TOP 10

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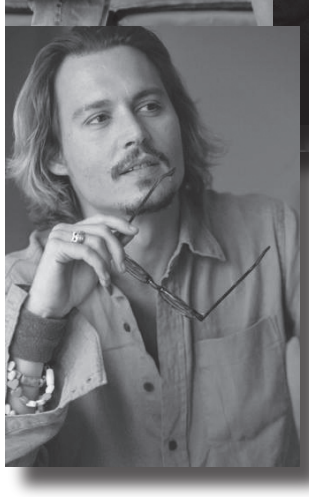
When it comes to movies there is a lot to talk about. We can spend hours debating on our favorite genres because there are so many to choose from. So when asked to choose your favorite movie, least favorite movie and favorite actor or actress we're sure you had to recap the year in your mind and think about it.

2007 had to be the year of movies. There were so many blockbuster hits like "Little Miss Sunshine," "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," and the children's all time favorite "Ratatouille." For all the comedy fanatics, movies such as, "Norbit," "Superbad" and "I Now Pronounce you Chuck and Larry" tickled our funny bones and had us laughing for days. "The Simpson Movie," "Bratz," "Alvin and the Chipmunks" and "Transformers" are examples of T.V. shows that were successful on the big screen.

With this being said we can only take our hats off to movies in 2007 and hope for the same success with the new year. Here are the results of the survey...

Above: A scene from the movie "Juno"
Right: Reese Witherspoon
Below: Johnny Depp



Most Favorite Movies of 2007

1. "Juno"
2. *"Superbad"
3. *"I am Legend"
4. "Transformers"
5. "This Christmas"
6. "Sweeney Todd"
7. "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"
8. "300"
9. "P.S. I Love You"
10. "The Simpsons Movie"

Least Favorite Movies of 2007

1. "Enchanted"
2. *"I am Legend"
3. *"Superbad"
4. "Norbit"
5. "One MissedCall"
6. "Epic Movie"
7. "Spiderman 3"
8. "Alvin and The chipmunks"
9. "Knocked Up"
10. "Bug"

Top 10 Favorite Actors

1. Johnny Depp
2. Will Smith
3. Denzel Washington
4. Brad Pitt
5. Adam Sandler
6. Chris Tucker
7. Sergio Meyer
8. Jake Gyllenhall
9. Bruce Willis
10. Sylvester Stallone

Top 10 Favorite Actresses

1. Reese Witherspoon
2. Jessica Alba
3. Keirra Knightley
4. Sandra Bullock
5. Halle Berry
6. Nicole Kidman
7. Julia Roberts
8. Scarlett Johansson
9. Lauren London
10. Jennifer Garner

**Is on both lists for most favorite and least favorite movie of 2007*

Quick Picks

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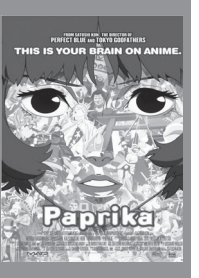
MOVIE:

"Paprika"



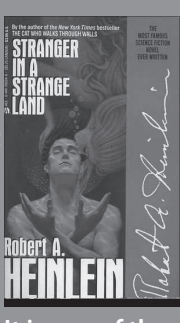
"Paprika", directed by Satoshi Kon in 2006, is an animated adaptation of a novel published in two parts by the author Yasutaka Tsutsui about a team of researchers working on a device called the DC Mini. The DC Mini allows researchers to watch and record the dream sequences of whomever it is hooked up to.

After a researcher from inside of the facility steals the device for personal use and begins to terrorize the rest of the staff and the city, an adventure breaks loose that blends reality and the dream world.

Kon does a beautiful job translating the feel of dreaming into animation, making sudden cuts from scene to scene, utilizing dreamy music, and melding characters together as a single entity and then tearing them apart again, introducing whole new perspectives. It is a psychotropic trip into the human mind.

BOOK:

"Stranger in a Strange Land" by Robert A. Heinlein



"Stranger in a Strange Land" is the self-proclaimed "most famous science fiction novel ever written," even though many people of the latest generations have never heard of it. It is one of the first pop-fiction novels to imply the idea of free love. The novel speaks for its generation, as it was published in the late 1960s.

Valentine Michael Smith, a Martian recently transported to Earth, is the main focus of the book. He is a human who has been raised on Mars by its native people. He has learned their values, their systems, and their modes of operation, and has obtained abilities that Martians have that humans do not. When it comes down to it, Mike is super-human.

This prospect is not very well accepted on Earth. As the government begins to feel more and more threatened by Mike and the inheritance he received from the various space programs, he is forced into hiding while he adapts to human life, teaching his colleagues in the process.

"Stranger in a Strange Land" is a book about peace, love, acceptance, understanding, and the ability to Grokk, a concept brought to Earth by Smith himself.

MUSIC:

"Takk" by Sigur Ros

Sigur Ros is an Icelandic post-rock group known for their angelic vocals and dwelling harmonics. They sing in a language that only they understand, but still the words flow like the rainwater on your car's windshield. The language is called Hopelandic, an interpretation of an ancient Icelandic language.

Sigur Ros differ from many post-rock bands (and bands of other genres) in that they primarily use a bow on their lead guitar. It creates a sound that drones on with the melancholy of a man on his death bed, covered in flowers and surrounded by loved ones.

They describe themselves as visual artists, and that is just what they are. Listening to the various songs on this album is like watching the Pacific coast at dawn, lying in the grass with a lover, or walking on a rain cloud. It is like watching a play performed by children, a rag tag army marching off to war, or just screaming into a mirror.

The songs on the album blend together without a pause, shifting volumes from quiet to quieter to bursts of sound. They implement brass instruments, grand pianos, cellos, vibraphones, xylophones, violas and standard drum kits. Sigur Ros is an orchestra within themselves.