

## Cuddle up with romantic films for everyone

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A great way to spend Valentine's Day is watching a Romantic movie with your significant other, if you have one of course. Here are five suggestions for great date movies.

### RACHEL'S TOP 5

#### "The Notebook"

"The Notebook" is about two teenagers falling in love and being separated by their different lifestyles. It's sad and romantic, and draws you into it. The characters break up, even though they are still in love and your heart breaks along with theirs. The movie becomes about their journey to find someone else they can love. It will make you cry, laugh and smile.

#### "Titanic"

A boy and girl from different backgrounds meet during the tragic maiden voyage of the Titanic. It's kind of a long movie, but its thrilling and dramatic. It makes you feel happy and sad even though there are a few inappropriate scenes.

#### "A Walk to Remember"

"A Walk to Remember," based on a Nicholas Sparks novel, is the story of two North Carolina teens, Landon Carter and Jamie Sullivan, who are thrown together after Landon gets into trouble and is forced to do community service. The movie is heartbreaking, and has a big surprise. It's about dreams coming true in a short period of time.

#### "Dirty Dancing"

Spending the summer in a holiday camp with her family, Frances ("Baby") falls in love with the camp's dancing teacher (Patrick Swayze). It's a passionate, first love, summer romance. The dancing is incredible and the movie has a little bit of humor, mixed with drama and spiced a little bit of the '60s.

#### "Crazy, Stupid, Love"

A middle aged husband's life changes dramatically when his wife asks for a divorce. He seeks to rediscover his manhood with the help of a new-found friend Jacob, learning to pick up girls at the bar. It's a pleasure to see the people get blindsided, tortured, teased and possessed by love.

### IAN'S TOP 5

#### "Saving Silverman"

This movie is about this guy who falls in love with a girl his friends don't like. So his friends try to kill his girlfriend. Very funny, and if you're a guy you won't fall asleep watching it.

#### "50 First Dates"

In this movie, Adam Sandler tries to woo Drew Barrymore, but she has amnesia and forgets everything whenever she goes to sleep. Both males and females will like it.

#### "Knocked Up"

"Knocked Up" is a comedy about two people dealing with an unexpected pregnancy, which leads to an unexpected relationship. It's one of the funniest movies I've ever seen.

#### "Norbit"

Eddie Murphy stars in this movie about a guy who is married to a girl but isn't happy with her and meets up with his childhood friend and falls in love with her and marries her.

#### "Hitch"

A professional matchmaker teaches men how to woo women. But he has trouble when he falls in love

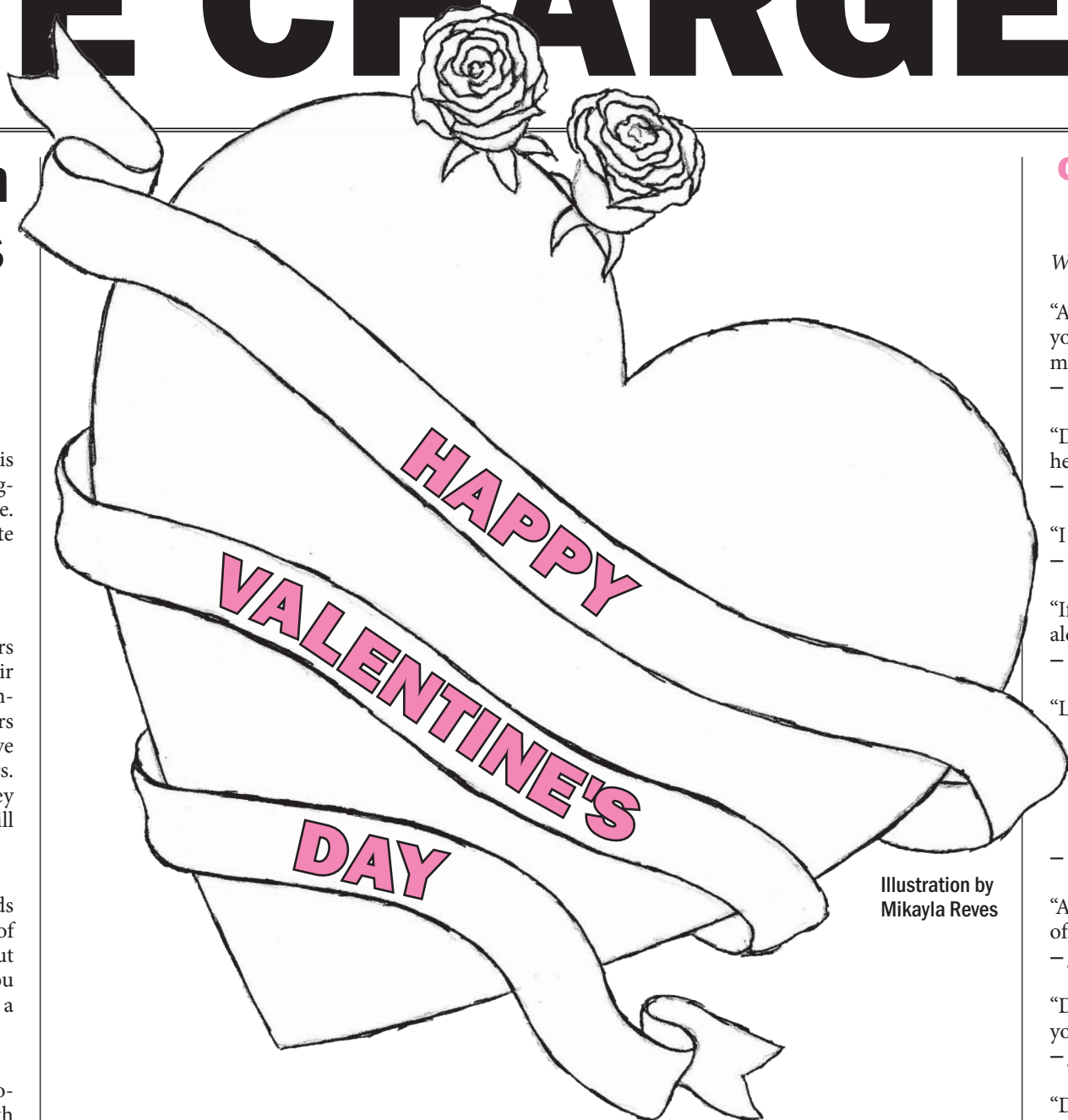


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## Make Valentine's Day great with these tips

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Here are some hints for how to make it a great Valentine's Day.

### DO'S

1. Take your significant other on a date and have a good time. Everybody likes to go on a date.
2. Buy flowers, chocolate, or jewelry. You always want to make your special friend feel special and giving them gifts like this will help.
3. Watch a romantic comedy to show the sensitivity in the relationship. Check Rachel Smith's and Ian Carroll's story for suggested movies.
4. Make a romantic dinner for you and your significant other. This is another way to make the other feel special. Get creative when making the dinner or you could even stay original.
5. Stay original with your ideas. Don't try too hard, just go with the flow.
6. Tell them how you feel and be honest with them. Everyone likes an honest person.

### DON'T'S

1. Don't buy gifts like kitchen supplies, other tools, or clothes... or anything else practical. Valentine's Day is supposed to be a little extravagant. A new blender is not romantic. Whatever gift you choose should be nice and out of the ordinary.
2. Do not break up with your girlfriend/boyfriend on this day. THAT'S TERRIBLE!!! If you really need to break up with your girlfriend/boyfriend you should probably wait a few weeks.
3. Do not make the woman pay for the date. The man should always pay. It is always best if the man pays for the date because it is the respectable thing to do.
4. Don't show up late on a date or to dinner. That makes you look very bad. That is foreshadows you being late to something important.
5. Don't go on a date unprepared. You want to be at your best. It is very important that you are at your best so you don't get embarrassed.
6. Don't buy fake flowers. Women feel special when they receive real flowers.
7. Don't buy dark chocolate. Nobody likes dark chocolate...unless they're like 70.

### OPINION

## Feb. 14: Singles Awareness Day



There's one day of the year that I either feel like projectile vomiting or listening to R.E.O speedwagon for hours: Valentine's Day.

To make matters worse, I have to sit there and listen to people who are dating talk about how much they love each other and what their plans are for Valentine's Day. It's like National Depression Day.

All I want to do on Valentine's Day is eat a gallon of ice cream and watch "The Notebook" over and over with my cat and wish my life was like that. For those of you who are dating someone and like Valentine's Day, kudos to you, my friend. You've managed to deal with someone long enough to enjoy this day. I on the other hand am single and ready to mingle, so if anyone wants to get me something for Valentine's Day, I like calla lilies and chocolate.

It's true that people who say they hate Valentine's Day are only saying it because they are single and jealous of the people who are dating. It's like, "Oooh hey, you're

single and everyone around you isn't." It's horrible.

Valentine's Day isn't really that bad. It's a day to express your love for someone and for stalkers to send their secret admirer a gift without looking suspicious. If it is a day you like to celebrate, it's annoying trying to find a good gift.

This day is more of a hassle than it's worth. I think we should do away with Valentine's Day. People have an anniversary to celebrate with the person they love.

This day was invented so that businesses could make extra money on flowers and chocolate. It's pointless if you really think about it.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What's your favorite pickup line?

"Are your feet tired? 'Cause you've been running through my mind all day."  
— senior Nathan Settle

"Did it hurt? When you fell from heaven?"  
— senior Taylor Falk

"I saw you looking at me."  
— teacher Dustin Wilson

"If you were a burger at McDonald's you'd be McGorgeous."  
— senior Brenda Flerlage.

"Let's make like fabric softener and snuggle."  
— senior Emily Supernaw

"Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only ten I see."  
— sophomore Bailee Henry

"Age is just a number, speaking of numbers can I have yours?"  
— junior Candace TenEyck

"Do you have a sunburn or are you always this hot?"  
— junior Blaine Tharman

"Do you have a band-aid? Because I just scraped my knee falling for you."  
— senior Chance Orton

"How much does a polar bear weigh? Enough to break the ice."  
— junior Holley Sibert

"You must be Jamaican, because Jamaican me crazy."  
— junior Jayna Hurla

"Come live in my heart and pay no rent."  
— freshman Cara Flach

"Can you give me directions to your heart? Because I just got lost in your eyes."  
— freshman Ridge Hurla

"What size shoe do you wear? I think it's size sexy."  
— sophomore Jared Heges

"I lost my teddy bear, can I cuddle with you instead."  
— sophomore Halen Hier

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