

# Weight loss nightmare

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Lose mega weight without exercising, and eat all the junk food you want. Does this sound like a dream come true? Well it turned into a nightmare for in Stephen King's *Thinner*.

This nightmare begins when a very plump Robert John Burke is distracted while driving his car and accidentally hits and kills the daughter of a gypsy. The gypsy, who is very upset by his daughter's death, puts a curse on Burke. This curse was to be thinner. Now I

know that this sounds like the answer to many of our prayers, but when the gypsy said "thinner", he meant "THINNER!"

He begins to lose weight rapidly and can't understand why. As he progresses to near skin and bones he finally figures out that the gypsy must have put a curse on him.

Burke spends the rest of the movie trying to find the gypsy to get him to remove the curse.

The ending is really corny, and to tell you the truth, quite stupid. The movie is so unbelievable, and it is one of those films that leaves you with a bunch of unanswered questions at the end.

I must admit that I was a little disappointed in Stephen King. The movie just did not live up to his name.

I won't spoil it and tell you what happens, although maybe I should. That would save you \$5.75, and you wouldn't even have to go out in this nasty weather. *Thinner* does have some interesting moments, and the makeup was well done, but other than that, not much can be said.

If you are still interested in seeing *Thinner* I would recommend waiting until it comes out on video or at least at the dollar theater.

# HELLO Mother Nature!

Playing in the snow

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HELLO MOTHER NATURE! Erie has once again got ravaged by Mother Nature and her winter blanket. Even though it's a miracle to arrive at class without falling and going off campus has become the impossible there may be a bright side to all this.

When was the last time you went outside just to play in the snow? Since we have it, we might as well take advantage of it!

Skiing, sledding, building snowmen (sorry...snow people), snowball fights and making snow angels are great ways to enjoy the white stuff.

For the athletic type, Holiday Valley Resort located in Ellicottville, NY will be deciding in a few days whether it will be opening this weekend.

A national attraction, the Inn at Holiday Valley was recently recognized as a recipient of a 1996 National Ski Area Design Award. This award measures resorts on ascetics and functionality.

Holiday Valley has several new features to offer the public. The resort has recently purchased a snowboard park groomer and a high speed quad chairlift that reduces the ride from 14 minutes to approximately 4 minutes.

For those who are into fun but not all the physical intensity try

sledding. Closer to home, the ski slope behind the Science Building is great as well as the hill behind Tiffany Suite.

Or why not get out a little aggression and have a snowball fight with your friends? Warning-no throwing them at the buildings or you run the risk of getting referred.

And who can resist revisiting their childhood and make snow creations? Snow angels and snow people can be made right outside your residence. Add a scarf and some facial features and you got a new friend.

So go outside and enjoy yourself. Besides, after your done, it gives you an excuse to go inside and drink some hot cocoa.

**Christmas is coming...**  
Here are a few suggestions for those of you that like to do your Christmas shopping early...

**Blue Bus Passes:** Have a friend that has no car and is always complaining about no being able to go anywhere? Then get them a Blue Bus Pass! For \$18 they can go to the mall and Peach Street area or go to Buffalo Road and the Eastway Plaza with two trips for free without having to scrape snow from the windshield or wait for the car to warm up.  
\*\* Hate carrying a million bags at once? Any packages bought during your shopping sprees can be safely stored on the Blue Bus\*\*

**Fa la la la la:** Miss that Christmas tradition of caroling? Day trips are in the planning stages now. If interested you can contact the RUB desk (x6242) and leave a message for Barbara Doud (you're friendly bus driver).

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**ACROSS**

1 Melville's "Billy —"  
5 So bad it's good  
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12 Farm fraction  
13 Theater award  
14 Boy  
15 Variety of country music  
17 Exploit  
18 Far Eastern boat  
19 Iota's predecessor  
21 CD's fore-runner...  
22 ... and what's on it  
24 Family newcomer  
27 Moo goo gai pan pan  
28 Field of Queens  
31 Not up to snuff  
32 Vietnam city  
33 Cartesian conclusion  
34 Advertise  
36 "Monty Python" opener  
37 Nimble  
38 Mork's second home  
40 Scale member  
41 It gives one pause  
43 Pacific Ocean discoverer  
47 Past  
48 Unisex garb

**DOWN**

1 "Tiny Toon Adventures" bunny  
2 Bruins' sch.  
3 It takes a beating  
4 With great sincerity  
5 Succotash ingredient  
6 Lawyers' org.  
7 — for the million...  
8 Nuisances  
9 Low-risk stock  
10 Orient  
11 Notion  
16 Space  
20 Terry-cloth word  
22 Lip-sync  
23 Guitars' kin  
24 Marceau portrayal  
25 Every last crumb  
26 1934 Rodgers & Hart song  
27 Small amount  
29 Music appreciation  
30 Singer Grant  
35 Leg, in slang  
37 Chaplin movie, most likely  
39 Temple, VIP  
40 Trump's casino hotel, for short  
41 Dogpatch's "founder"  
42 Storybook baddie  
43 Pleads  
44 "Beverly Hillbillies" cast member  
45 Aware of  
46 Helper: abbr.  
49 Author  
50 Coffee-shop item

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