

Entertainment

Movie Reviews



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I decided to take (drag) my dear and darling significant other Mike Lindsay with me to give me a "real man's" perspective of movies from two categories common to most individuals these days, a "chick flick" and a "shoot 'em up, kill everything in sight kinda flick". Ok so I had to drag him kicking and screaming to the movie store to rent a "chick flick" because he couldn't stand the idea of being seen in public going to a girlie movie. Which worked out for the best, because it's cheaper to rent a movie on a college student's income- or lack there of- than to go to some of the movie theaters around here.

"American Outlaws" should not be out-ruled.

This movie which is loosely (very loosely) based on the tale/legend of Jesse James, is the director giving a group of attractive young people guns and other cool toys to play with. He even gives Ali Larter (of whip cream bikini fame "Varsity Blues") a cannon. There are all sorts of beautiful people that portray the characters of Jesse and his group of bank robbing buddies, and of course there are all sorts of not so eye pleasing old men who play the evil railroad builders who dare to build in their hometown of Liberty, Missouri. Colin Farrell, who I have not had the pleasure of seeing in any movies prior to this, plays the

infamous outlaw himself, Gabriel Macht plays Jesse's brother James, and Scott Caan (Tweeder in "Varsity Blues") plays Jesse's partner in crime, Cole Younger. Mike and I both agree that the editor of this movie should be shot with the cannon that Larter wields. The movie plot is jumpy, incomplete in some places and overdrawn in others. For instance in one scene a house is being blown to bits with someone inside and in the next the person magically appears but then dies in the most clichéd death scene ever invented. Timothy Dalton (007: License to Kill) plays the bad guy who's job it is to bring in the boys of the James-Younger gang for prosecution. The director really shied away from getting into the nitty-gritty of the hardships the James' underwent, he really kept it upbeat and youth oriented. All in all we both enjoyed this movie both for its eye-pleasing cast and for the laughs that it produces.

"The King and I" minus the stupid singing and dancing."

Mike's wonderful quote made the perfect headline for this movie. Obviously yes, to those who know the story "Anna and the King" is based on the same story line that Rogers and Hammerstein used for one of their hit movie musicals "The King and I." Only this story follows the plot a little more closely, Anna Leonowens played by Jodie Foster (Contact) gets hired by the King of Siam,

Chow Yun-Fat (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon) to teach his 50+ kids and 20+ wives how to speak and write English, in an effort to become a more civilized country in the eyes of the rest of the world. Mike however thought that Siam had the right idea in respect to the bigamy element, "The man has like 23 wives why the heck does he care what the British thought??" In this movie Anna and her son Louis trek off to Siam to make some money because mom's a little strapped for cash after dad died at war. So they enter into this world that no matter what amount of studying you might have done you still aren't prepared for the sight of elephants roaming freely through the streets. Anna and the King become bickering friends arguing about how pig headed the other is, and of course there's the underlying element of love between the two. In the end, after of course fighting a war with the Burmese, Anna gets the children to put on a play and then dances with the King (there is NO singing involved) and then leaves. They basically confess their love for one another without confessing a word and that is how it's left, they never see each other again. (sniff... sniff) In my mind the staging and costuming of this movie were phenomenal; it's what truly pulled all the elements of the movie together. They even used one of the original costumes from the musical version of, "The King and I." I of course loved it because I am a sap till the bitter end; Mike "didn't hate it that much." Being as it was over two hours long he was relieved when it was over.

What's your sign? Monthly horoscopes



Capricorn

Wash your hands more often! There are more microbes on those appendages than fat calories on a stick of lard. Despite your poor bodily hygiene, you will finally meet that special someone. The bad news: It's a fictional cartoon character.

Aquarius

Stay at least 300 feet away from any piece of electrical wiring or machinery. Your bumbling antics will no doubt result in a national emergency. If you find romance this month, it will most likely be at the hand of either dumb luck or the wanted ads at the back of a teeny-bopper magazine.

Pisces

Despite what folks say about you behind your back, you are a very good person. Shake off that negative energy and find friends who will accept you the way you are and will motivate you to be the best you can be. This month, try to read that book you keep putting off. After the first 100 pages, you won't be able to put it down.

Aries

Sushi will become your new friend on Sept. 30. However, on the day, hummus will become the enemy. What you are doing eating both on the same day is the first question you need to answer. Once you come up with an answer, you will find someone special at a fast food joint or at that condom store on South Street in Philly. Need a way to get new ideas for school, work or romance? Wake up at 3 a.m. every day for a week.

Taurus

Unexpected help is on the way. Be wary of suspicious people - one will try to betray you. On a happier note, take time to relax and be with a loved one. This person is your rock, your stability. Make sure you keep him or her around, 'cause the next movie you see will inspire you to do some pretty outrageous things. Livin' La Vida Loca.

Gemini

A mysterious stranger will enter your life and offer you strange gifts. Take them and give a little something back. (Slap yourself for the thought that just crossed your mind.) You will also find that the person who'd been bugging you at your workplace or the library has the serious hots for you. Suggest they can earn your love by buying you candy at the bookstore.

Cancer

Someone close to you sees your weaknesses as an advantage to them, so beware. They may not have your best interest in mind. You are destined to find luck in love this month, but whether you find that special someone is up to you. Be open-minded! If you're in a relationship, you'll grow close to a new friend - causing potential sparks with your main squeeze.

Leo

Your fiery personality will help you make great leaps and bounds academically. You will find yourself in an unusual situation towards the end of the month that could lead to a new and exciting relationship.

Virgo

Be extra careful when walking to class this month. Something embarrassing will happen in the near future, so be ready to laugh it off. Also, there's someone who's had you in their mind and want to let you know, so keep your eyes open and be ready for a pleasant surprise.

Libra

Go out and have a good time this weekend. But, be sure to be back for class next week because that professor who gets under your skin will not tolerate "my beer fell on my homework" excuse. Consider joining a campus group - the student government association is always looking for help. You could use the opportunity to meet new people - maybe a new love.

Scorpio

This month is dangerous-some of those around you will be out to spoil your success, whether it be out of vengeance or simple malice. Your ability to adapt to changing conditions on the fly is critical! If you're clever enough, you'll even come out on top, and the dangerous month will deposit in you a wealth of power later on.... good luck though.

Sagittarius

Detachment is key for you, as always-this means that you should experience your life, especially the problems in it, but take great care not to dote upon them in your mind. This is very unhealthy for such a sensitive nature as yours. Instead, concentrate on things that are not normally a part of your life, and be eccentric about it! Be careful others don't upset your balance sensitivity and detachment; they will probably misunderstand you for it to begin with....but that's just them.