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Health & Wellness proposes a campus wide ban on tobacco

Kachina Choate Staff Reporter

semester, 2013.

universities have implemented full included in this policy." campus bans on smoke or tobacco,

"The proposal that we are Clean Air Act.

working on is a tobacco free campus policy," said Peter Moosman, Health & Wellness Salt Lake Community College health promotion specialist. "It campuses could be completely makes SLCC completely tobacco tobacco free as early as Fall free. So whether it is cigarette smoke or chew tobacco, all Over 800 U.S. colleges and different types of tobacco will be

As one reason for the policy and SLCC Health & Wellness change, Moosman cites the Services is moving to add SLCC difficulty in enforcing the college's to that list. They have proposed a current tobacco policy, which tobacco free campus policy that bans smoking within 25-feet of would require smokers to go to the a doorway or an open window in nearest public sidewalk to smoke. accordance with the Utah Indoor

Days may be numbered for campus smokers like Keith Chalmers.

Health & Wellness aims to move policy. beyond simply banning cigarette smoking. If implemented, their campus and if that means that I proposal would completely ban can't smoke on campus I'm ok any form of tobacco product.

free is just kind of making the smoke off campus or maybe that statement that we support a is the impetus I need to quit," said healthier lifestyle," Moosman instructor Matt Merkel. said. "Tobacco free campus kind of combats the duel using. A lot of people will smoke in an area that allows smoking, and when they can't smoke they use snus or chew. Going tobacco free encourages

people to go tobacco free." A 2011 survey showed that 86 percent of SLCC students believed that secondhand smoke is either consider other options other than extremely or very harmful.

Smokers at the college have mixed opinions about the proposed

"I want to see a healthier with that. That means that I will "Tobacco free verses smoke either need to find other places to

> "I'm kind of torn," said Keith Chalmers, SLCC student and smoker. "I think something needs to be done but just asking (smokers) to leave is ridiculous." Chalmers says that Health and Wellness Department is taking the easy way out of a complex issue. He says that the school should just taking away smokers' rights.

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SLCC hosts lego robot tournament

Aldo Gomez Contributing Writer

Salt Lake Community College will host Utah FIRST Lego League (FLL) competition for the first time, but needs volunteers to make it happen.

The Utah FLL is a program designed to challenge children's creativities and problem solving abilities. FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." Rather than focusing on who can build the prettiest town, this is a test of robotics skill and ingenuity. Kids build robots with the help of volunteer mentors to compete.

"This event has kind of flown under the radar." says Christopher F. Thompson, engineering student at SLCC as well as Utah FLL Event Manager.

Teams are given a theme every

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The Grand strikes up a sassy musical event

Chase Lester Contributing Writer

An original holiday musical theatre performance is opening at surprising twist. the Grand Theatre on Dec. 10.

of Charles Dickens' "Scrooge" character with a familiar array of Jazz music. "A Diva Holiday" is a feel good event for the whole family to enjoy.

message," said Eric Jensen, who co-Richard Scott, Robin Wilkes-Dunn and Kevin Mathie.

Audience members will follow anywhere." Jonathan McBride,

through a series of musical monologues. With each note wrapped in a delightful mystery as this interactive tale takes a

It's called, "A Diva Holiday" "A Diva Holiday" is an interactive because the script was written modern story with a classic specifically for five talented Salt Detorea Oliver, MacKenzie Seiler, Erica Walters, and Alicia Washington.

"The stuff you're going to go watch at other places has been "It's a really fun, warm Christmas seen and done before," said Kate Rufener, community outreach wrote the performance alongside coordinator for The Grand Theatre. "This is brand new. Never been seen, never been done



Courtesy of The Grand Theatre Vocalists MacKenzie Seiler, Erica Walters, Alicia Washington, Detorea Oliver and Erica Hansen perform in 'A Diva Holiday.'

"A Diva Holiday" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 06 through 10 at South City Campus' Grand Theatre. General admission is \$24, but the theatre offers SLCC students one free ticket, and they may also purchase up to four additional tickets at half price. For tickets, visit www.the-grand.org or contact the box office at (801) 957-3322

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3pm-4pm Multicultural Art Showcase Call for Submissions @ SC Campus, W135, TR

4:30pm-8:00pm New Student Orientation @ TR Campus, SEC

Campus, SEC 124

7:30pm-9:30pm Jazz Studio Ensembles Concert @ TR Campus, TB-203

THURS/6 *Last Day of Classes*

<u>7:30pm-9:30pm</u> Showcase Week @ SC Campus, Black Box

7:30pm-9:30pm Songwriters Showcase Concert @ TR Campus, TB-203

Theatre, W-210

7:30pm-9:30pm A Diva Holiday from Naughty to Nice @ SC Campus, The Grand Theatre Cost: \$10-\$24

FRI/7 *Reading Day*

<u> 10am-1pm</u> SLCC Dance Company **Auditions** @ SC Campus, W-230

7:30pm-9:30pm SLCC Combined Choirs Concert: "Carols of Christmas" @ First Presbyterian Church, 12 C Street

7:30pm-9:30pm Showcase Week @ SC Campus, Black Box Theatre, W-210

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7:30pm-9:30pm A Diva Holiday from Naughty to Nice @ SC Campus, The Grand Theatre Cost: \$10-\$24

8pm-12am Utah Music Association's Holiday Bash @ 26 E 600 Cost: \$10

9:pm-2am SLCC Fashion Club presents Snow Ball @ The Bay, 404 W S Temple

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<u>5pm-7pm</u> Women's Basketball vs Idaho Elite @ TR Campus, LAC

<u>7pm-9pm</u> Men's Basketball vs Treasure Valleu

7:30pm-9:30pm A Diva Holiday from Naughty to Nice @ SC Campus, The Grand Theatre Cost: \$10-\$24

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Finals- Odd Hour Final Day Exam

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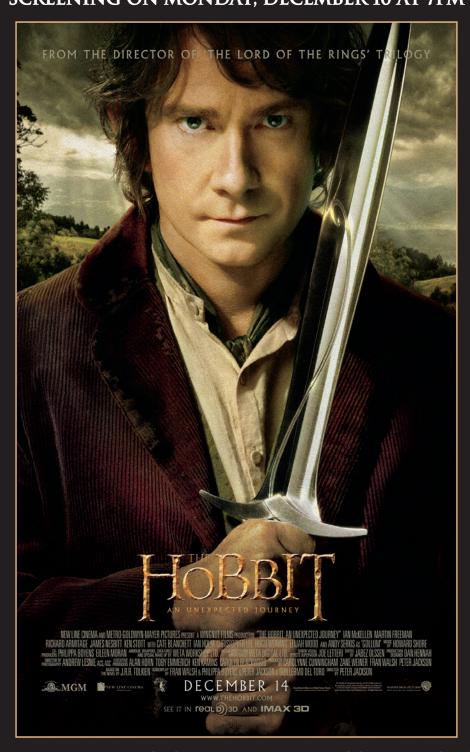
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CAMPUS

Don't tell mom the babysitters... a student?

Derrick Gainsforth

Contributing Writer

leave some sucking their Schramm said. thumbs, but for students with might help.

and rewarding career path, mentor teachers. but students often come in games.

Deciding on a major can here take very seriously."

offers degree programs that work with young children. love." Students work directly with Family and Human Studies children once a week in the three degree choices for instructor Sally Schramm lab. The students learn how aspiring child care workers. recognizes the stress of to professionally observe Students can choose from a deciding on a major. She and care for young children, traditional Associate degree, says a degree focused and end the semester by Applied Associate degree or on working with young writing and teaching their a certificate of completion in children is a much needed own lesson plans alongside Family and Human Studies.

to the program thinking it is does become like a second learn more. going to simply be fun and home to our students," Schramm said.

"Working with young of our students spend children is a profession time here working on our and its something that we computers and talking with our teachers and hanging out and just debriefing about Students start out with things that are going on in who have a passion for an intro to early childhood their own lives and their young class (FHS2600) which education here. It's a very children, the Family & gives them the opportunity warm and inviting place to Human Studies department to find out if they want to be, which I think students

SLCC currently offers

Visit www.slcc.edu/ "Our building here really familyandhumanstudies/ to

> Correction: Trisha Gold contributed to "SLCC Chem Club joins Festival of Trees to benefit Primary Children's"

article on Nov. 28.



Lego

year to solve a problem using robots that are autonomous. The Lego robots are judged on practicality, robot programming and Thompson helped bring of positions." presentation.

competition, but there is the Utah FLL for the last qualifying round. Volunteers a structure to the teams. The competition is aimed at students ranging from ages 9 to 14. Team rosters include three to 10 kids, an adult coach and any number of mentors. The coach and mentors guide the students' progress, but the task of building and designing falls mainly on the kids.

all day on Jan. 12, 2013.

this and other qualifying given the opportunity to

state competition continued from A1 compete with winning state competition is divided comprised

With the help of SLCC's techventures.utah.edu/utfll. American Society of Civil "I have hopes that this Engineers, Phi Theta Kappa program will become a This year SLCC will be Hoffman from Student Life it will help shape and hosting a qualifying round & Leadership and Dr. Nick develop students at SLCC Teams that make it past Department, SLCC was manner." says Thompson.

rounds will go on to the host a qualifying round by and Utah FLL.

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"I had a vision of creating teams across the state. The a volunteer force entirely into rounds and will be held students." says Thompson. at the University of Utah in "I am in great need of the Student Union building. volunteers to fill a myriad

this program to SLCC SLCC needs at least 50 Anyone can join the after being involved with volunteers to help with the two years. He helped as a will be filling critical roles robot design judge last year such as judges and referees. and recently stepped up as Thompson currently has 20 event manager and SLCC positions filled and needs organizing committee chair more volunteers. Students for the SLCC qualifying and people who want to volunteer should visit www.

> Honor Society, Peggy staple at SLCC and perhaps Safai from the Engineering in a positive and uplifting



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Smoking

"This is a health thing, it's public walkways. not smokers' rights thing. "Secondhand Moosman. Moosman. smoke is one of the leading The cost of starting smoking as we do smokers."

The Americans with three thousand dollars. Disabilities Act (ADA) medicine, falls within the smoke," said Mooseman. protection of the ADA.

After collecting data and comments regarding the proposed policy, Health & Wellness officials felt that the best option for SLCC is a tobacco free campus policy.

"Give an option to people. Give us an area, like at airports there's a smoking That's perfectly reasonable," said Chalmers. Moosman said that Health Wellness Services looked into implementing

and found that the only to the student government places that fit the law tended and to the Dean of Students. continued from A1 to be high traffic areas or The proposed tobacco policy locations that were close to is currently in the feedback

It's not an anti-smoker are so small that there really thing. It's trying to provide weren't any locations to put a healthy campus," said the smoking stations," said

triggers for asthma attacks stations at SLCC was also and we have just about as a factor. The estimated cost many students with asthma for each smoking station until the end of the or gazebo was upwards of current semester, if you

requires public entities to the smoking stations is protect the rights of persons that it didn't insure that at Taylorsville Redwood with disabilities. Asthma, non-smokers wouldn't be even if it is controlled with exposed to secondhand email peter.moosman@slcc.

The proposal was presented

process, and the next step "Our college campuses is to evaluate the feedback and present the proposal to the vice president of the school. If the policy is approved, enforcement would begin during the Fall 2013 semester.

Feedback will be taken have feedback about "Another thing about this policy stop by the Health & Wellness office Student Center Building or



designated smoking areas, Ashtrays on campus might become a thing of the past.

The Humane Society offers service hour opportunities

Hunter McCarley Contributing Writer

service hours.

in August and plans for taken with Santa. another big addition for dogs, the Humane Society of Utah is also looking well-earned service hours needs all the help they can for people to foster pets. can visit http://utahhumane. get, and they love college Anyone can take animals org.

"What I love most about volunteering is how friendly and opening everyone is at the Humane Society," says Alan Smith, a regular volunteer. "As well as how good it makes me feel to help the cats and dogs have better stay at the shelter."

There is a simple process for SLCC students who want to become a volunteer at the Humane Society of Utah. Students have to attend an hour long orientation which goes over the basics of what the Human Society does as well as what they will be doing as volunteers.

Volunteers are welcome anytime during the shelter hours, but they ask for a minimum commitment of six hours per month. There are also monthly outreach events where SLCC students can help the Humane Society take animals out into the community in hopes that more people will see and adopt the animals.

Other opportunities include dog walking, dog and cat grooming, cat socialization, bunny and small mammal socialization, and helping customers find the right pet.

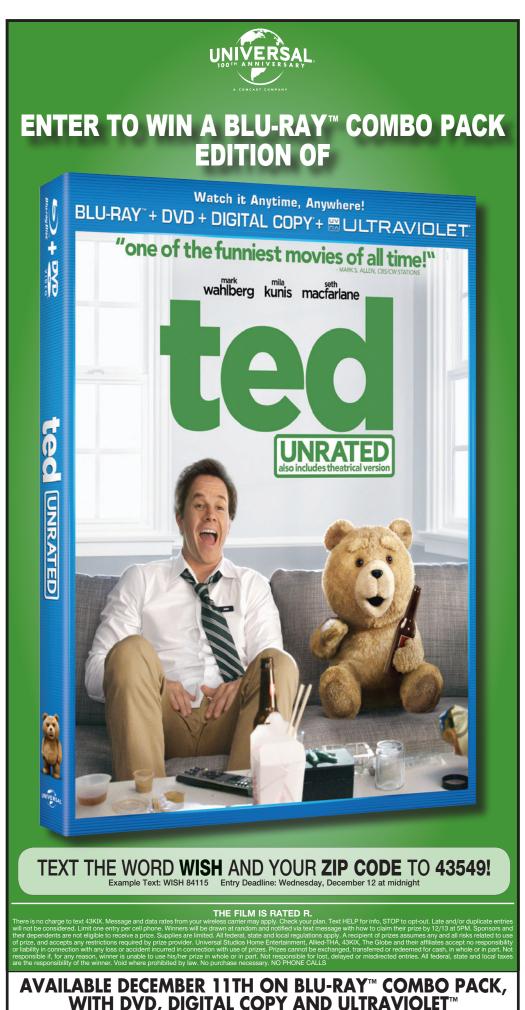
Apart from school required service hours, the Humane Society also offers court ordered community service which requires volunteer to attend a similar orientation as well as court documents proving the offense.

There are several events

December starting with a from surgery or too young The Humane Society of wrapping event at Barnes into their home. This is just Utah is the place to be for & Noble on Dec. 9, 16, and a temporary place for these SLCC students to get their 22, and "Picture Your Pet animals to reside until they With the new Kitty City opportunity for patrons to be adopted. expansion that just opened get personal or pet pictures

planned for the month of that are sick, recovering Telethon on Dec. 7, a gift to adopt, and welcome them With Santa" which is an are healthy or old enough to

SLCC students who want to help the Humane Society The Humane Society of Utah as well as get some





OPINION

Surprise carolers with some prepared figgy pudding

Tesia Nadhirrah Staff Reporter

This time of year, you may run into people who demand (through their supposedly innocent recital of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas") some figgy pudding.

Well the first thing to know is that figgy pudding is more of a cake than what we think of as pudding. This is a British treat, and over there pudding really means any kind of dessert, not just custards.

The next thing to know is that it is not that fruitcake that is passed around every year.

There is more to this sweet than just the pudding. When "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" was popularized, it was quite common for groups of singers to entertain the wealthy. In return they would be given money or

food. At Christmas time it was traditional to shower gifts upon these singers.

This pudding traditionally has 13 ingredients. The number represented Jesus Christ and his 12 disciples. To represent the path that the wise men traveled in search of the newborn king, figgy pudding was mixed east to west.

Figs happen to be the main ingredient in figgy pudding. So other than there use in figgy pudding what are figs and why are they so important?

The earliest written record of figs is when Adam and Eve use the leaves to cover their nakedness in the Garden of Eden.

In ancient Greece, figs were so in demand that those who won the Olympic second look at the fig. When games were honored with a crown of fig leaves and figs. These days, most Americans surprise them by giving associate the fig strongest to them some. Fig Newton cookies.

Figs are low calories at about 74 for 100 grams, and are full of heart healthy minerals potassium, magnesium and calcium. Research has shown that these minerals reduce high blood pressure.

Figs have a high fiber content which may explain why historically, dried figs were used as a laxative.

Dried figs are powerhouses of nutrition. When they are dried the nutrients are concentrated. A fourth-cup of dried figs has almost four grams of fiber and other minerals.

Look for organic figs to avoid sulfur dioxide, a preservative used to maintain color.

This holiday season it may be time to take a carolers come singing for figgy pudding, you can



Photo by Summer Bear

Figs are a superfood among fruits.

Figgy Pudding

There are many figgy recipes available, some dating back to the fifteenth century. This recipe is a twist on the old figgy pudding using the figs and raisins as sweeteners.

Ingredients

3/4 cup died figs

1/2 lemon, juiced

1/2 orange, juiced

Pinch of sea salt 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/4 tsp. nutmeg (fresh grated is the best)

1 cup almonds that have been soaked and dried

1 cup coconut flour (dried coconut shreds can be substituted)

1/2 cup cashews

1 Tbsp. lemon zest

1 Tbsp. orange zest

1/2 cup fresh figs (dried can be used, but need to be soaked before using.)

1/4 cup raisins

Directions

- Soak the dried figs in the lemon and orange juice for one hour.
- In a food processor, mix the almonds, coconut flour, cashews, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg until smooth. Remove and place in a bowl.
- In a food processor, place the soaked dried figs and juice and the zest and mix until creamy. You now have a fig puree. Add the fig puree into the dry nuts and gently mix.
- Chop the fresh figs finely by hand but don't pulverize them. (If using dried figs rehydrate the figs and then chop them.)
- Add the fresh figs and raisins to the other ingredients until combined. Press the mixture into a mold. (For easy removal, line the mold with parchment paper.)
- Place in a dehydrator at 115 degrees for about three hours. Remove from dryer.
- Place a plate on the bottom of the mold and remove the figgy pudding. Carefully peel the parchment paper from pudding.
- Serve the figgy pudding toped with cashew cream or a dusting of powered carob.

Cooking variation:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place figgy pudding in oven and bake for one hour. Insert a skewer to test the pudding. If it comes out clean then the pudding is done.

Justa Pal's dating advice

Dear Justa Pal,

There is this really cute guy in my class that always sits next to me in class, and we always end up chatting for a few minutes after class. He STILL hasn't asked for my number, and with the end of the semester coming up, I'm afraid he never will. What should I do?

-Savannah

Dear Savannah,

There are a few factors that could be preventing this guy from asking for your number. He could be shy, he may not be single, or he could be under the impression that you aren't single. Another thing to take into consideration is that pretty women are intimidating. A lot of guys have a very hard time asking a woman for her number, and when she is outgoing, and good looking, it compounds it even further.

However, in today's day and age, it is perfectly fine for a girl to ask a guy for his number. I would give this guy a little more time, perhaps he's waiting for the last day of class to ask for your number, effectively letting your anticipation build.

If he doesn't, just come right out and ask him for his number. One of two things will happen- either he will give you his number, and you two continue to communicate after your class is over, or he doesn't give it to you, and you never talk to him again.

I would say there is a VERY good chance that he will give you his number. That's better odds than the alternative of not asking for it. If you don't ask for his number, then you have a 100% chance of not talking to him after your class ends. Unless you two end up in a class together again. In that case, it's just fate. Thanks for your question Savannah!

-Justa Pal

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Good bits in 'Killing Them Softly' can't overcome serious structure

Stephen Romney Staff Reporter



It was only a matter of time until I would have to review something put forward by The Weinstein Company. Films distributed by this company are almost guaranteed to garner some Oscar nominations, if not some definite wins. However, much like a life preserver in a violent sea, Weinstein can only do so much to ensure the critical and financial success of what comes across as a higher budget indie film.

"Killing Them Softly" stars Brad Pitt as a hit man hired to take out three rookies who rob an underground poker game run by the Mafia. The entire story plays out during the outset of the economic recession. The cast also includes Ray Liotta, James Gandolfini, Scoot McNairy and Ben Mendelsohn.

The first thing I notice is how the film almost tries to beat you over the head with the fact that it's set during the start of the recession. There is an overabundance of CSPAN and CNN clips

used throughout the film. The clips aren't even mixed well with the film both audibly and visually, leading to some really weird editing choices.

Another thing I also noticed is the constant use of "Tarantino-ing," where the characters' conversations don't actually move the story along or give us exposition, but are instead supposed to give us insights into their personalities through realistic tangents and chitchat. Having one scene with that writing practice is okay, but when you have a character who, in the few scenes he's in, appears to exist for the sole purpose of Tarantino-ing, it makes those scenes feel pointless.

The performances are pretty good. Character reactions and responses to the messed up scenarios are realistic, but there's not too much to write home about. Most of the film is focused on Pitt, despite it trying to partially focus on the unlucky few who robbed the card game.

One thing I can give this film credit for is the visuals, as it does some creative things with certain shot styles and composition



Courtesy of The Weinstein Company and Plan B Entertainment

Despite some creative shots, the film has a jarring structure. Pictured: Brad Pitt and James Gandolfini.

techniques. The problem is that parts of the film feel like they are made in a style completely separate from the rest of the film. While the artistic choices make some sense, the overall scheme of the cinematography feels like someone just had different ideas for creative shots

that the movie was written around. In addition to the style clash, the film also has a few continuity errors that, while minor, are noticeable enough to be a little annoying.

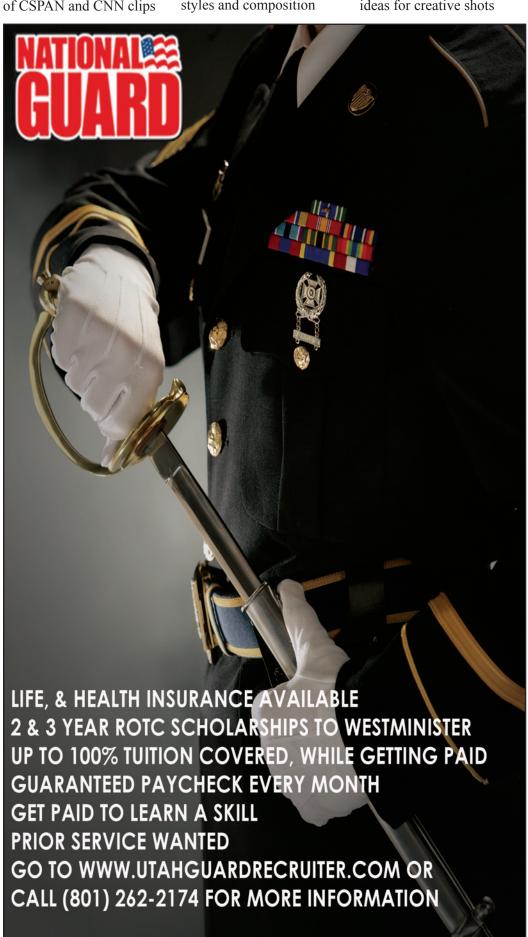
Now don't get me wrong, there are some worthwhile scenes here and there, and the final scene features

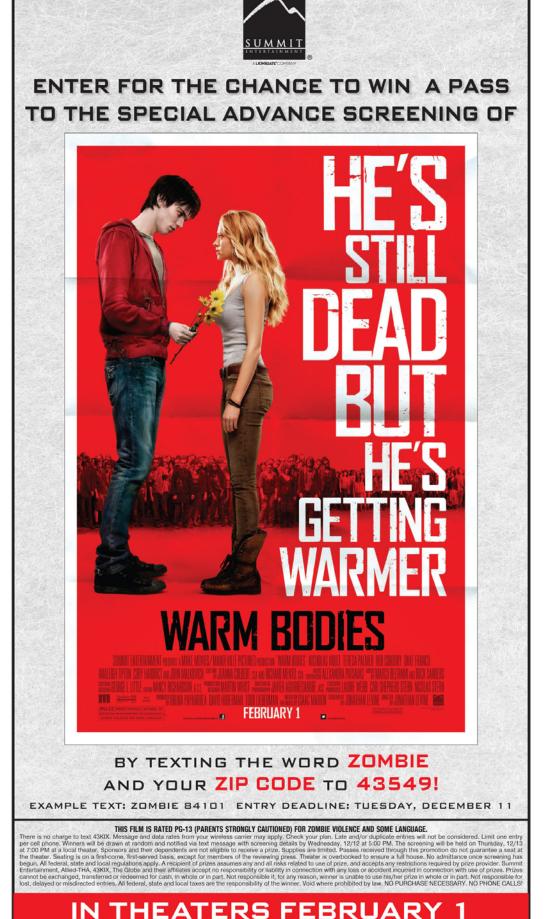
a quotable line. The first Tarantino-ing in the film is also pretty good and relatively subtle.

Overall, "Killing Them Softly" is kind of boring. Yes, there are some good bits, but the film drags at a few points and the overall structure is the biggest drawback. The sound mixing get people in the theater.

for the news clips doesn't mesh well with the film and just feels like overkill.

You'll find some good scenes if you're a hardcore cinephile, but mainstream movie-goers are not going to be as invested, meaning this film's going to need some serious Oscar buzz to















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