

'Dante's Peak' explodes on big screen

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So you want to go to the movie theater. And you don't want to wait in line for an hour and a half to see "Star Wars." Right now in theaters across America there is a movie that is not getting the credit it deserves, that movie is "Dante's Peak."

When I went to see "Dante's Peak" I was expecting to see "Twister" minus tornados plus a volcano. Boy was I wrong. 'Dante's Peak' is similar to "Twister" in that it deals with a natural disaster and has cool special effects. But that is were the similarities end. "Dante's Peak" has a good story and some very credible acting by two very good actors.

Pierce Brosnan plays a volcanologist who is sent to the little town of Dante's Peak to "check up" on a volcano resting above the sleepy little town. Linda Hamilton plays the town's mayor.

This movie really hits home for those of us who lived through the Mt. St. Helens eruption of 1980. So if you want to experience the effects of a volcanic eruption without risking your life trying to see a real one, go see this movie!

Grade: B+



LINDA HAMILTON, ABOVE, AND
PIERCE BROSNAN, RIGHT,
BATTLE A VOLCANO IN THIS
MONTH'S NEWEST NATURE-GONE-
WILD MOVIE.

The rebellion is renewed

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In *The New Rebellion*, the newest book in the Star Wars universe, we see a side of the new Jedi Academy only hinted at in previous novels.

Two former students of Luke Skywalker—Kueller and Bradkis—have fallen to the dark side and plot the conquest of the galaxy and the death of Skywalker and those he loves. As the book opens, we see the dark jedis arguing and, at the end of the prologue, they watch as a planet full of humanoids die in a huge explosion.

After over a decade of senate "purity," the Republic has now allowed former Imperials to join the Senate. President Princess Leia Organa opposes the change and seeks to end the Imperial return, blind to anything but possible treason. Kueller is the son of an Imperial and uses the new distrust and disunity to shatter the fragile

government. Bombs of Imperial make and a weapon of mass destruction allow two men to bring the New Republic to its knees.

Bradkis is the owner of an unusual robotics plant and is the mostly unwilling pawn of Kueller.

Han Solo and Lando Calrissian enter a smugglers hideout in search of clues to the origins of the threat. There Calrissian faces an ancient foe who seeks his death.

The Star Wars universe has expanded immensely since the original movie in 1977.

In 1990 George Lucas allowed the first book trilogy to be written by Timothy Zahn. Approximately 20 books have been written since. *The Last Command* is the third book in the first trilogy.

The "super" series contains a number of trilogies and individual books, like *The New Rebellion*, and the stories are interconnected so what happens in one is discussed in others.

The New Rebellion is an excellent book; however, it assumes knowledge a first-time reader may not know.

The plot seems a bit rushed, as with the other stand-alone books in the main series, but is interesting and fast paced.

Grade: B



Star Wars: A Big Thrill or OverKill?

With the rerelease of the original Star Wars Trilogy, there has been a sudden influx of new merchandise. There is almost two times more merchandise for this release of "Star Wars" than there was for the original release. Here is a list of some of the items on the shelves right now. You decide for yourself if it is overkill or a big thrill. There are new CD and tapes for the special editions, over 35 new toys, over 10 new vehicles, over 20 books, three complete collectible card game sets, several collecting card sets and tons of video games. Overkill? Not a chance. This is one of the biggest thrills ever. Just go ask the hundreds of people waiting in line to see the movies.



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Valentine's Day PITSTOPS IN CYBERSPACE

Here is a list of some of the best love/Valentine's Day web pages for all of the hopeless romantics out there cruising the web!?!
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Cupid Cove

usacitylink.com/
/cupid/
default.html



The Love Zone



www.cnn.com/
EVENTS/valentine/

Muskrat Love

www.kaplan.com/holiday/
muskrat.html



The Love & Romance page



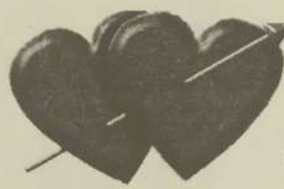
home.navisoft.com/
loveandromance/
index.htm

The Official hopeless romantic home page

www.primenet.com/
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The Virtual Kissing Booth

www.whitehawk.com/vkb/



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