

# A Weight Lifted

The last game night I shared with my dear friends was a very special one especially as the night turned into the wee hours of the morning. 09-12-08. How fitting that Emily's passing would occur 7 years after the country picked itself up a day after what will undoubtedly be seen as one of the worst (if not the worst) tragedies to befall this country. 09-12-01, Emily spearheaded a campaign to send supplies overseas to our men and women. A campaign which is still going on today. Shortly after midnight on 09-12-09, I mentioned that this was the anniversary of my mentor's passing. I felt a heavy weight upon my shoulders. [Lisa](#) told Megan, [Chris](#), and I to form a circle around the kitchen island and join hands. Chris then said a short word of prayer that lifted the weight right off my shoulders. My three best friends.

Strangely on Tuesday, word had spread that Patrick Swayze had lost his battle with cancer. This fell on the anniversary of Emily's burial. Oddly enough, I was never a huge fan of Mr. Swayze's work. Having a younger sister who enjoyed nothing more than to watch *Dirty Dancing* ad nauseum kind of turned me off of his acting ability. The first time I watched the movie, I actually kind of enjoyed it, but it got old really fast. I did, however, enjoy *Ghost* (Yes, I admit it... I'm a softie). However, anyone who can bravely battle a terminal disease under the limelight and battle constant tabloid bombardment is worthy of some praise.

Thanks again ☐

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# You Get What You Paid For At The Fun Park

Not so fun. Every once in a while our local movie rental place calls us up and tells us we've won a free rental. It happened just this week, so we made a stop there yesterday, and since we had all the kids with us, my husband just ran in and tried to be quick. He came out with a direct-to-video horror movie called [The Fun Park](#). It actually sounded pretty intriguing since it's about some teens who were murdered by the ghost of a clown at an abandoned amusement park. We know of an abandoned amusement park that we've visited, so we thought the movie would be extra scary. But we were wrong. It was awful – the 3.5 rating it got on [imdb.com](#) was no lie. Free movie = boring clown. For the first, I don't know, about 30 minutes of the movie, they're not even in the fun park. The movie wastes time setting up the characters' back stories – and who cares about that? So finally they get to the fun park, and it's not even scary. The movie has no suspense. There aren't any chase scenes, basically the movie is the clown cutting off people's faces. I think. The movie was so slow, I was dozing constantly. But I don't think I missed anything... It was awful. I would put it on my movie stinker list, but maybe it's not fair because I wasn't fully awake... never mind, who cares, it was that bad. At least it was a free rental. And as far as my worries about being scared of clowns the next time we go to that abandoned amusement park, no problem – that movie was not scary at all. The only thing scary about it was the idea that all the people involved in making it thought it was a good idea!

So here's my updated stinker list of the worst movies I've ever seen:

The Devil's Rejects  
Doomsday

The Night Listener

The Love Guru

The Fun Park