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Subject: "Phantom Center" mode

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That's a pretty common symptom when using the 5 channel soundtrack but listening only to the left and right fronts. Sometimes the dialog is heavily panned to the center with little going to the left and right.

Look and see if your A/V processor (or DVD/BluRay player) has a settings mode where you can tell it you have no center speaker. It will then send the center track out to the left and right speakers. This is sometimes called "phantom center" mode.