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## HAPPY HEART MONTH

It's that time of year again... After barely making it past the holiday season with your "beloved" extended family, a New Year's hangover from hell, and fucking ice storm straight from the ice ages, you now have the stress of planning an amazingly romantic evening for your partner—complete with sexy time. Unless, of course, you're single, in which case you'll still have stress of the emotional variety, wondering why you're so damn undesirable that you're alone on Valentine's Day. Feeling unlucky yet?

Well, stop the self-loathing because Saint Valentine had it a lot worse. While many legends exist about who St. Valentine really was, they all end with him being murdered. At least you're still breathing, right? Anyway, on to the romantic tidbit... One legend has it that St. Valentine was imprisoned in a Roman jail, being beaten and tortured on the daily. While enduring this utter hell, he still lived up to his reputation of being a true romantic by sending what's believed to be the very first "valentine's greeting" to his jailor's daughter. You can guess how the story ends...especially since I already told you. But, like, OMG—how sweet, right? So let's keep that same romantic energy going this month, except please stay out of jail and alive while doing it.

## XOTICA-GO-GO

Last spring, we wrote about Xotica-Go-Go making a comeback. A homegrown

recipe of all-star DJs and exotic go-go dancers that once ruled Thursday nights in the heart of downtown Portland—for those that aren't familiar. If you haven't experienced it yet, you're truly missing out on a very unique strip club experience. Think of all the things you like clubs for but with the sexy and sultry accents of a strip club. Do I have your attention yet?

It has now grown and moved to Fridays! Be on the lookout for a very special first-anniversary celebration of its return this spring! Until then, visit X Exotic Lounge any Friday night and experience this club/strip club fusion yourself! See you there!



Xotica-Go-Go Dancers Arabella, Brooklyn, and Gia

## THE P-TOWN HAPS

There's plenty going on elsewhere in the industry. Let's start with birthdays first! On Friday, February 2, at Stars Cabaret (Bridgeport), it's Ariel and Mikayla's Birthday Party! Then, on Thursday, February 8, Raven and Kiwi's Birthday Bash is at The Lounge. The next week, on Friday, February 16, Destiny's Birthday Party is at Guilty Pleasures. Another birthday the following weekend, on Saturday, February 24, right back at Guilty Pleasures—Jane's Birthday Party! Happy Birthday, ladies! Enjoy your special day!

Moving on to events, don't miss Lucky Devil's 16-Year Anniversary Party on Friday, February 9, complete with free catered food, a photo booth, and two dancers on stage all night long! Speaking of anniversaries, we'd also like to congratulate Victress Entertainment on its 5-year anniversary!

Looking for a naughty post-dinner destination on Valentine's Day? Club Rouge has you covered with their Valentine's Day specials, featuring \$5 mimosas and a couples' dessert special. Make sure to "spin the wheel" for a very special naughty prize!

Taboo is holding its annual Ice Cream Social on Friday, February 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. at its Vancouver, Washington location. It's an event that never disappoints, featuring "ice cream sundaes served by scantily clad beefcake and cheesecake individuals." There'll also be prizes and



giveaways. Say less!

Wrapping up the events, Stars Cabaret (Salem) will hold a special Valentine's Day-themed party, appropriately named "Bite Me," featuring special drinks and bite-size treats! Yummy!

### HAUNTED STRIP CLUB ARCADE



Banshee and Eris in full arcade mode

Finally making it in the magazine a little later than expected, we have some special moments from Dick & Scott's Haunted Strip Club Arcade last October. A huge thanks to everyone who attended and to all the actors, builders, and other staff that made it all possible! Check out page 38 for the full pictorial.

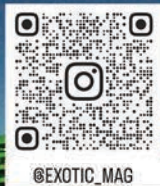
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# POWER COUPLES IN POP GROUPS

By Blazer Sparrow

Depending on how single you are, everyone's favorite February holiday is Valentine's Day, so I will try to lean this month's offering toward something romance-related. Please don't take me for the sentimental type. I simply can't think of any music-related material that jives with President's Day, nor do I feel qualified to write anything about Black History Month. Genital-mashing it is, then.

While it would be easy to make some nihilistic, snarky piece about failed relationships within bands or a fun, juicy gossip listicle, I thought it would be a better use of my platform to clue you in on some lesser-known pairs that played together and stayed together.

Everyone knows about the failed marriages that couldn't bring down bands like The White Stripes or Fleetwood Mac and, depending on the time of this publication, Die Antwoord. There are also groups that couldn't survive the dissolution of the romantic relationship that held it together. R.I.P. Sonic Youth and Cocteau Twins. It was fun while it lasted.

Nay, those wouldn't be fun to write or read. Why kick a broken thing while it's down? Some people just aren't right for each other—no need to rub it in.

Instead, I thought I'd mention some of the more successful but less...boisterous couples that work together musically. If you haven't heard of them before, it's probably 'cause they're doin' just fine and never had Rumors-level lyrical spats with each other.

## Gillian Gilbert and Stephen Morris (New Order)

Did you know there was a married couple in New Order? I didn't either, until embarrassingly recently. These two survived low-paid punk upbringing in Manchester and several world tours and are still going strong. What the hell is Peter Hook's excuse for leaving? It couldn't be because

he doesn't like the band anymore, considering his solo career consists of playing solely New Order and Joy Division covers. Either way, Gillian and Stephen's meet-cute seems like it's ready for the indie film. Gillian used to be in a punk band called The Inadequates, and they rehearsed next to Joy Division. The Inadequates apparently didn't have a car, so they asked



for a ride home in Joy Division's van in exchange for buying one of their singles, which they hated. Gillian and Stephen began dating shortly after. When Ian Curtis had a solo viewing party of "Woyzeck" that went terribly wrong, Stephen convinced the surviving members of the band to have Gillian round out the new group. Still together, still making music. Now, if only Pete and Barney could make up, I wouldn't have to pay to see New Order and Hook's New Order separately.

## Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth (Talking Heads)

I feel like most readers are aware of this couple. Though probably not as aware that they were definitely the domestic core of the band that kept it from imploding sooner than it did. Although this is



mostly coming from Chris's recent memoir, it seems that before they got a proper manager, Tina handled a lot of the booking herself. Everything I've read seems to imply there wasn't even so much as a lover's quarrel in their tenure with the band. Crazy to think, if you've ever been on tour—in a fucking punk band, no less. These guys toured Europe with the fucking Ramones. The van had to smell terrible. Kudos to them for making it work. The hard part was dealing with David Byrne's ego. But hey, it looks like the four of them are now able to be in the same room together. Can we please not have another fucking Rolling Stones tour and instead have a Talking Heads reunion tour?



## Kathleen Brennan and Tom Waits

This one is a bit of a cheat since Kathleen doesn't perform live with Tom, nor does she play on any of his records. However, it's simply inaccurate to say they don't have a musical partnership. Every album from 1992's "Bone Machine" onward is produced by both Tom and Kathleen. From 1999's "Mule Variations" onward,

they split writing credits. Kathleen was also given some writing credits as far back as 1985's "Rain Dogs." They clearly come as a package deal and are still together, living in NorCal with their three kids. This is more proof that Tom's persona as the wayward, philandering alcoholic is just that—a persona. But it's also proof that you can be happily married and collaborate with your spouse to create a very authentic oeuvre of said persona...while drinking in moderation.



Lucia Cifarelli and Sascha Konietzko (KMFDM)

Everyone's favorite industrial band when they're too afraid of being called a poser for saying Nine Inch Nails. Who woulda thought that the creative center of this aggressive, abrasive, loud, brash, and noisy outfit was a happily married couple living in Hamburg with their daughter? Obviously, Lucia isn't a founding member of Germany's last significant contribution to pop music (sorry, Rammstein, you're just the hornier, radio-glossed version of KMFDM). However, the band has included her as a core member longer than it hasn't (she joined in 2002). Doesn't really seem like the right environment for a multi-decade monogamous relationship, but just goes to show that it actually is. It's the radio-friendly, money-making sounds of a band like Fleetwood Mac that is a recipe for fights, infidelity, and divorce. Before you go look it up, no, Lucia is not the female vocalist on "Juke Joint Jezebel." However, check out "Bait and Switch" off of 2009's "Blitz" if you wanna hear "Juke Joint Jezebel's" spiritual successor.

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# YOU POOPED IN THE YARD [AND OTHER ROMANTIC EVENTS TO PLAN]

BY HANNAH ONE CUP

February is the month that “typical” people go out and do the “normal” thing of stressing about what else they could possibly do for their significant other that they hadn’t already accomplished just a month and a half ago (remember that day with all those lights and candles and trees and presents?).

They get to enjoy the obviously necessary overload of romanticized commercials for those disgusting edible arrangements, male enhancement pills, Kay Jewelers, or for you locals, “The Shane Company, across the freeway from the Washington Square Mall. Open Monday through...”—you know the spiel. They *enjoy* these commercials because they are having a hard time determining what they should be getting their loved ones, so they need to be directed into the right lane with not-so-subliminal messaging from these companies.

Once they have found their treasure and marked its location of procurement with an “X” on their map (or put it into their phone’s GPS), they then make a plan for how to make this commercialized holiday even *more gooder* by planning out the day and/or evening leading up to giving this to them. All good golden retriever significant others get *so excited* about this—it’s almost overwhelming. Like...it’s almost visibly uncomfortable how hard it is for them to keep this secret in them the last week before “the big day” comes around (February 14th, for those of you who just got into a relationship with one of these people).

I, on the other hand, prefer to underwhelm. That way, this day is never brought up again in the future, and I can go about my normal life of just handing out gifts when I want to (pretty regularly, but never on a set schedule). What others choose to do for this day is up to them and their partners (maybe) and might not always be what you would picture as a “romantic” night out. I’ve witnessed these events firsthand or been on the receiving end, and I can say without a doubt that the world is going to crap—literally.

All a girl wants is a Gomez Addams (or at least that’s what I think?). But these things listed below have set the standards so low that we just hope they don’t have to clean

up the kitchen afterward or they don’t fall asleep after a couple of drinks.

Here we go...with my list of romantic ideas that went through someone’s head at some point...

**Tell your significant other you have a big plan for them that weekend, but don’t pay for anything** – You’ve made the reservations (under your name, of course) for a modest hotel, so make sure to call ahead to your significant other’s favorite restaurant, and book a couple’s massage. Catch? You don’t actually have the money for any of these things and never planned on paying to begin with. The secret is to not let them know any of this until you get to the hotel and they ask for a card. Simply “forget” your cards at home, except your ID. You’ll need that for alcohol at the fancy restaurant they pay for. **D-bag rating: 4.5 out of 5** – depending on cost.

**Make plans with your significant other, but leave to do something and don’t come back home until the next day... empty-handed** – This really keeps them on their toes and leaves a sense of mystery and intrigue, and I think the word I’m looking for is anger? It’s bound to be a fun-filled February 15th, complete with lots of silent treatment for a few days or loads of yelling, crying, alcohol, and maybe makeup sexy time. So...I mean, it might not have mattered if you went through with the plans or not if the means led to the same end. **D-bag rating: 5 out of 5** – due to the unfortunate slow-burn of a letdown given the entire day of the 14th.

**Recall a memory you had with your loved one, and buy a gift relating to that moment. But realize after you give them the gift and recall the memory to them that this memory was not related to this person at all and was, in fact, another lover** – This could go one of two ways. Either this partner does not care (or is only slightly irritated) that the memory has to do with another person you slept with and at least enjoys the gift...or you end up a soloist on the slide whistle for an undetermined amount of time. **D-bag rating: 3 out of 5** – they at least put in effort (remember, we’re

at the point where “at least” is what we hope for), even if their brain’s memory card is corrupted.

**Actually plan all of these things out, and plan to pay and go through with them** – Well, what a *surprise!* After however long it’s been, you came through with bells and whistles, and what a real whopper this is because your partner is out seeing a movie with her friend, and they plan on having cosmopolitans together while pretending to be single just to get another free drink. It shouldn’t really come as a surprise, more of a letdown for your efforts, which were too little, too late, and they’ve had enough. Now *you* get to enjoy a February 14th the way they did all these years. Enjoy the solitude, guilt, and impending sense of dread for when they get back home, offering you some Sees-equivalent chocolates they bought themselves and then going to bed. **D-bag rating: 1 out of 5** – You tried, just too late.



**Get drunk at the bar and forget to make reservations at a hotel. You also have to use the bathroom** – Your night ended successfully without being kicked out of a bar after closing, things are feeling amorous, your partner laughed a few times at jokes you said, and it’s now 2:46 in the morning, the buses and MAX are all shut down for the night, you don’t have money for the 46-dollar Uber ride home that’s a whole four miles away—and I repeat...you have to use the bathroom. Well, if your partner is drunk enough (let’s hope they are), the walk home won’t be so cold and long.

Maybe you’ll also come across a house with a backyard and no lock on its gate, so you can finally do your business on the side of the house—just like in the movie Friday.

While you're back there having diarrhea, just tell your partner you were looking to see if there was a shortcut home through their yard and to wait out front for you.

Hopefully, you found some grass to wipe with because that house probably didn't have any paper products for you to use back there. There were dog poop bags, but why clean up after yourself? You'd definitely give yourself away if your partner saw that poop bag in your hand unless there was a trash bin right there to throw it into. Which, surprise, there had been. But such is the life of a 21st-century Gomez Addams—leave your shit for others to clean up, go home with your partner, open a 40 oz. and pass out with your pants halfway down. Again, hopefully, your partner was drunk enough to pass out beforehand, so they would be none the wiser. **D-bag rating: 2 out of 5** – because your partner smiled that night. Even if you are an actual turd monster, you allowed them to remain ignorant of this.



And with that, I hope you all have a sexy and exciting February. If you aren't, go find someone to do that with. Or do it alone. They have things for that, and I fully support independence when finding one's favorite romantic areas in life.



Hannah One Cup can be found slapping pieces of bologna on this van in front of her house, which may or may not belong to the individual who decided to poop in her yard. You'll also probably find her drinking a dirty martini with extra olives at the sleaziest bar she can find with her partner or scouring the cupboards at home for some OGD (Old Grand-Dad).



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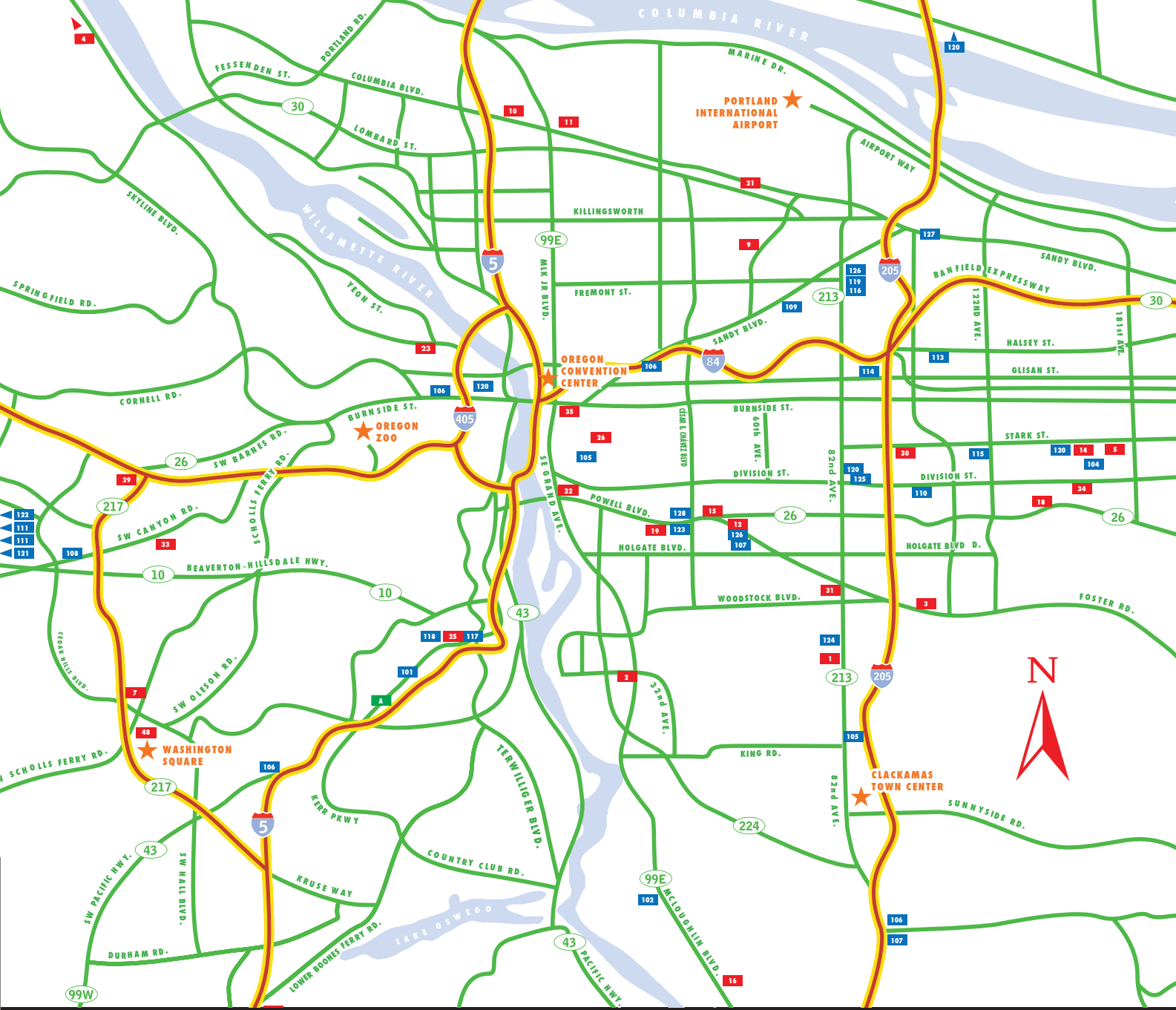
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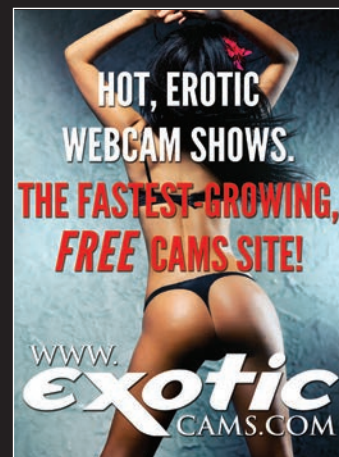


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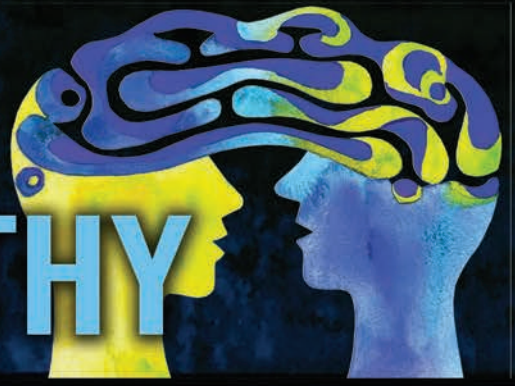
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# EVOKING EMPATHY



I've been a bouncer for six and a half years now, and in that time, I've run into all manner of difficulties that come with the job. Drunk people alone manage to cause an entire spectrum of new, interesting, and unpleasant problems; one night, maybe a crying drunk girl gets mascara stains all over my shirt, and the next night, perhaps someone shits in the urinal...drunks are creative that way. Ongoing interpersonal dramas that, some-stupid-fucking-how, I end up having to deal with (or even just hear about) are a particularly enjoyable difficulty I run into a lot, and when I say "fun," what I really mean is "my personal hell." Seriously, who the fuck watches *Days of Our Lives*?! I get really goddamn annoyed when I have to deal with other people's drama at work. At least then, I'm getting paid for it. Watching it on TV is the last thing I want to do, which is probably why I gravitate towards comedies. But I digress.

Danger is another common challenge on the job. I've had guns pointed in my face a couple of times, and I've heard shots within a couple of blocks more times than I can count. I've stared down unhinged, angry people armed with axes and hammers. I recently stepped up for a knife fight that didn't come to fruition, presumably because the other fella didn't realize we'd both be holding knives. Well, that, and mine was bigger. I've found that one of the most challenging difficulties of the bouncer gig is the tightrope walk that is empathy. You could make the case for which character traits make for a good bouncer: courage, strength, wisdom...but I think empathy is one that doesn't get the attention it deserves, and the nature of the job makes it an easy one to neglect or even abandon.

I get paid to protect my people; a dangerous situation is made no less dangerous by knowing that the person making it that way may be mentally ill or homeless. Removing, neutralizing, or otherwise ending the danger is the only thing that matters in that moment. The raggedy huddle smoking the foil half a block upwind of my club's patio *has* to be relocated; the people I'm protecting are hav-

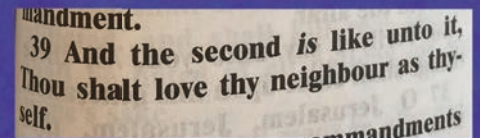
ing to breathe that fentanyl smoke, too, and that's not acceptable; acknowledging someone's struggles with addiction doesn't make it okay for their smoke to be wafting into my patio. Focusing on negative things easily becomes a default mindset when you're dealing with them regularly, especially since, as I mentioned earlier, empathy often takes a back seat to more pressing concerns. It's easy to stop seeing humans and instead see them as anthropomorphized problems, like a really fucked up Pixar flick; *Crazy, Obnoxious, Drunk, Unstable, Smelly, Needy, Bum, Foil Smoker, Drama Queen, Nutjob, Junkie, Urinal Shitter*. Wait a second...if anyone who works at Pixar somehow ends up reading this, hit me up—I have an idea for a movie.



Losing touch with empathy is understandable, but that doesn't make it right. That's when we become a part of the problem; not only do we end up losing touch with our humanity, both individually and collectively, but we become willing participants in the very system that dumps addiction, poverty, and mental illness directly on our doorstep for you and I to deal with, rather than providing them with the help they need. We as bouncers need to have the self-awareness to recognize in ourselves when we're losing touch with empathy and compassion and correct course accordingly. That goes as much for me as for anyone else. After all, while bouncer work can earn you a living, that living probably does not exist in the lap of luxury. Interacting with the homeless population of the neighborhood where I work serves as a chilling reminder that I'm never

more than one sufficient financial setback away from joining them.

I try to keep that in mind when I have to deal with anyone in a security capacity. How would I prefer to be treated if I were in their shoes? I was a preacher's kid growing up. As an adult, I've left religion in the rearview mirror, but I've managed not to throw out the baby with the bath water. Several biblical nuggets of wisdom have stayed with me over the years; "Love your neighbor as you love yourself" and "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" are a few that come to mind. Never thought you'd be reading scripture in a skin mag like this one, did you? Don't worry, I won't make a habit of quoting the bible, but Jesus did seem to have an affinity for the poor, the downtrodden, and sex workers. That's an example I'm more than happy to follow.



None of this is to say we shouldn't do what we need to do on the job. Deal with the danger, the drama, and the drunkenness as needed. That's the whole gig. It's what we're paid to do. But as situations allow, take the time to get to learn about the underlying issues behind someone's troublesome behavior. Get to know the person behind the problem. Not every problem can be solved by kicking (*Road House*!). Security isn't the only line item on the bouncer job description. It's been my experience that bouncer work also includes such collateral duties as concierge, mediator, and occasional amateur therapist. Punch people when they need to be punched, but help people where you're able to help.

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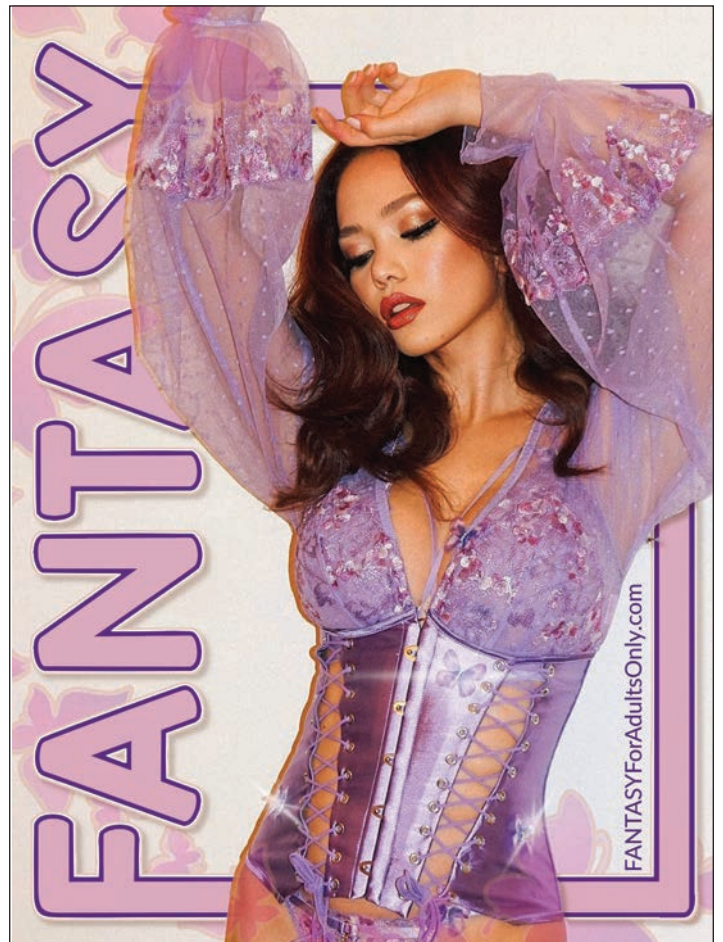
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It's February, and as such, we're asked to provide gifts and luxuries to our others of significance. A storied tradition, but not one I'm actually sure anyone likes. Nobody enjoys perfunctory gifts—giving or getting.

It's not a hard ask, of course, and people tend to expect such things, but we as a species are really not great gift-givers. We give things we *think* people might want, and for what occasion? Oh yes, the fact that we're in a relationship. Wonderful.

The fact of the matter is, naturally, that we're essentially obligated to do this. It's what they call a "Hallmark holiday," meaning its purpose is basically to sell shit nobody wants to people who buy into the charade. Fine. Do you. That said, there are things you should *not* give people for such a day. I will chronicle them here. Also, bonus to single people who are not obligated to give a shit.

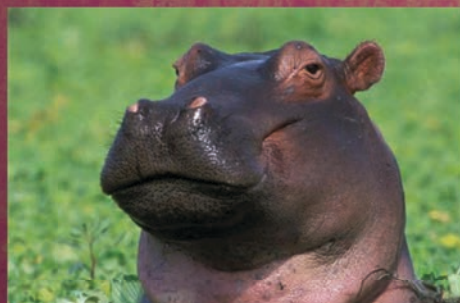
Listed in no particular order, but usually, the good shit is saved for last.



## Those Butthole Chocolates

Yes, you can get chocolates that are

shaped like your very own asshole. There's a company called "Edible Anus," and their deal is pretty much that you cast a mold of your butthole, and in their words, "...the perfect gift for friends or enemies. We produce traditional handcrafted chocolates to the highest standards in our UK atelier. We only sell fresh chocolate and believe the chocolate anus can dissolve cultural boundaries of age, race, gender, and class. We've all got one, and they are all different!" Well, that's inclusive, I guess, but you are literally sending someone a mold of your own asshole cast in chocolate. So, someone—presumably your sweetheart—gets a set of chocolate candies shaped by your own anus. Bold, but barring certain fetishes, this does not seem like a great gift. Also, they're in the UK and charge 40 pounds for this, which is like 52 US Dollars. Damn, that's some expensive ass chocolate.



## A Live Hippopotamus

This might seem like a weird one. Who gives a live hippo to someone as a gift? Well, Pablo Escobar, the famous cocaine kingpin of the 1980s, got a live hippo as a gift. While he was

alive, he kept said hippos (yeah, there was more than one) in an enclosure on his estate. After his death, which resulted from an allergy to bullets, the hippos simply...left. This is the reason that Colombia has a steady problem with hippos, which branched from two breeding pairs into thousands of hippos that took up residence in the lakes and rivers of that fine country. I wrote a prior article about this if you care to search [xmag.com](http://xmag.com). It's ridiculous in the best way, but nevertheless, you probably should not gift someone a live hippopotamus.



## Underwear or Lingerie

Look, nobody knows what the hell size our partners are. Maybe if you're gay or something, and your boyfie boyfie wears the same size as you, sure. But

even then, don't. Just don't. I personally am not gay, so I have to shop for a lady. I'm like, "Uh, what size stuff do you wear?" and I get a series of extended measurements. This also basically gives the game away, too. But when I receive these measurements, I'm saying to myself, "Whoa, what the hell did I just dip my thumb into?" I'm mapping this out on graph paper and am thinking to myself, "What the absolute fuck did I get involved in? I'm just trying to buy underwear! How do women even buy clothes?!" Apparently, it takes some doing. Don't even try. Though I did get some kind of weird battle panties from a lady once, and I was sorta like, "Well, thanks, I think." Let me tell you, nobody wants to see me in a lace crotch pouch, which is the only way I can really describe this gift I was presented with. I think she got it just to laugh at me, but it's okay because I was laughing at me also.



### Flowers

Okay, this might be contestable, as it's a traditional gift. Get her some flowers—no big, standard stuff. But nobody really *likes* flowers. They exist for a couple of days and then die hard. It's superficial. It's saying, "Look, I got you something that looks neat but will not last." There are implications there. Yes, I am aware this is a traditional gift for the ladies. Well, I think for the ladies, as I've never met a guy who got flowers from a woman. That'd be a hell of a thing, though. "Here, I got you some

flowers." "Er, that's...nice. Now what do I do with them?" while dude is thinking how much better that money could have been spent on beer.



### Stupid Stuffed Animals

I do realize that this list is mostly about fellas buying stuff for ladies, but do not, I repeat, *do not*, purchase ridiculous, oversized stuffed animals. You're buying a gift for a lover/partner/whatever, and nobody likes this. All it does is take up space. "Hey darling, I bought you a six-foot-tall teddy bear, which, if it came to life, would kill us all." Not that stuffed animals coming to life is a significant risk, but we must consider outlier cases. It's best to hedge your bets and make sure, at the very least, you're not consuming excess space in your GF's home.



### AIDS

Worst gift in the world. Moving on.

### Novelty T-Shirts

Yes, you can very affordably have a T-

shirt printed with your face or his/her face on it, and it's quite readily available. Please, do not do this. Then you basically are obligating someone to wear this horrible item of clothing. I imagine they will, at least once, and oddly, this is one that comes to the guys from the ladies. Usually, it's the guys who are the worst gift-givers, but this is nearly exclusively the province of estrogen. Anyone thinking about this should reconsider. Also, you can get a coffee mug with that same photo on it for about the same cost, and then nobody has to look like a fool. He can drink his coffee out of a mug with your stupid face on it, and that's perfectly fine!



Just do a nice dinner and maybe a movie. That's the gold standard. No need to get weird about things. Also, I'm pretty sure I did not save the best for last. I think the hippo wins it.

-Wombstretcha

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