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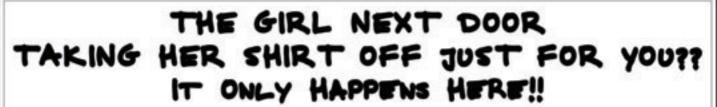


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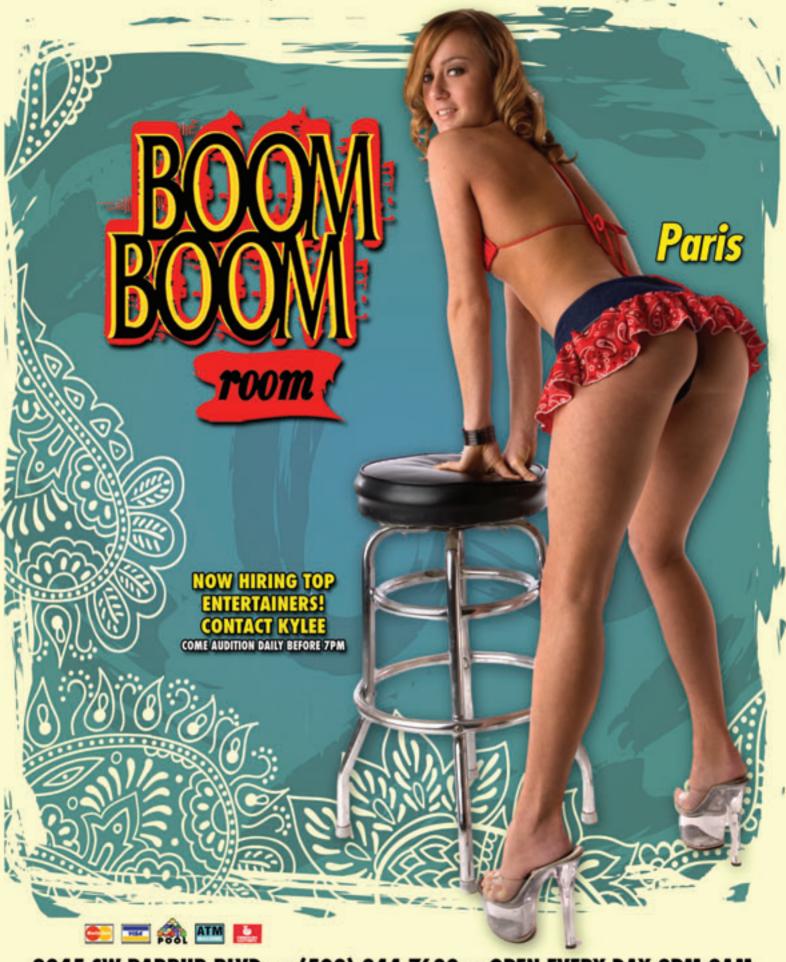
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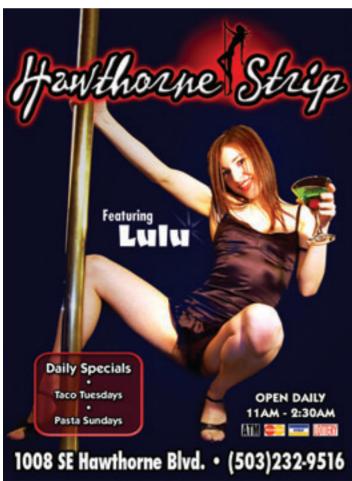
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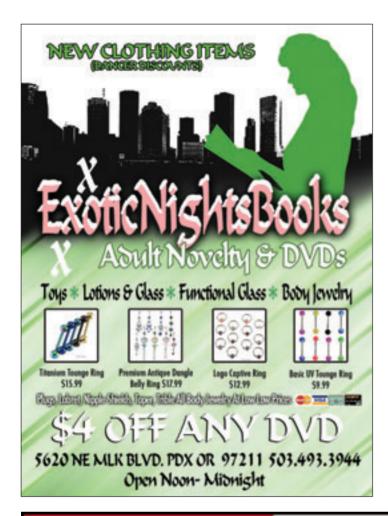


















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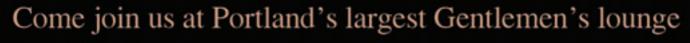
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POSITIVELY SEX-NEGATIVE

BY JIM GOAD

"SEX-POSITIVE." I hate the term to the point where

"HIV-positive" sounds good by comparison. Imagine how imbecilic someone would sound if they campaigned for "food-positive" attitudes. Come to think of it, I'm feeling highly "air-positive" today, too. And I feel we all could afford to be a little more "water-positive." Why don't we all strive to foment more "feces-positive" platitudes while we're at it? "Sex-positive" might be the dumbest hyphenated term ever concocted. Almost without fail, anyone who employs the term "sex-positive" is someone with whom I would positively not want to have sex.

Surveying the sad specimens of sex-positivity, it's almost as if they prattle about sex in the hopes that you'll mistake the messenger for the message and wind up so confused that you finally consent to having sex with them. And perhaps that is their true agenda, because nothing else they say makes any sense.

They'll lecture you about how our society hammers sex-negative notions into your head, just as it conditions you to be a racist and a homophobe, but any honest look at our media would reveal all such allegations to be ass-backwards. Homos and nonwhites have reached the status of popculture saints. And sex may have been frowned upon a couple generations ago, but everything is porno these days. If the media—and the general culture to whom they dictate values—was sex-negative, they wouldn't use sex to sell everything.

Ironically, the reputedly "sex-negative" *Überkultur* makes sex seem far more appealing than the sex-positivists do. It doesn't matter if you're blabbing ad nauseam about sex when the WAY you're phrasing it is devastatingly unsexy. With the sex-positivists, it's almost as if the TONE of their verbiage sends out sonic waves scientifically engineered to wilt erections and wither vaginas. For me, sex-positive translates into boner-negative.

I've been called "sex-negative" by people whom I'd reckon have less sex in a year than I do in a week. Therefore, I am sex-negative...and proud! I am, of course, not truly sex-negative, at least not when I'm the one having sex. But I've adopted "sex-negative" in the same way that many "Satanists" don't believe in Satan but hijack the term merely to piss off Christians.

The organ-grinders of sex-positivity parrot the same tired

list of sanctimonious phrases, a canon of perhaps the most annoving terminology ever created. Bi-curious human Pap smears fueling ongoing growth through informed dialogues and consensual slavery. Radical affirmations. Transformative sexuality. Transgendered body-mod pincushions and legless fire-dancers and roly-poly polyamory. Safewords and dark Tantra and kinky crafts and learning to venerate your clit. BDSM potluck dinners. Daisy-chain prostate milking and vegan pizza feeds. A smarmy worm dressed for Halloween in a papier-mâché rendering of the Herpes Simplex II virus. Fat acceptance. Way too much acceptance. Activism and enrichment and nurturing and communitybuilding orientation workshops where everyone walks out so empowered, their fucking

heads explode.

Most of the cloying, astringent, rankly pharisaical lizard dung that passes itself off as "sex writing" these days manages to infuse the subject with a piety often eclipsing that of the Christian censors against whom they're ostensibly rebelling. Their words generate more bullshit than a bull farm. Their prose is shot through with such penis-shriveling, vagina-drying holiness, they might as well be talking about aboriginal class struggle or hard abdominal masses. One would be hard-pressed to find a group of people at once sillier and who takes themselves more seriously.

They declare themselves "experts" in many cases for no other reason than the fact that they've declared themselves experts. These self-appointed "professionals" and "activists" aren't helping to accomplish anything except to make themselves feel important. Has any of their "literature" freed even ONE person from Puritanism's rusty shackles? Methinks not, ye salty buckaroos, methinks not. In most cases, they sound more like cult members than professionals, anyway. No matter what their formal training, they're unnecessary middlemen—brokers who charge a fee, and that fee is your natural-born enjoyment of sex. They're like college professors who try to explain the mechanics of a joke rather than actually being funny themselves.

The bulk of them, naturally, come from protected backgrounds—the cream of repressed society—yet they think it's daring to write about sex a good 50 years after it ceased being legally dangerous to do so. They are invariably rich white people who think they have insight about race and class. They also think they understand sex, although rich white Americans are possibly less adept at the sex act than anyone else on Earth. Many of them survive on donations and grants, while the rest of us actually work for a living. The Pacific Northwest is a place where no one starves, no one is poor, and yet everyone still manages to feel oppressed. What is it about having a trust fund that makes you think you're Third World?

THE QUINTESSENTIAL EXAMPLE of what I'm driving at here regarding
the inescapably nausea-inducing properties of sex-positivity is an
e-mailed invitation I once saw from a Blue Ribbon-winning sex
writer who calls herself Darklady. The invitation was for one of the
"naughty" and "depraved" group-grope parties she's always throwing in Portland. It made a point of stressing that the event would
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sex due to some sick curiosity on my part—or merely for a laugh—but the invitation's unavoidable implication was that it's both POSI-TIVE and SEXY for these gimps to toss themselves onto the naked pink hog-pile. That one invitation encapsulates everything that's wrong with sexpositivity. When you're too tolerant, it's only proof that you have no taste.

Now, I wouldn't mind watching the wheelchair-bound having

What person with the tiniest scrap of discernment would think sex is good no matter who's doing it?

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not have to celebrate the lamest holiday of the year? (Good thing my alter ego in Seattle isn't writing this one, or you'd be forced to stomach happy, happy, joy, joy, "I'm engaged" bullshit outta him, but Seattle has that cross to bear, not you, so let the flesh parade commence!)

IN THE CLUBS

Stars Cabaret never fails to titillate, stimulate, and make ya want to mastur...umm, never mind that, let's just say they really got it dialed in this month. The Beaverton location presents The Fetish Bizarre (a Morphix Production), on Wed., Feb. 14th, featuring fire dancers, piercing, suspension, bondage, stilt-walkers, latex, tattooing, and, of course, the beautiful Stars Cabaret dancers performing all night. Down south in Salem, they'll be celebrating their one-year anniversary in their new location with some petite treats every Thursday through Saturdayguaranteed to make every guy feel like the big man of the club. They kick off a full week of partying on Mon., Feb. 19th with President's Day specials. Then comes the opening of their new V.I.P. room on Fri., Feb. 23rd and their Ice Party on Sat., Feb. 24th.

Aces High is offering free pole-dancing lessons for the ladies every Tuesday night. Sounds cool! Think about it, though—if I put an ad in the magazine saying there were free pole-dancing lessons at my house the other six days of the week, you think the babes would come?

Meanwhile at Cabaret I and II, they'll be offering Valentine's Day specials for the ladies all day and all night. Or you can check out **The Dolphin** club's parties on Valentine's Day with specials galore and presents for all the ladies. And be sure not to miss their Pajama Party with a bed stage and shows to remember on Thurs., Feb. 22nd.

DV8 will be heating it up with The Divas and Devils Party on Sat., Feb. 17th, with prizes provided by Cathie's and proceeds going to benefit breast-cancer research. Be sure to stop by Jody's Bar and Grill for the big one at the Annual Jody's Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 4th, with a huge raffle, prizes, and a prime-rib buffet!

Soobie's is rolling out the red carpet for the homegirls by offering all Soobie's dancers a free shuttle and a free Cricket

> phone. The all-new Hawthorne Strip is serving up daily specials such as Taco Tuesdays and Sunday Pasta Nights, and over at The Last Chance Saloon in Gervais (just north of Salem), be sure to see what you might be missing with their unspeakable Valentine's Day specials. A little further south in Salem, Romeo's (now open 7pm-3am daily) is stirring it up with Swingers' Night on Mondays, Ladies' Night on Tuesdays featuring male dancers for her pleasure, and on Sundays they open an hour and a half early for Latino Night.



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Exotic Nights Books has introduced a new line of clothing items

with special pricing for dancers. Take the Fascinations challenge! Think you have the most beautiful Valentine? Check out their ad and find out how to win a \$500 shopping spree! And last up, we have the Dynamic Duo of Taboo Video and Ace of Hearts teaming up for a sinful little Taboo Party at the Ace of Hearts on Sat., Feb. 17th. See their ad for specials on vibrators, glass dildos, and even admission to Ace of Hearts.

Until next time, Portland, make sure you're sinning to your maximum capability without getting arrested for it. See ya in March.

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Cupid, whose full name is Cupid Lee Kostaneski, is actually thought to be two thousand or so years old, but due to a rare congenital human-growth hormone condition called Gary Coleman's Syndrome, he merely looks young. Acting on a tip, police recently raided his studio apartment in Davenport, Iowa, and found hundreds of surreptitiously filmed videotapes, all of them depicting graphic sexual acts between couples he'd supposedly matched. They also found shoeboxes filled with hundreds of pornographic photographs dating back as far as one hundred years, as well as several copies of the now-defunct SFX magazine. They promptly arrested him and placed him behind bars pending trial.

"My client is innocent and is facing discrimination merely because he's unusual-looking," said Cupid's lawyer, Shlomo Yisrael Jewison. Fearing reprisals from other inmates, Jewison has successfully petitioned the jail to place Cupid in the Protective Custody cellblock. "Small winged nude men charged with sex crimes don't mix well with the general jail population," Jewison says.

Jewison put me in contact with Cupid, who refused to answer my questions about the case. Instead, he asked me whether I had a girlfriend. When I responded in the NABBED!: affirmative, he asked several probing questions that The "Long Arrow escalated in their intrusiveness.

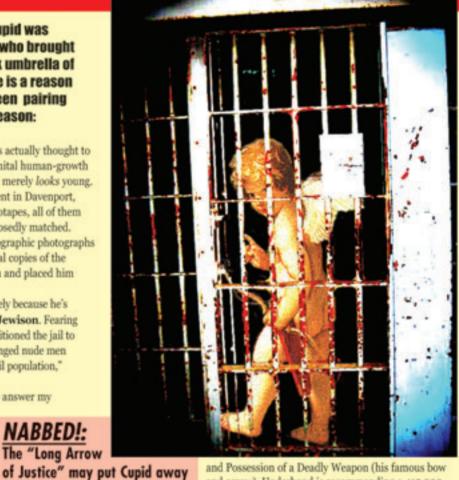
"WE WERE, YOU KNOW, DOING IT," says Delphine

Rhombus, the state's primary witness against Cupid, "and I heard a loud thumping sound against my bedroom window. It turns

out that Cupid was up on a ladder filming us, and the ladder had fallen over. My boyfriend ran out of the house and pinned Cupid's little ass on the ground while I called the cops."

Rhombus describes Cupid as having a firm, round posterior and an extraordinarily tiny penis. "I figured that when he hooked us up, his job was finished," she says. "I didn't figure that he was gonna wanna watch. I used to think he was lovable. Now I just think he's an ordinary sex pervert. I thought he cared about us as people and really wanted us to fall in love; it turns out that all he wanted was to watch us do it. That's gross. When you think about it, what the hell would this weird little nude guy with arrows and wings know about sexual and emotional compatibility? I don't think he's ever had a girlfriend, so why is he a so-called 'expert' in matchmaking? From now on, I'm gonna stick with eHarmony.com."

PROSECUTOR ROD UNDERHAND is charging Cupid with an array of crimes: Trespassing, Felony Stalking, Illegal Use of a Videocamera for Dirty Reasons,



and Possession of a Deadly Weapon (his famous bow and arrow). Underhand is recommending a 415,000year sentence with the possibility of parole after 300,000 years.

"I would take great pleasure at the idea of him suffering like an animal in a cage for the rest of his life," Underhand says. "In fact, it wouldn't bother me one bit if he were murdered in prison."

"Well, isn't that just a little bit sadistic?" I ask him. "Even more sadistic than anything Cupid is accused of doing? After all, he's only charged with watching people enjoy themselves. You just claimed you'd enjoy watching someone suffer for years. That seems even more twisted to me than Cupid's alleged crimes."

"Yes, but it's legal," Underhand replies.

"Explain how that makes a difference," I demand. "It's legal to stuff humans in cages and take cowardly, detached delight in their prolonged suffering?"

"It's the very foundation of our legal system," he says. "As long as it's legal, we don't have to worry whether it's sick or wrong. As long as we can prove that they did something wrong first, then whatever we do to them is automatically not wrong."

"But I thought that two wrongs don't make a right," I counter.

"Only criminals believe that," Underhand says.

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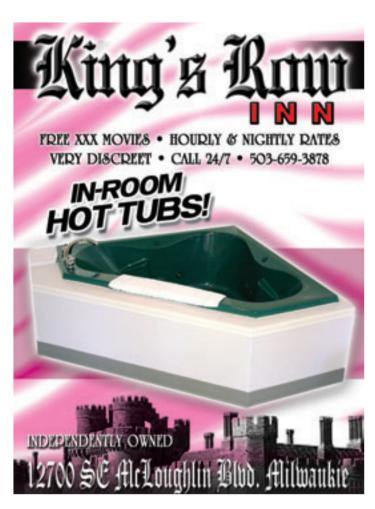
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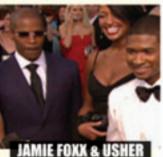


n this month's column I got to give it up to all my industry catz and chicks. Portland still remains the #1 snot in the U.S. for adult entertainment. In 2007 there are some things that I will be presenting to the town that are currently in the works. This year has already been on and crackin', and it's just getting started! In this article I have another DJ Spotlight as well a couple of events that are definitely worth checkin' out. Plus as always, a sexy "Honey of the Month"! I have to also give a shout-out to all my single ladies out there. since Valentine's Day is around the corner, I want y'all to know that Mack got love 4 u! Lets get it goin'!

by j.mack

First Up..."New Year's in Vegas"

All I can say is that I'm still recuperating from it. Las Vegas was packed, hotels were all booked-up, and everybody there came to party like crazy! Me and my partner had two suites at the Venetian Hotel, and since they were blocking the strip on New Year's Eve, we decided to kick it at The Tao Nightclub where we were staying. This place was off the fuckin' hook 4Real! The cool thing about it is that the club had three different sections with different music bumpin' in each one. The party was hosted by Pamela Anderson and Pauly Shore. They were both on a couple good ones, if you know what I mean! One of the highlights of the night came right after the countdown and cought everybody off-guard. The hip-hop room was at capacity when the DJ told everybody to give it up for Usher and Jamie Foxx. These two catz popped up out of nowhere and got on the stage above the dance floor. The crowd went buck-wild because nobody expected it to go down like that! They both sang a few joints and threw a gang of money into the crowd. The security was real happy about that shit. It



was straight-up pandemonium at its best! I have never seen that many drunk people in my life! A Las Vegas hangover ain't no bullshit! To say the least, I had a pretty good time....

Next Up..."Thursdays at The Ohm'

A couple weeks ago I had the chance to finally check out what so many people have been talking about. It was one

of the most entertaining evenings I've had in a while. There was a little bit of everything there that night, from comedians, singers, poets, musicians, and even a live artist painting pictures! If you haven't checked out Poetic Thursdays at the Ohm, you're really missing out on some good local talent as well as some guest appearances by some nationally known comics. Every Thursday it's on and poppin'! The team of professionals that bring it each week consist of Mello Cee, DJ Ababit, Bianca, Ashisha, and Tim Phillips. These folks know how to put together a real cool function! Plus they have a live band that jams behind the poets and singers called the "Black Notes," and believe me, they got skillz for real! Each Thursday at the Ohm you can also check out the live art of Hussein, who captures various moments and people on canvas. This cat is damn good! The night starts at 9pm, and the cover charge is only \$10. You won't find anything else like this in town. It's also the perfect place to take that special someone. Make sure you dress to impress, and spread the word about Poetic Thursdays at The Ohm, and I'll see you there!

Something to Peep

On Friday, February 16, make sure you check out The 503 Takeover Showcase. It's goin' down at Outlaws, located at 722 E. Burnside. The event will feature some of the hottest acts in town such as Tae Da Game, Korbell, Mello-D, Arjay, Fab Saturdays, Twin Life, Jae Lava, Nio Supreme of Flossin' TV, Roulette Delgato, and Devahoss. This is a star-studded lineup of some of the best acts out there! The event is being sponsored by Da Boo Boo Productions, Goone TV, Momentum Studios, One Stop Records, and KPSU. Big ups to DJ Fresh! On the wheels of steel for this event will be no other than The World Famous DJ CHILL! The Takeover showcase is an 18-and-up affair. The cover is \$8, and the doors open at 8pm. Outlaws is one of the nicest facilities in town, and I'm sure you will enjoy yourself, so

Mack's DJ Spotlight

This month it shines on one of the best in the industry, Mr. Larry Bell, aka D.L.B.! Being a DJ in the adult industry is quite different than a regular nightclub gig. There are so many parts to play, and D.L.B. does it well! In a strip club, you not only have to play to the crowd, but you must also give the dancers the music that they want. Plus the happier they are, the more money the DJ gets tipped. The music is very important, but you also have to know the lingo: What to say between songs and how to introduce the honeys doesn't come naturally to some DJs. D.L.B. has a way with words that is just as entertaining as a top standup comic. This cat will have you crackin' up all night. That's another key to being a top DJ-the ability to keep the customers enjoying the atmosphere even if they are not at the racks. The longer they are

there, the more money they spend, and that is the main objective! So if you happen to be in downtown Portland Tuesday through Saturday, swing by The Cabaret on 5th and Burnside and check out the wild style of my boy D.L.B.1 Get him a 151 and Coke for me, and make sure you tip the honeys!

Honey of the Month

This month's Honey is the scrumptious and educated Felicity. She is currently a full-time student at PSU and is majoring in Advertisement with a minor in Medical Insurance Billing. Her dream is to have a career in Public Relations. In her spare time, this sexy single mom enjoys

reading and writing poetry. You can also see this beautiful honey at the Cabaret. Congratulations for being the February 2007

Honey of the Month. Much love, baby, and I'm very proud of you!

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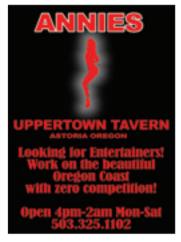
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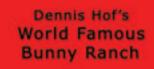




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Ah, Valentine's Day. Pink, satiny Valentine's Day—with your rose-tinted sentiment and misguided intentions—how I loathe thee. Somewhere along the line I've become the archetypal Anti-Cupid, as it seems I never have anything good to say about love, commitment, or relationships in general.

In my defense, I suffered too many high school years watching cheerleaders cram dozens of roses into their lockers, stuffing armfuls of Valentine's cards into their backpacks and having to be squeegeed off the floor after every class period. Yes, I am bitter, and to continue my pessimistic trend, this year I'd like to take the opportunity to point out how quickly Valentine's Day makes us do stupid shit. Namely: Calling the Ex for Sex.

Hey, Valentine's Day is rough. It is the only celebrated day that you simply cannot partake in unless you're part of a couple. Even those of us that refuse to recognize V-Day as anything special, spouting off words such as "consumerism" and "Hallmark"...even *we* feel the burn if we're alone on that wretched day. C'mon, it's hard to face a million delusional couples alone!

Valentine's Day, for all intents and purposes, should be renamed *the holiday* that forgives all sins. This is a day that prides itself on making every person who is not in a relationship feel even worse about themselves. It has some magical blend of loneliness, melancholy, and pink satiny mush that causes people to venture into territories they had long ago deemed "off-limits."

Sometimes, Valentine's Day clouds our judgment. It takes a person we remember breaking up with and miraculously puts them back on the market! We somehow forget all the evildoings of our archenemy, and all we can remember is how good they were in bed. Even if your ex *stalked* you for a year after you broke up, all bets are off on Valentine's Day.

Some of us find solace in going to Hallmark on Valentine's Day and laughing at the men tearing their hair out looking for the *perfect card*. Alas, if the stampede of men at Victoria's Secret buying everything in a Size 2 because they don't know any better doesn't fill you with warm fuzzies and you just have to give in, make sure you prepare yourself with this mental checklist of how to booty-call your ex.

Assess the situation.

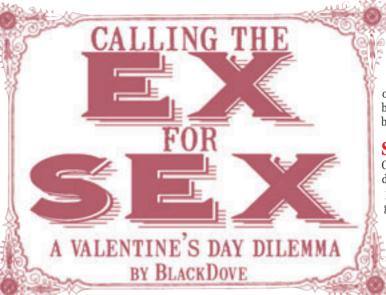
What kind of person is your ex? Is she the type who could handle a booty call? Was he drama from the get-go? Was she prone to breaking things? These are probably not suitable exes to be calling on for a job reference, much less something as meaningful as meaningless sex. If your relationship could be described as "a big complicated mess," reopening *that* box is going to be more trouble than it's worth.

Time heals some wounds.

How much time has gone by since you broke up? Chances are, if she's not surprised to hear your voice, it's probably too soon to be calling. Give the wounds time to heal. Look at the severity of the breakup. Did you just part ways, agreeing to disagree, or were restraining orders involved? Another thing to consider: Make sure you're not the one who is still hurting. Using sex to try and weasel your way back into a relationship does not make you a team player.

Be clear about your intentions.

I remember a time when I was weak and did the deed with an ex. It wasn't Valentine's Day, but the



effect was just as devastating. He came over; we were all romantic (i.e., horny) and lovey-dovey (i.e., orgasmic), and the next day he had posted *our song* all over his MySpace. Barf. The point is, my idea of a good time was his idea of getting back together. Make sure you're clear before you even hang up the phone.

Stick to the goal.

Once you've got the ex standing in your doorway, giving you *that look*, the one you haven't seen in so long, it's easy to get wrapped up in the moment.

Sometimes the relief of remembering what *multi-orgasmic* means can make you forget all the bad stuff that happened. In the heat of the moment, it's easy to confuse lust for something deeper. Refrain from talking about old times, except

maybe reliving some sexual memories that help put him in the mood.

How do you like your eggs?

This one can be tough, but try to treat this like any other booty call, and don't let the ex stay the night. Waking up together, doing the nonsexual things you used to do will only further your chances of remembering the good old times and losing sight of the goal. Plus, how are you going to explain yourself to your roommates?

Don't call every weekend.

Think about how relationships start. You spend time together, you go on dates, they spend the night...next thing you know, BAM! You're in a relationship. That's the natural progression of things, and usually it's sweet and endearing...but you've already been down that path with this particular person, and you know how it ends. Give yourself ample time between booty calls.

Play it safe.

Maybe you were in a long-term, committed relationship with your ex. Maybe you got to that Holy Grail level where you had both been tested and trusted you were only sleeping with each other. Things are different now. Remember, just because your ex hasn't been with *you* doesn't mean he's

been living in a sexless vortex of virgins and prudes.

Treat this like any other new partner—with suspicion.

Calling your ex for sex on Valentine's Day, or any

day, can be very, very rewarding. If you remained friends when you broke up and if you're both on the same page, sleeping with an ex can be more rewarding than the first time around. You can show each other new tricks and help each other remember some old ones. Sometimes, the familiar-

ity may bring out a whole new you; you may find that you're dirtier than you remembered.

In fact, maybe I've been too harsh with

Valentine's Day. Perhaps I should be more tolerant and optimistic. Perhaps I've

been fooled—Valentine's Day isn't about love at all! It is an opportunity for great and endless sexual possibilities! Maybe the cheerleaders were right! After all, nothing goes together better than sex, chocolate, and pink satiny mush.

Here's to staying single, drinking double, and sleeping triple.









hen you celebrate Valentine's Day as you invariably will, maybe it's best you understand a little bit about the myth of Saint Valentine.

There are at least three "Saint Valentines" in the Catholic annals, and no one is sure whether even one of them existed.

But the primary fable about Saint Valentine goes something like this: Roman **Emperor Claudius**

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II, aka "Claudius the Cruel," annulled all marriages in Rome because married men were far less likely to risk their lives as soldiers. Valentine, or Valentinus, was a Christian priest who defied the Emperor's order and continued to marry couples in private. He was caught, dragged before the authorities, and beaten with clubs, vet he refused to apologize. So they chopped off his fucking head.

So when people say, "Will you be my Valentine?" they really mean, "Will you be my celibate masochistic priest who is ultimately beheaded?" I think it's important you know that.

Just as Christmas celebrates the twin falsehoods of Christ's virgin birth and

Santa Claus's existence...just as July 4th commemorates the bald-faced lie that we're free...Valentine's Day is a silly holiday where couples embrace the impossible dream of everlasting love and the obviously untrue idea that it was anything more than chance and proximity that brought them together.

It's a day to celebrate-what? When the penises and vaginas come together to share the patently fraudulent notion that it all means something beyond the biologically programmed urge to photocopy one another.

I can understand the holiday's appeal to women, because infantile delusions of eternal togetherness and star-crossed destiny are apparently as necessary to them as oxygen, but please, fellas-have some dignity. Few things are more emasculating than falling in love, and there is no sight more disgusting than a love-struck man.

Swapping valentines might be cute when you're, like, eight, but as an adult it's cringeworthy and pathetic. Men murder their own masculinity by getting all schmoopywoopy and lubby-dubby. You pathetic fags-get a grip on yourselves.

So on Valentine's Day when you snuggle together

under the duck-down comforter. nibbling on popcorn as she forces you to watch one of her gay-ass romantic comedies, remember this: You're going to get tired of her. It's inevitable. You'll make promises you're incapable of keep-

ing. And you'll insist that you'll love her forever, but it's just a trick your brain plays on you.

> "Love" is chemical. It's not real, no matter how much you struggle against that truth like a clumsy toddler

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You've had my dick. Now here's a box of chocolates. Leave me alone. You wanna little piece of candy, honey? Does daddy's widdle baby wanna piece of candy? Here, eat one-no, eat two. Eat the whole fucking box. Stuff your mouth so I don't have to hear you blabbering anymore. Please—eat more chocolate and quit nagging me. Harass the shit out of that chocolate box about how it doesn't understand you. Cry to the chocolate about how it doesn't care about you anymore. Stomp your feet on the pavement and scream at the chocolate in public, why don't you?

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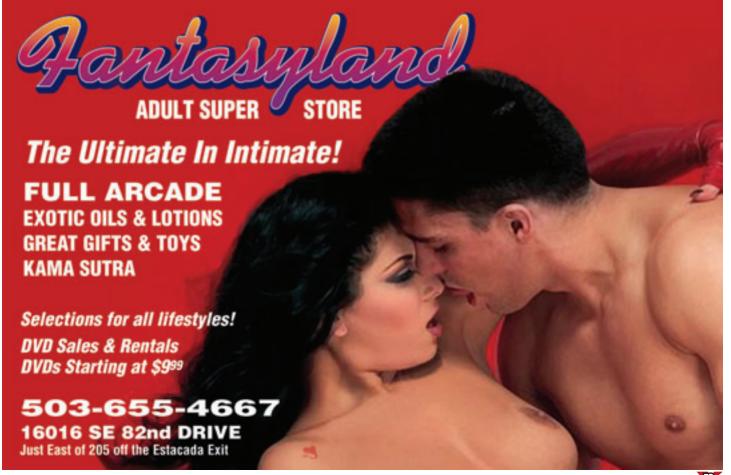
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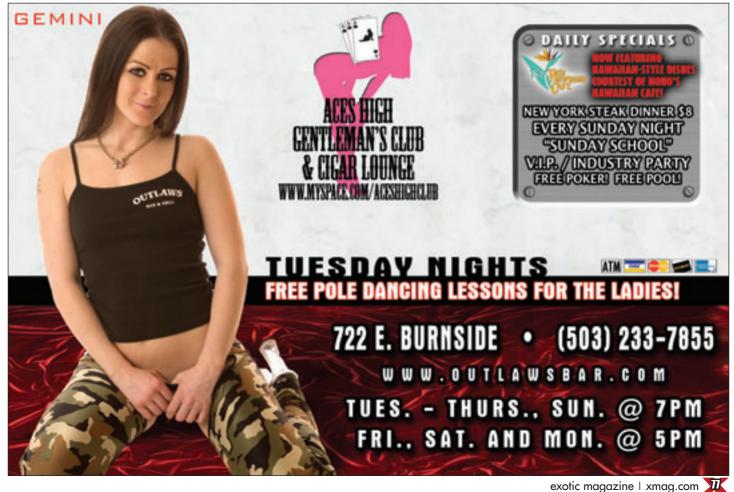
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