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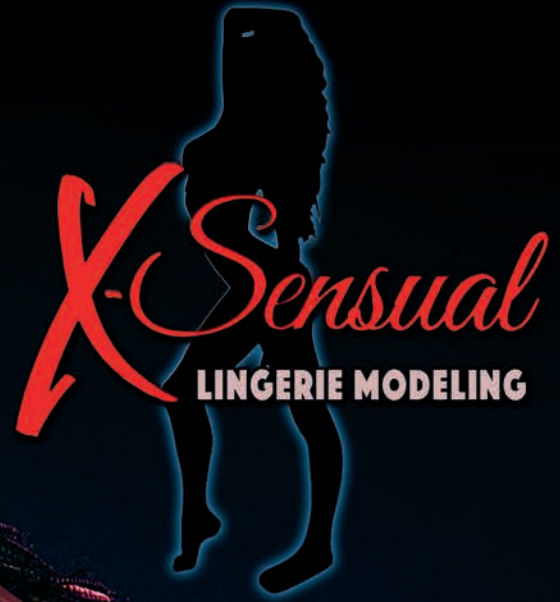
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Spring is official, and you know what else is? *Polerotica 2026!* That's right... the Pacific Northwest's original & largest pole competition is back for 2026—now in its 16th year! What better time to look back and see how we got here? There've been so many amazing, talented pole-goddesses over the last decade and a half!

Now, we've lost a few years along the way (mainly due to the pandemic and some internal event restructuring), but since the first *Polerotica* in 2010, we've hung gold medals on 13 champions, including a tie for first place one year, as well as a performer winning three times (a truly amazing accomplishment that has never happened since, across both Exotic competitions)!

*Polerotica* is an amazing event that showcases the immense talent, athleticism, and technical pole skills that are present in our industry, which are often overlooked. It's a much different event than *Miss Exotic Oregon*...less pageant, more hardcore, physical competition.

It all starts on Friday, April 3, at Kit Kat Club, and continues for seven weeks of preliminary qualifying rounds. Then, it's the ultimate pole showdown at *The Finals* on Friday, May 22, at Dante's. The full list of dates is on page 16! See you there!

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\*Polerotica 2019 Champion, Devin Divine from Kit Kat Club, was unable to be featured on our July 2019 cover due to personal reasons.

## THE P-TOWN HAPS

Time to discuss what else is happening around the industry in April. And if you're a seasoned Erotic City connoisseur, you already know we'll start with industry birthdays! We'll start off with Daria's Gosh Dang Divine Dance-O-Rama Birthday Party on Friday, April 3, at Devils Point. Then on the following Friday, April 10, head over to AJ's Gentlemen's Club for Nina's All-White Birthday Party. Lastly, we have two birthdays on Saturday, April 11: Azra's Angelic Birthday Party at Lucky Devil Lounge, and Scott's Birthday Party at Guilty Pleasures. Happy Birthday, ladies—and Scott—from all of us at Exotic!

Anyone up for some industry-flavored Easter celebrations? Sounds like the perfect mix to us! Visit Stars Cabaret at Bridgeport in Tigard for their industry Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5. Easter eggs will be hidden throughout the club, along with the coveted golden egg, containing the exclusive Stars Cabaret MVP Card! Other prizes include free dances and Starbucks gift cards, so don't miss out! A few weeks later, on Saturday, April 18, Stars Cabaret in Salem will throw their own Easter egg hunt: Bad Bunnies After Dark, promising drink specials and naughty surprises all night!



Now it wouldn't be a proper April in the industry without a 4/20 party, right?! Casa Diablo has you covered, thankfully. Join them on Sunday, April 19, for their Bob Marley at Midnight, 420 Pre-Party!

Last on our list of April events is a going-away party of sorts. Guilty Pleasures is throwing their Farewell Party on Saturday, April 25, but it's also, technically, their 8th Anniversary. We like to look for the positivity in things here at Exotic, so we're focusing on celebrating the last eight years—lots of good times! We'll see you all there for a final goodbye.

I'll end with some April Fools' advice...

"Better a witty fool than a foolish wit."—Shakespeare

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SUN 05 – DANTE'S – SINFERNO CABARET

SUN 05 – STARS CABARET (BRIDGEPORT) – EASTER EGG HUNT

FRI 10 – AJ'S – NINA'S ALL-WHITE BIRTHDAY PARTY

SAT 11 – AJ'S – POLEROTICA 2026 QUALIFIER ROUND II

SAT 11 – LUCKY DEVIL – AZRA'S ANGELIC BIRTHDAY PARTY

SAT 11 – GUILTY PLEASURES – SCOTT'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

SUN 12 – DANTE'S – SINFERNO CABARET

FRI 17 – STARS CABARET (SALEM)  
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SUN 19 – CASA DIABLO

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SUN 19 – DANTE'S – SINFERNO CABARET

FRI 24 – GUILTY PLEASURES  
POLEROTICA 2026 QUALIFIER ROUND IV

FRI 24 – SUNSET STRIP VIP – BARBEECORE PINK PARTY

SAT 25 – GUILTY PLEASURES – FAREWELL PARTY

SAT 25 – THE LOUNGE

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SUN 26 – DANTE'S – SINFERNO CABARET

## MAY

FRI 01 – THE LOUNGE – POLEROTICA 2026 QUALIFIER ROUND V

FRI 08 – LAS GATAS (PORTLAND)  
POLEROTICA 2026 QUALIFIER ROUND VI

FRI 15 – DESIRE – POLEROTICA 2026 QUALIFIER ROUND VII

FRI 22 – DANTE'S – POLEROTICA 2026 FINALS

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CABARET – 2PM-6PM  
CLUB 205 – 10:30AM-8PM  
DEVILS POINT – 3PM-6PM  
DESIRE – 6PM-9PM  
DV8 – 12PM-3PM

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GUILTY PLEASURES – 12PM-8PM  
THE LOUNGE – 11AM-4PM  
LUCKY DEVIL – 3PM-6PM

# TALES FROM THE DJ BOOTH

BY DJ HAZMATT

## 12 RULES FOR STRIPPING

Welcome back, students. Assuming you've done your homework, let's continue (if not, pick up an old issue or check out the archive at [xmag.com](http://xmag.com)).

### Rule 4: You May Never Know Which Customer Has the Most Money

Earlier in this series, I noted that it's usually possible to profile a crowd when guessing what types of music they will appreciate. Of course, there are always exceptions to the rule, but more often than not, a table full of Portland-presenting white guys dressed like loggers who can't lift wood are into indie rock. It's not racist to assume the old, black dude might enjoy Bill Withers more than he does Cannibal Corpse (not always, but humor me here), nor is it homophobic to guess that a table full of gay dudes supporting their girlfriend at work would prefer Bronski Beat over Kid Rock. You may be wrong, exceptions to the rule exist, yadda yadda, but a glance and a vibe check will usually do the trick where song choice is concerned.

Although profiling works with music, it absolutely, positively, does *not* work where money is the target—you can work these clubs until you're well into your thirties or beyond, and still not be able to figure out why some big spenders look like they just crawled out of a dumpster. And, on the flipside, there are more fake ballers than there are big spenders. The faux-hustler isn't just limited to the scammers and trust-me-bros of Instagram-suggested reels (maybe it's just me, as I have neither risen nor ground as a result of these ads, yet the rented, yellow Lambos next to

ethnically ambiguous guy-in-a-suit images haunt my feed to this day). With the rare exception of bachelor parties and dudes looking to get robbed in the alley, in the strip club world, there is no correlation between suits and money.



If you want to make bank in a busy club, accept the fact that you have absolutely no idea who has your rent money in their pocket, and knock on as many metaphorical doors as you can. Smile at the awkward dude. Wink at the weekend lesbian. Embrace low-pressure sales and make every customer you bump into feel like you're not just trying to take their money (because, you *are* trying to take their money, but you work in a postmodern dystopia, in which our understanding of psychology is used to milk people out of their capital). Find a nice balance between cold shoulders and pornstar acting—don't ignore anyone, but also don't pander.

To help ease you in your quest for riches, let me explain the four basic archetypes of money-having-men in strip clubs (I am not saying

to ignore women, in fact, they can be some of your best customers—I'm just speaking for the majority, as a result of both shameful experience and observational pity, having worked in these clubs for eleven and a half decades in DJ years).

### The Fool

Okay, maybe take back everything I said at the beginning about not profiling people. It's okay to profile The Fool. First to get told to put his phone away, last to stop flashing his cash, The Fool is an obvious mark. The trick with this dude is not to waste a ton of time. Approach with a hard sell and a touch of snark. "Are you just gonna wave that brick of ones around, or are you gonna make it rain?" Giggle at his shoes. Ask what decade his iPhone came out in. Be nice, be funny, but lean more on the roast/drag angle of your at-work persona until you've milked the moment. Think of The Fool like those coin boxes in Mario games. When they stop producing coins, move on. If they want any more of your attention, they will make it clear by, well, acting a "fool," and throwing cash when you're on stage again.



## The Stealth Bomber

This guy is low-key, and he's fucking loaded. Where The Fool leads with his money, The Stealth Bomber is smart enough to know that he shouldn't flaunt his wealth, similar to the "Bill Gates drives a shitbox" wisdom that can keep dudes from becoming marks. Perhaps this person fell into an inheritance, perhaps they just got done serving time for wire fraud, or perhaps they just forgot that they bought all that Dogecoin years ago, and checked their Coinbase app by accident while taking a piss, nearly dropping their phone into the urinal upon realizing they're rich all of a sudden.



The Stealth Bomber may be smart with concealing his money, but if he just fell into it, he's not going to be tight with it. The male instinct to spread seed extends to the wallet. So, your job as a dancer is to make small talk. Men have three, maybe four interests, tops. Once I've let a girl know my feelings on college (scam), politics (scam), and the Federal Reserve (scam), I *might* mention firearms before drawing a complete blank and sharing whatever the latest goings-on in my life are. This is how you sus out a Stealth Bomber—he will tell you. And not in that "I'm going to drop hints like sprinkles of salt until you put them together into a cube" woman way of telling you something, but in a dumber, less covert, "So, are you like, into finance?" male kind of way. And your response should be, "I'd love to hear you tell me about it over a dance." Once the dance is done, don't let the other girls know. Become a Stealth Bomb-erette, and this guy will return for dances again and again, throughout the night.

## Tourists

My buddy got thrown out of a strip club in Idaho because he asked a dancer to take off her top. Apparently, that's a no-no in the land of potatoes. Then, the same guy went to Canada and got teased by a Canadian stripper because he wasn't touching her while

she was naked during a dance. Apparently, touching is mandatory in the land of maple syrup. The rules regarding what flies here may or may not fly there. Potatoes and maple syrup don't mix, unless the potatoes get really hot first. I don't know where I'm going with this analogy.

Oh, this was it: if you have a group of tourists (or a solo traveler) who appear(s) to be breaking (or simply unaware of the) rules, don't rush to assumptions. Oftentimes, the people who don't know how to tip aren't complete idiots who hate strippers—perhaps the DJ is just reminding them to do so in a language they don't speak. Perhaps they think the establishment is a pay-for-private, watch-at-stage scenario. Some clubs (Kit Kat and Sassy's come to mind) have great security who remind incoming customers of the rules, and take extra time to give a run-down to foreigners. But that's the bouncer doing extra, and not something that happens everywhere, all the time. Therefore, it is your job to do what every single country on the planet does and find a way to rob tourists while smiling, making them feel like they are making a worthwhile purchase.



One can assume that people who travel to Portland aren't doing so to find the best downtown school to leave their kids at all day. I imagine it's more of a Temu Vegas scenario, whether *The Hangover* or *Leaving Las Vegas* in nature, with a ton of money being dropped either way. The best way to win over the tourist crowd is to play up whatever im-

pression they have of you. Sometimes, it's the quirk and the donut dust. Other times, it's the full nudity. Find out whatever we can do here that they can't do there, and do that thing. It's not vegan nachos that bankrupt the vacationing bachelors stumbling out of Casa Diablo at bar-thirty while ignoring texts from their bank-account-noticing wives. It's the entertainment. And thankfully, most bands now charge fuck-you-nintey-nine (plus fees) for live shows, so smart tourists have a cover story to account for spent funds (if they can just remember how to pronounce "Arlene Schnitzer").

## Soon-to-Be-Divorced Guys

A lot of men are on their way to divorce. Some know they are, others are currently too busy forgetting birthdays and banging babysitters. Whatever your preferred flavor of busted unc, divorce is the worst and most expensive thing that can happen to a man, outside of Bangkok. Whatever amount of heartbreak or financial ruin you intend on bringing into this guy's night off is nothing compared to his upcoming nightmare with the courts, banks, and some bitch named Barbara, whom you will inevitably hear about during a private dance.

This means that he's not only willing to spend money he doesn't have on a woman who doesn't love him in return, but he's built for it. You could be the most mediocre dancer on stage, forget makeup, use dollar store hygiene products, and *still* be more attractive to the STBDG than the woman he's trying to forget. This dude might start slow, with a few dollars here and there, but so did his marriage. If he were good with money and knew how to say "no" to women, he wouldn't be getting divorced. Plus, in the back of his head, he knows that courts will determine his alimony/support payments based on income and savings. So, the more money he "loses in a boating accident" during his time at The Sticky Kitten, the less his upcoming payments to Barbara will be. Every dollar you take from STBDG is a dollar that doesn't go to Barbara. Fuck Barbara.

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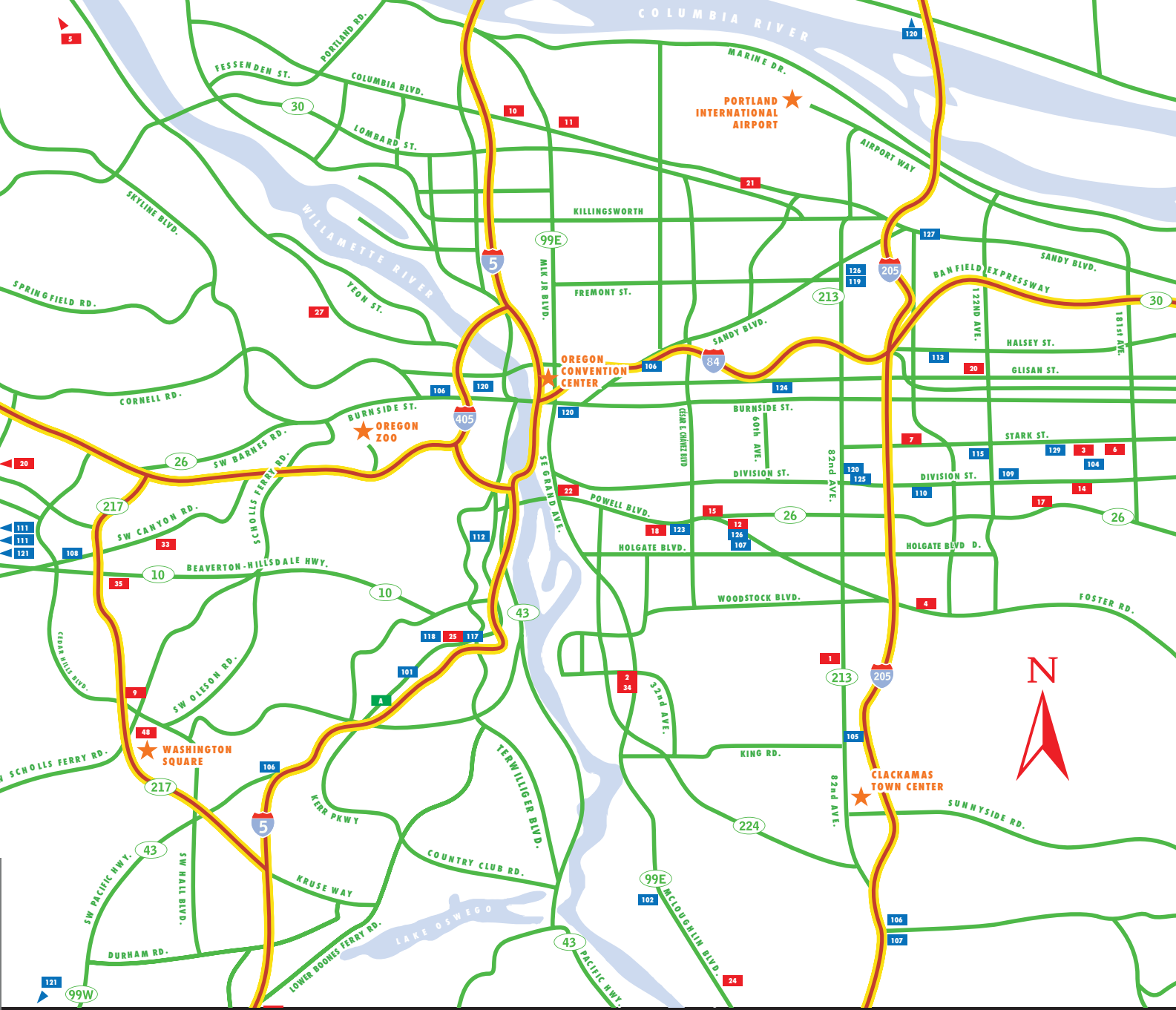
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BY HANNAH ONE CUP

April brings a lot of things to the table, like ham, painted eggs, chocolate, Jesus (I guess? Maybe this year...), rain, and that one special day of the year where everyone gets together secretly, by themselves, in windowless rooms, to plan massive power outages, national treasure robbery, resurrections, or some joke-equivalent, to unsuspecting people. I've never been good at it—April Fool's Day, I mean. I always thought it required someone a bit meaner and more confident than I was, so every time I'd try to pull a prank, I'd immediately back out of it, tell the "victim" I was lying, and apologize. Such a waste of energy and a massive source of undue stress on my part, feeling like an awful human being. But, being an adult, I'm now calloused to all that and couldn't care less if someone believes me or not. Which is probably why these next April Fool's pranks landed themselves in the "fail" category. Personally, I find most of these hilarious or at least chuckle-worthy. But there's always that Karen and Todd Pilgrimman-man, who just want to ruin *everything* for *everyone*. Thanks to them, we have this list of pranks that were considered failures by *everyone*. In no particular order—please enjoy.

**Taco Liberty Bell** – In 1996, Taco Bell ran ads in multiple major newspapers claiming it had purchased the Liberty Bell and renamed it the Taco Liberty Bell. Apparently, a few politicians called the National Park Service to ask why the hell a national treasure was being sold to a place that sold things called Gorditas. In defense of Taco Bell, their ads claimed they were trying to help the national debt by buying our nation's "prized stuff," so you can't be too upset by that, right?

**Watch Out for the Erupting Volcanic Hill!** – In 1980, a news caster in Boston, Massachusetts (you don't want to know how long it took me to spell this state correctly. It's embarrassing, really... I almost shortened it to Mass. just out of laziness and unwillingness to use auto-correct), gave a startling news report about the Great Blue Hill in Milton. 600 million years ago to this day (or in the relative ballpark—time's tricky and mostly relative), Great Blue Hill was an actual volcano that spewed lava and everything. Today, it's a hill, just like the

name suggests. Well, that local news caster decided to claim it was now erupting, showing pictures and footage of lava flowing from an unnamed source. This scared quite a few folks in the area, obviously. It's just a bit ominous that Mt. Saint Helens ended up popping her top just a month and change after this *joke*.

**Let the Best Prisoner Win** – The UK and their sense of humor have always been love or hate with anyone who has not grown up in the UK or watched the BBC on TV for some reason. You either get it, or you don't. And even if you do, it might not be your cup of Earl Grey. Such is the case with this prank pulled in 2015 by the Manchester Police Department, who made a tweet, stating in so many words, "If you know a prisoner you would like to see out of prison, you can vote for them here! The winner gets a holiday!" The tweet appears to have been removed and all but taken away from the internet, but let's just say that there were a lot of people calling and complaining about this *official* announcement, due to some of them having children who had been murdered by these individuals. Yeah, I'll say this is one of those times I just won't understand British humor, and it looks like others didn't take to it either.

**You'll Help Bury My Husband, Right?** – In 2013, a Tennessee resident by the name of Susan called her sister up, stating she had killed her husband, was cleaning up the evidence, and needed help burying the body. Her sister, not taking into account the day of the year, only thought back to those times she remembered Susan and her husband having marital spats, so she took it upon herself to call another relative and divulge what was said to her about the murder. That relative decided they couldn't let the family get away with murder, so they called the cops on Susan. When the sister and cops showed up, Susan's husband showed himself to them, proving he was very alive and well. Susan wasn't arrested, but she was put in the back of a police car for a bit, to sit and think about how she could make next year's prank go a bit more smoothly. I mean, at least she's also now aware that none of her family would help with burying a body. So, there's that. Lesson learned.



Okay, so I think I did save the best for last. It's also the oldest one on here...

**I'm Not a Ghost!** – In 1708, the author of *Gulliver's Travels*, Jonathan Swift, used a pseudonym, "Isaac Bickerstaff," to predict that the famous astrologer John Partridge would die on March 29th. On March 30th, there was an anonymous letter confirming Partridge's apparent "death". On April 1st, an individual came and knocked on his door to arrange the funeral. Even though Partridge was still very much alive, predicting his own future in space-time as an astrologer, he spent *years* convincing people that he was not a ghost. Years. He died 7 years later, still not knowing who the heck Isaac Bickerstaff was, the man who probably nearly ruined his social life, and on his deathbed, convincing people that he was not a ghost. I keep thinking of that story about Jesus in a cave, blocked by a boulder, waiting it out a bit, still alive, and then popping back out from behind the boulder, like the Fonz or Kool-Aid Man, alive and well, thumbs up, wearing cool sunglasses or something, telling people he came back from the dead. It's just like that, yeah.

I mean...what kind of particular dick do you have to be (apparently Jonathan Swift...er, Isaac Bickerstaff), to announce to the public that someone's dead, never say "PSYCH!" or come out to the person you falsely accused of being dead to at least shake hands and chuckle together or something. It's like a weird secret he kept to himself forever. Or at least didn't tell Partridge about.

I want to end this article by saying I don't think there is such a thing as a bad joke. Jokes are inherently funny to at least one person, the one making the joke. If it makes you laugh and isn't causing harm to anyone, at least no mental harm that can't be undone, go ahead and buy that Liberty Bell or claim to purchase all of the cows in Wisconsin to be set free in Idaho. Stating you murdered someone to a family member or friend might be taking things a bit far, and I might tone down the tweets about letting out violent prisoners for a "holiday", but that's just my two cents. Two cents that might be worth more someday! Haha...I hope I become a millionaire on April 1st so that I can tell everyone I'm a millionaire but have no one believe me.



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Hannah One Cup can be found researching other failed jokes on the internet and wondering about why the Dewey Decimal system is still being used. Her ADHD is kicking in, so she's going to end the article here. Also, the ice cream man just passed by the house, so she is about to go run out and grab one before he's gone. Stay aware of your holidays, except Easter, that one is just whenever ham is on sale. And stay sexy!

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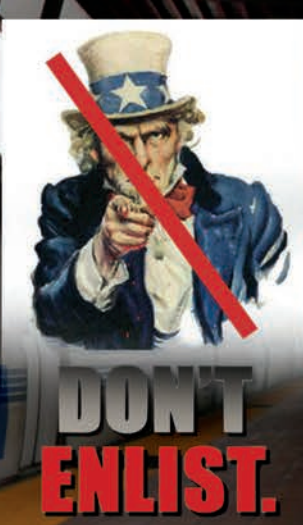
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I've been reading David Byrne's *How Music Works* and was pretty bummed out by the section where he addresses his anger, disappointment, anxiety, and sense of helplessness at the Bush Administration's invasion of Afghanistan, and then Iraq two years later. I came across this passage right as the missiles were raining over Iran in the present day, killing state leaders and school children alike. Timing couldn't have been better. I don't know what I was expecting from this elder statesman of pop music. Maybe I was hoping there would be some...instruction? Some path forward for what to do when you live in a country that is just flagrantly committing war crimes like a bully, while asking you, "What are you gonna do about it, nerd?"



Keep in mind, David was living in New York City when the towers fell. He saw the aftermath from his bicycle. In his book, he mentions "revenge" as one of the disgustingly inappropriate reasons for invading one of the two countries—the one where the fighting lasted twenty years and resulted in the same regime that we apparently went in to oust, returning to power. This book came out in 2012. Poor David (while writing this) didn't realize the war would rage on for another 9 years.

Sadly, Mr. Byrne had no advice for a lowly musician during such times. And God knows he tried. If you read the book, he includes one of the full-page ads he was taking out in both *Rolling Stone* and the *New York Times*, urging contributions to help stop the invasion of Iraq. Really putting his money where his mouth was. Not just writing dumb protest songs, which he bemoans the uselessness of. His take is that they do little more than provide catharsis for the artist. I'd argue for the listener as well, but the point stands. They sure as shit

don't stop the war machine. In his book, he relents that despite a lot of legwork and money spent, it did nothing. America invaded Iraq. Hundreds of thousands of lives were lost. The stability of the Middle East remained in flux.

I suppose it was naïve of me to assume the Scottish expat would provide something a musician could do that *would* stop such unjustified state violence, since grassroots organizing and writing music did fuck all. He certainly did not. The chapter trails off into some musings about home recordings.

Sadly, all I could gather from reading David's assessment during a similar travesty is that it just sucks. This just totally sucks, and there's nothing you or I can do about it. I mean, it doesn't suck as much as it does for the civilians living in Iran, Israel, Lebanon, and soon other countries catching missiles. Last time we were properly invaded was 1812 (1943 if you count Japan's invasion of Alaska), so you're not really gonna feel the direct effects of this war unless you drive a lot, or you or someone you know is an active service member. (Hey, that could be *everyone* soon if they reinstate the draft.)

So, I'll try to do what David Byrne couldn't and provide a list of three things you, a local Portland musician, can do in this next installment of America's forever wars.

**Don't Pay Taxes**

At this point, fuck it. If you can get away with not paying taxes, do it. It's just going to the war machine anyway. Also, this regime can seemingly use this war machine however the hell they want, with no accountability from the public or even Congress. The last time Congress declared war was in 1942. Weird right? It seems like there have been a hell of a lot of wars since then, but as per the whole proper channels, nope. Last time we did it for realies was apparently 1942. This might not apply to you, since, as a musician, you prob-

ably don't make enough money to owe any taxes, you poor piece of shit.

**Don't Enlist in the Military**

And if you are in the military, either resign or be a conscientious objector. I don't know how it works since I'm a nudie mag writer. But since the draft isn't instituted, you have the choice whether to be part of the war machine in return for a free college or whatever. Just don't. Since you're a musician, I assume you weren't planning on it, but I just feel like I need to reiterate here. If you want your boss to be an alcoholic with nazi tattoos, go work at a gas station. And on that note!

**Don't Drive**

You might not have a choice on this one. Gas prices are about to skyrocket if this keeps up. I'm writing this in early March (well past the writer's deadline, I might add), so who fucking knows where those prices will be in April. Touring in your shitty, little band van is simply not tenable if gas is 12 dollars a gallon. Sadly, this has been the case for some time. I remember as long ago as 2006 in the Bay Area, bands were scaling back on touring because gas was getting too expensive. Oh, if only those poor souls knew how much worse it was going to get. Now remember, I didn't say don't tour. Just ditch the van. Apparently, it's a thing in bigger cities and a *huge* thing in the UK. It's weird reading about how Oasis got to their shows via the Tube, back before they were signed. Amps, drum cases, and all. And that seemed to be the norm for local bands since nobody drives there. Bands in New York take the subway to get to gigs. Seems weird, but I guess it's better than finding parking. As someone who's played San Francisco a few times, I can confirm...I would much rather roll an amp off BART than spend 2 hours looking for parking on a hill.

Whatever you do,

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BY WOMBSTRETCHA THE MAGNIFICENT

[Or, Our Relationship With Our Own Mortality]

Death. We know we are going to end up there eventually. Nobody lives forever, except maybe Dracula. But the undead are not my concern. Your humble author has died twice. Didn't want to, but sometimes ya get sick and it happens like that. My personal experience of ying was having Pat Sajak, of all people, as the reaper, beckoning me into the abyss. He didn't make any corny jokes or anything, and he just extended his hand. I don't even like Wheel of Fortune! He extended his hand and beckoned. Didn't say a goddamn word, and where the fuck was Vanna White? I'd rather have her offering me a lawn mower to pursue my un-life. I was like "I ain't buying a vowel or any of this shit!" Still ended up dead. I call it the Dark Black, because that's pretty much what it is. Just like...not anything. They always say the same shit when they get you to life again. "Oh, hey, we kinda lost ya there." "I'm not a set of car keys; what do you mean you lost me?" "You, uh, kinda were dead for a while." "Fuck, how long?" "Entirely too long." "Am I...okay?" "Far as we can tell." "Okay. Uh, I guess I'm alright with that." "Glad to help." "Still not sure I trust you, Greg."



The first time was rather mundane. Renal failure is a buttsucker (I got better, obviously). The second time, I was shit-

ting blood into the toilet; fresh blood. I lost so much that I couldn't move and was on the floor. I had the energy to call a friend. "Come take me to the hospital. I lost a lot of blood, out of my fucking ass, and can't move." "I'm too drunk. Take an Uber." "It's 11 a.m.! Get your drunk ass in the car and take me to the hospital!"

Assuredly, I was drunkenly toted to the hospital and seen ASAP. "How much blood do you think you lost?" said the nurse. "I am not an ass blood expert, but so much that I can barely walk." "Oh, uh, that's not good." I was put into a wheelchair and hustled out promptly. I spent the next five days shitting into a plastic cowboy hat with graduations so they can see how much blood is actually coming out of my ass, in units of metric blood shits. The conclusion came: too much. Then, I died again, but not for too long. They said the same thing. "Why do you always say that?" "Er, that's what they told us in school. Relaxes people and assures them they are in good hands." "A little cheesy, though, don't you think? I was fucking dead." "Well, I don't know what to tell you." "Next time, hopefully there isn't one, but say something different, like 'Welcome back, you formerly dead-ass bitch!'" "I dunno if I'm allowed to say that." "Fine, you alive-ass bitch." The thing that catches you is that once you come back, you are **tired as fuck!** I literally took the nap of all naps! The dirt nap! Why am I completely exhausted?

So, how did they fix me? Well, apparently, I had massive hemorrhoids because of renal failure. So, you apparently just bleed to death out your butthole. The

solution? "We can fix this with robotic lasers!" "Oh, fuck yeah!" "They will have to, unfortunately, go into your rectum." "Are you serious? Ass lasers will save my life?" "Well, if you want to put it that way... yes." "Oh, this just keeps getting better." So, imagine a very large robot cock, and it's gonna fuck you in the ass. It did. It was not what I'd call a fun time, but it did cauterize my ass wounds, and I no longer had to die from anus blood. But jeez, I'll tell ya, my ass was sore for weeks because I got medically robot ass-fucked. Better than dying again, I guess.

So now that my horror story is told, let us talk about humans and our relationship with death. We've always considered it. Some celebrate it, some lament, and some believe their people will come back in new bodies to meet them again. Death has been regarded as a blessing or a sad end. We will see who thinks what about it, typically in a spiritual context, but sometimes in a secular one.



## New Orleans Jazz Funeral

If you are well-regarded (not sure how well-regarded you have to be) in New Orleans, when you die, you get a funer-

al procession down a main street, with a jazz band playing in your honor.

This, to me, sounds fucking awesome. It is optional to have the casket in procession, held by pallbearers, who are likely thinking, "Guy was great and all, but why do I gotta carry him? Can't I be one of the guys playing trombone?" "You should have taken band class more seriously," says Grandma.



### South Korean Rules

They passed a weird law in 2000 that says after 60 years, if you bury them, you gotta dig them up! I guess that falls on the most recent generation. "Dad, really?" "Here is your shovel, Son. You do not want to be an asshole." "No, Father." So what do they do after that? Well, there is always the option to cremate them, and there is a trend of selling the ashes to companies that compress them into gems. They are called "death beads," or "remembrance jewelry." Imagine wearing great-grandma as earrings.



### Sky Burial

Not quite a burial, but Buddhists are rowdy 'bout it. They believe in transmigration of the soul, and that when ya die, you're an empty corpse shell who will return. So what do they do with their dead? Well, they hack them into keen slices, stick them on top of a mountain, and let vultures eat them.

Who is the guy they send to haul up the pieces of Brother Yang? Must be an intern.



### Green Burials

This is a fairly new concept. They wedge your dead ass into some kind of wooden capsule and bury it, while planting trees on top of you, so you fertilize said trees. I asked two friends, "What kind of tree would you want planted over your fucking dead-ass body?" One answer: "Gardenia; they smell great." The other "An apple or cherry tree, so people can eat the fruit." Very egalitarian. I'm going with Japanese maple, myself, because why the fuck not?



### Famadihana

A ritual from Madagascar. I have zero idea how to pronounce that. I'm thinking "FA-MA-DE-HA-NA." No idea. Either way, it's a hell of a thing. It translates to "dancing with the dead." What is it? Well, they dig up their dead and give them fresh, new clothes. This is ostensibly to help them decompose faster. They sing and eat while doing so, and it's basically a party, but like yo, you buying dead people new clothes?

### Indian Parade

Oddly, a tradition from Varanasi, India, that involves parading the dead through the streets, with the dead bod-

ies dressed in colors that are supposed to highlight the virtues of the deceased (red for purity or yellow for knowledge, that sort of thing), so India got dead bodies wearing pimp coats. I mean, there are worse ways to have your life celebrated than being dressed up like an absolute player and marched around town. Everyone involved dresses up like peacocks to supplement.

Those are the most interesting death rituals I could find.



Don't die. It's not very fun. But if you do, I hope all your friends parade you around like "dude is wearing purple because he was a nice fucker."

Enjoy the life we get.

-Wombstretcha

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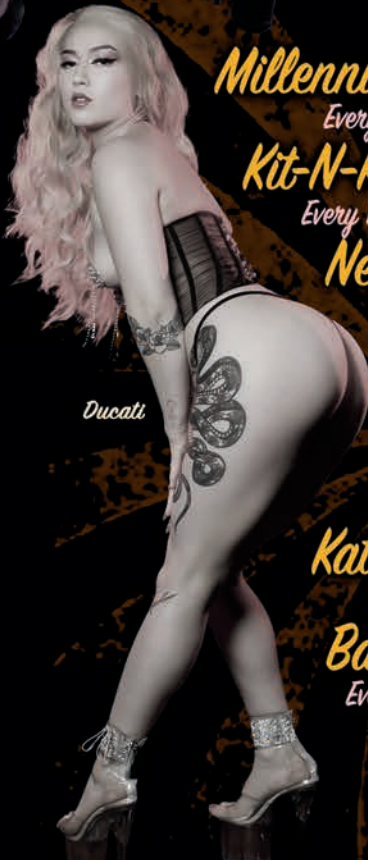
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