

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Voyeur 2022!

It is once again time for the Valentine's Day special edition, the Voyeur. We hope to bring you a selection of articles to stave off the simping and cure those down bad blues. Enjoy and let the spirit of love guide your heart.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Love,

The Voice Editor

Conversation hearts fit for 2022



BY LARRY LARSON
Managing Editor

Take a moment to bring yourself back to your elementary school's Valentine's Day celebration. You know the deal – everybody would bring in those cheesy cards to drop in everybody else's homemade boxes.

If you were lucky, you had a few generous classmates who would bring in some candy with those Valentines. Suckers, Fun Dip and Nerds were some of the most popular.

One of my personal favorites, though? Conversation hearts. Those chalky but strangely tasty candies were always a highlight of the day. While they tasted good, their defining feature was the small phrases printed on them, like "Crazy 4 you" or "Hug me."

Now that it's 2022, I figure we could use a refresh on some of those old taglines. I present some of my best ideas ... which might not be elementary school-friendly, or short enough to fit on the candy.

"I'd swipe right on u"

With the dating app craze still in full force, this is an easy one. Who doesn't want to be told by a piece of candy that they'd be desirable to a stranger that found your dating profile on the internet?

This is also a great marketing idea. Get on it, Tinder.

"Simping 4 U"

There's no better synonym for "obsessed" or "clingy" than "simping" these days. Whether it's good or bad is up for your own interpretation. Either way, I think it would look great on a piece of candy.

"Ur thicc"

Straightforward. To the point. No hidden meanings here.

"Ur pushin P, babe"

Ever wanted to tell somebody you think that they're a real one using a conversation heart? Then this is the phrase for you.

Rapper Gunna started pushin' the phrase online in mid-January, and it's taken the world by storm since. For those confused about what exactly "P" means, Gunna has gone on the record with examples.

"If you hold the door for a lady, that's P," Gunna said on Instagram Live last month. "Arguing with your partner about money ain't P. We ain't doing that. We're pushing P."

Getting a candy heart with the blue "P" emoji on it? That's P.

"I'd quarantine with u"

What's more romantic than spending five to seven days isolated from the rest of the world together? A little forward for a conversation heart, maybe, but there's no better sign of the times than something related to COVID-19. The ole Q-word might be tough to squeeze in there, but it's worth a shot.

Runner up: "Don't isolate your heart from me."

"DM me"

This one sounds a little sketchy, but it's specifically directed at Brach's Candy, in case they're looking for some new ideas. Seriously, my DM's are open.

Dates to avoid this Valentine's Day

BY JOSSIE WARD
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With great love comes great responsibility, especially when it comes to celebrating the holiday of love. That is why this reporter is here to soothe your nerves a bit. However, as much as I love my readers, I can't hold your hand forever, which is why I am not planning your dates for you this year.

After years of giving love advice and even crafting playlists to "set the mood," it is now on you to take the plunge and pick the date. But because love is in the air, I will provide you with some advice on what not to do this V-Day.

The non-date date

If you are spending Valentine's Day with your significant other and your friends, that is not a date. I hate to break it to you, but no matter how chill your significant other is, they do not want to hang out with you and your friends. If you invite your single friends out for your Valentine's festivities, you may end up in the exact same spot as them in a couple of weeks.

The inconsiderate date

If you are 21 and your date isn't, it probably isn't a good idea to try and go out for martinis instead of dinner. Similarly, if your date is vegetarian, make sure there are more options on the menu other than just mac and cheese. Maybe consider what your date would be interested in when you are planning — find a balance between interests. It might seem crazy that this has to be included, but I saw way too many mascara tear-stained faces living in the dorms.

The influencer date

Influencer syndrome is contagious and can strike at any moment. You see a beautiful plate of sushi or you think of how nice the two movie tickets look together, and while those look aesthetically pleasing, that does not mean you need to 'gram it. This V-Day, try to avoid being the one sharing every second of the date — it is annoying being on a date with someone and all of their Instagram followers.

The "normal day" date

This date is something to avoid if you are in a longer-term relationship. What I mean is if you have been dating for more than a semester, it might be good to do something other than go to One World or Avanti's for Valentine's Day. If money is tight, consider going to Dollar Tree, grabbing some snacks and spending the night at home with old movies or something else creative and budget-friendly. Another day at the dining hall is probably not going to cut it.

The makeup date

Yes, it is the season of love, and they may be working on themselves (thank you, New Year's resolutions), but that does not mean they are the one for you. Your ex may be comfortable and familiar, and it may seem like they're better now and it might actually work, but let's be real: they are your ex for a reason.

The hookup date

Spending Valentine's Day with someone just looking for a hookup is less than ideal if you are looking for love. Yes, it might feel good to not be alone, and they may be the most gorgeous person you have ever seen, but if they just want to hook up, you are not going to convince them otherwise. Someone looking for a relationship hooking up with someone just looking for a hookup is a recipe for heartbreak.

These are just some pointers on what to avoid this weekend. I should point out that there are some exceptions to these, but those are rare. Be mindful as love fills the air and overwhelms the senses, as the perfect date could be right in front of you.

It might seem impossible to plan a great date, but I believe in you and I know that with a little bit of thought and consideration you can hit it out of the park this Valentine's Day. Whether it be spending time with that special someone, a Galentine's brunch or staking out the soon-to-be discount candy with your roommate, love is all around, so let's go out and embrace it!

Five musical must-haves for your Valentine's Day playlist

BY DANIEL KERNS
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Ah, the Valentine's Day playlist. The pressure's on to find or create a mix that makes you say, "This one has everything."

The day dedicated to love should have a soundtrack that balances the romance, passion and heartache that come with it. If you're feeling overwhelmed, here are five songs to give you starting points to help match the mood.

IT'S BEEN A LONG, LONG TIME

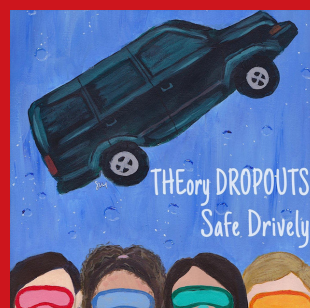
By Harry James and Kitty Kallen



Recently repopularized by several appearances in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, this jazz classic has been mesmerizing listeners since 1945, as couples reunited after World War II. In a modern context, couples can find solace after coming out of long-distance or COVID-induced separations. Whatever the reason, dim the lights and sway along to the sweet, soothing sounds of the big band era.

DIZZY

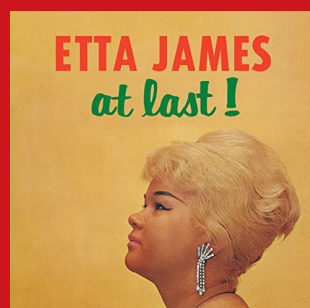
By THEory DROPOUTS and Connor Billard



This one goes out to everyone spending Valentine's Day wishing they were by someone's side. Driven by a catchy bass riff, surf-style guitars and melancholy horns, "Dizzy" melds genres together to create a soothing, almost lullabying sound. With solid songwriting and powerful vocals, this song is definitely one to keep in mind for the day, and this up-and-coming band from Peoria is certainly one to keep in mind all year long.

A SUNDAY KIND OF LOVE

By Etta James



While the big romantic gestures seen around this time of year are nice, some would rather hope for something more steady the whole year long. If your V-Day plans are more casual, this song would pair well with sitting on the couch with that special someone. Even though Feb. 14 falls on a Monday this year, there's always time for a Sunday kind of love.

FALLING SLOWLY

By Steve Kazee and Cristin Milioti



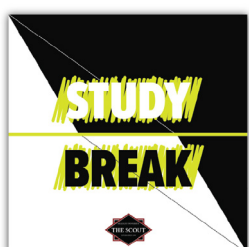
For those relationships just starting to go head over heels, why not choose the Oscar, Grammy and Tony Award-winning acoustic ballad "Falling Slowly"? Although it was first recorded for the 2007 film "Once," I included the version from the Broadway adaptation because stars Steve Kazee and Cristin Milioti's voices just match perfectly with each other.

PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART

By Jackie DeShannon



While most people think about romance on Feb. 14, it's important to remember that love is for more than just people in relationships. The song serves as an upbeat reminder that a little kindness and empathy can go a long way. Originally recorded by Jackie DeShannon in 1968, several artists have put a little love in their hearts over the years, including Mr. Spock himself, Leonard Nimoy, as well as Darren Criss and the cast of "The Flash" for a special musical episode in 2017.



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BY JANE GOMEZ
Anonymous Contributor

An excerpt from the upcoming new romance novel "Bound to Love You." In bookstores never and nowhere near you.

This wasn't the Saturday that Reggie Redbird had planned.

After a rough match against his rival, Bradley University, Reggie was headed toward his customary meet-up with the team. At least that's what was supposed to happen. Instead, while distracted on his phone, he must have taken a wrong turn along the way. Instead of a room full of Illinois State players, he walked into a supply closet.

He noticed something was wrong before he'd even taken three steps since the room was silent and a bit dark. A simple mistake soon led to a series of unfortunate events. The door slammed shut, which scared Reggie and made him drop his phone in the dark room. He quickly got to the floor and searched the ground, finding the phone within seconds.

His excitement from finding his phone got the better of him, though. With the quick spring from the floor, Reggie's head collided with something in the dark. Whatever it was, it sent what felt like a mountain full of items onto him.

"Well, this looks like it's going to be a janitor's problem," Reggie said.

He started to push off what he could feel in the dark, but something was tangled around him. As he struggled, he deduced it was a volleyball net, and found that it was hard to work out of one in the dark. Feathers and nets don't go together, which was made ever so obvious when Reggie tossed and turned on the floor trying to shed himself of the net, only to tie himself even further.

He was officially tangled.

The position he was in also wasn't comfortable, as his wing was behind his head and one leg was being lifted from the ground.

However, he heard footsteps coming from the hallway. "My savior!" Reggie thought. He began to call for help.

Instead of freedom in his reach, it turned into a cruel joke.

Reggie was facing away from the door, but he could spot that outline from a mile away. The horns, the bat-like wings, the pointed ears — it was Kaboom.

"Looks like you got yourself into quite a tangle, little birdy," Kaboom said after having a chuckle at the sight.

"Shut it, blockhead," Reggie said. "I don't need you to laugh at me."

"Ouch," Kaboom said as he leaned against the door frame and exaggeratedly clutched his chest. "Is that any way to talk to the person that's going to help you?"

Being stuck in a net was definitely not what Reggie had planned, but being stuck and having to resort to getting help from his rival wasn't even a possibility he had considered.

"I think I'd rather take my chances on having someone else helping me," Reggie snapped at Kaboom.

"Fine, suit yourself," Kaboom said as he closed the door.

Now with the light on, maybe he could find his phone and call someone from his team. When he thought about it, it would be impossible to find under the mess, especially with his mobility

being limited.

He knew Kaboom was still at the door, so he knew he could still call for his defeat. He sighed.

"Alright," Reggie said. "I need help."

The door swung open immediately. Although he couldn't see him, he knew that the gray gargoyle had a smile on his face. He always did, since his face rested in that natural smile. His white fangs even poked out from his lips ever so slightly.

"Don't worry, I won't pull on your feathers," Kaboom said.

He would seem like such a brute, especially with his literally chiseled form. But he wasn't like that at all.

His hands were cold, but they were perfect for the small rope burns Reggie had after thrashing around in the net. The tips of his claws lifted the net to free his wings. His gray-green eyes were focused on the knots, and he was methodical on where to unravel the rope next.

Reggie wasn't used to seeing this side of him. When they usually met, it was meant to hype up the fans and give their players a boost of motivation. There was always a competitive spirit in the air. To see Kaboom like this was new.

To be so close to him, just them two, was also new. If he wasn't already a red cardinal, then he knew that he would be a blushing mess.

"How did you even get stuck in this?" Kaboom asked.

"I walked in here by mistake," Reggie said. "I thought I had the right

room, but I bumped into a few shelves. Nothing really hit my head, though."

"Sounds like you weren't paying attention," Kaboom laughed. "You better not be injured, or you might miss my team taking over yours at the next game."

That made the bird roll his eyes, but at last, he was set free from his bounds and slipped out of the remaining net.

Kaboom got up first. He offered a hand to the cardinal, who was wiping the dust from untouched equipment. Reggie simply looked at it, because he was worried that Kaboom would feel his racing pulse if it wasn't loud enough already. He brushed that aside and took a hold of the gray hand.

"You better not say a word about this," Reggie said, trying not to sound nervous, avoiding eye contact. "Now we just need to find my phone."

Kaboom laughed.

"I'm not sure who you mean by 'we,' but that you can do yourself, little birdy," Kaboom said as he gently cupped Reggie's face.

He let his hand linger for just a second longer before slowly turning away and making his way back down the hall.

Maybe he should have said "Thank you," but he scoffed "Whatever" instead as the gargoyle left.

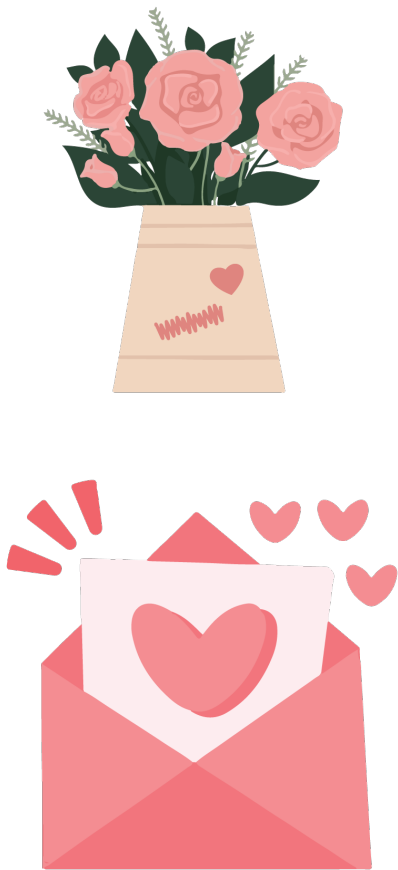
Now all that's left was to find a phone under old sports supplies and to figure out his own feelings about Kaboom. He had plenty of time to think now.

How to personalize clichéd Valentine’s Day gifts

BY ANGELINE SCHMELZER
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It’s the season of roses, hearts and chocolates, but there are ways to be more creative than just grabbing the first pink-and-red-colored item at the store.

As you wrack your brain for last-minute gift ideas for your significant others, try thinking outside the heart-shaped chocolate box. Here are some suggestions to do something a little different this Valentine’s Day. Hopefully, you’ll feel inspired to try something new.



Painted vase

Roses are one of the most prominent Valentine’s Day gifts, with approximately 224 million grown specifically for Feb. 14. Although they look pretty and symbolize the smallest bit of effort into being romantic, they will wither away within a week.

To go along with your bouquet of flowers, place them in a vase that you have painted and decorated yourself. You can get a clear vase at places like Dollar Tree or Walmart and pick up some art supplies to make it your own while you’re there.

This customized vase will show that you put thought, effort and creativity into a gift that will last for years to come and be reused for all those other occasions where you gift flowers. (That’s right; flowers aren’t just for Valentine’s Day.)

Little Love Letters

There are many romantic things in the world, but few are more thoughtful than handwritten letters. Whether you write cute messages on sticky notes or a full-length love letter, your significant other is sure to appreciate the care you took into your words. Bonus points if they shed a little tear.

What to do with these letters, you may ask? You can do something fun like placing them in different places around their house, apartment, dorm, etc. Another option would be to put them in a chocolate box or tie them around a bouquet of flowers, but be careful of any thorns or melted candy.

A Romantic Dinner In

Although going out for a nice meal is always lovely, it can be tricky to get a reservation at a restaurant, and you risk long wait times, meaning getting to dessert might take a little while longer than anticipated.

Instead, order in from your favorite restaurant or make dinner together. You can order a heart-shaped pizza from Papa John’s or make one yourself after a trip to the grocery store. Spending time together in the kitchen can be a blast, and while you’re at it, bake and decorate a cake. Be creative with both the pepperoni and the icing.

This gift idea will make a special memory and could even become a new tradition with your loved one. Who says you can’t make clichés fun?

Stuffed Animals

Teddy bears with hearts fill the shelves this time of year, but instead of buying one of those (unless they are absolutely adorable and you can’t pass it up), go for something that you can customize.

Although it may seem childish at first, who doesn’t love to reminisce about the nostalgia that walking into a Build-A-Bear Workshop can bring. You can record your own message to be inserted into the stuffed animal, so it’s your voice your person hears when they give it a squeeze.

You can also personalize stuffed animals at online companies like Personalization Mall, where you can write a message on the shirt the animal wears. This extra level of personalization will make the gift precious and priceless.

Movie Night Gift Box

It’s rom-com night (or whichever genre you agree on), so make sure you’re prepared. Before getting nice and cozy, buy a bunch of candy, which should include some form of chocolate and perhaps some conversation hearts, and some popcorn. A bottle of wine and a scented candle could also help set the mood for a nice evening together.

Whether your movie of choice is scary, funny or dramatic, make sure it’s also something you’re okay having on in the background...

Whatever gift you choose for your special someone this Valentine’s Day, whether clichéd or creative, make sure to show them you care, or you might have to write a personalized apology on Feb. 15.

SCOUT ON THE STREET

What is your favorite celebrity couple?



Sierra Kaplan

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“John Krasinski and Emily Blunt. They’re super cute together, and they’re absolutely iconic!”



Rachel Schless

Junior Special Education major

“Parvati Shallow and John Fincher. To be honest I only really care about Parvati - she’s a baddie.”



Izzy Nieto

Sophomore Journalism major, Sustainability and Spanish minor

“Tom Holland and Zendaya, I absolutely loved seeing them in ‘No Way Home.’”



Shelby Sean

Sophomore Advertising and Public Relations major, Journalism minor

“Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively, because they’re both hilarious and have absolutely beautiful children.”

A nuanced look at relationships in non-romance films

BY ROBERT LEE
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Romance has become synonymous with film as a tried-and-true method of getting an audience engaged with the problems of the main characters. There's a reason that there is an entire genre of films dedicated to the love that blossoms between two lead characters: it is a guaranteed path to success and relatability.

What I personally find more interesting are the different angles and approaches that films outside of the romance genre will take with a relationship in the plot. Whether it be as simple as additional backstory for a character or playing a more pivotal point in the film, there are many different ways that films have portrayed relationships on screen over the years.

Backstories most definitely feel like the most popular way that relationships sneak their way into non-romance films, and while it truly comes in waves, you can certainly feel the lack of care put into

some of these background relationships and characters as not much more than obligations of the screenplay.

One clear example of a perfect on-screen romance in a non-romance film that primarily serves the purpose of backstory and motivation comes from the first 10 minutes of Pixar's "Up." Everyone who has seen "Up" will sing the praises of its opening sequence, as we see the entire growing story of the relationship of Carl and Ellie from its humble beginnings to its bittersweet end. It's a sequence that you can easily argue is the best that Pixar has ever made, and it is a perfect showing of how relationships can elicit just as effective emotion from an audience, even in genres outside of romance.

One of the most popular forms of highly developed and engaging romance plot points in films that wouldn't normally be associated with the romance genre comes with the extension that the relationship in question evolves over the course of multiple films. It simply makes

sense that, after planting the seeds and setting up for a relationship in an initial film, we see these characters and their relationship grow more and more as films continue, even if the films themselves do not have their relationship as the main focus.

Simply because it's a franchise that I had been watching recently in preparation for the newest entry, one of the best examples of this that comes to mind is that of the growing relationship of Gale Weathers and Dewey Riley in the "Scream" franchise. As we see these characters meet and eventually hook up in the first film, it grows to us seeing them become engaged by the end of the third film, and even a look into their happily married life 10 years later by the fourth film.

For a more well-known blockbuster example, you need to look no further than the iconic relationship of Han Solo and Princess Leia in the "Star Wars" franchise. While both characters were introduced in the

saga's fourth episode, "A New Hope", their connection really hit its stride in the fifth episode, "The Empire Strikes Back," and continued to grow and evolve in sequels, spinoffs and reboots aplenty. It's definitely what I would consider to be the first example that comes to mind when people think "good romance in a non-romance film," and its ability to stay in the public zeitgeist after all of these years is proof of just how memorable an on-screen romance can be, no matter the genre.

Romance has a place in all types of films, and is far from limited to that genre. Relationships are an important part of many of our lives, and seeing similar relationships done well on screen can really help us connect with these characters and the stakes at hand. As long as movies are going to be made, you can be sure that a good portion of them will feature some great on screen relationships, romance films or otherwise.

Celebrity couples you probably forgot about

BY JADE SEWELL
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Love is in the air, but sometimes it's a little too strong.

Throughout the 2000s, a multitude of weird celebrity courtships have formed, with some continuing through today.

Here is a sampling of the weirdest pairings that pop culture has forgotten.



*Natasha Lyonne
&
Fred Armisen*

If you're not a lesbian, this couple may not strike you as strange. But how on earth is Natasha Lyonne, who has famously played Megan Bloomfield in the 1999 lesbian cult -classic "But I'm a Cheerleader" AND loveable lesbian Nicky Nichols from "Orange is the New Black," dating a man?

Plus she's dating former "Saturday Night Live" cast member and "Portlandia" star Fred Armisen of all people, a man whose celebrity persona is so bizarre I didn't even realize he thought about dating people.

Apparently, the couple is very happy, as they have been together since 2014.



*Amy Poehler
&
Will Arnett*

Will Arnett met Amy Poehler at one of her comedy shows in 1996, and the couple began dating four years later. In 2003, the couple got married and had their first child, Archie, five years later. In 2010, the couple welcomed their second son, Abel.

Unfortunately, the couple divorced in 2012, much to their fans' horror. The couple kept many of the details private, but both seemed distraught over the separation.

Today, the couple seem to be amicable, and they still successfully co-parent their two boys.



*Nicole Kidman
&
Lenny Kravitz*

I want to get away — in fact, I want to fly away from the pain it causes me to conceptualize this couple.

In 2002, Kidman became Kravitz' landlord, and the two were engaged shortly later.

Eventually, the two decided to call off their wedding.

This would be the second wedding Lenny Kravitz called off, not including his former marriage to ex-wife Lisa Bonet.



*Rihanna
&
Shia LaBeouf*

It's hard to say for sure whether these two were actually a couple, but they did go on at least one date in 2007, which is weird enough as it is.

It's no surprise this couple never made it, but it's still shocking enough that it almost happened that I had to include it.

To be honest, I'm not even sure how these two could remotely consider dating, especially when Shia LaBeouf was still the baby-faced frontman of the "Transformers" movies at the time.

Staff Picks:

Ranking the chocolates in the Whitman’s Sampler

Valentine’s Day and chocolate have long been associated with each other. According to CNBC, approximately 86% of Americans planned to buy the confection to celebrate the holiday in 2021. But how do the contents of Whitman’s Sampler stack up? With many different types of chocolate inside, not all of them can be winners.

Jonathan Michel: Vanilla Crème

This chocolate caught my eye due to its striped frosting, and it did not disappoint on the inside, either. The vanilla crème had a soft, tasty inside that made for a perfect contrast to its crunchier outside. There’s really not a better choice in the Whitman’s Sampler.

Madalyn Mirallegro: Solid Chocolate Messenger

While it may taste like any other solid chocolate that you can find at a store during Valentine’s Day season, this block of chocolate has a fun twist. The twist itself is that the Whitman’s Sampler delivery man logo is printed on the piece of chocolate. It adds a little excitement to eating the chocolate right in the middle of the assortment of chocolates found in the heart package.

Daniel Kerns: Peanut Butter

Peanut butter is the safe choice — the beige, if you will — of the chocolate sampler. If you like Reese’s Cups but don’t want to deal with removing those paper wrappers, then this is the candy for you.

Jade Sewell: Brownie Batter

I had high expectations going into this chocolate, and my expectations were exceeded. This wonderful chocolate tasted just like its namesake, and included a surprising-but-delightful crunch. On top of that, the chocolate includes impressionist swirls on its outer layer that are aesthetically pleasing. Definitely a 10/10.

Larry Larson: Sea Salt Caramel

Sweet or salty? Why not both? The sea salt caramel is truly the best of both worlds. The first bite is sweet, while the rich caramel finish provides a contrast.

Valerie Vasconez: Peanut cluster

I personally am not a fan of peanut butter and chocolate, so it might be a shock that this chocolate and nut duo was not that bad. The sweetness of the chocolate that melts into your mouth is paired with the salted crunch that gives the texture a slightly elevated experience. It’s a safe treat rather than a mind-blowing one. 7/10.



The best sports mascots for a Valentine’s Day date

BY JONATHAN MICHEL
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Love is in the air ahead of Valentine’s Day, and, for some, that means going out for a posh dinner and exchanging a personalized gift or two and maybe some sweets. For others, the holiday marks their yearly record for most eye-rolls in one day.

Love isn’t a common theme at most sporting events unless you’re on the kiss cam. If you’re an enthusiastic fan, you’ll likely spend the game cheering one team’s successes and loudly encouraging their opponent’s demise. Not too romantic, is it?

However, one feature at any game that can unite fans, regardless of allegiance, is a lovable and visually appealing mascot. With that being said, here are some of the most attractive mascots that you could possibly set your eyes on.



Otto the Orange

The mascot for Syracuse University is quite frankly one of the cutest of the bunch. Otto proves that you don’t have to be skinny to look great; all you need is a pair of big, soft hands and a shy but genuine smile.

While he is a fictionalized character, you don’t need to feel too weird calling Otto attractive, since his human features are visible. Girls might love him because he has a dad bod. Guys might love him because he kind of looks like a ... well, never mind.



Dillon T. Pickle

Mr. Pickle, as we’ll call him, is the mascot for the Portland Pickles, a summer collegiate baseball team in Portland, Oregon. He’s like the 18-year-old that just got on Tinder, since he’s not afraid to let inhibitions stop him, and the Pickles are a relatively new franchise. How can a mascot be unafraid to let it all hang out, though?

Well, that answer lies in a situation where Mr. Pickle took control of the Pickles’ Instagram account for a day, specifically on Jan. 12. After posting some expected light-hearted and family-friendly content, Dillon apparently couldn’t keep it PG for much longer and tweeted this photo, which was inexplicably raunchy by mascot standards. If you’re looking for a mascot that’s young, popular and isn’t afraid to get spicy, Dillon T. Pickle is your guy.



Bo Vine

This selection may come across as a little biased, given that Bo Vine is the mascot of the Milwaukee Milkmen, an independent minor league baseball team that I interned for in the summer of 2021, but he is simply a love boat. This bull, sporting a Milkmen uniform with “2%” on the back as a nod to the team, may just be everything you’re looking for. Attractive smile? Check. Big muscles? Check. Good with kids? Check. Not afraid to dance? You guessed it.

If that’s not enough, Bo Vine is known for showing his flirtatious side between innings, frequently handing a phone to a pretty young lady and motioning for her to call him later. Since he rides around on a hoverboard all game long, you can rest assured that he rides in style.



Sluggerrr

If you’re looking for a sugar daddy this Valentine’s Day, Sluggerrr, the mascot of the Kansas City Royals, may be the answer to your prayer. He knows he’s hot stuff, based on his strut and hair flip. Additionally, he wears a crown to show off his royalty, so score a date with Sluggerrr and you may feel like the next Meghan Markle.

The Royals won the World Series in 2016, so Sluggerrr may be able to recycle his championship ring. The best part? He even lists his relationship status as “on the prowl” on his bio page.