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1} FUNNY THING LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES

Sculptor Peter Anton creates some serious eye candy — but unlike most artists, he takes the “candy” part literally. Anton’s fun mixed-media sculptures mimic luscious edibles — such as boxes of chocolates, cakes and popsicles — but on a larger-than-life scale. His colorful and surprisingly realistic-looking sweets have added flavor to holdings as diverse as the Portland Art Museum, the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art and the Prince Collection. His most recent installation, cheekily named *Sugar & Gomorrah*, was commissioned by Art Miami and invited viewers to explore the exhibition in a carnival-ride car. Since a sellout SoHo show in the mid-’90s, the openly gay Anton (he and husband Bob Schnabel have been together since 1982) has seen his sculptures in high demand at a wide variety of gallery shows and art fairs — despite price tags in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Learn more about the artist at peteranton.com.

IN SCOPE: RETURN TO OZ ■ VALENTINE'S TREATS ■ BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S ■ CABARET ■ KELLY CLARKSON ■ MORE...

2} ART BEAT DIRTY POP

WITH ANDY WARHOL AS ITS ECCENTRIC figurehead, Pop Art is famous for its tongue-in-cheek playfulness, vibrant colors and pointed commentary on commodity culture. But the Whitney Museum of American Art focuses on a less-appreciated side of the style — a sense of fear and foreboding — in its exhibit *Sinister Pop*, on view until the end of March. With the Vietnam War and Civil Rights Movement providing context, *Sinister Pop* highlights political or emotional aspects of work by Pop icons like Warhol, Jasper Johns and Roy Lichtenstein. Curators also draw from the Whitney's rich collection to feature work by artists not traditionally associated with Pop, e.g. photographer William Eggleston's eerie images of overstuffed freezers and Judith Bernstein's Vietnam-informed collages. More information is available at whitney.org.

3} EAT UP SEXY SALAD

Foods from bananas to oysters have long been rumored to have aphrodisiac qualities, but according to the authors of *7 Keys to Lifelong Sexual Vitality*, a meal of raw, nutrient-rich foods can often provide the biggest boost to the libido. Try building an "Aphrodisiac Salad" based on the following formula and see if it helps spice up your evening:

BASE: "Super" greens like mustard greens, spinach, baby kale and pea greens.

TOPPINGS: Chopped scallions, dried apricots, avocado, zucchini, chopped broccoli, pumpkin seeds.

DRESSING: Four Tbsp. lemon juice and one garlic clove, combined in a blender.

2 *Sterling*, this piece by American artist Billy Al Bengston, almost seems to stare back at you.

4} DRINK UP COFFEE AND DESSERT

CAN'T DECIDE BETWEEN COFFEE AND an after-dinner drink this Valentine's Day? Try a cocktail that's both: this intriguing combo of Champagne and coffee from the experts at Melitta.

CHAMPAGNE CAFE
SERVES: 2

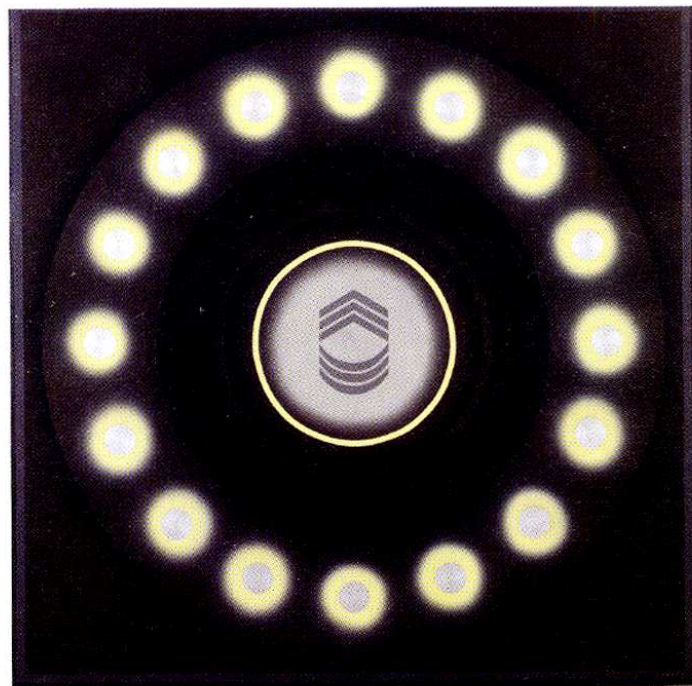
INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup sweetened and well-cooled coffee
- ¼ cup of your favorite Champagne
- 2 ice cubes
- tonic water
- 1 lemon slice

PREPARATION

1. Brew coffee and sweeten lightly with sugar or sugar substitute. Allow to cool.
2. Add one ice cube to each Champagne glass and pour in well-cooled coffee, Champagne and a few dashes of tonic water.
3. Garnish with a lemon slice and serve.

4 Coffee and Champagne create a surprising taste sensation in this fizzy, celebratory cocktail.





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Sam Raimi's vision of Oz will come in 3-D, but can it compare to the magic of the original?



5} SHUFFLE IT THE BEST NOT YET TO COME

AT THE AGE OF 30, KELLY CLARKSON might not be the first person you'd nominate to release a greatest-hits album. But before you dismiss the idea, consider this: The original *American Idol* has already released five studio albums and 25 singles — more than enough to fill a 17-track collection that augments mega-hits like "Since U Been Gone" and "My Life Would Suck Without You" with three new tracks recorded for the album, including its lead single, "Catch My Breath." But fear not, Clarkson fans. The artist seems so certain she'll keep cranking out memorable music that they have dubbed the album *Greatest Hits: Chapter One*. Here's hoping there'll be plenty more hits before chapter two.

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How many more hits will it take before Clarkson reaches chapter two?

6} NOW AND THEN OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD

WHO SAYS BLOCKBUSTERS ARE JUST for the dog days of summer? One of the year's most anticipated films makes its debut in March when director Sam Raimi (best known as the director of *Spider-Man*) debuts *Oz: The Great and Powerful*, a prequel to the iconic film *The Wizard of Oz*. Like its famous predecessor, this new film was adapted from the world of L. Frank Baum's novels and tells the story of Oscar Diggs (James Franco), a circus magician who transforms himself into the "wonderful wizard" of infamy. The star-studded cast features three of Hollywood's most glamorous young actresses — Mila Kunis, Michelle Williams and Rachel Weisz — as witches of Oz (Williams plays the familiar Glinda), and Raimi reimagines the vibrant world of Oz in stunning 3-D. More information at disney.go.com/thewizard.

7} TECH BITS THE PRICE IS FALLING

WATCHING THE WEB FOR SAVINGS is one of the best ways to get a deal on airline tickets, and several sites have made a brisk business helping travelers do just that. So why not apply the same idea to other shopping? The recently launched Hukkster allows users to bookmark products across several online retail sites, sending an alert when the price drops on an item they have been eyeing. Stores from Neiman Marcus to Pottery Barn to Saks Fifth Avenue are among the "Hukkable" retailers. The site also makes it easier to comparison shop for the same product across multiple retailers. Start getting your saving alerts today by visiting hukkster.com.



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"Forever Marilyn" is slated to visit Palm Springs until June; so plan your visit today.

8} PACK UP BIG GIRL

"FOREVER MARILYN" IS A HUGE statue by noted sculptor Seward Johnson. It captures Marilyn Monroe in one of her most iconic poses — fending off subway up-drafts in *The Seven Year Itch*. At 26 feet tall and 34,000 pounds, this Marilyn isn't exactly light on her feet, but she did manage to make her way to Palm Springs after cooling her giant heels in Chicago for a while. To celebrate, the Hyatt Regency Suites Palm Springs (located a block away) has created a *Some Like It Hot* package, which comes with a DVD of the iconic film, complimentary "Diamond-tini" cocktails and a collectable bottle of Marilyn Merlot wine. For more info, see palmsprings.hyatt.com.

9} FIERCE-OFF GRANDE DAMES

TO THE DELIGHT OF ITS FANS (AND the distinct displeasure of Maggie Smith's Dowager Countess), Shirley MacLaine has joined the cast of *Downton Abbey* as Cora's overbearing American mother, Martha Levinson. Now that you've gotten a taste of the battle between these two legendary actors (in roles they seem born to play); we just have to know: Which lady of a certain age deserves the title of fiercest in the land? Cast your vote for dry-witted Lady Violet or brash heiress Martha by commenting at metrosource.com.



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In this corner: Shirley MacLaine as Martha Levinson, in 1920s finery.

10} STAGE ADVICE GOING LIGHTLY

ONE OF FILM HISTORY'S BEST-LOVED characters is coming to the Great White Way. Pulitzer- and Tony-winning playwright Richard Greenberg revisits Truman Capote's iconic *Breakfast at Tiffany's* — which became an American film classic thanks to Audrey Hepburn's charming take on Holly Golightly — in a new stage adaptation that's described as more faithful to the WWII-era novella. The classically trained Emilia Clarke (best known as dragon-wrangler Daenerys in HBO's *Game of Thrones*) steps into the role of Holly, a young Manhattan social climber who befriends narrator Fred, welcoming him into her world. *Breakfast at Tiffany's* is slated to debut at the Shubert Theater in February.

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Emilia Clarke goes from raising dragon babies to being a Broadway baby.





11} BUY DESIGN HUNG UP

WHETHER IT'S COOKING A MEAL, composing love notes or sharing a dance, getting one's creative juices flowing is undeniably sexy. But for couples looking to take it a step further on Valentine's Day, the "Love is Art" painting kit combines creative expression with a truly intimate experience. Each kit comes with a large, unstretched canvas, a tube of bright organic paint, a plastic tarp and a body scrubber; couples pour the washable paint directly onto the canvas and are encouraged to create an abstract image using only their bodies. The resulting spontaneous art is a unique and hopefully frame-worthy souvenir that's sure to start conversations. Prices range from \$60 to \$110; bag one at dailygrommet.com.

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The "Love Is Art" kit takes its name very literally.

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12} THE TV SET THE CURTAIN ALSO RISES

SMASH: IT'S THE TELEVISION SHOW about the making of a Broadway musical that everyone either loved or loved to hate in its first season. Now it's set to return February 5 with a two-hour season premiere. While the show will keep following its fictional Marilyn Monroe musical *Bombshell* as it continues its trek to a Broadway premiere, season two will also reportedly feature a new musical production competing with the first for talent and attention. Season two promises the return of stars like Debra Messing (pictured), Katharine McPhee and Megan Hilty, but will also include new characters such as a Tony-winner played by Jennifer Hudson and guest appearances by musical-theater royalty including the great Liza Minnelli. Get a sneak peek at nbc.com/smash.

When *Smash* returns, will Messing's character be pregnant as the first season finale hinted?

13} CIRCUIT SHAKERS CHILL & THRILL

WINTERPRIDE

February 3-10

British Columbia's Whistler Mountain ski resort town has its own LGBT welcoming party: GayWhistler, which throws an annual WinterPRIDE event. In addition to skiing and snowboarding, après-ski parties and themed events, the week features a Pride Ski March and closing-night SnowBall. gaywhistler.com

GAY MARDI GRAS

February 8-12

The gay side of the country's biggest party includes two masked balls, a leather block party and the 49th-annual Bourbon Street Awards, culminating in the official Mardi Gras Bead Toss at Ambush on Bourbon Street. gaymardigras.com

WINTER PARTY FESTIVAL

March 6-11

Organizers promise "the hottest winter in the world" in Miami Beach with six nights of parties at nightclubs, pools and beaches. The March 10 main event will feature DJs Brett Henrichsen and Joe Gauthreaux. winterparty.com

ELEVATION: MAMMOTH

March 13-17

Tom Whitman heads to the mountains for Mammoth Gay Ski Week. Après-ski parties occupy two venues each night, with the Avalanche main dance event Saturday. mammothgayski.com

WHITE PARTY PALM SPRINGS

March 29-March 31

Jeffrey Sanker's famous event offers pool parties, a Friday-night underwear party and Sunday tea dance. The main event features DJs Sean O'Grady, Danny Verde and Peter Rauhofer spinning at the Palm Springs Convention Center. jeffreysanker.com



14} PLAY ON BOWLES OVER

IT'S THE MUSICAL THAT CHANGED the face of musicals. Sure, *Cabaret* brought the music and glitz, but it also explored dark themes as it followed its characters through the divinely decadent world of pre-World War II Berlin. In honor of its 40th anniversary, the film will be released in a remastered form and comes with a commemorative book and a great new documentary. But its original magic — including Bob Fosse's twisted direction and staggering performances from Liza Minnelli, Joel Grey and Michael York — is still its biggest selling point.



15} FACT CHECK MUST BE TV

IT TURNS OUT THAT TELEVISION IS getting gayer all the time. The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) released its annual "Where We Are on TV" report at the end of 2012, with a heartening discovery: The 2012–13 television season features a record-breaking number of LGBT characters. According to the study, ABC features the largest percentage of gay characters (5.2 percent, thanks to shows like *Modern Family* and *Grey's Anatomy*), while Showtime's 12 gay characters mark the highest tally for cable programming. Additional fun facts gleaned: HBO's *True Blood* is deemed TV's "most inclusive" show for its six LGBT characters, and only two television shows include a regular transgender character: FOX's *Glee* (Unique, played by Alex Newell) and TeenNick's *Degrassi* (Adam, played by Jordan Todosey). For more facts about "Where We Are on TV," visit glaad.org.

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Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey sing for the love of money in this game-changing film musical.