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Screw Cupid!

You're a hater and that's okay. So is everyone you'll meet at these anti-V-Day picks.

By Drew Toal

Anti-Valentine's Day Vampire Ball XIV

Nothing says "I love you" like puncture wounds to the neck. Club Element has been throwing its Anti-Valentine's Day Vampire Ball for 14 years, and since vampires are immortal, we figure it'll go on for many more. Snap on some fangs and flit over to this batty coven after 10pm. (Anytime before that is like spitting in the face of evil.) 225 E Houston St between Essex and Ludlow Sts (646-233-3105, sabretooth.com). Sun 15 at 10pm; \$10-\$15.

Kick My Heart's Ass

Davy Rothbart, filmmaker and connoisseur of all things romantic and celluloid, curates this multnight collection of short films concerning the curb-stomping nature of love. They include bedside footage of Star Trek's George Takei and his husband, a couple of smitten sword swallowers, and potential cures for the broken heart. Apex Art, 291 Church St between Walker and White Sts (212-431-5270, apexart.org). Various dates and times through Mar 21, free.

Beer My Valentine

When you've been kicked around, dumped, cheated on, divorced, abused and cheated on some more, there is only one thing to turn to: alcohol. More specifically, the Radegast Hall & Biergarten in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Embrace the Czech, Belgian and German suds (and delish grilled brats, barbecue and more) at this fund-raiser for the resodding of McCarren Park. 113 North 3rd St between Berry St and Wythe Ave, Williamsburg, Brooklyn (718-963-3973, beermymvalentine.com). Thu 12 at 7pm, \$30.

Single and Loving It

Ben Karlin, cocreator of The Colbert Report, knows a little something about love—in fact, he's edited a book on the subject: Things I've Learned from Women Who've Dumped Me. He joins other heartbreak experts including Jenni Ferrari-Adler, Amanda Hesser and Andy Selsberg for a live reading, powerHouse Arena, 37 Main St between Front and Water Sts (718-666-3049). Fri 13 7-9pm, free. RSVP to rsvp@powerhousearena.com.

SEND A NASTYGRAM!

The Spite Site (thespitesite.com) allows haters to send anonymous, handwritten messages to erstwhile amours for \$2.50 a pop. Our faves include "Guess who I slept with?" and "Your presence lowers my IQ."

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Last-Minute Plan: Garth Weiser

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Valentine's Day: Planned Dates, gifts and coping mechanisms

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