

THE APPROVAL MATRIX

Our deliberately oversimplified guide to who falls where on our taste hierarchies.

HIGHBROW

We're all in favor of a vital cultural life, but the Russians **take their ballet a bit too gangster.**



Brit tabs report **Sarkozy might ditch France** for London to avoid paying taxes. (Is Elba unavailable?)

This sculpture of an **ATV on a trampoline** at Zach Feuer Gallery.



The *New York Review of Books* begins its 50th anniversary by reprinting **Reader's Digest** versions of notable old essays.



Justice Sotomayor says that part of the reason she wrote a memoir was to remind her of "the child I grew up being..." **I don't want to lose track of Sonia.**

R.E.M.'s "**Losing My Religion**," computer-rejiggered to be in major, not minor. It's still not exactly uplifting.



The *Last Carving*, by David Esterly—his account of a year at Hampton Court re-creating a 300-year-old wood carving that **had been burned up.**



TRUMP

Donald Trump **wants to buy the Times**, take it condo.



We're used to the kilt by now, but this **sporrán** at the Milan men's shows looks like Davy Crockett's dreamcatcher.



Daniel Radcliffe's **remarkably limber** gay sex scene in Sundance fave *Kill Your Darlings*.



Olaf Breuning's **triumphantly woozy**, beer-swilling homeless-good-times video at Metro Pictures.



Steve Martin and Edie Brickell have an album coming out and are touring **wearing arrows through their heads.**



What does it mean when we see mayoral candidate Joe Lhotka, we see **Louis C.K.?**

Bloomberg's 400-square-foot micro-apartment proposal reminds us that **we already live in less room than that.**

Morgan Stanley joke names for toxic derivatives: Nuclear Holocaust, **ShitBag**, **Fludderfish**. Fludderfish?

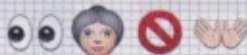
Bill Clinton, clearly a **Kelly Clarkson fan.**



DESPICABLE

Officials interrupt epic Wawrinka-Djokovic Australian Open match to mend a **sponsor's damaged logo.**

Sacre view! The Cloisters to lose its **cloistered view of Jersey?**



Emojirap Tumblr.



Good girl Selena Gomez rebels in Harmony Korine's *Spring Breakers*: bikinis, guns, **James Franco** in cornrows rapping.

Why are these **dispiritingly suburban** new city hotels all built in clusters?



Connecticut girl's lawyer blames Bushwick "**hipster lifestyle**" for her boyfriend's crashing his parents' Mercedes into a Long Island woman's home.

Amy's **Black Power Feds** fantasy sequence on *Enlightened*.



What are the Obamas going to do with **these pictures of themselves** exactly?



The recently discontinued Android app "**Make Me Indian**." Not so sure about this one, Kemosabe.

Texas to New York: Give me your gun-lovin' masses **yearning to shoot free**...



Explosive cheese fire shuts down tunnel in Norway for six days. (Only the brunost was hurt.)



Manhattantarctica.



Walmart reportedly investigated for **gift-receipt under-refunding**. *You bought me a present at where and only spent that much?*



Marie, the Mardi Gras "**Boosie**" beer cozy.



Racked.com's loopy video of a psychic at a vintage shop examining **the past lives of clothes.**

Don't you wish you were as cozy as these **sweater-wearing Shetland ponies** (from the new Scottish tourism campaign)?



LOWBROW

BRILLIANT

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