

THE APPROVAL MATRIX

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

HIGHBROW

The failure of American **testosterone-ocracy**.



Not even **Trudie Styler** could get the Culture Project's production of *The Seagull* to soar.

Justice Scalia uses the term "the blacks."



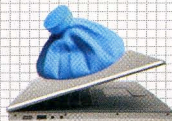
NYC vs. Banksy, continued.



Sufjan Stevens's grammar lesson to Miley Cyrus for "#GetItRight": "Surely you've heard of **Present Perfect Continuous Tense**."



Joe Lhota's campaign ad depicting the **bad old days** of high crime used a stolen photo.



The **sickly** Healthcare.gov.

Darren Aronofsky's big-budget Noah's Ark epic runs into a **perfect storm** of criticism from Christians, Jews—and even the irreligious.



Stephen Sondheim is working on a **gay** version of *Company*.

Mike Kelley's confounding and hilarious **PS1-filling** retrospective.



The Jaime Hernandez illustrated edition of Junot Díaz's *This Is How You Lose Her*.

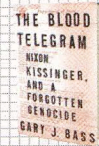


Elizabeth Olsen's neurotic, **fast-talking Juliet** in Classic Stage Company's *Romeo & Juliet*.

Jeanine Tesori's joyful and precise **songs of lesbian longing** in *Fun Home* at the Public.



Oil lobbyist spills to Harper's reporter Ken Silverstein, mistaking him for EnergyBiz Insider editor Ken Silverstein.



Gary Bass's *The Blood Telegram* reveals once again that Henry Kissinger is one morally compromised "statesman."



"Come Together: **Surviving Sandy, Year 1**" art show at Industry City in Sunset Park.

Wuff-wuff! Brian Wilson played *Pet Sounds* in its entirety at the Beacon Theatre.



DESPICABLE



Something—probably global warming—is killing off the moose. **Can Bullwinkle be saved?**

Michael Bay is attacked by a **man wielding an air conditioner** (which did not turn into an evil robot) while filming *Transformers 4* in Hong Kong.



Glee: **finis** after next season ...



Baby is crying! Have the nanny give her this \$50,000 **black diamond pacifier**. (When baby grows up she'll need a "Black" AmEx and lots of cocaine.)

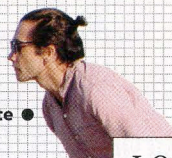


Alison Gold's "**Chinese Food**": the latest from the pay-to-play songsmiths behind Rebecca Black's "Friday."

Japanese company B&H Lifes invents nonalcoholic, catnip-infused **wine for felines**.



Jake Gyllenhaal's **cowboy-inappropriate** man bun.



LOWBROW

The **orchestral** version of "Thrift Shop."



... But *American Horror Story* is taking up the **sing-along slack**, starting with last week's Stevie Nicks tribute.

The city's proposal to turn that grimy auto viaduct that loops around Grand Central into a sort of **midtown High Line**.

The *American Journal of Medicine* reports that **potheads are skinnier**. Maybe it's all the Hacky Sack?



Mark Zuckerberg's sister Randi writes a children's book about a **little-girl web addict**.



Comic Con: Fleet Week for **nerd fetishists**.

Arcade Fire plays two CMJ shows. (By the way, **what does CMJ even stand for anymore?**)



Hand Job Academy's "Shark Week," a **bloody good rap song about periods**.

The Gowanus Whole Foods will have a rooftop bar. **So get loaded and go squeeze some organic produce!**



BRILLIANT

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