

THIS WEEK'S POP PICK

"Toss A Coin To Your Witcher"

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Based on the book series by Andrzej Sapkowski which inspired the video game series, The Witcher is a fantasy drama series which takes place on a fictional landmass known as "The Continent." The series follows Geralt of Rivia (Henry Cavill), infamously known as "The Witcher," who is a magically enhanced monster-hunter with limited emotions.



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Along the way, Geralt's path crosses with Yennefer of Vengerberg (Anya Chalotra), a powerful sorceress with humble origins; Jaskier (Joey Batey), a travelling bard with a big mouth; and Princess Cirilla of Cintra (Freya Allan), the last surviving member of the Cintran royalty who spends most of the series trying to escape the Nilfgaardian army.

Viewers should be aware that the series has a non-linear timeline, something I didn't figure out until about halfway through watching it. The sections with Ciri are the "current time", whereas Yennefer's arc takes place many years before the main events of the series. The show itself does not explain the timeline, but Netflix has released a graphic detailing the plot of the series on its Twitter (@NXOnNetflix).

While the series takes a few episodes to truly hit its stride, this series is a fun and compelling fantasy with interesting characters and fascinating monsters. Viewers should be aware of the blood, gore, and sexual themes of this series, but even if you've never played the games or read the books, "The Witcher" is well worth the watch. Netflix has already announced a second season which will be released in 2021, but until then you can toss a coin to the eight episodes of "The Witcher" already available.

An Updated List of Love Languages

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Words of affirmation, acts of service, receiving gifts, quality time, and physical touch. These are the so-called "five love languages" that Gary Chapman lists in his 1992 book, "The Five Love Languages: How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to Your Mate." While the concept of the five love languages now has a website, the list has not been updated since.

It has been almost three decades, and the ways that we experience and talk about relationships has drastically changed. Here, I will suggest a few more love languages to add to the list. This is by no means definitive, and serves more to start a discussion.

- *Listening to Passionate Rants:* To really show them you care, consider asking your partner about something they really care about - or, if you don't know, simply nod your head during a conversation; the subject will eventually come up. Subjectts of discourse can range from intrictae fan theories on the MCU to intellectual ponderings on the alleged suicide of Jeffery Epstein, so make sure you're in a comfortable chair (but not too comfortable). If the rant ever stops, they'll feel your love on their strained vocal cords.
- *Giving Them Some Space, Seriously, Calm Down:* It's ok to leave them on read if all you're going to respond with is "yeah," "oof," or "ok."
- *Pretending Their Favorite Band isn't Overrated:* "Radiohead? I've never heard of them."
- *Liking All Their Awful Instagram Posts:* There comes a time in every relationship where you must face the question: "what drastic lengths will you go for someone you love?" If you truly love this person, you will look them straight in the eyes and tell them that their laughably mediocre picture of a squished solo cup on the sidewalk is "deep."

"Parasite" Takes Home Four Oscars

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At the 92nd Academy Awards, Bong Joon-ho, director of "Parasite," took home four awards. Joon-ho received the award for Best Director, while his film "Parasite" received the awards for Best Picture, International Feature Film and Best Original Screenplay.



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"Parasite!!! Red Carpet #Oscars" Director Bong Joon-ho (off-center right, seems to be pointing at something) posed on the red carpet with the cast of "Parasite."

This year's Academy Awards was very white, as usual, but it's incredible to see a South Korean film and director take home four awards. "Parasite" is the first foreign film to receive Best Picture, and the awards for "Parasite" weren't the only wins for people of color at this year's Academy Awards.

Valentine's Day: But Make It Less Stressful

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Valentine's Day is a day associated with high expectations. Elaborate flower arrangements, fancy chocolate and expensive dates are just a few things that people may desire or stress about giving to someone on V-Day. Even outside of a relationship, some may stress even about ways to make their close friends or family feel loved on Valentine's Day.

It doesn't have to be stressful or expensive. There are many simple ways to show someone you care without breaking the bank, and any reasonable person would feel appreciative of these expressions of love. Here are just a few:

- Surprise someone with their favorite snack/meal/drink
- Alternatively, cook something together
- Do their dishes
- Fold their clothes for them
- Tidy up a messy space
- Watch someone's favorite movie or show with them
- Make a playlist for someone
- Take a walk together
- Give them a really cool rock
- Send them memes that make you think of them
- Do face masks
- Paint each other's nails (if you're into that)
- Lounge around in pajamas and don't worry about pressures to present nicely

If you're more introverted, these things can easily be done alone as well. Take the day to love yourself and do a few extra nice things for yourself. It's nice to share Valentine's Day with someone else, but it can be just as nice to celebrate on your own.

Valentine's Day Bops

For When You're In Love

"All of Me" - John Legend

"Kiss Me" - Ed Sheeran

"I'm Yours" - Jason Mraz

"Sucker" - The Jonas Brothers

For When You're Heartbroken

"Never Bloom Again" - Waterparks

"You Should Be Sad" - Halsey

"Thanks fr the Mmrs" - Fall Out Boy

"Gives You Hell" - The All-American Rejects

For When You Want To Feel Empowered

"Mother's Daughter" - Miley Cyrus

"Good as Hell" - Lizzo

"ME! (feat. Brendon Urie)" - Taylor Swift

"Blow Your Mind (Muah)" - Dua Lipa

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ARIES (March 22 - April 19) You are making the right moves. New beginnings and good news are coming your way, keep an eye out for them.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) People are going to be receptive toward you. Now is a good time to form new bonds or repair old ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) It is time for you to take action on something, whatever that may be. Now is a good time to accomplish something.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) Things are going to be more successful than you thought they would be. Move forward confidently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Things do not always go as you want them to. Do not allow this to discourage you from pursuing something else.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Think about things rationally and use rational approaches to problems. It is easy to get caught up in emotions, but using your head is the move.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) You are moving into a period of calmness and stability. Now is a good time to work on healing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Learn lessons from the things that haven't gone well for you, rather than becoming bitter. Life is not out to get you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Let go of things that have hurt you. You do not have to be forgiving, but dwelling on the hurt won't help.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22) Pay attention to your gut feelings, but don't allow paranoia to guide you. Your instincts can be trusted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Re-evaluate where your priorities lie. You may be trying to handle too many things at once.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 21) You may benefit from pausing to celebrate the progress you have made on something. Give yourself some credit and a break.