

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Gift ideas for your sweetheart

Valentine's Day is just two days away - don't wait 'til Monday to decide what you're going to do for your sweetheart to show him or her how much you care.

To help, get those creative (and romantic) juices flowing, here are a few suggestions that are a little (or a lot) out of the ordinary!

♥ Tell your sweetheart

that you'll pick him/her up after work, then have a limousine waiting at the door. The driver will not, of course, divulge the ultimate destination; however, he might hand your sweetheart an envelope with a Valentine card and a key to a hotel room for an intimate, romantic rendezvous. Or perhaps the limo will take you both wining and dining, followed by an evening of theatre.

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to be appreciated. A beauty make-over is as treasured as much for the time out from a busy schedule as it is for the actual beauty benefits of the treatment.

♥ Having help with the house-work, whether it's a one-time extravagance or a weekly contract may not seem like a romantic gift, but for a person who is slowed under by dust bunnies and dirty laundry, it may seem like the most loving gesture in the world. Besides, it frees up some free time on the weekend for a more romantic pursuit than vacuuming.

♥ Take your Valentine back to more youthful days and create a one-of-a-kind card with red construction paper and lace doilies.

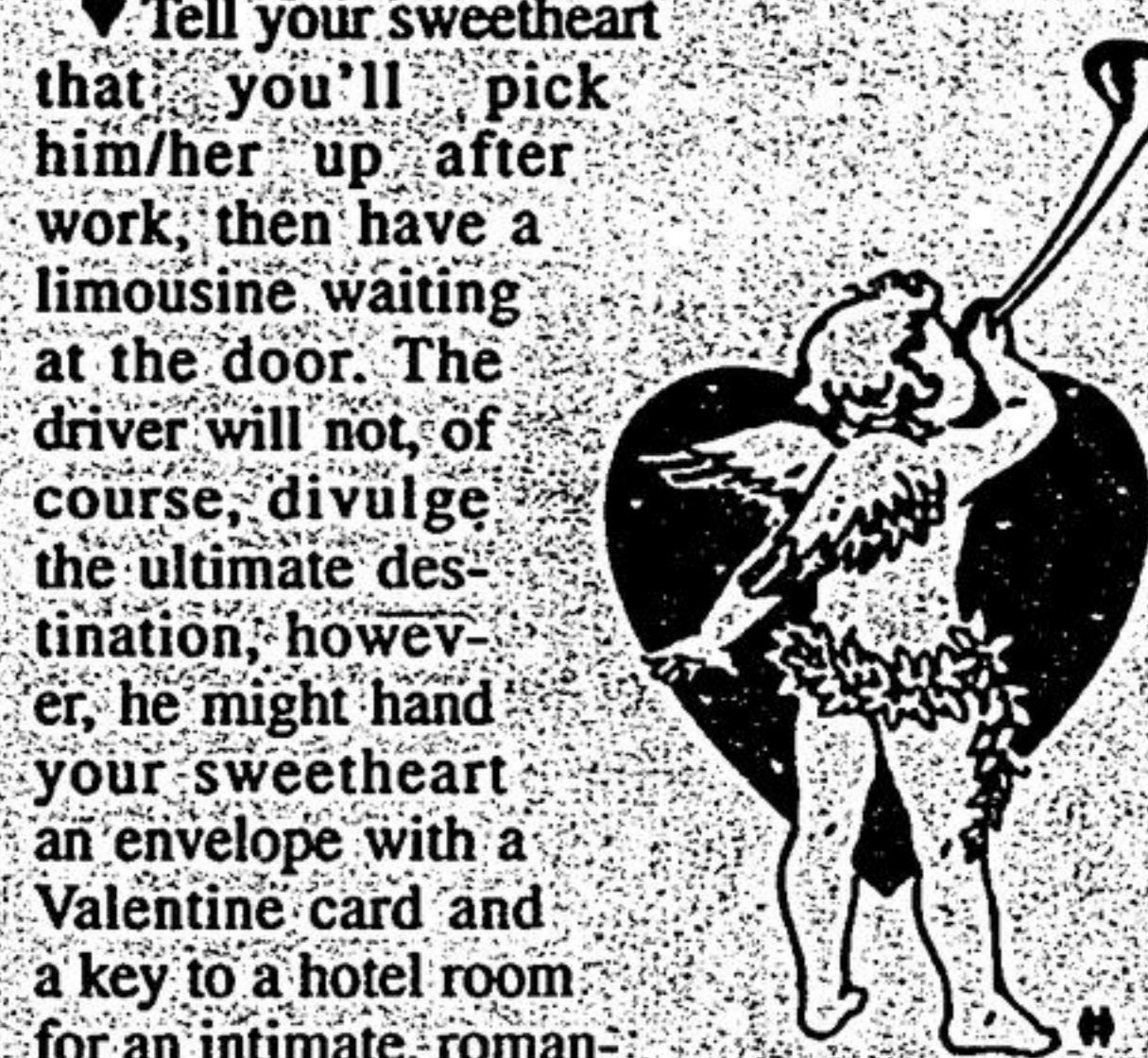
♥ Dress up your everyday dinner in Valentine style. Make homemade pizza (or even shepherd's pie!) in the shape of a heart.

♥ Take the phone off the hook, turn the lights down low, light the candles and the fireplace, pour the wine and put some soft, romantic

music on the stereo. Serve up gourmet take-out so there is no clean-up and enjoy each other's company.

♥ Rent a romantic (or steamy) movie - Sleepless in Seattle, When Harry Met Sally, Ghost, - or perhaps a golden oldie like Casablanca or Charade.

♥ If you're still not convinced, and you're leaning towards that traditional be-ribboned, heart-shaped box of chocolates, make it extra special by selecting a few hand-made Belgian truffles instead of a mega-box of commercial ones. Not only will you be saving your sweetie a good many calories, the experience of biting into a quality truffle is an experience that is out-of-this-world!



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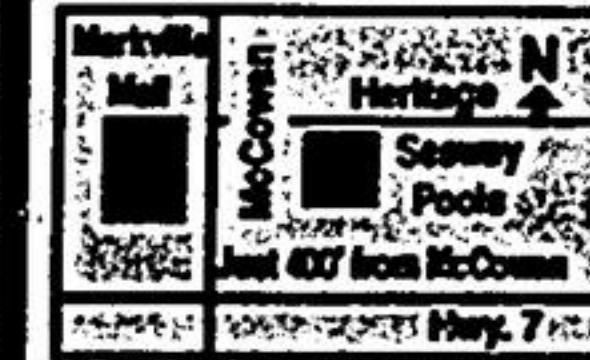
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