

BE MY ROCK CHICK VALENTINE

Pssst. You've got seven days to get her something special. **Globe Style** gives you some hints

# Heartbreakers

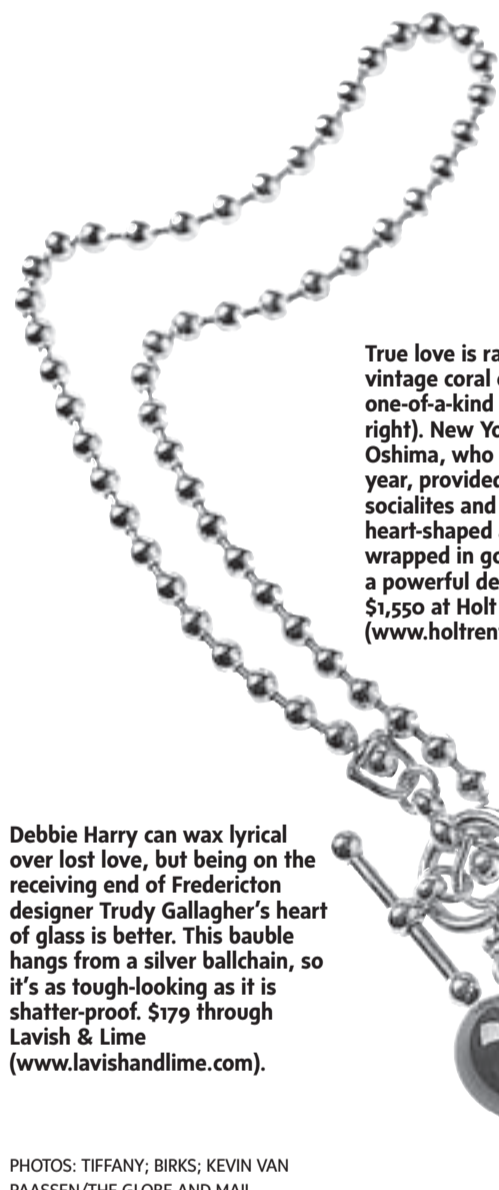
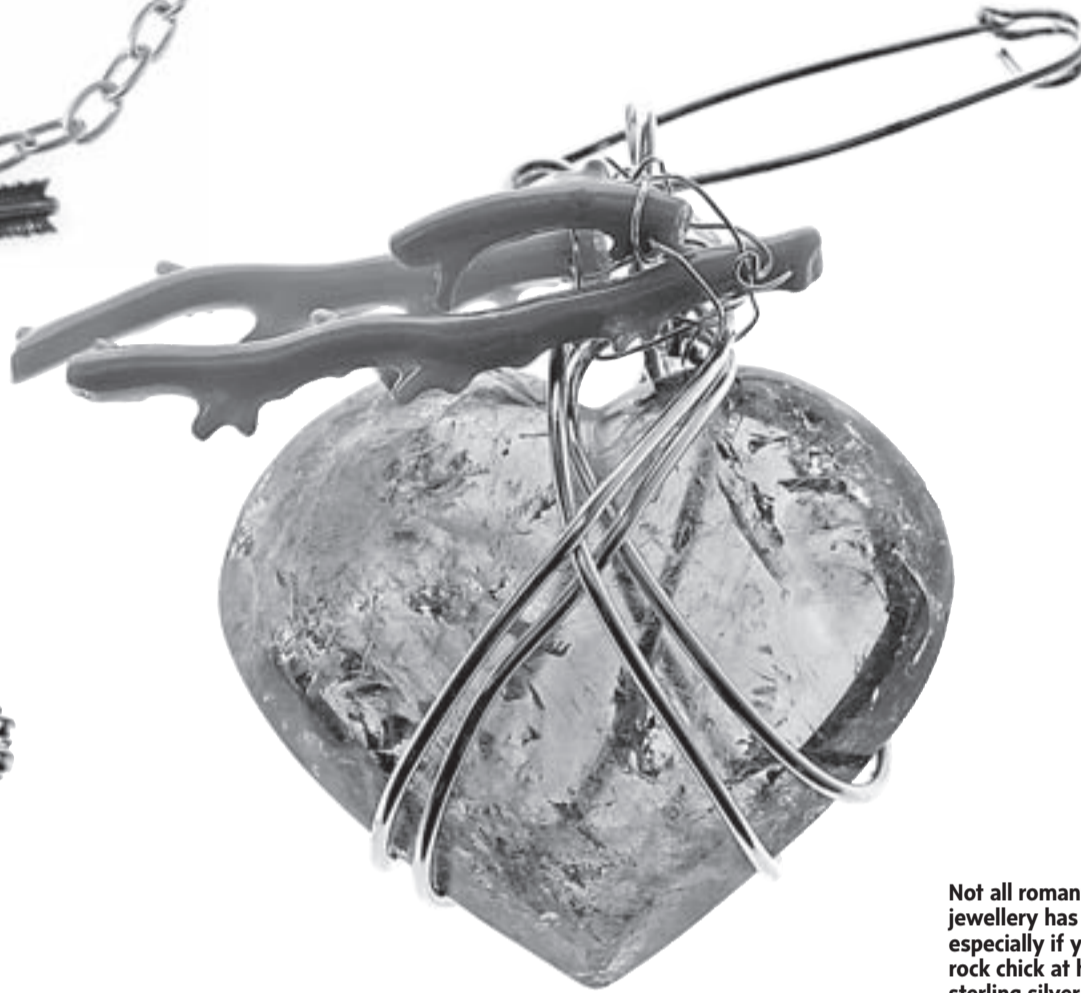


The coupling of roughly stamped silver and sweet little hearts on this I.D. bracelet (above), by the savvy Canadians at Where Did You Get That?, is indicative of Cupid's sometimes inventive coupling skills. This time, the pairing works beautifully. \$150 through wheredidyoudgetthat.ca.

Architect Frank Gehry continues to dramatically reshape beloved objects with his latest blue-boxed offering for Tiffany: a clever twist on the heart. We love the chunky silver hearts stacked together on a necklace at right, but the single heart pendant (far right) deserves just as much attention. Necklace, \$1,850 and pendant, \$340, through [www.tiffany.ca](http://www.tiffany.ca).



Diamonds are still the ultimate sign of devotion. And wearing your honey's diamond-encrusted initials around your neck says "I'm committed" right back. \$1,500 through [www.jennifermeyer.com](http://www.jennifermeyer.com).



True love is rare, but so is the vintage coral on this Kazuko one-of-a-kind pendant pin (above right). New York-based Kazuko Oshima, who passed away last year, provided luxe trinkets for socialites and rock stars. Her heart-shaped amethyst, roughly wrapped in gold wire, makes for a powerful declaration. \$1,550 at Holt Renfrew ([www.holtrenfrew.com](http://www.holtrenfrew.com)).

Not all romantically-inclined jewellery has to be delicate, especially if your sweetie's a rock chick at heart. This tough sterling silver chain link bracelet (below, left) from Birks features a curvy heart just waiting for the right key. \$350 through [www.birks.com](http://www.birks.com).



If she's not impressed with sentimental symbols, woo her with an image of the real thing. Toronto-based Kvell has cast anatomical versions of your pumper. Engraved with "corazon" – Spanish for "heart" – these earrings are perfect for your own Frida Kahlo. \$195 at Delphic (416-603-3334).

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Dear Mr. Smith: I'm 40 and my hair is thinning in a pattern that displeases me. What factors should I weigh in deciding whether to shave it all off? Indeed, there is nothing less attractive – and I mean really nothing, save perhaps bad teeth or a soup-encrusted beard – than Thinning Wispy Hair Man, the guy with the bald spot and the mullet, with the sparse fringe hanging over a gleaming forehead. Comb-overs never fool anyone. Ponytails never fool anyone.

When it starts to go, it's time to cut it short. Note that you don't necessarily need to shave it all off, but you do need to keep it very short. Bristles, not wisps.

When do you know it's time? Well, a thinning spot on the crown or back of the head can be kept invisible for a while if you like a bushy head.

But it's the rising forehead that will be your undoing. Once you realize you are growing your bangs as long as you can to make up for a receding hairline, it's time for the buzzing clippers. (Set them to number two.) And don't be afraid of the complete shave either – baldness gives off a reek of testosterone that will practically impregnate any female standing next to you.

Even if you do happen to be one of those lucky guys whose locks continue to grow luxuriant

well into middle age, be careful about showing it off. Beware of being the older guy with the wildly curly mane: You may want to look like the hip sociology professor who beds all his pretty graduate students, but then again you may not (his students post cutting things about him online).

And if your hair is still thick and you decide to grow it long, after the age of 40, you will then inevitably start to wonder if you should dye the grey out of it. Maybe jet black, like the rockers of your youth – and before you know it you look as if you're auditioning for *Spinal Tap*. Keep it neat and keep it grey. It's distinguished.

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