

**NAME: AARON RIDINGS**

Age: 27

Occupation: Nonprofit event planner

What are you looking for in a love interest? I'm really looking for someone who's honest. The most important thing is to be able to tell if you're compatible with someone—to be able to communicate clearly and get to know each other well to find out if you like to go out on weekends, go on trips or go sit in coffee shops or see concerts.

What makes you a catch? I'm a person that has a good balance between having a good time and being very dependable and present. And I care about the needs of people around me.

What's your ideal first date? I love romantic gestures like getting flowers. I like to do something offbeat. I like to go to community events like First Thursdays and Art on Alberta. I also like seeing a play or movie. I'm really into learning and politics—I like to get my mind moving.

What did you learn from your last relationship? I think I've learned a lot about being a good partner. I ended a 6 1/2-year relationship last May that taught me a lot—everything from budgeting to balancing your individual lives and as a couple.

What is the fastest way to your heart? Meeting someone who's genuine and I have a real connection with.

Bed? Someone who can dance.

Out your door? I really value loyalty and people who know how to treat others well. If that's not on the table, then that's a good way out the door.

What is new to your playlist? I have really eclectic taste, but I have to say Tribalistas, which is a collaboration including Marisa Monte, whom I love.

Mount Hood or Pioneer Place? Pioneer Place.

Slaughters or Crush? Crush.

Candles or cuffs? Candles.

Cat or dog? Cat.

**NAME: MATT JAFFE**

Age: 27

Occupation: Politico

What are you looking for in a love interest? I'm looking for a man with a pulse.

What makes you a catch? What made Jeff Stryker a catch?

What's your ideal first date? A great day on the slopes at Mount Hood Meadows.

What did you learn from your last relationship? I didn't know I was supposed to learn anything. Not to rush into things.

What is the fastest way to your heart? A guy who can keep up with me on a pair of skis.

Bed? Patrón.

Out your door? Voting Republican.

What is new to your playlist? Philip Glass and Mark Farina are on repeat for me right now.

Mount Hood or Pioneer Place? Mount Hood.

Slaughters or Crush? Crush.

Candles or cuffs? Both.

Cat or dog? Dog.



To contact these eligible singles e-mail jaymee@justout.com.

**THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY**

DEAR JUST OUT:

I received your message here at Portland Opera with undisguised glee. Whilst I am wildly flattered that I should ever be remotely in the running for a "most eligible singles" column (I immediately forwarded the e-mail to everyone I have ever met in the U.S. and the entire population of England, all of whom I naturally know personally, had it framed in gilt and mounted on my living room wall, and even considered passing out fliers of it on Hawthorne Boulevard around my neighborhood), I fear it would be a tad dishonest of me to accept being a part of the article. Don't get me wrong—I considered lying very carefully—but as my luck would ironically have it, I have just started to see someone; I am thus not officially single. I am rather ashamed to admit that I even considered temporarily ending said relationship solely in order to appear in the article, but came to my senses in time to realize that it "simply wasn't good sport."

Heartfelt thanks for giving my ego a much-needed boost; you have made an old man of 28 deliriously happy. I shall try extremely hard to be very single next time you have such an article.

Yours, with great sadness at being unable to oblige,

ROB AINSLEY



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