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## Kickin' it with K-von | e-dating in the 21st century

Remember those ads people used to take out in the Sunday newspaper: "SWF seeking Antonio Banderas look-alike for

friendship/relationship." Sounded pretty weird back then, but with the help of the Internet they're back! Studies show more people are meeting online every year. I know some who won't even consider going on a date until they've done research on a person's Facebook profile. They call it "taking initiative" while I call it "cyber-stalking," but potato, puh-tah-toe.

If you're old-fashioned and "Just Say No" to e-dating, you may need to reconsider. With the help of technology you can take a look at a few photos, read about someone's interests, and even see what their friends are like before getting stuck sitting across from them at a coffee shop. Sites like eHarmony, Match, and PlentyOfFish have revolutionized the "shotgun approach." At a bar you might have two or three chances to mix it up with potential mates before you strike out, confidence shattered, and you've thoroughly embarrassed yourself. However,

online you can get shot down thousands of times from the comfort of your own home with no fear of public humiliation. That's right, no more wallowing in depression, just dust off your old keyboard and wade right back into that pond.

The only thing the Internet is lacking is an easy-to-use background-checking service. CARFAX can see a vehicle's whole history before you buy. We need something like that for potential dates. "Hmm, looks like you're mid-size, come with a spare tire . . . says here you have quite a bit of mileage, I see a few dings in your grill, and you've had some bodywork done. Oh, what's this. . .? I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to pass, you've been in one too many collisions . . . my goodness, what are you, a RENTAL!?!"

Perhaps the best thing about Internet dating is the search refinement functions. It's amazing how specific they get. Ladies, if you want to meet a 6-foot-3-inch man with chiseled abs who makes more than \$150,000, type it in (but be prepared to lower your standards).

Guys, if you're in your 20s but looking for a 60-year-old redhead with a body that just won't quit, just punch it in. The search menus are getting more detailed every day. The number of options for "Body Type" women have to choose from to describe themselves is astounding. One site allows

them to select "Skinny," "Athletic," "Curvy," "Big Boned," "Juicy," "More to Love," "Pleasantly Plump," "Chunky," "Hefty," "Livin' Large," or "OH HELL NO!!!"

The difficult part is building your own profile and actually being objective. You may think you look like Bradley Cooper, but others just see Alice Cooper. Have a friend write how they would describe you. Then go back and edit all the less complimentary things out. Always good to proofread.

Warning: Watch for people that only put their best picture online. The sites should implement a rule that you must upload your ugliest one as well so people can average your looks out. Alas, no such requirement exists. Finally, when you do take a picture keep it classy. All too often ladies are posed in a mini-skirt with a bottle of alcohol in their hand and then left wondering "Umm, like why isn't anyone giving me the respect I demand?" And gentleman, please don't take your own shirtless picture in the mirror from your cell phone, or the 60-year-old redhead just might not write you back. Good luck out there!

*K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. Currently you can see him on MTV's hidden-camera prank show "Disaster Date." Visit [youtube.com/KvonComedy](http://youtube.com/KvonComedy) now to see the clips.*

quadriplegic. After six days in the ICU and 110 days at Renown Rehabilitation Hospital, he was discharged from the hospital on Sept. 1. Chris is engaged to **Maria Perez '06** (Spanish).

**J. Matthew Martin '09MJS** (trial judges) received a professional certificate in judicial development—general jurisdiction trial skills from the National Judicial College on Nov. 11.

**Dominique R. Palladino '09B.F.A.** (art) recently presented a series of conceptual sculptures, *Distilled*, as part of the Nevada Arts Council Office eXhibition Series. In *Distilled*, Dominique uses salt as a means to explore and depict growing ideas of division, loss and abandonment in relationship to hierarchical gender roles.

**Victoria Rocha '09** (German/theatre/ international affairs) recently joined

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps. Victoria immediately moved to Washington, D.C. after graduation for an internship through Sen. Harry Reid's office in the steering and outreach committee. During the internship, Victoria was present for a meeting on national service in relation to the April 21, 2009 signing by President Barack Obama of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. Attending the meeting was AmeriCorps NCCC director, Mikel