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91 ways to have a very T&C holiday.



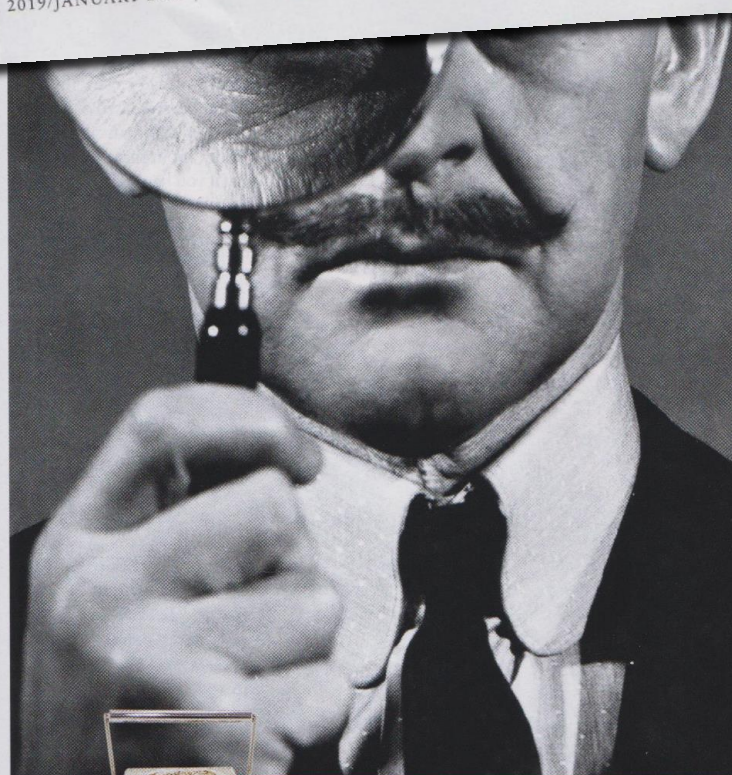
1 First, Google the Guest

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6 Who needs goose? Reserve the 12-course tasting menu at chef Helene An's new Beverly Hills Vietnamese spot, Da Lat Rose. **7** How to take in the lights on Rodeo Drive: Saint Laurent Rive Droite 6KU Fixie Bicycle, \$1,080, YSL.COM >>



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mostly because the host, Jordan Crowder, is the brother of Steven Crowder, the provocative conservative commentator who got demonized by YouTube for homophobic harassment. I was worried about being attacked for going on as a guest but did it anyway, partly because it didn't seem fair to judge someone for his brother's sins, but mostly because no one listens to anodyne podcasts about masculinity.

I'm not alone in trying to predict the ramifications of every interaction. We're all constantly running social harm risk analysis—trying to figure out how close we can get to people involved in controversy without becoming radioactive ourselves. Could you, for example, survive a leaked party photo of you with Joi Ito, who quit his job running the MIT Media Lab after accepting donations from the late Jeffrey Epstein? Trading Instagram likes with Lisa Bloom, the feminist and civil rights lawyer who became toxic for representing Harvey Weinstein? You don't even have to know anyone powerful; an acquaintance recently told me she's being excommunicated by friends for attending SoulCycle classes after owner Stephen Ross threw a fundraiser for Trump in the Hamptons.

So how do we perform social harm risk analysis? Is a cursory Google search enough before saying yes to a party invitation? Doing one could have given anybody =>

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2 How to upgrade the Chinese-food-and-a-movie holiday tradition: Head for Hutong, in the old Le Cirque space on New York's Lexington Avenue, then take in a screening of Greta Gerwig's *Little Women*. JUDITHLEIBER.COM TAKE OUT BOX \$4,995, JUDITHLEIBER.COM >>

