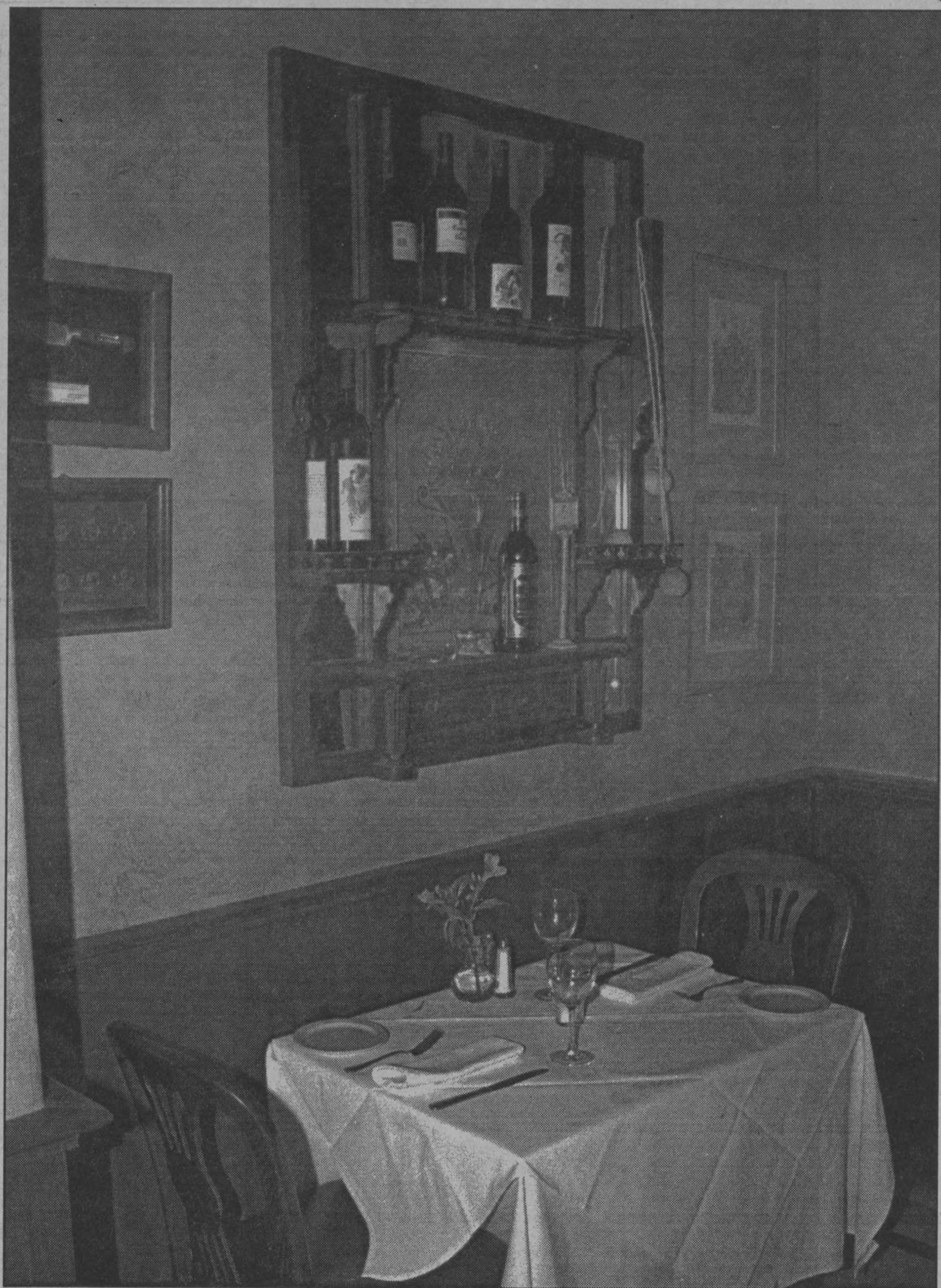


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# Dating

GUIDE



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# ~ Take Your Date to Paradise ~

You just hung up the phone, and she said yes when you asked her out. Now what??

The next decision you make could be a costly one; where do you go for the first date? It needs to be a place that has great food, a friendly atmosphere and a menu that you can afford. There are few places in Santa Barbara that have all three of these qualities, but when you venture only one block from the hustle and bustle of State Street, you find Paradise Cafe — the perfect answer.

On the corner of Anacapa and Ortega, between the palm trees and plants, lies Santa Barbara's best-kept secret. Paradise Cafe has a cozy dining room, along with a spacious patio (including heaters for those colder nights). But if you want the best of both worlds, ask for a veranda table. There are only a few tables for two on the small elevated patio, but they have a distinct charm that adds to any date.

By this time you have spent your first moments of quality time together, and should have an idea how the rest of the night is going to go. It is amazing how telling

a 10-minute car ride and a 10-minute wait for a table can be.

If things just are not going as planned with that girl of your dreams, call over one of the friendly and attentive servers and order your favorite drink. Paradise Cafe has a fully stocked bar and an impressive wine list, including many local Santa Bar-

*...great food, a friendly atmosphere and a menu that you can afford.*

bara wineries. If you're not exactly a wine connoisseur and want to show your cultured side, simply ask the bartender or server about their recommendation for a glass or bottle of wine.

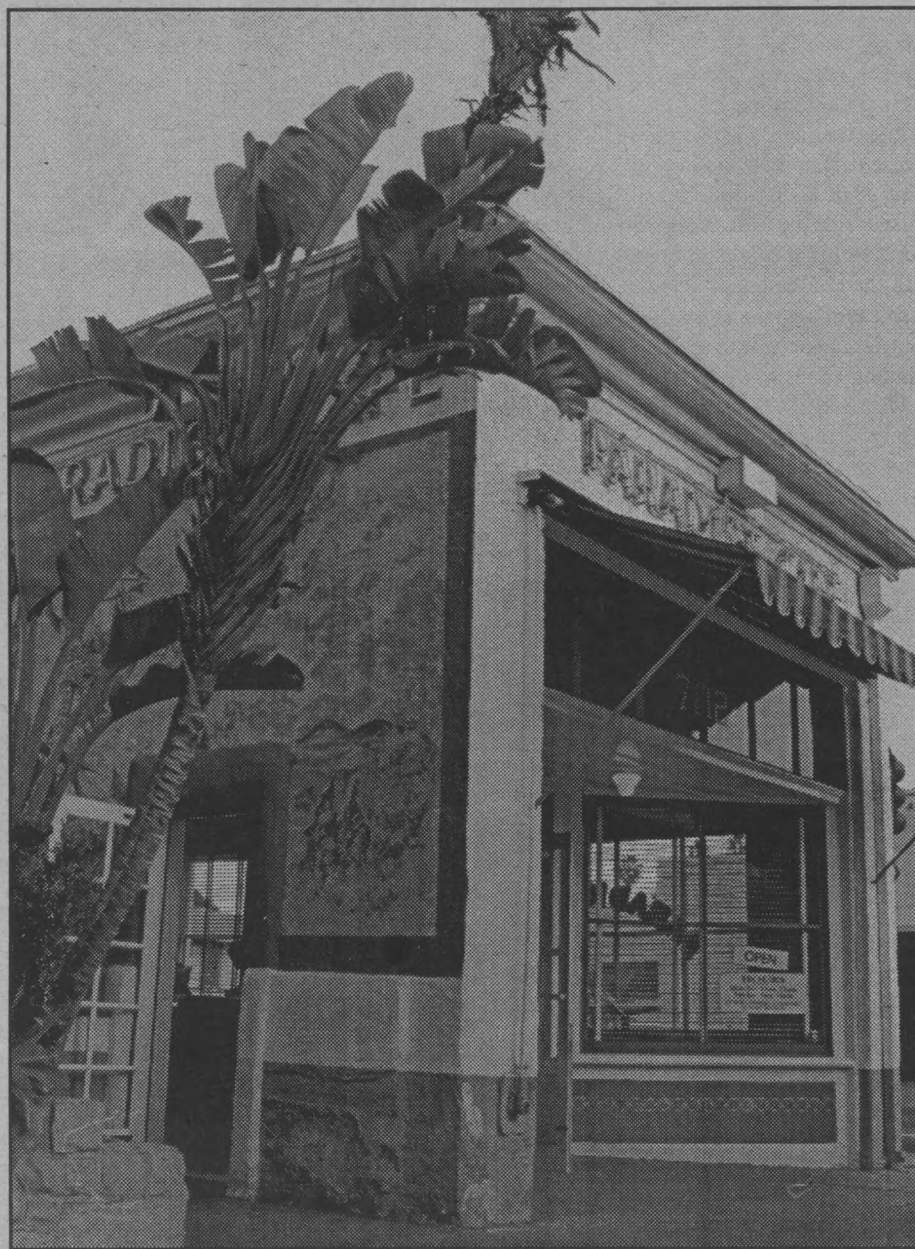
If things are going well,

you can still order that perfect drink, or skip right to dinner. Every meal begins with a batch of freshly baked garlic bread; just make sure that both you *and* your date devour these baked delights or the after-dinner conversation will need to be from a distance.

Paradise Cafe offers a menu everyone can enjoy, even the difficult vegetarian date. Fresh seafood, pasta, steaks and salads are all part of the daily selections. The oak-burning stove gives every grilled delicacy a taste that is unrivaled. A few recommendations include the swordfish, the filet mignon and the seafood pasta. Remember to leave some room for dessert, because sharing a sweet treat can only bring a potential couple closer.

Over the past few years I have been to Paradise Cafe numerous times, and have always walked away feeling great. Regrettably, it was usually the food and not the date that I felt so content about. At least you come out with a dinner and drink that you would not have bought yourself otherwise.

So, good luck on a date, and may there be many more to follow (the same girl is optional).



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## ~ An Exotic Evening... ~

It wasn't a first date, or even a second date; in fact, I've lost count of how many "dates" Dan and I have gone on, so I wasn't really expecting romance. All I really wanted was a good meal. At cafe Buenos Aires, I got what I wanted and more.

The weather was warm with a slight breeze occasionally kissing my neck, something Dan hadn't done for a while. As we walked side by side along State Street, I didn't feel that tingle of anxiety that comes with the excitement of a new relationship. I wasn't thinking about laughing at his jokes, not tripping or how to impress him; all I was thinking about was how hungry I was.

That began to change when we stepped into the patio of Cafe Buenos Aires. Everything about it breathed romance. As our waitress seated us at a table for two, passing by the outdoor fireplace and ivy-adorned Brazilian-style walls, I couldn't help but give Dan one of my first-date smiles.

I was overwhelmed with the assortment of dishes listed on our menus. After only a brief look, I had a good feeling that my desire for a good meal would not go unsatisfied. As Dan and I considered our options, we grazed on bread accompanied by a tasty olive oil-type dip.

Although the meal itself was looking promising, the date wasn't — Dan reached for the last piece of bread in the basket. Yet, just as I was silently lamenting the death of chivalry, Dan offered me half of the bread with a boyish smile. Ah, hope!

Not being daring enough to order the octopus appetizer, we enjoyed shrimp in a flavorful sauce. While deciding what we wanted for our main dish, my taste buds were having a holiday with the shrimp.

While Dan studied the menu a moment longer, my eyes wandered, taking in the trickling fountain in the center of the patio

and the elegant outdoor wetbar opposite us. Everything about the huge outdoor dining area was both elegant and comfortable. We were soothed by the music of the live harpist, whose skilled fingers continuously caressed the strings.

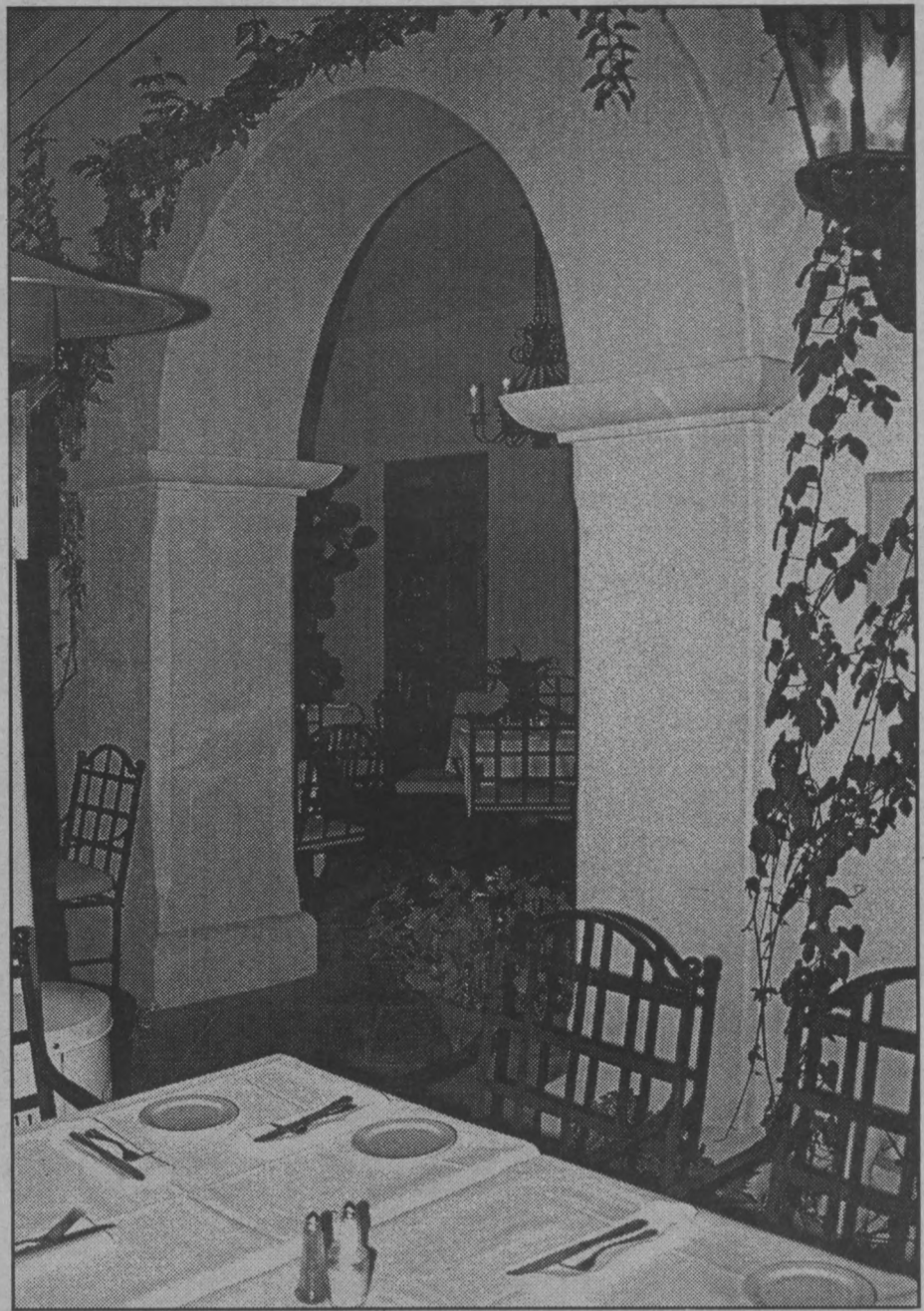
We watched the sun slowly descend over the Arlington, causing Cafe Buenos Aires to transform from its daytime to evening dress. The large umbrellas that shaded the tables by day were removed and replaced by heat lamps that kept the patio an ideal temperature while not obstructing our view of the stars. Candles graced the tables and I knew that the twinkle of romance reflecting in Dan's eyes was in mine as well.

Before long our attention was redirected to our food. Before me, our waitress, Jessica, placed a feast. Mine was a chicken dish decked out in tomatoes and mozzarella cheese with vegetables alongside. A sprig of rosemary stuck out as a garnish. Dan's eyes widened at the special: salmon in a cream sauce with spinach.

From my first bite I knew that I had gotten what I wanted — a simply magnificent meal. I had forgotten that food could have so much flavor. My taste buds, which had first been teased by the shrimp, now danced and frolicked about. Dan was every bit as satisfied with his meal. But I started to sense that his smile was not just because of his food, but because he was seeing me as he had on our first date.

I had no complaints about my meal, except that it filled me up so much that I could not find room for dessert. Everything on the dessert menu looked delectable, especially the "fantasia de chocolate" that the menu described as simply "intense."

Admitting ourselves incapable of dessert, Dan and I lingered a bit longer finishing our drinks and engaging in conversation that re-



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minded me of all the reasons I had originally fallen for him.

We left Cafe Buenos Aires with something we had expected — content tummies, and something we hadn't — a renewed af-

fection for each other. Together we walked hand-in-hand down State Street away from Cafe Buenos Aires, knowing it had been an evening well-spent.

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2. Women love to dance, enough said.
3. Remember to be "curiously strong," don't forget the Altoids.
4. Be direct. Games are for kids.
5. Always have your handy Daily Nexus movie listing with you.
6. There is nothing wrong with a little alcohol, in moderation of course.
7. Check your date's medicine cabinet for unusual prescriptions.
8. Guys, there is only one ring you should buy, so take your time.
9. Use the condom Luke, protect your light saber.
10. Never make plans more than two weeks in advance, you might not be talking by then.

—Compiled by two "experienced" Nexites



"Do not be fooled with artificial sherbet and cheap ice milk in your smoothies!"



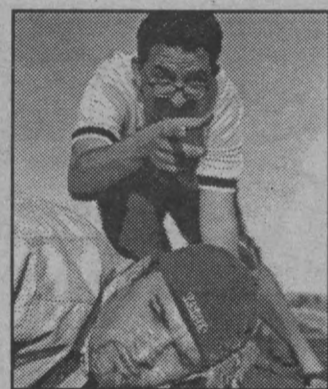
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## Santa Barbara's HOT Spot

What is it about a hot tub that induces the urge for a massage from a friend that you usually describe to other people as "someone you have known for so long that nothing could ever happen between us." It's amazing how a private room and half-naked bodies change all the rules. The bubbling water on the surface hides all of the

blatant flirting going on underneath. You don't need words to get someone's attention. Innocent brushes of your toes against one's thigh when stretching out your legs turns into a game of how-long-will-they-let-me-keep-my-foot-there? Baby steps to one's side of the hot tub ... baby steps to an innocent shoulder massage ... baby steps to ... well, the story starts to write itself from there. Everybody's story tends to be a little different with the same happy ending.

Whatever your plan of at-

tack, the Hourglass can put you right on target. There are two choices of rooms, which is all you'll need. The first is an indoor room with slow grooves playing in the background along with a skylight and an available cool-shower spray from above when things start to get too hot. The second choice is private outdoor rooms with the cool-shower spray as well as an open view to the stars, where you can make your own sweet music. Now this is not to say that you can't go with a friend to just relax your tired muscles and engage in casual conversation. But always remember one thing — if you decide to go ... clothing is optional.



# The Hourglass

## Things MEN Should Know About WOMEN.

First date don'ts: overdress, underdress, show up too early, show up too late, or talk too much about yourself.

While the occasional quicklove bite is, in context, welcome, that incessant animal-in-a-leg-trap gnawing: no.

Second-date don'ts: See first-date don'ts, plus don't presume that you're now entitled to sex.

Love does not mean never having to say you're sorry. It means having to say you're sorry over and over again, in new and different ways, every day, every week, every month, even when you don't want to, every year, until God grants you his mercy and you finally, blissfully die.

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# Dating Advice for the '90s

There is one easy way to solve at least half of women's complaints about men. It's so simple, but for some reason many women find it a little too revolutionary. Want to know the secret? **DON'T WAIT FOR GUYS TO ASK YOU OUT — ASK THEM OUT YOURSELVES.**

The first thing you have to do, if you're ever going to be able to do this, is eliminate all your preconceived ideas of etiquette, chivalry, normality and trashy romance novels. If you boil dating down to its basics, looking at it practically, asking out men makes complete sense. Doing the asking solves so many problems! Just consider some of the reasons it's so logical.

1.) **No more waiting by the phone.** Why sit around hoping that some guy's parting, "Yeah, I'll give you a call" materializes in the ringing of your phone? There will be no more shaking the Magic 8 Ball asking "Will he call me?" and suffering through the reply, "Better not tell you now." If you're half as impatient as I am, making the connection by initiating the call from your end of the line just saves time.

2.) **No more settling for "good enough."** Not all guys neglect calling, but all too often the ones who are conscientious about dialing your digits are the ones with whom you'd rather not spend a Friday night. When you ask, you're making the choice. There may be plenty of fish in the sea, but why settle for the minnows when you can cast your line and score a

largemouth bass?

Imagine dating as a restaurant. Would you rather order exactly what you want from the menu or just wait and see what the server brings you? Still not getting it? Then this may hit home. Remember elementary school and picking teams for P.E.? Isn't it better to be the captain than to run the risk of being the last picked?

3.) **It gives guys a chance.** Face it, some guys just don't have the guts to ask out a woman. If you don't ask them, they may never get out! (Of course, these may not be the type of men you want to ask out in the first place, but hey, there's always an occasional diamond in the rough.)

4.) **It results in less missed opportunities.** This goes with the last point. So many people have stories of finding out that Harry liked Sally when Sally liked Harry but they didn't find out until years later when they couldn't do anything about it, but gosh, wouldn't it have been nice? Find out now if you want each other. Go get 'em, Tiger!

5.) **You will inevitably have more creative dates.** You can only do dinner and a movie so many times before you start to fall into a rut. Guys may have good intentions, but they don't always come up with the best ideas for dates. There are so many possibilities that involve something more than food and sitting on your ass. Girls have the potential to come up with much better date ideas, so they should do the asking and

the planning to spice up the scene a little.

6.) **It puts you in control.** And we know how you love control.

7.) **The chances of a guy saying "no" are slim.** I took an informal survey. The results show the majority of men would be in support of being asked out by a woman and would probably say "yes" if for no other reason than out of respect for the girl having the guts to ask.

8.) **It will make the world a happier and more peaceful place.** Think about it. If both males and females initiate dates, there will be a significant increase in the amount of dating going on overall. Dates make people happy. Therefore, more dating will result in more happy people.

Consider another scenario. Anyone who's done their anthropology homework knows that many battles are fought for women. Traditionally, men have had to win women by proving themselves fierce or powerful and able to provide. Yet if women choose who they want, instead of waiting for the toughest man to step forward, these battles can be prevented.

If you don't believe me, try it out. Some guy will be grateful that you did.

*Elizabeth Werhane is a serial dater and not opposed to men asking her out.*

## The BAD DATE

Two summers ago I went back home to live with my parents and work. The restaurant I worked at was seasonal, meaning it was only open in the summer. Everyone who worked there dated because there was no fear of having to leave your job if a relationship didn't work out.

I was one of the younger workers and I kept a low profile in the dating scene until a guy named John came along. It wasn't really that I wanted to date this guy, but

he asked every day for three weeks, so eventually I said yes, simply so he would stop asking. I was going with no intention to continue dating him — the deal was I would go on one date with him and he would stop asking. I guess he really thought he could sell himself in one date.

We proceeded to go on one of the strangest dates I've ever had. He drove me 45 minutes from my house to a drive-in theater where we watched the movie and

drank Heineken. Once the movie was over, he didn't

*Once the movie was over, he didn't even put his Heinie down to drive home.*

even put his Heinie down to drive home. We were speed-

ing down the highway with tons of empty bottles in the back of his jeep. Already I'm so over this date, but he wants to finish the beer at some scenic area. We got out of the car at some beautiful cliff area overlooking the ocean. We drank a little more and then all of a sudden John busted out with a profession of his undying love for me and claimed that if I didn't feel the same he would jump off the cliff. He sat on the edge while I told

him why I didn't love him, but also why he shouldn't jump.

Finally, I got him to drive me home, and the most horrible date I have ever been on ended. The funniest part was that a week later John started dating some other girl at work. I wonder whether she liked the cliff act, or maybe she was easier and he never had to stoop to that low point.

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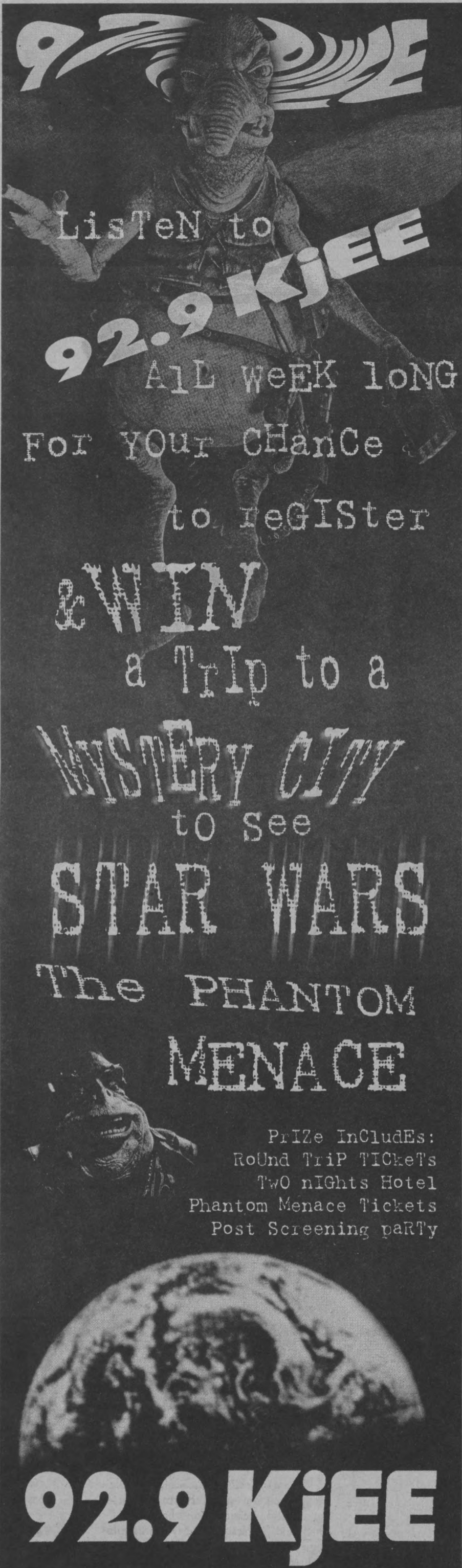
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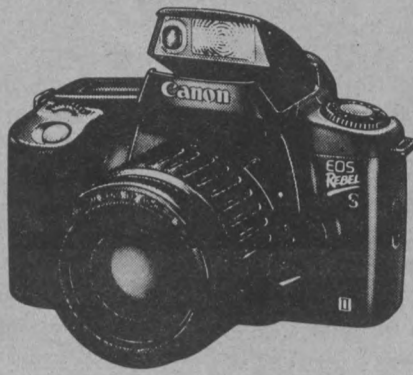


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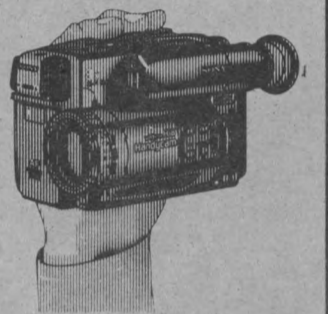
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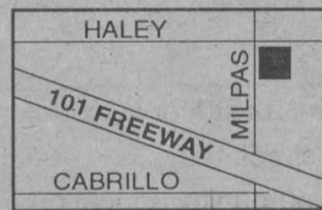
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