

## **Hunting Down Those Happening Happy Hours**

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Mankind's two eldest vices are under seige. Indeed, they face almost certain extinction in today's stampede for health and safety in the modern world. Simply put, they are happy hours and smoking, and while the war over smoking nears its final stages, a chance to save happy hours from the clutches of safe-drinking proponents remains.

The current attack on the popular drinking gimmick stems from the high rate of auto and other accidents that result from rapid over-consumption. Too much too fast. It is the argument of these crusaders that elimination of the happy hour would greatly relieve a number of drinking-related problems.

Their prime target is the two-for-one drink special, which can induce a person to accept additional drinks simply because they're "free." Peabody's in Montecito has already revised its happy hour and other bar owners in town may follow.

While the ideological battle continues, happy hours can still be enjoyed. The first step is in knowing which ones provide munchies, key to off-setting the effects of reduced-price drinks. The second is to know which offers the best in quality atmosphere, service and alcohol. This guide should help.

A good first stop for most State St. crawlers, Acapulco's is a mexican style restaurant with arguably the best margaritas in the area. With an expansive outdoor patio and fountain, Acapulco's is a magnet for locals who like to see and be seen. The combination bar-restaurant features generally fast service and a healthy happy hour food spread. A great place to go in the afternoon, especially while the sun is staying out until 8 p.m.

The Low Down: Sunday through Thursday happy hours from 4 to 7 p.m. Margaritas for \$1 (25 cents more for flavored margaritas).

ALEX'S CANTINA (Goleta)

especially for its mostly student crowd. The main reason is the glorious munchies. Soft tacos made with Alex's tortillas and endless amounts of warm chips and salsa. Lively atmosphere aside from its seven television screens and the 'meat market" aura among some revelers.

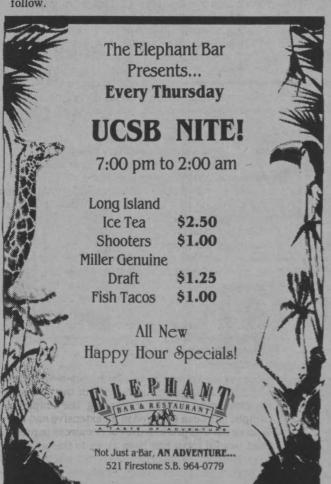
The Hoe Down: Monday through Friday happy hours from 4 to 7 p.m. Margaritas and well drinks for \$1.75. On tap domestic beer for 75 cents.

#### THE BEACHSIDE CAFE

Situated on Goleta Beach, the Cafe combines the aromatic ocean breeze with a happy hour that literally never ends. Chips and salsa and warm foods (usually Mexican) are served from 4 to about 6:30 p.m.; popcorn is free all night. An outside patio allows graceful drinking or dining in the moonlit and sunset hours.

The Run Down: Monday through Friday happy hours from 4 p.m. till closing. Daily drink specials, such as margaritas on most Fridays. Tomorrow will feature a \$1 off on Cape Cods, down to \$1.75.

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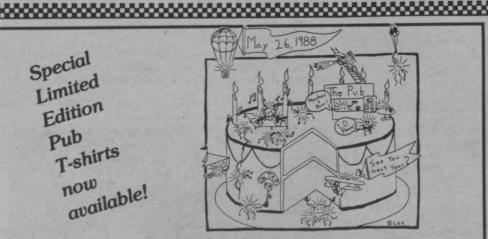
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**CANCUN CANTINA** 

The Cantina offers high quality margaritas and constant entertainment. Immediately following the one-hour happy time, a sushi bar opens up and musical entertainment starts

The Deal: Margaritas reduced to \$1.50 during the daily 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. happy hour. No free munchies.

DON THE BEACHCOMBER

Ooh boy, we're in the midst of what Santa Barbara voters consider the area's best happy hour. You've got to be into Don Ho and tikis to get the most out of the place, but with a great view of the harbor and some interesting drinks it can be a worthwhile trip. Try the Double Scorpion, a rum-based concoction (like most of their drinks) served in a huge porcelain clam shell. The expansive free appetizer table also demands seconds and thirds.

The Bottom Line: Happy hour from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday with half-price drinks.

**ELEPHANT BAR** 

Great outdoor seating is only part of the reason why the Elephant Bar's happy hour is one of the finest in town. Also contributing are daily drink specials and an incredible variety of mouth-watering treats. No, we're not talking popcorn and milk duds. Try steaming ribs, freshly baked ham, fresh fruit and vegetables and tacos. A college crowd and after-work yuppies make up much of the customer stock. And the safari fans and elephant tusks above the bar area certainly don't hurt the atmosphere.

The Extended Bottom Line: Daily happy hours from 4 to 7 p.m. During happy hour Margaritas, Coco Locos and 23 oz. drafts for \$1.75. 10 oz. draft beers are 75 cents. All day long specials (the drinks change daily) include well drinks, the Coco Loco, Daiquiris, Long Islands, Margaritas, Kalahari coolers and Bloody Marys. Prices range from \$1.75 to \$1.

If you're willing to pay, you can always play at Hola Amigos' happy hour. Not only are the drinks pretty expensive, but a good deal of the food has some kind of price tag as well; oysters for 35 cents, two shrimp for 50 cents and fajita tacos for 50 cents each. After paying though, the fajitas are great. The place lacks character, but lively crowds and a nice view help to lighten things up a bit.

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LONG BAR

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The Poop: Happy hour 3-7 p.m. Monday and salsa and nachos. Well drinks and M reduction in beer prices. Try a Brain He Probe - you'll be a new person.

PEABODY'S

Another great deck for sunning and an (as well as one of the few good reason Montecito). No free food during happy l their good assortment of appetizers.

The Dope: Drinks reduced by \$1, an Vacation and the Beach Ball. Good service

Catch it while you can. Nothing's fre mosphere. Beer is the way to go, with happy hour prices for those on tap. Altho much can compare to Gnarly Nachos.

All You Need To Know: Small price red during regular daily happy hours from 3

ROCKY GALENTI'S

Probably the most charismatic bar in to walls and roof, to famous sayings from drink it. Fish fuck in it."). To top even the Watermelon - reminiscent of those Jolly slightly greater kick. Rules To Live By: Happy hour from 5 to

\$1 off well drinks.

Probably on most people's favorite bar an incredible array of beers, an outdoor food. Take some friends, get a Spike's Ar on your way to finishing the 40 beers requ on the ever-growing list on the wall.

The End Of The Line: Happy hour from Friday, with double drinks instead of sing

After it's all over, remember a few solid you're hammered - get a sober friend to usually choose three or four places close needed between stops. Practice a little c again tomorrow. Salut!

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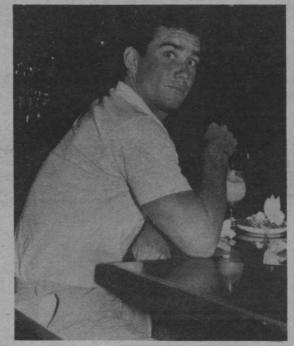
By Sandy Chuck Staff Writer

A Nexus reporter asks the universal question: "Why exactly do you come to Happy Hour?"

Eat! Drink! and Be Merry! — yes, that's what it's all about according to the experts; those who have searched for a source of free food, cheap drinks and good times hit the mother lode with Happy Hour. Here, amid the worn luster of bartop brass, the melodious chime of momentarily brushing glass, saloon patrons come together in a microcosm of society and enjoy the fruits of their hard day's work.

21 year-old Hugh Foster pretty much summed up why he goes to Happy Hour when he told us, "it gets me drunk and saves me money." "We come to have fun and get something to eat when we don't want to cook or clean," said one Santa Barbara couple, Jim and Mary Barber. "It's the cheapest dinner in town!" said Steven Timmons, a UCSB graduate. "We like to drink cheaply and be able to try different kinds of drinks,' said 22-year-old Marci Lever. A few of the drinks Happy Hour goers cited as their favorites included the usuals such as beer at Spike's Place, "Scorpions" at Don the Beachcomber, "Coco Locos" at the Elephant Bar and "Watermelons" at Rocky Galenti's. Most people told us that they preferred to have about four or five drinks during a single visit.

For a boost in the pleasure level, most saloon frequenters recommended sharing Happy Hour with a large group of friends. "It's a good time for friends to get



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together," said two UCSB seniors, Michelle Coffin and Kim Crawford, at Spike's Place.

But some people go to Happy Hour for more than just food, cheap drinks and fun. "I come for all the pretty colors and neon! I feel like I'm in L.A. without actually being there!" said Rob Shapiro of Alex's Cantina. Others, a little harder to please, but who still appreciate the atmosphere say: "We come to watch the sailboats, the sunset and cute men," said Elena Kaylor at Don the Beachcomber. "I really like the guys that come in here too," agreed Jay Van Buren at the Elephant Bar.

But many other people would rather just

sit down and unwind. "I come to relax after working all day with children," said Amanda Sillars who works at the Goleta Girls' Club. Dave Wigney, recent UCSB graduate, said, "It makes me not think about the job I don't have. People come here after a hard day at work, I come anyway."

Others come looking for love. Some are successful ("I met my ex-husband while I was working as a cocktail waitress," said Cindy Gardner), and some aren't. Ron Glick, a UCSB student, told us, "My friend T-bone was scamming on this 35-year-old after we had all left but she shined him. He was totally drunk and didn't have any money so he slept in a laundry truck, woke up at 5 in the morning and took a taxi home."

The frequency of patrons' ventures to Happy Hour varied. Some said they only go about once a month but others who liked to get happy more often said they enjoyed going as often as three to four times a week.

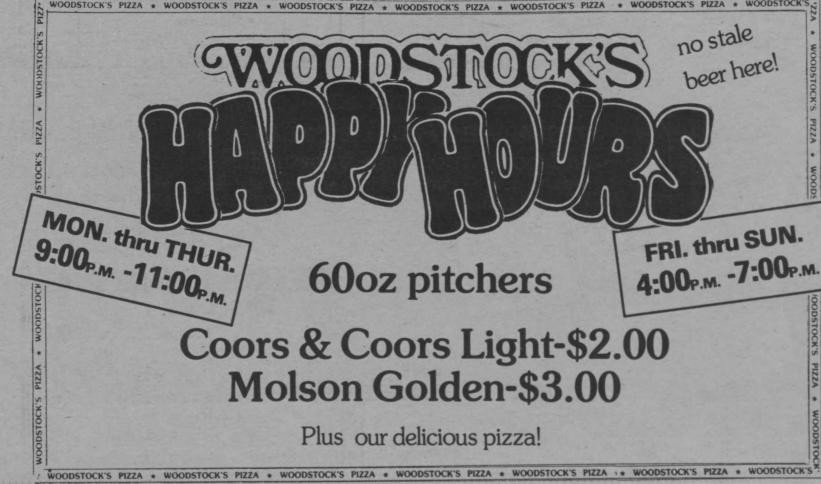
So you've heard why people go to Happy Hour and if it sounds like it's for you, go out there and get happy too.





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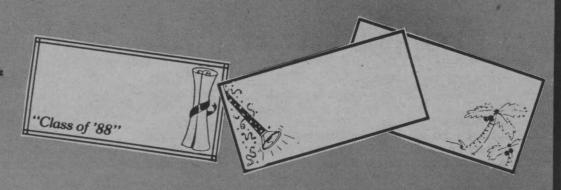
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