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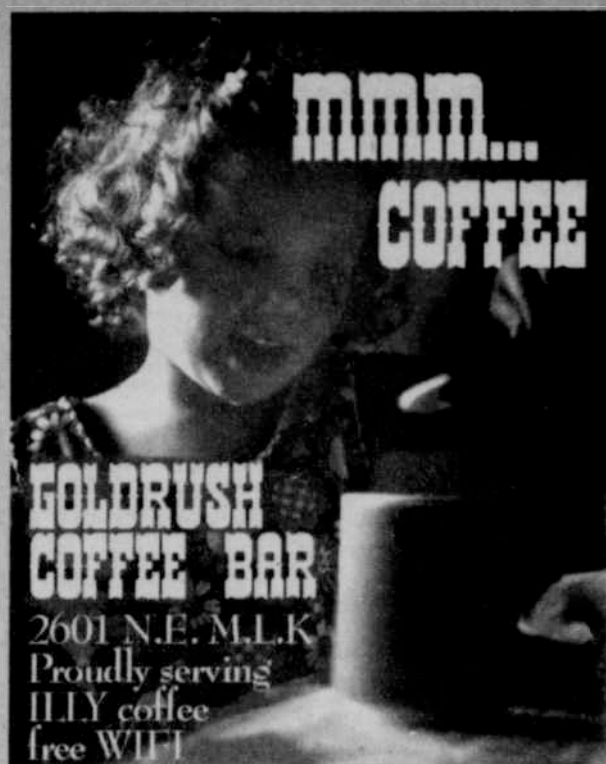
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Introducing Our New Wine Bar Menu

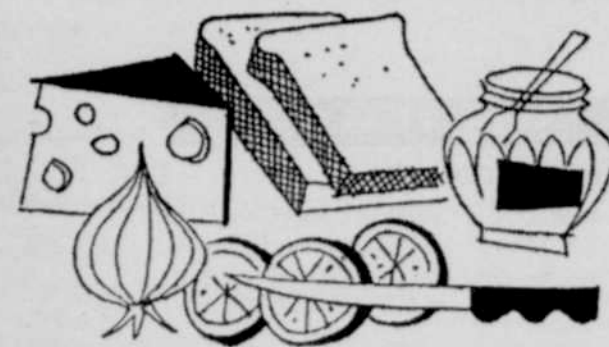
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If appropriation of Indian "exotic" bric-a-brac gets you down (think 11-year-old white girls wearing stick-on Bhandis from Lloyd Center), then tune your ears and your palate to the real deal. Portland has become a virtual mecca for authentic South Asian food...and now dance. Hip-hop-infused Bhangra tunes are all the rage at queer-friendly dance clubs like The Fez, Panorama and Holocene. No matter your nationality, why not make an evening of it and steep yourself in Indian culture? After dining at one of these delicious masala havens, you'll feel like dancing in the rain in your sari like a giddy Punjabi bride-to-be....



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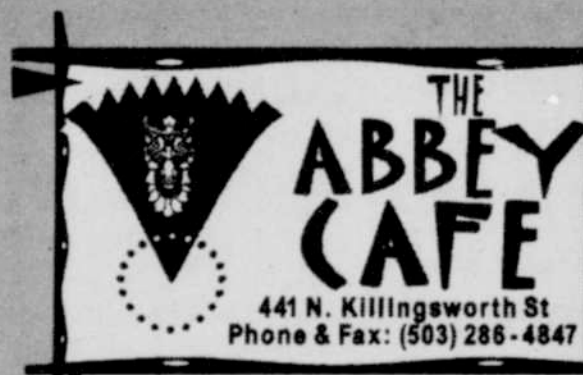
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India House • 1038 S.W. Morrison St.

An old standby just a hop, skip and a jump from the Burnside Triangle, India House is just consistently good food. I'm a sucker for palak paneer, as you may notice, and India House's mild, creamy version holds much appeal—as does the malai kofta or vegetarian "meatballs," in a rich tomatoey sauce. A nice selection of Northwest wines adds regional flair. The samosas here are perhaps not the freshest, so start your meal with veggie pakoras. And, downtowners, if you haven't tried their lunch buffet, you are missing out on an incredible \$6 curry feast.

Plainfields' Mayur • 852 S.W. 21st Ave.

There's a reason why this Victorian-housed Northwest fixture has won so many awards: It truly is in a class all its own and worth every extra penny. Plainfields' palak paneer—with just-picked, coarsely chopped seasonal greens and mushrooms and exquisite homemade traditional cheese—bears little resemblance to the soupy mush you get at some places. The moogvada ki bhaji, mung bean dumplings in a fragrant gravy, will make your taste buds dimple with delight. Everything here is super fresh and perfectly cooked. Even the cucumber raita tastes like a delicacy. On a special date? Splurge on some aged madeira for dessert, along with rose cardamom ice cream.