The game of love

Start playing now to get your 2009 sexcast. By Lisa Freedman

HOW TO PLAY: Choose a number from below and circle it so you don’t forget. Starting with the letters in M-A-S-H, which of course determines where you’ll live (Madison Avenue, Astoria, Stuyvesant Town or Hoboken), count through the list of items in multiples of your chosen number. Each time you count to your number, eliminate the choice by crossing it out. Keep going until there’s only one item left in each category. The last one left in each group is your winner; behold, your future!

**First, start here ➤ 3 ➤ 5 ➤ 6 ➤ 7 ➤ M-A-S-H**

You’ll often be found mingling at:

- **The Beatrice Inn** (285 W 12th St between Hudson and W 4th Sts, 212-243-4626)
- **Nevada Smith’s** (74 Third Ave between 11th and 12th Sts; 212-982-2591, nevadasmiths.net)
- **Therapy** (348 W 52nd St between Eighth and Ninth Aves; 212-397-2814, therapy-nyc.com)
- **Home—on the Internet**

You’ll get laid as often as:

- **They change the color of the lights on the Empire State Building** (350 Fifth Ave between 33rd and 34th Sts; 212-796-3100, esbny.com)
- **New York City gets a new mayor**
- **A New York Giant does something stupid (lookin’ at you, Plaxico!)**
- **A tourist asks for directions**

A night of raunchy sex will include:

- Doorjamb sex cuffs ($30) from Babeland (94 Rivington St between Ludlow and Orchard Sts; 212-375-1701, babeland.com)
- The missionary position and lots of crying
- Three other people picked up on the corner of Broadway and Spring Street
- Pregaming at the **box** (189 Chrystie St between Rivington and Stanton Sts; 212-982-9301, theboxnyc.com)

An unlikely spot where you’ll get lucky is:

- **New York Public Library, Kips Bay branch** (446 Third Ave between 30th and 31st Sts; 212-683-2520, nypl.org)
- **In the bathroom at the Times Square Applebee’s** (234 W 42nd St between Seventh and Eighth Aves; 212-391-7414, applebees.com)
- **Your kid’s parent-teacher conference at P.S. 163 (348 W 52nd St between Eighth and Ninth Aves; 212-397-2814, therapy-nyc.com)**
- **A sample sale at Barneys** (660 Madison Ave between 60th and 61st Sts; 212-826-8900, barneys.com) (they actually have your size!)

The best $50 you spend for a date will be:

- **At Crif Dogs** (113 St. Marks Pl between First Ave and Ave A, 212-614-2728) sobering up with your buddies from college
- **On flowers for Leighton Meester**
- **On cab fare back to Queens after a horrific evening**
- **On a Brazilian wax at Eve** (55 W 8th St between Fifth and Sixth Aves; 212-807-8054, eveswebsite.com)

Your most disastrous moment will be:

- **An ill-timed pregnancy scare**
- **Drunkenly sleeping with your boss**
- **Contracting a “nasty rash” from that hottie at Lit Lounge** (83 Second Ave between 5th and 6th Sts; 212-777-7987, littourgency.com)
- **When you mistake a her for a him**

**Date our friend**

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Says Heidi: “I’d say I’m idiosyncratic without being obnoxiously precious. I like speculative theories on random crap: potato-chip-flavor trends, Mick Jagger’s possible secret gayness, Pangaea, etc. I’m kindhearted with a healthy capacity for sarcasm—a laid-back, lingering type who can listen well and likes to wander around, occasionally knit a scarf or scoop around on my Razor. I love: going to the movies (it’s my job!), a great Bloody Mary and being by the water.”

Says Kathryn Brazier, designer: “Heidi’s a beautiful music junkie (read: snob), who possesses the most charming, infectious giggle you’ll ever hear and has an affinity for Japanese game shows. She’s more Marilyn than Britney; more yoga than kick ball; more Sharon Jones than Norah Jones. Her type? Thoughtful, nonjery musicians who wear snug jeans, have a strong sense of irony and a healthy appreciation for Back to the Future. Ask Heidi about her thesis on breakfast foods through the decades. No sporty types need apply.”

$50 date

Have your date help with your last-minute holiday shopping at the **Hell’s Kitchen Flea Market** (39th St between Ninth and Tenth Aves; 212-243-5343, hellskitchenfleamarket.com). Pretend you’re taking part in an archaeological dig as you frantically search through the oddball trinkets, antique jewelry and novelty pieces, hoping to find a gift for Aunt Myrtle. Celebrate your successful excavation of gifts over the cast-iron fondue pots at **Kashkaval** (856 Ninth Ave at 56th St; 212-581-8282, kashkavalfoods.com). Dip a French baguette into the Cheddar & Ale fondue ($24 for two, plus $5 for a side of veggies or $6 for meat) and sip glasses of cabernet sauvignon ($16 for two). Consider the meal an early Christmas present to each other; this isn’t the time to spend money frivolously!—Ashley Hoffman