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being judged. Or maybe everyone's just hammered, and that's why no one cares. Either way, it's amusing.

Scandals, 1038 S.W. Stark St. Open seven days a week. Happy hour 4 to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday and all day Sunday.

I don't have a lot to say about Scandals, good or bad. It's a plain bar with decent drinks, darts, video poker and a rather mellow atmosphere compared to some of the other Vaseline Alley establishments. It's a good place to grab a table, order a cocktail and enjoy the company of your friends. (That sounded cheesy, sorry.)

Silverado, 1217 S.W. Stark St. Open seven days a week. Happy hour until 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday and until 9 p.m. Sunday.

Usually the last stop of the night, Silverado has it all: liquor, strippers, music and



dance floor. This place gets packed tight, but no one cares because it makes for a great game of grab ass. Back in the day, they used to have hot strippers, but now, apparently, they've decided a winning personality is the key to stripper success.

Starky's, 2913 S.E. Stark St. Open seven days a week. Happy hour 5 to 7 p.m. weekdays.

Like Hobo's, Starky's is an upscale gay bar. Expensive meals and drinks come with the territory, but so does roman-

tic atmosphere and friendly staff. It also has a stellar patio that opens in the summer. This is a good "first date" bar, if you aren't unemployed or broke.

Three Sisters, 1125 S.W. Stark St. Open seven days a week. Happy hour until 7 p.m.

Three Sisters—or Six Tits, as it is so affectionately called—is a strip bar that has a little something more to offer than Silverado, like...fucking hot strippers! There's something sexy to me about super-hot straight men pretending to be gay. These guys do more than just let it all hang out. They work the crowd, throw their cocks in your face and climb around the stage like wild monkeys. You'll either blush or get a boner. No hard liquor, just beer and wine. **J**



Duane pours 'em strong at the Fox & Hounds

Best bets


Best dance club: Even though it's tweaker central, I've still got to give props to Panorama. Large space, trippy lighting, loud music and the occasional fire dancer makes this a rad place to dance your ass off. Friday tends to be slower, so try Saturday.

Best place to go on a date: Crush, with its swank yet strangely laid-back atmosphere, Ikea-looking decorations, cute bartenders, martinis galore. If you can't win a guy over here, you best just stay at home.

Best overall: With style, substance, courtyard, game room, piano and some strong drinks, Hobo's gets my pick for best all-around bar. The Rita Hayworth of gay bars: sophisticated, refined, fashionable and classic.

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