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A BARISTA IS A PERSON IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**Haven** • 3551 S.E. Division St.; 503-236-6890

Hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday

Queer Quotient: ☹☹☹ Cup: ☹☹☹ Vibe: ☹☹☹

Sitting at Haven on any weekday morning, owner Dale Schiff greets practically every one of her patrons by name. This neighborhood coffeehouse prides itself on its connection with community, both gay and straight. With some of the cutest baristas in town, there is a distinct lesbian presence at Haven, but the overall vibe is very neighborhoody.

In addition to delicious Stumptown coffee and the usual suspects in the pastry case, there is soft-serve vanilla ice cream in the summertime. (Great with a shot of espresso!)

The ambiance of Haven is comfortable, with a few outdoor tables available in pleasant weather. The art on the walls reflects Schiff's interest in supporting artists within her community. July features the younger members of her clientele: Children from the neighborhood were invited to show on Haven's walls.

Very kid-friendly, Haven regularly hosts meetings for moms groups from the neighborhood, and children often rush up to Schiff to greet her with a hug.

On some evenings, Haven is a venue that offers Portlanders access to a unique roster of

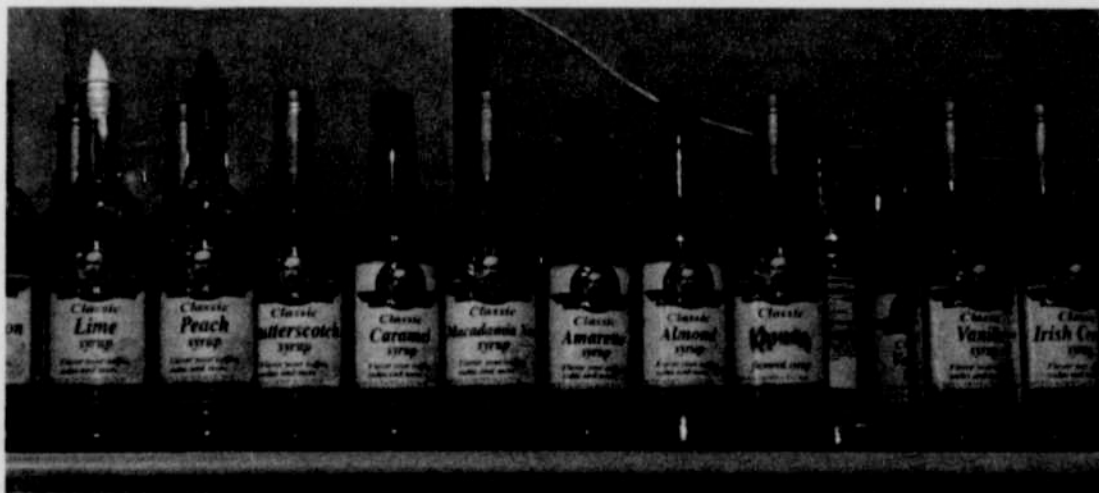
both traveling and local musicians, generally of the roots/folk/acoustic variety.

Schiff sees her shop's role in the community as part of building all kinds of commu-



ty, not just queer. "I like to connect people of all different populations," she notes. "This is a safe place for everyone to come—gay, straight, trans, whatever. We are literally a safe haven."

Schiff is also a social activist and has devoted countless hours and resources to the No on 36 campaign, Planned Parenthood, In Other Words Women's Books and Resources, as well as many other local music and art events. Her commitment to community shows in the reciprocal loyalty of her customers, and the friendly feeling you have anytime you walk in the door.

**FAMILY ROOM****Jackman Joe Coffee** 1111 N.W. 16th Ave.; 503-222-0121

Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

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This expansive shop is as serious about beans as it is about creating a queer-friendly feel. Jackman Joe is owned by Keri Jensen, heiress to the Bridgetown Coffee fortune. Jensen grew up in the family biz, discussing beans from Africa at Christmas and Indonesia at Thanksgiving. She has been running the shop under the Bridgetown Coffee moniker for more than two years and bought it from her parents last September.

Since then, Jensen renamed the large space Jackman Joe, after her dog, hired a crew of "spiky dykey" baristas and trained them in identifying the subtle coffee profiles of their customers.

"I train my staff to get an idea of what the customers' palates are like, and we take the time to educate them," she said. "It just

makes sense. You want to know what you're drinking."

Jackman Joe provides public meeting space for several community, social and professional groups, including the Portland Area Business Association, an organization for gay and lesbian business owners.

The spot, arranged as several living rooms, has a strong queer vibe on First Thursdays with lesbian singer/songwriters performing.

Jackman Joe also has the advantage of spunkin' fresh, personally brewed blends, thanks to the family beanery.

"Our coffee is super fresh. It's roasted weekly, if not daily, for us, with our own blends," Jensen said.

Jackman Joe's hip, eclectic couches and coffee tables provide an atmosphere on par with lounging in your best friend's living room, if your best friend has fresh pastries and gal pals on hand.

**BEAN WITH A BEAT****3 Friends Coffeehouse** • 201 S.E. 12th Ave.; 503-236-6411

Hours: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday,

9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday

Queer Quotient: ☹☹☹ Cup: ☹☹☹ Vibe: ☹☹☹

While so many newer coffeehouses are distressing their walls, weathering the finishes on their floors and furniture and snatching up the snappiest dressers behind the bar in hopes of creating an atmosphere, 3 Friends makes it look effortless.

The coffeehouse has a natural, relaxed, alternative feel that changes throughout the day as the clientele ranges from folks from its Southeast neighborhood

to a beatnik crowd, pushing pool balls and swigging Pabst Blue Ribbons.

Details such as the antique serving bar and pharmacy jars where teas are on display contribute to the easy and authentic coffeehouse feel.

The menu is simple, with fresh sandwiches, lattes, mochas and all the typical coffee offerings plus beer and wine.

The modern twist on this classic shop is wireless Internet access and a rich littering of upcoming rock show fliers.



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