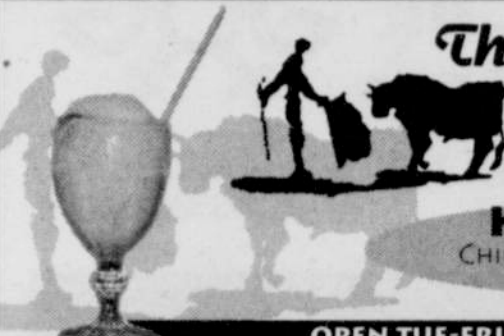


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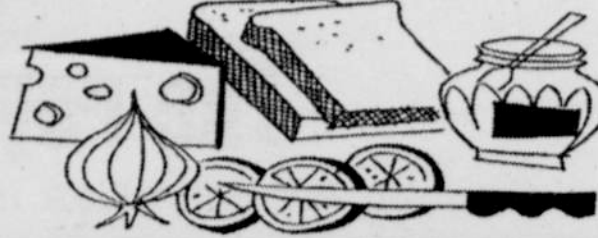
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Belly up to the rail

With recent disasters and record gas prices, park that guzzler, hop on the MAX and donate the moolah to charity instead. The Yellow Line stretches a stone's throw from the 'Couv through downtown, providing direct access to businesses along the way. Here are three places within eyeshot of that amber light rail.

**Gotham Bldg Tavern •
2240 N. Interstate Ave.
Stop: Albina/Mississippi**

Imagine a warehouse fully equipped with penis-switch lamps, giant Jenga-like walls and iceblock chandeliers. Quirky and divine have mated to create the infamous GBT. Delightful and familiar appetizers warm up the palate with pairings like pork sausage and summer beans. Small plate versions of entrees are offered at half-price, which is perfect for, say, Europeans. The squid ink tagliatelle—thick black noodles with tomato, mussels and spicy chili—was superb. The gnocchi with chanterelles was unmatched in savory lick-the-plate goodness thanks partly to liberal shavings of black truffle. For a tavern, the beer selection was disappointing, but the wine and martinis made that Achilles' heel forgivable. The huckleberry float with vanilla ice cream and tapioca pearls was the clincher; the GBT dares to be different and wins.

**North Star Coffeehouse •
7540 N. Interstate Ave.
Stop: Lombard**

Like a beacon in an otherwise desolate stretch of the fast food freeway, North Star is a tranquil hideaway from the go-go-go traffic that abounds just beyond the three-story house. Inside you'll find arts and crafts from locals and baked goodies from the likes of the Dessert Tray, Helen Bernhard and Vancouver-based Sunrise Bagels. Get your rise from Stumptown beans, surf with WiFi and get your groove on with live performances every Friday night. Snuggle on the couches, brave the noise on the deck or just grab your joe and hit the track before work.

**The Alibi • 4024 N. Interstate Ave.
Stop: Prescott**

All you have to know is "tiki bar" and "karaoke every night." One foot in the big door and the wild ride begins. Tiki décor, an extraordinarily diverse crowd and no windows make for a mock Hawaiian hell you'll be glad you fell into. Couples can mingle in the nooks and crannies at the front of the restaurant, but toward the back are booths and the mike where varying degrees of vocal talent flex their figurative muscles. The trifold menu boasts expensive numbers like prime rib, filet mignon and grilled salmon, but true Alibi grub lies in the enormous burgers and sandwiches. (Vegetarians beware: There's only one no-meat entree.) Cocktails go overboard with names like Comoniwanalayu and the Tiki Torch. But it's neither the food nor the drink that should concern you most here—it's whether to sing Janet Jackson or Janis Joplin. Eat your heart out, Frank Sinatra! **JN**

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