

nightlife

1 BOXES/FISH GROTTO/RED CAP GARAGE 1035 SW Stark St. • 503-226-4171

Portland's original gay dance club. Stark Street's only nonsmoking bar for the boys.

Sunday is Big-Time Bingo hosted by Heather. Tuesday is Flirt hosted by Cory with go-go boys and FSO DJ. Wednesdays are karaoke with more than 30,000 songs to choose from (Boxxes) and D-Word drag/cabaret show (Red Cap). Thursdays are One with FSO DJ. Friday is Latino Night with DJ Sam and go-go boys (Boxxes) and The Flow hip-hop night hosted by Cory (Red Cap). Saturday is The A List, Portland's best DJ lineup with FSO, Dougalicious, Levente, Seth Hutton, DJ Tronic and Leonetti of the Sexy Crew.

2 CASEY'S 205 NW Fourth Ave. • 503-241-0105

New "all-inclusive" nightclub and lounge in Old Town from the former owner of the Eagle.

3 C.C. SLAUGHTERS 219 NW Davis St. • 503-248-9135

C.C. Slaughters is a great hangout. Come feel like "Norm" or shake your booty all night long to the best sound, lights and laser shows in Portland. Come sing karaoke on Tuesday, boy watch on Thursday and party with Boliva on Sunday's talent or game shows. Have fun any night!

Monday Movie Madness with DVD release parties and free movie passes at 9 pm. Karaoke hosted by JoeyCub and DJ Suzanne at 9 pm Tuesdays. Wild Wednesdays with music by DJ Alex Hollywood at 9 pm. Boliva Carmichaels hosts Hip Hop Heaven with music by DJ Alex Hollywood at 9 pm Thursdays. Clubland with DJ JoeyCub at 9 pm Fridays. Boliva Carmichaels hosts House of Hollywood with music by DJ Alex Hollywood 9 pm Saturdays. Carnivale de Bolivia, a talent and variety show with performers and comedians, on first and third Sundays; game shows like *Family Feud*, *Name That Tune* and *Win, Lose or Draw* on second and fourth Sundays.

4 CRUSH 1400 SE Morrison St. • 503-235-8150

Crush features specialty martinis and cocktails and serves a full food menu. Hip DJs spin throughout the week, with dancing on the weekends. Happy hour is all day Tuesday, 4:30-6 pm Wednesday-Friday and 3-7 pm Sunday. Crush is now open for brunch 9 am-3 pm Sunday.

5 DARCELLE XV SHOWPLACE 208 NW Third Ave. • 503-222-5338

World-famous female impersonators Darcelle XV & Company have been entertaining audiences in all walks of life for more than 37 years with Las Vegas-style cabaret revues of glitz, glamour and comedy. They have traveled the States presenting a show that you have to see to believe. Stop by when you are in Portland and you will be glad you did! Company parties are welcome.

Showtimes are 8:30 pm Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 pm Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$15. Reservations are not required but are highly recommended. Dinner seating is 5-7 pm by reservation. Male strippers at midnight Friday and Saturday.

6 DINGO'S TACO BAR 4612 SE Hawthorne Blvd. • 503-233-3996

Girls Night Out, "the place to meet girls...who like girls," is 6 pm-midnight Thursdays. Wednesday is Happy Hump Day with \$1.50

well drinks, \$1 off hot drinks and happy hour food menu served all day. Happy hour is 4-6 pm weekdays with discounted dine-in tacos, burritos, chips and salsa, dip, draft beer, well drinks and margaritas.

7 EGYPTIAN CLUB 3701 SE Division St. • 503-236-8689

The 7,000-square-foot Egyptian Club, located in a former milk plant, features three different rooms. There's a dance floor in the Tomb; the Front Lounge offers pool tables and video games; and a third bar, the Room, features karaoke seven nights a week. The crowd is primarily lesbian.

The *L Word* Sundays and Mondays. Texas Hold 'Em Tournaments at 7 and 9:30 pm Mondays and Wednesdays. Ladies International Poker Series Hold 'Em Tournament at 7 pm Tuesdays. Special events at 9 pm Thursdays. Dancing at 9 pm Fridays and Saturdays.

8 EMBERS AVENUE 110 NW Broadway • 503-222-3082

Gay bar in historic Old Town. *Free Gay & Happy* starring Jersey Scities 9:30 pm Tuesdays. *The Dark Side of Pleasure* starring Daddy Bear & Lesett 9:30 pm Wednesdays. *The O Spot* starring Johnny O 10 pm Thursdays. *The Music & the Mirror* starring Miss Honey Bea Hart 9:30 pm Fridays. *Krystal Lynn Is the Nubian Princess* 9:30 pm Saturdays.

9 ESCAPE 333 SW Park Ave. • 503-227-0830

Portland's only all-ages gay nightclub. The Greater Portland Intercollegiate Queer Society hosts College Night 10:30 pm Fridays featuring different music every week, \$3 off the cover with student identification and speed friend-making (like speed dating!) for the first hour.

10 FOX & HOUNDS 217 NW Second Ave. • 503-243-5530

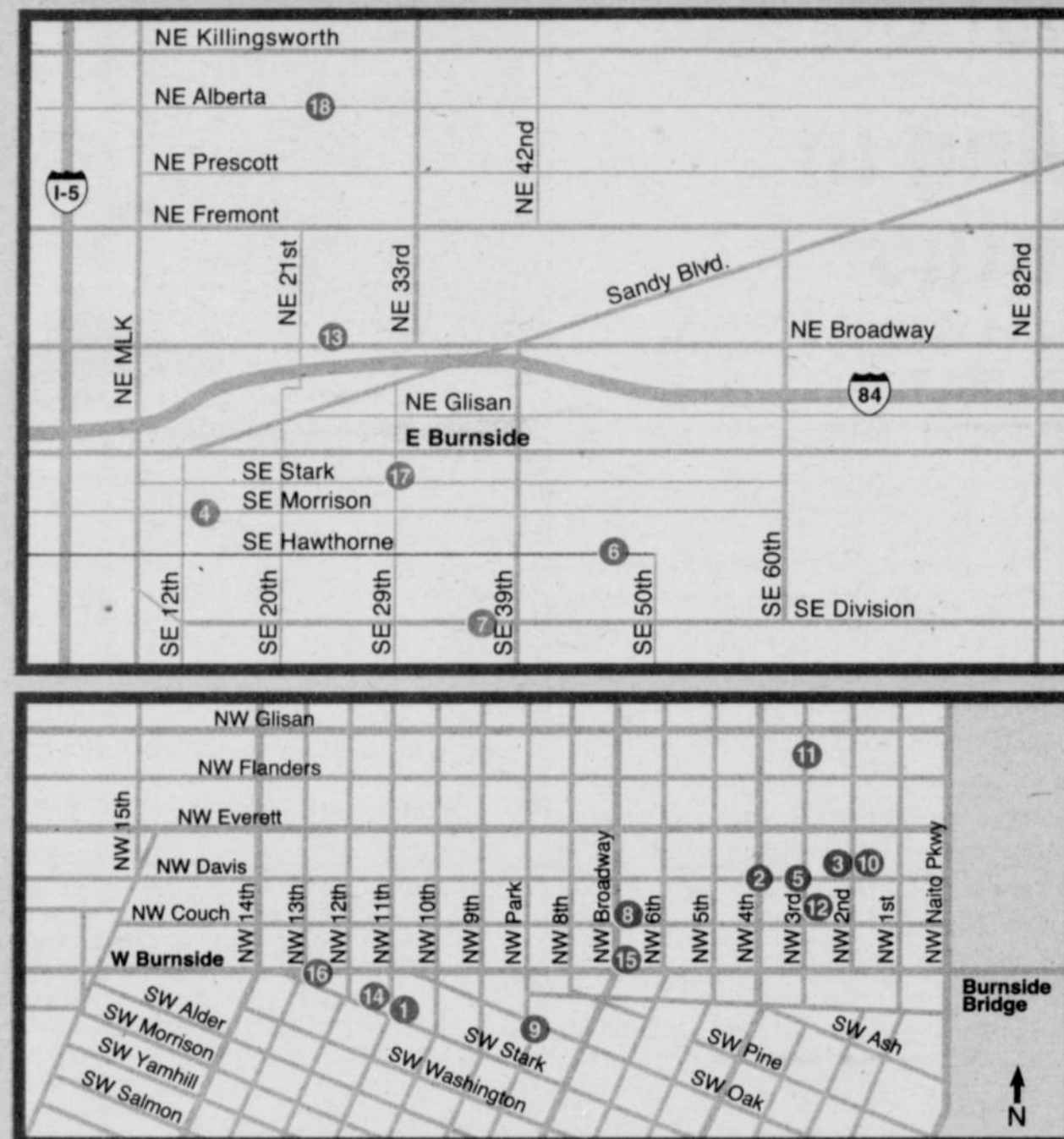
According to *BarFly*, this "cheery, kicked-back pub draws a convivial, mostly mature crowd to its somewhat countrified environs." Fox & Hounds regularly hosts various charity events, and the first Sunday of each month is a fun-filled bingo fund-raiser. Sheltered sidewalk seating fits a handful of tables and affords some good people-watching. \$2 well drinks and \$2 select beers 4-8 pm daily. Full menu served until 8:30 pm Sunday-Thursday and until 10 pm Friday and Saturday, with bar menu served until closing time thereafter.

11 GAIL'S DIRTY DUCK 439 NW Third Ave. • 503-224-8446

BarFly describes the Dirty Duck as an "endearingly light-in-the-loafers longshoreman-type hole in the wall, named for Shakespeare's local. Said to be haunted by its formidable former owner, Mama Bernice! Home of the Oregon Bears." Featuring pool, pinball, MegaTouch and darts.

12 HOBOS 120 NW Third Ave. • 503-224-3285

Hobo's has been an integral part of Portland's dining and lounge experience for more than 25 years. It is located in the heart of Old Town, providing a friendly atmosphere of casual elegance. Hobo's offers outstanding cuisine from both its complete dinner menu and



its lounge menu. It also offers premium cocktails, an extensive wine list and bottled and draft beers. Courtyard dining when weather permits.

Because Old Town is an energetic and vibrant part of Portland's nightlife and on-street parking is sometimes limited, Hobo's offers validated parking at its neighborhood Smart Park located on the corner of NW Davis and Front streets.

13 JOQ'S 2512 NE Broadway • 503-287-4210

Featuring the best 9-Ball Tournament 8 pm Saturdays. Possibly the best \$6 ribeye dinner anywhere. Joq's also serves up the lowest drink prices in the city. Join one of its softball, pool or bowling teams. Enjoy a good time and make a new friend at this entertaining neighborhood bar!

NORTHBANK 106 W Sixth St., Vancouver • 360-695-3862

Southwest Washington's first and only gay bar. Now smoke-free! Take \$1 off any item that costs more than \$2 on Buck-Off Monday.

\$5 pasta dinners (spaghetti or fettuccine alfredo) are served with \$2 well drinks 5-9 pm Tuesdays. Licious Karaoke is Wednesday and Friday. Thursday is Girlz Night with \$3 Smirnoff and \$5.50 pitchers of Bud and Bud Lite. Saturday is a special event or DJ. Sunday is happy hour all day with free pool.

14 SCANDALS 1125 SW Stark St. • 503-227-5887

Scandals is one of the city's oldest gay men's bars and has been continually providing a comfortable setting, great cocktails and a "more than friendly" bar staff to men from Portland and from out of town for 30 years. Recently relocated only a block away from its previous location, Scandals provided a new, modern, clean space for its clientele. It features a pool table, darts, video lottery and music videos and is one of the anchor bars for the Portland Pride street festival.

Portland's only "Tea Dance" on Sunday afternoons. Blues on Tuesdays. Live DJs on Friday and Saturday.

15 SHANGHAI STEAKERY 16 NW Broadway • 503-228-9325

A locally owned gay bar known for good music, great drinks, the best prices in town and lottery. Happy hour 7 am-8 pm. Join the IT Club DJ boys on the first Friday of every month. Shanghai Steakery also holds other events; it's best to check with the bar for upcoming events.

16 SILVERADO 1217 SW Stark St. • 503-224-4493

Claims to be Portland's only gay-owned and -operated gay nightclub, Portland's favorite gay bar and Portland's "original" premier gay nightclub. "Where the men are hot and the party never ends...we lead the crowd, not just follow." The Ministry of Mylar (Not Your Mother's Church) Sundays. Karaoke with Rocky Rhodes 8 pm-1 am Mondays. Wednesday is Latino Night with Meesha Peru.

SOUTHSIDE SPEAKEASY 3529 Fairview Industrial Drive, Salem • 503-362-1139

Southside Speakeasy is the place in Salem and the central Willamette Valley for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community to meet and hang out.

Free pool all day Sunday with *Desperate Housewives* at 9 pm. 50-cent tacos are served 5-9 pm Mondays with bingo at 6:30 and karaoke at 9. Top sirloin steak dinner with baked potato, salad and garlic bread is served 5:30-10 pm Tuesdays for \$8.95. Win points and prizes with free Texas Hold 'Em poker 7:30 pm Wednesdays and 6:30 pm Saturdays. Dance party with DJ Rosi 9 pm Thursdays. Dance party with DJ Lori 9 pm Fridays and Saturdays; cover is \$3.

17 STARKY'S 2913 SE Stark St. • 503-230-7980

Starky's is Portland's eastside home to fine food and drinks.

18 ZAYTOON 2236 N.E. Alberta St. • 503-284-1168

A new kind of bar.



Valentines from Hell raises money for a scholarship fund to send queer students to college.

Themes of past years have included *On Broadway*, *Barbarella* and '60s *Girl Groups*. And each year the man elected Mr. Oregon State Leather by Blackout Leather Productions is required to perform in the Valentines from Hell revue. "This is a very handsome, buff man, not the kind of guy who normally does drag," Schreckenberger says. "The audience loves it."

The event, first held in 1984 and still going strong, raises money for the Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund, the oldest of several scholarships open to queer post-secondary students in Oregon. The scholarship, administered by the nonprofit Equity Foundation, began in 1979 and has raised more than \$250,000 since then, according to co-founder Curt Meyers. Valentines from Hell alone pulls in approximately \$2,500 each year.

"We raise money dollar by dollar," Schreckenberger says. "There is no overhead for putting on the event. Whatever expenses are incurred—say, to pay the light person at the club or to print fliers and posters—we cover ourselves out of pocket."

Not Your Typical Valentine Show

"This is not a night for crowns, brocade gowns or 'What I Did for Love.'"

These are the words that Rose Emperor V "Daddy Frank" Schreckenberger announces from the stage each year at the beginning of Valentines from Hell, a drag show and benefit held at the august drag queen domain of Embers, 110 N.W. Broadway. The 24th annual event, presided over by Rose Empress VI Mame, will take place 8 p.m. Feb. 18. The suggested donation is \$5.

Valentines from Hell isn't your usual V-Day event, nor is it your typical drag show, according to producer and organizer Schreckenberger, who describes the show as "a little on the wicked side." Instead of gossamer gowns, bittersweet ballads and careful coiffure, Valentines from Hell serves up camp humor, risqué lyrics (past performance numbers have included "Everyone's Fucking but Me") and performers more concerned with making you laugh yourself silly than with creating a convincing gender illusion. The show is open to all who wish to perform, as long as they arrive by 7 p.m.

This year's theme, *Scream Girls*, is a poke at the multi-Oscar-nominated musical *Dreamgirls*, which was based on a Broadway play inspired by The Supremes. "I've heard that several Diana Rosses will be in attendance at this year's show," Daddy Frank dishes.

—Tony le Tigre