

nightlife

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

Boxes/Red Cap Garage, the only two-in-one gay club in the city, is Portland's original gay dance club and has the most experienced DJ ensemble in the scene. 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 (Boxes) 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 (Boxes) and The Flow hip-hop night hosted by Cory (Red Cap). Saturday is The A List, Portland's best DJ lineup with FSO, Dougalicious, Levante, 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 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 Boliva, 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. 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

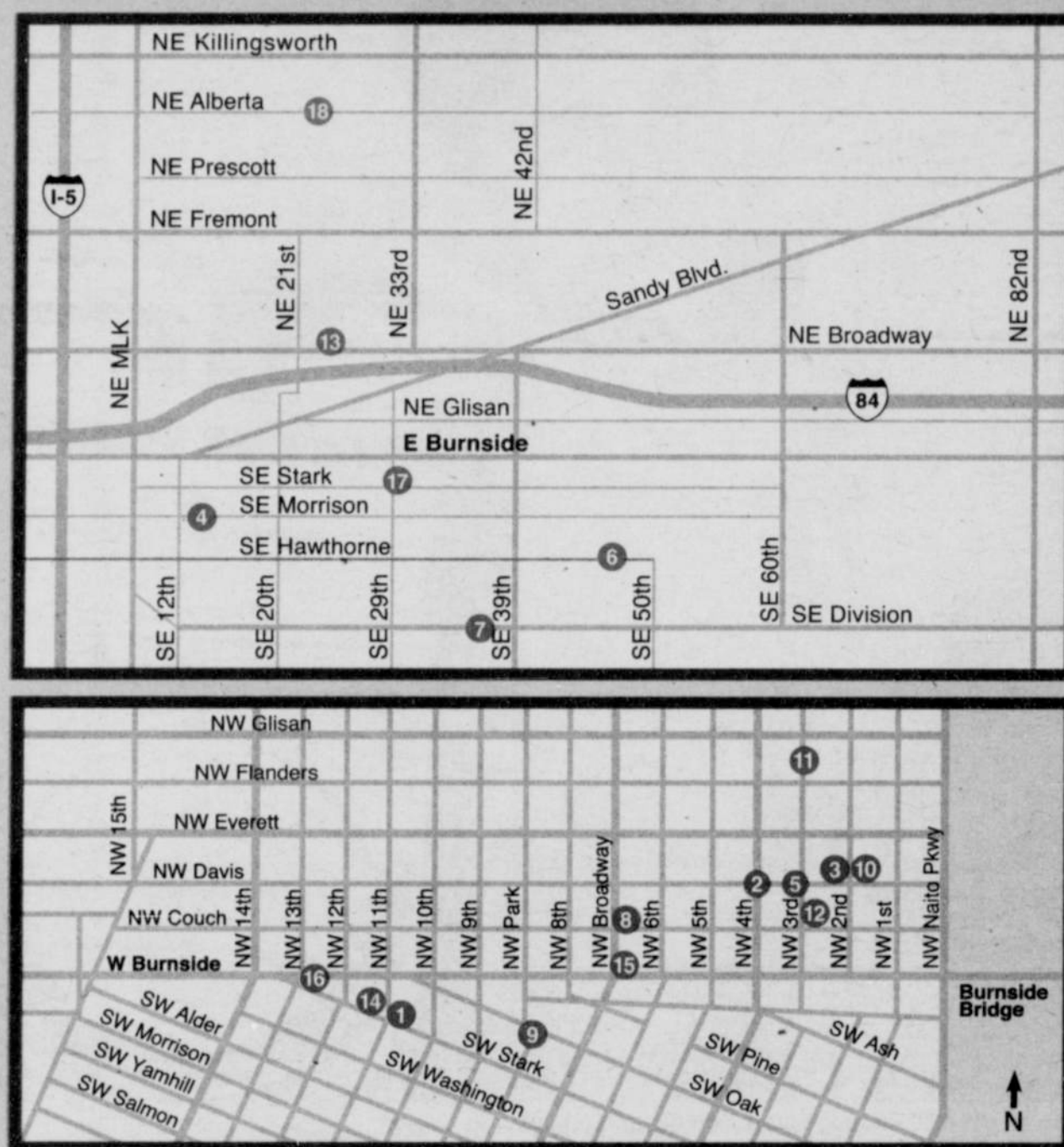
According to BarFly, this "cheery, kicked-back pub draws a convivial, mostly mature crowd to its somewhat countrified environs." Fox & Hounds regularly hosts various charity events, and the first Sunday of each month is a fun-filled bingo fund-raiser. Sheltered sidewalk seating fits a handful of tables 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 "endeavoring 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. Located in the heart of Old Town, it provides a friendly atmosphere of casual elegance and serves 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. Enjoy live music Wednesday



through Sunday, with pool and lottery in the game room. 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

Step inside the sexy, urban haven of Zaytoon and hobnob with Alberta's finest denizens. Traditional Lebanese cuisine pleases the palate, and exotic cocktails are liable to make you swoon, especially during early and late-night happy hours. An upstairs loft hosts a pool table and balcony seats for Movie Night Mondays.



Saint Caedmon (left, with DJ Jimmie Jamma) created Club I.T. as a trashy alternative to trendy bars.

Club I.T. is successful because it doesn't try to scare away the regulars or put on any false veneer. Instead, everyone parties together with a totally inclusive goal of getting really smashed and having a great time.

Saint Caedmon, co-creator and frontman for I.T., couldn't be more proud. "Club I.T. is about debauchery. It's about trash. It's about being trash and getting trashed and looking fabulous while you do it."

I find this attitude in young gay culture refreshing. With the gay scene flocking to trendy bars like Crush and Holocene with their muddled cocktails and clever DJs, it is nice to find a place where the last thing on people's minds is being elite.

When I asked Saint Caedmon about the space, he agreed: "Some people are genuinely afraid of the venue; there's something in that, though. There's an element of danger. That, mixed with the strength of the drinks, lays out an environment in which anything can happen. And we hope it does!"

It seems to me he and resident DJ Jimmie Jamma might be creating a monster, but until someone loses an eye, I'll be there on the first Friday of every month!

—Mark "Zebra" Thomas

What Is I.T.?

Club I.T., a free monthly hipster-goth night hosted in the lowbrow Shanghai Steakery, is vulgar, grimy and not to be missed!

Going to Club I.T. feels like a perverted time trip into the early days of the New York club kid scene, back when not much was happening but everyone was really excited about it. Everyone I met the night I popped in seemed to be a character of extreme desperation with the sole purpose of partying like the apocalypse was upon them.

Club I.T.'s clientele is the most excessive hodgepodge of freaky characters I've ever seen at a queer night in Portland—and baby, I've seen them all! This gorgeous mixture of lost alcoholics, troubled tweakers and hipster twinks all stems from location location location. Right off West Burnside Street at 16 N.W. Broadway, the Shanghai has become a notorious watering hole for Portland's queer down-and-out. Once renowned for thrifty (yet scrumptious) cuisine, Shanghai has now become the hub of liver disease and the 12-count pour! I am no stranger to drinking, but one vodka-cranberry and I was out of commission for the rest of the weekend—but, boy, did I have a good time...I think?