

nightlife

1 BENT BAR

633 SE Powell Blvd. • 503-230-BENT

A new mixed joint serving lunch and dinner. It's a video bar during the week, with DJs and dancing on weekends.

2 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.

3 CASEY'S

610 NW Couch St. • 503-241-0105

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

4 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.

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. Bolivia Carmichaels hosts Hip Hop Heaven with music by DJ Alex Hollywood at 9 pm Thursdays. Clubland with DJ JoeyCub at 9 pm Fridays. Bolivia 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.

5 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.

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6 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.

7 THE EAGLE PDX

1300 W Burnside St. • 503-241-0105

Portland's original masculine men's bar.

8 EGYPTIAN CLUB

3701 SE Division St. • 503-236-8689

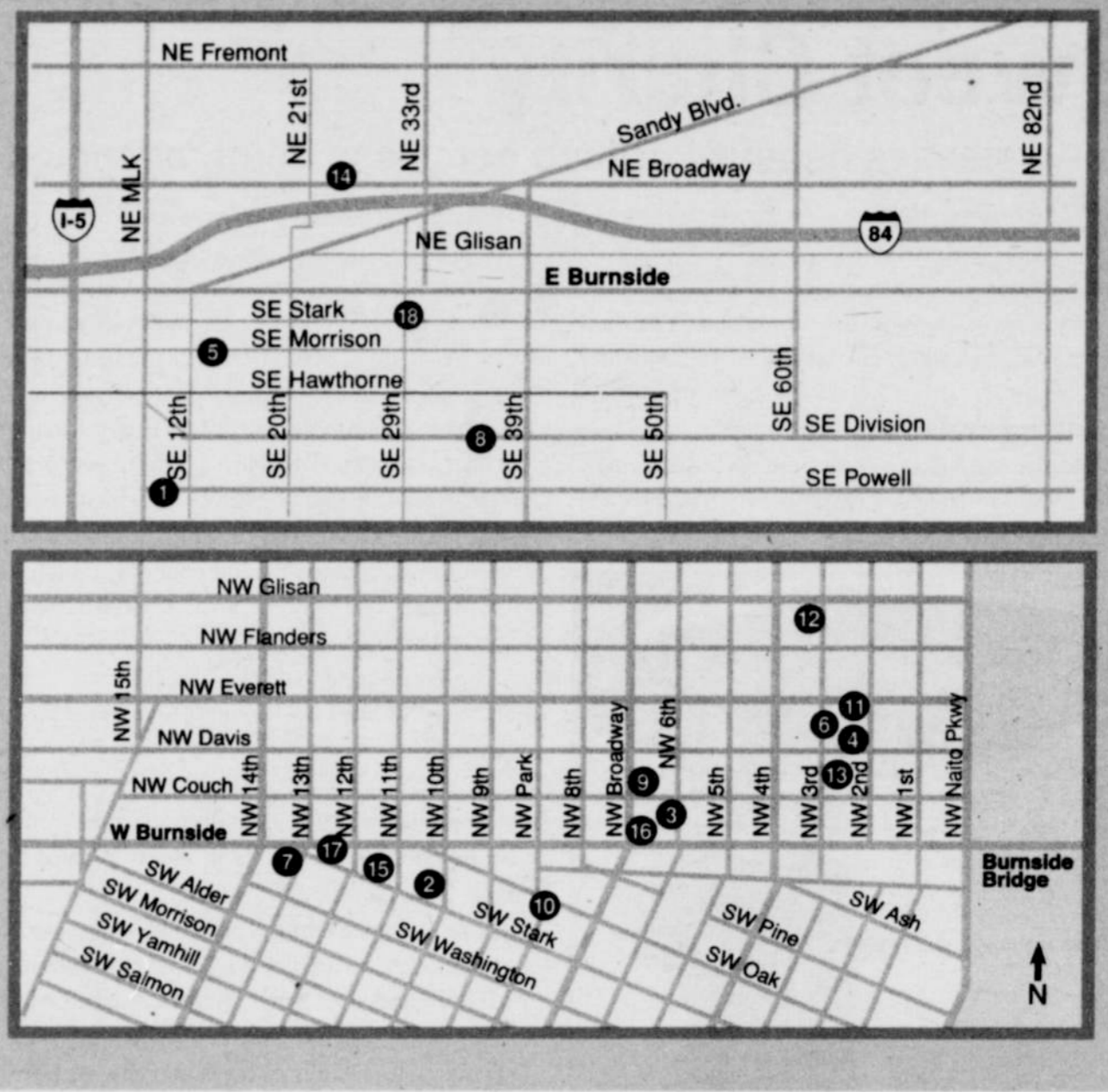
The 7,000-square-foot Egyptian Club, located in a former milk plant, features three different rooms. There's a dance floor in the Tomb; the Front Lounge offers pool tables and video games; and a third bar, the Room, features karaoke seven nights a week. The crowd is primarily lesbian.

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.

9 EMBERS AVENUE

110 NW Broadway • 503-222-3082

Gay bar in historic Old Town. *Free Gay & Happy* starring Jersey Scitjes 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.

10 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.

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 Girtz 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.

15 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.

16 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.

17 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 SE, 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 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.

18 STARKY'S

2913 SE Stark St. • 503-230-7980

"Everyday people" video bar with great martinis, two large patios, Oregon Lottery games, WiFi and private parties. Monday and Tuesday are Burger Nights, Wednesday is Mexican Night, Thursday is Homemade Meatloaf Night, Friday is Prime Rib Night, Saturday features chef's specials, and brunch is served 9 am-2 pm every weekend.

Miss Gay Oregon to Be Crowned

Fez Ballroom is hosting the Miss Gay Oregon America 2008 Pageant, a preliminary to the 2008 Miss Gay America Pageant, which will be held this October in Memphis, Tenn.

The Miss Gay Oregon America Pageant is an aspect of the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court, the nonprofit organization that makes possible various social and charity events for the gay community statewide throughout the year. Miss Gay Oregon America is a for-profit organization that was acquired last year by Cory L. Murphy, owner and chief executive of MediaPointe Productions. He says his intention in purchasing the pageant was to bring a raised level of competition to female impersonation in Oregon.

"Portland in particular has one of the highest concentrations of female impersonators, and transgendered people in general, in the United States," Murphy explains. "But prior to this time, if you were a performer, there wasn't an avenue here, specific to Oregon, for you to really reach the top of your craft."

He stresses that, under his auspices, the Miss Gay Oregon America Pageant will seek the best of the best, seasoned performers and professionals. "What we're looking for is the next Katie Harman of the world of female impersonation," Murphy says, referring to the Gresham native who was crowned Miss America 2002.

For the July 15 pageant, six contestants are scheduled to compete. "You normally have three to five contestants in a first-year pageant, so we're doing quite well," Murphy says. The pageant will bring a wealth of talent to the city and should be attended by a number of luminaries, notably Miss Gay America 2007, Luscious, who will be on hand to crown the pageant winner as part of her ongoing duties as the national pageant's reigning queen.

Known away from the gossamer spotlight as Ron Gates, a 29-year-old native to the Carolinas (he's called both Columbia and Charlotte home), Miss Luscious set a goal to win the Miss Gay America Pageant quite a while ago. "It took me four years to do it," she says. First she was crowned Miss Gay North Carolina and Miss Gay Kansas Regional in 2005, then Miss Gay Western States in 2006, and finally the crowning achievement last fall.

"I have no idea what I'm going to perform yet when I come to Portland," Luscious admits, explaining that she bases her set on the vibe of the crowd. "I don't want to go to a hip-hop club and perform punk rock, you know? I can usually tell by the end of my first number what kind of crowd it is."

The Miss Gay Oregon America 2008 Pageant will take place 7 p.m. July 15 at 318 S.W. 11th Ave. Tickets are \$15-\$30 from www.missgayoregon.com.



Miss Gay America 2007, Luscious, will appear July 15 at the Miss Gay Oregon America 2008 Pageant.

11 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.

12 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.

13 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.

14 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!

—Tony Le Tigre