

NIGHTLIFE

Lions and Tigers and Bearracuda, oh my!

Burly men with furry bellies are not unknown to the Northwest; be they gay and/or flannel-clad loggers. But queer club culture has seen a recent upsurge in bear appreciation and themed parties. **Bearracuda**, the wildly successful San Francisco party, is finally coming to Portland, Saturday, July 18.

Bearracuda began 3 years ago as a fun, friendly dance party for bears, cubs and other "wildlife." The alterna-friendly event was voted "Best Club for Queer Men" by San Francisco's #1 weekly paper, *The Guardian*, in 2008. For a city so saturated with gay bars, circuit clubs and rainbow overload, Bearracuda was viewed as *the* spot for an attitude-free, sexy good time.

When asked why the night has become so popular Bearracuda organizer Matt says, "As Bearracuda in San Francisco has

grown, we've been getting more and more body types coming in and the term 'bear' has become more inclusive. So, it's not a strange thing to see the slimmest guy with the largest one or the oldest with the youngest. First and foremost, we are a bear night, but all are welcome. Portland is one our very favorite places to visit and with all the (drool) furry faces up there, we expect to see a nice cross section of guys at the party."

Though the next logical progression may have been to introduce the night in bigger cities such as Los Angeles, organizers decided it was more important to keep true to the vision and set up camp in truly welcoming places such as Portland. That said, Bearracuda has a busy San Fran



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and Seattle schedule, so this is a one-night-only deal for now, with hopes to return in 2010.

Don't miss the event's PDX debuts by DJs Sam Storicks and Boyshapedbox. Storicks, now a Portland resident, was one of Bearracuda's first headliners and brings hard-thumping beats, which should be a relief in this oft pop-ridden town. Boyshapedbox, a Bearracuda resident and more diverse mixer, fills the floor every time he's on the decks, so expect no less. Add in friendly dudes and tasty snacks and you've got an

unstoppable night of frivolity and fur. —ALLEY HECTOR
Sat., July 18, 10 p.m. at Rotture, 315 SE Third, \$5, bearracuda.com/pdx

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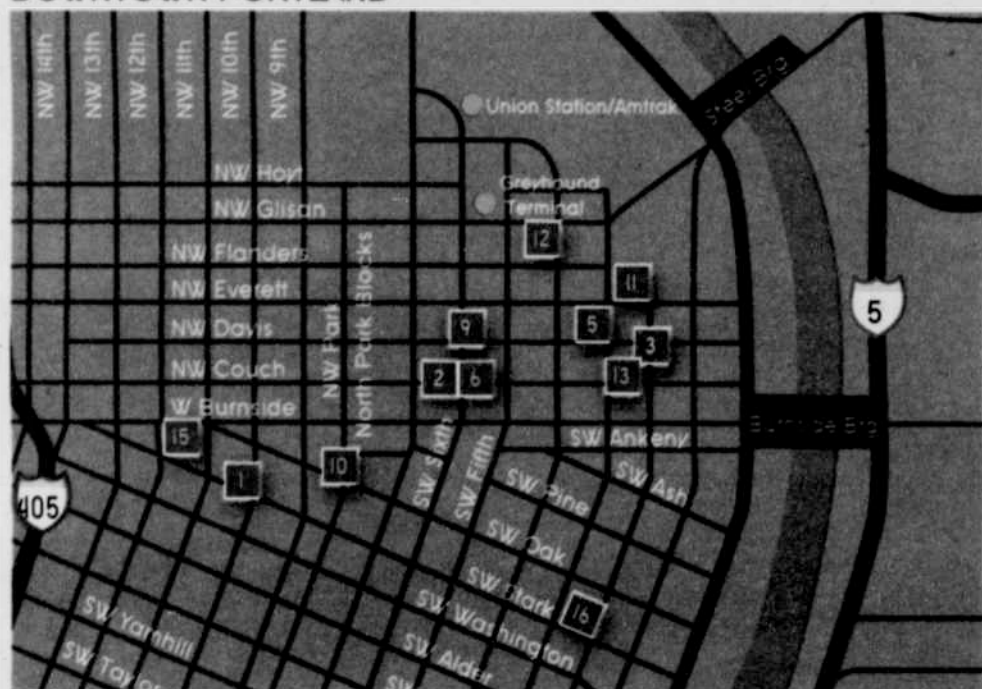
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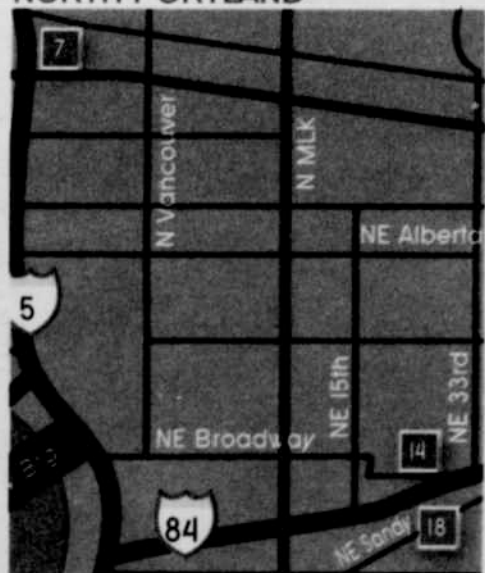
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