

NIGHTLIFE

# Blow Pony gallops to a new stable across the river

Blow Pony has been a popular trans-inclusive, body and sex-positive queer dance night for quite a while now. Most of the time it packed its Eagle Underground digs to the point that bumping back to front with strangers was inevitable, whether you were grinding it on the dance floor or simply waiting in line for a cocktail.

Lately, however, the night has been getting more attention for the controversy and discussion that surrounds it, rather than the hedonistic joy it provides. On Pride weekend several assaults outside the club forced organizers to begin thinking about ways to assure Blow Pony was a safe place. A queer town hall brainstorming session was held and

at the next monthly event, Saturday, July 11, additional security was in place.

The night was fun and as placid as Blow Pony can ever be called, but that marked the last time the party was to be held in its downtown venue. According to Slezoo, one of the Pony Kru:

"...we (BLOWPONY) did not leave the location of Casey's & the Eagle Underground due to the violence that took place on June 14th, we decided to leave for these reasons....[owner] Karl [Wilgus] & Chad neither one showed support at the Town Hall or Sexual Minorities Round Table ...[Wilgus also owes former employees] money, we felt we could not support such a system. Lastly Karl & Chad have a loft

above the bar (the lofts where other tenants were throwing urine, glass bottles, beer, spit and anti-gay remarks) and showed ZERO interest in contacting the landlord to inform him or her of the situation..."

Despite all the drama, the party must canter on. It is time to turn our attention to the excitement that a new, larger space holds for Blow Pony. The highly sexual horse is back on the trail with a "Don't call it a comeback!" mantra that promises tranny-on-tranny action, pocket dykes, limp-wristed bears and any other queer thing you can dream up Saturday, August 29.

The dark, double-decker inner eastside venue Branx is the perfect continuation of

the seedy side that the Eagle Underground worked so well. However, the new digs offer more space, especially once Blow Pony is able to expand into upper venue Rotture. Various stairs and levels may also make for interesting go-go dancing spots, and though you're likely to wait nearly as long for your libation as at past Ponys, the drink you finally get will be a strong hit to your gullet. Go ahead, journey to the BP's new eastside home, whose party is sure to ride you every bit as hard and raunchy as it ever did. And it hurts so good.

- Alley Hector

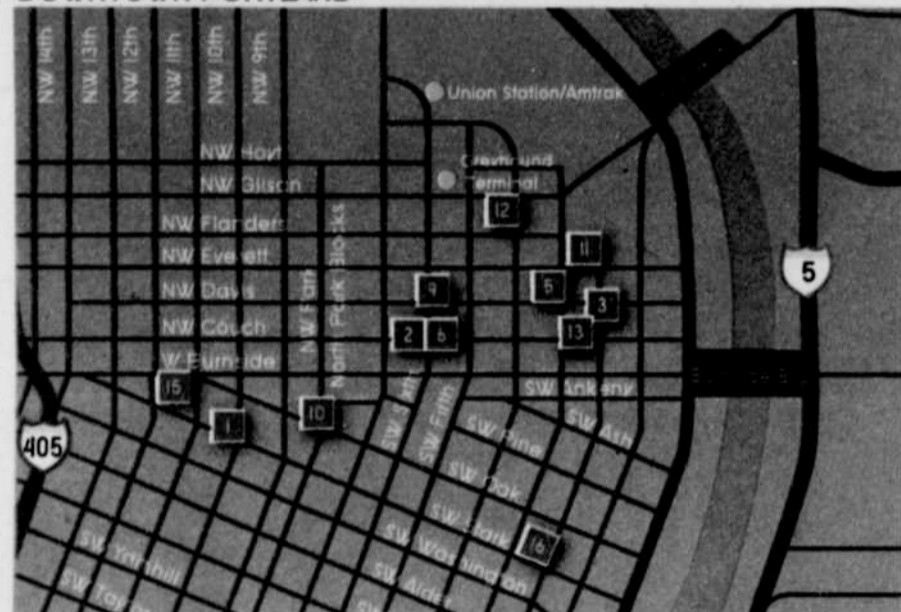
Sat., Aug. 29, 10 p.m. at Branx, 320 SE Second, \$3, [www.blowpony.com](http://www.blowpony.com).

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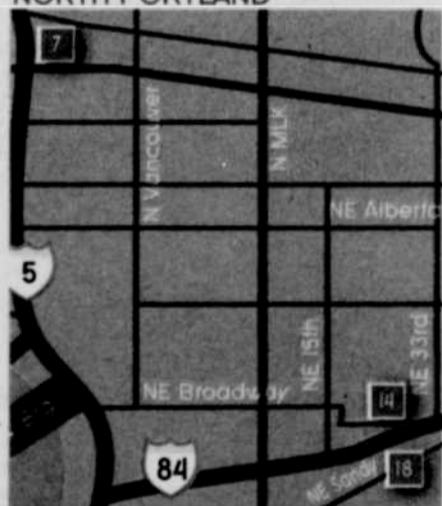
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