

Del On Wheels...

And "off Paxil," writer-comic Shores brings sordid fun to Red Cap BY RYAN J. PRADO

Whether you know him for his work as a scribe on television shows like *Dharma & Greg* and *Queer As Folk*, his raw stand-up routines or his cult-classic film, play and TV series *Sordid Lives*, Del Shores is nothing if not unforgettable.

The writer-director-producer pulls no celebrity punches—calling Judge Reinhold "the biggest fucking asshole I've ever worked with" and *Queer as Folk*'s Randy Harrison (Justin) "an ungrateful little shit"—and has earned a following for being unabashedly brash, among other things. Shores unleashes his pop culture missives at Red Cap Garage Sunday, August 28 as part of a new one-man show, *Del Shores Sordid Confessions*.

Shores' writing career skyrocketed with the success of his 1987 play *Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)* and subsequent film adaptation in 1990.

Perhaps best known for his play *Sordid Lives*, also made into a movie in 1999, and later a 2008 TV series on Logo, Shores scooped up a sizable LG-BTQ fan base with enigmatic characters like Earl "Brother Boy" Ingram—an institutionalized cross-dressing gay—and his mother, Peggy, played on



the small screen by late *Golden Girls* icon Rue McClanahan.

In the wake of that acclaimed, albeit short-lived "black comedy about white trash," Shores recently wrapped filming on his latest effort, whose name alone capitalizes on his censorless shtick. *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife* stars Beth Grant (*Little Miss Sunshine*), Octavia Spencer (*The Help*) and Dale Dickey (*My Name is Earl*) and is

set for a 2012 theatrical release.

In the meantime, expect 75 hysterical minutes of tales tracing his "slut years" through the *Sordid* whirlwind, delivered with a pinch of Shores' deceptive Texan charm.

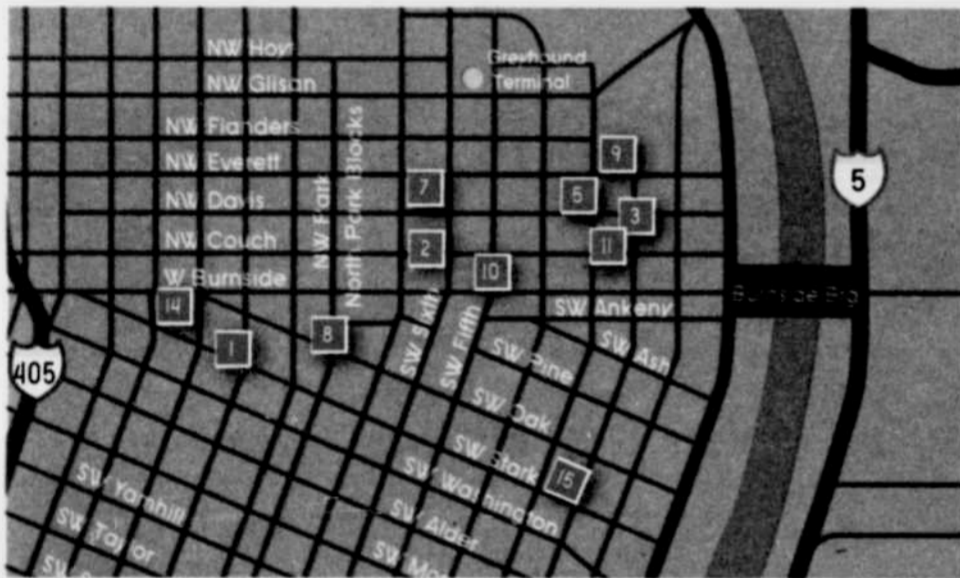
"Look, I got off Paxil," he says of the monologue. "Now I'm bitter, somewhat mean and I don't give a shit anymore."

Hold onto your haunches, folks. With Del Shores at the wheel, it's gonna be a bumpy, bitchy ride. **J**

Sun., August 28, 8 p.m.; Red Cap Garage, 1035 SW Stark St.; \$10-\$20; 21+; 503-226-4171, delshores.net or redcapgarage.com.

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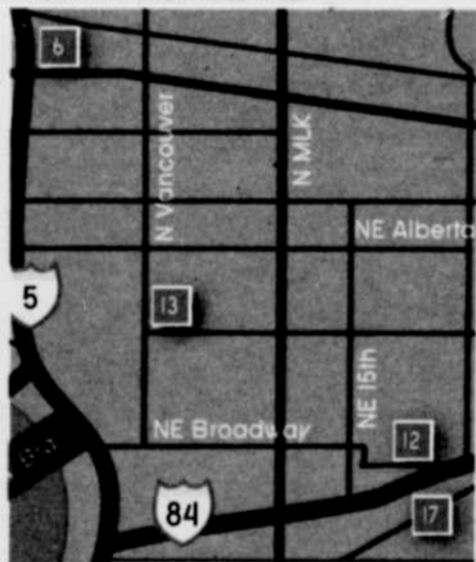
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