

Darcelle's offers a night of starlight

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Opinion Editor

What do you get when you mix female impersonators, alcohol, a bunch of one-dollar bills and a whole lot of men? A night at Darcelle XV Showplace.

Darcelle's is considered one of Portland's "hot spots" by men and women alike for its fun, outgoing atmosphere and male strippers. This place will keep you thoroughly entertained until the wee morning hours. You can celebrate a birthday or your last ditch at freedom before you say "I do." Even I managed to find my way into this fabulous place.

With glitz, glamour and comedy featured in cabaret style acts Darcelle's is a place that is hard to get into without reservations. They have been entertaining many with their catty, cantankerous humor for over 33 years.

On Friday and Saturday nights, the world-famous female impersonators are on stage until midnight. Then the male strippers come out to play from midnight until 2:30 a.m.

The WestCoast Centerfolds have been featured in *Playgirl* and *GQ* magazines and are affiliated with Fantasy Grams Enter-

tainment. For \$10 at the door, it's a bargain.

A couple weeks ago my friends and I helped one of our own celebrate her last nights of freedom with a bachelorette party at Darcelle's, and we weren't disappointed. By the end of the night, we had all picked our favorite stripper who we'd be granting tips to. The idea was to write your first name and last initial on the dollar bill and if they called your name, you'd be entered in a drawing at the end of the night to win a picture with one of the hotties.

We had the opportunity to purchase pictures for \$5 with our favorite or, for \$10 we could buy a snapshot with all of the hunks. "Tricky" was the Master of Ceremonies, and if you're into the longhaired rocker type he's just your type of metalhead. It wasn't until the crowd started screaming "Take it off," did he join the fun as a Hoboken hillbilly. Now, if a Latin lover is more your style, let "Antonio" dressed as Zorro cut into your thoughts. If you're keen on checking out the package, "Adonis" will send you some love, dressed as the UPS man. No one curled my toes or made me sore the way "Falcon"

did. Decked out in the fashion of many women's dreams, he could be my Bond, James Bond.

Guests can book a private party at a place of their choosing. Charges differ if outside the Portland/Metro area. For the most part 15 minutes of stripping time costs \$95.00, one half-hour is \$125.00 and one hour is \$155.00.

I would say it's definitely worth it. Believe me, I'll be celebrating a birthday to remember in the months to come.

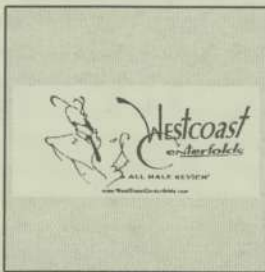
Darcelle's is located at 208 N.W. Third Avenue in Portland. They are open 6 p.m.-11p.m. Mon.-Thurs. and Sat. from 6 p.m.-2:30 a.m.

For more information or to make reservations for Darcelle's, call (503) 222-5338. To book a party call Fantasy Grams (503) 771-7117 or e-mail your questions to inquiries@fantasygramsonline.com.



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World famous female impersonators regale the crowd with their cabaret-style dance.



Zombie flicks: the countdown begins

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When fall rolls around and the leaves turn from green to yellow, I am often reminded of the true meaning of the season... blood! That's right, boils and ghouls, get ready for carnage, mutilation, disembowelment and plots riddled

with stab wounds, because here it is: Isaiah's top five zombie picks!

At the fifth position is a film whose lack of substance is made up with substantial laughs. "Redneck Zombies," directed by Lloyd Kaufman and Michael Herz, combines two of the most horrific creatures ever to be spawned from the abyss, rednecks and zom-

bies. It all starts when "Backwoods hicks mistake barrels of toxic waste for moonshine" and hapless party-going campers are caught up in the mayhem. Upside- one camper, strung out on LSD, must perform a zombie autopsy.

Downside- hard to tell which is worse: zombies or rednecks.

You guessed it, Deadites: it couldn't be a zombie list with-

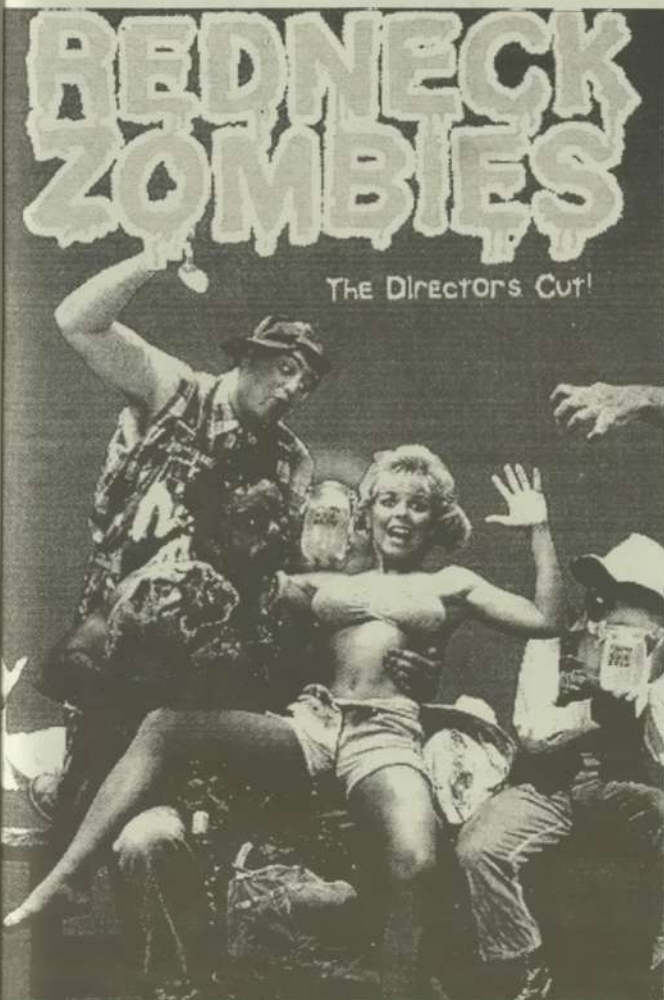
out "Evil Dead." At the fourth spot is Sam Raimi's masterpiece of mayhem. The action begins when Ash, Bruce Cambell, his sister, girlfriend, and a couple of horny halfwits we can assume are their friends, take a drive into the Tennessee woodlands to an abandoned cabin for a weekend of partying. Things take a turn for the worse when a tape recorder is found

containing the mystic words to "resurrect slumbering demons". Watch out for the vines!

Upside- a disgusting blend of slap-stick humor and delicious gore.

Downside- Ash is a bit of a wuss.

Next edition I'll go over my second and third picks. So pick it up or something dude.



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