

# Tour exposes Portland's dark past

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Going back into Portland's ne-  
history is a journey riddled  
mythology and mayhem. In-  
ous buildings that once were  
ses of lechery, corruption and  
are now just average busi-  
nning the streets of Old Town,

company Portland Walking  
offers a look at all of these  
of the cities dark underbelly in  
called Underground Portland.  
ary to what the name would  
the tour is not all about the  
tunnels that were suppos-  
the scourge of Portland drunks  
the turn of the century. Instead  
es on all the uglier (or better)  
of Portland that were ignored  
you learned about the history  
back in grade school.

our is all about stripping the  
of romanticism away from  
that was once on par with the  
of all wild west cities.  
of the truth can be dishearten-  
some facts are almost better  
know. My biggest disappoint-  
on the walk was discovering  
Shanghai tunnels were never  
to actually be a spot where  
Shanghaiing took place.

fact and many others were  
ed to me by our tour guide,  
named Herb Spice, a short,  
chubby improve actor with a  
his job. As the tour went on  
more excited and his cheeks  
man had charisma and he

knew how to keep a group enter-  
tained, an important fact considering  
that the tour is two and a half hours  
long and carried out completely on  
foot. There is one bathroom break so  
those with weak bladders are not ad-  
vised to buy a ticket for this ride.

For anyone who can stand for  
long enough, the tour is worth the  
\$19 it takes, especially if you want  
to learn about things like why Portland  
used to have the most strip clubs per  
capita.

The tour isn't exactly 100 percent  
family friendly considering one of  
the stops, kiddy corner to Darcelle's,  
is the launching point of a story about  
three of Portland's most famous  
brothel owners.

Another fun fact I learned: as of  
2005 it is legal to have live sex shows  
in Portland. No one has taken ad-  
vantage of this fact, because as far  
as Portland's busy sex business goes  
there's no reason to push their luck  
with going "that far."

Sex wasn't the only thing on our  
tour guides mind though, on the  
85 degree afternoon stride we also  
stopped at one of Portland's most  
emblematic shops, Voodoo Donuts.  
Here, after a brief history of the hole  
in the wall shop, the tour took turns  
biting into a chocolate donut shaped  
like a little man who oozed with red  
jelly blood.

The donut shop is the only official  
grub stop on the trip but the expedi-  
tion both starts and ends at Old Town  
Pizza, the house to another entrance  
of what was once Portland's exten-  
sive underground tunnel system.

One of the most interesting stops  
along the stint was a shop in China  
Town called Herbs & Acupuncture



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Tour guide Herb Spice checks to see if the building is wrought iron or fiberglass. Portland has the most wrought iron buildings still standing in the nation.

Center, owned by a Persian man  
named Morteza Aleali. In this shop,  
a wide variety of ingredients are used  
to make traditional Chinese medi-  
cine.

Hai Ma, or dried sea horse is used  
as a male Viagra, and antelope horn  
is the female sex enhancing counter-  
part.

Other ingredients such as black  
snake, ginseng and a variety of differ-  
ent animal parts, roots and herbs are

also available. In the shop, the her-  
balist Aleali will check patients for ail-  
ments and then administer a solution  
in the form of either a wine or tea.  
This doctor's checkup is not a part of  
the tour but if you come back saying  
Herb sent you, former tour members  
can get a 10 percent discount for the  
services provided.

The tour ends with a walk down  
a wood staircase under Old Town  
Pizza. We all grabbed flashlights and

entered into a dark cool room with  
a history full of stories, rumors and  
ghost hunts. We spent our last few  
moments hearing Herb the stage man  
spin his final two tales of Portland's  
darkest moments regarding what re-  
ally happened in when Portland was  
still just a river town full of turmoil.

You can make a reservation for  
a tour by going to Portlandwalking-  
tours.com or by calling (503)774-  
4522.

## Artless students plan for summer



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Victor (left), Amanda Fox (center) and Josh Bierdman (right) chill outside of  
Laughlin and discuss their plans for this summer.

Mark Sunderland

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summer draws nigh. The  
on and cool drinks are  
ing as the heat rises and  
icipation of a couple  
s' break from school  
ever so closer. The  
er heat has kicked in  
with summer just over  
izon, it brings to ques-  
what does one do with the  
mer break.

ork; work would be the  
ous answer as work does  
a paycheck that means  
cash to spend on what-  
summer vacation desires  
ould want. Of course  
work is done and the  
sack safely deposited into  
bank account, what does  
do from there? Josh Ble-  
man, a Clackamas student,

intends to party it up this sum-  
mer. So it sounds like he has  
his plans set up for a rocking  
good time this summer with  
his partying.

"Going to summer school,"  
Carmen Carvazos, a Clackamas  
student, said when asked what  
she planned to do this sum-  
mer.

It sounds like Carvazos'  
plans on continuing her educa-  
tion through the summer, get  
the jump start on her degree,  
and she said, "Yeah, I don't  
mind schools. I like school."  
So the summer sounds like it  
will be a continuation of edu-  
cation for her.

That isn't all Carvazos plans  
to do this summer though.  
"Have fun with my dogs."

Carvazos also plans on vis-  
iting with her husband's fam-  
ily, who lives close by.

So, folks can party, further  
education, or visit with fam-

ily and friends. Although it is  
Oregon, so that means much  
more than just hanging out at  
a friend's place with the music  
blaring. Oregon is an outdoors  
state, so there is plenty to do  
outside of the city or suburb or  
local park.

Amanda Fox and Jason Vic-  
tor, both Clackamas students,  
both do the work deal for the  
summer, but they also plan on  
going camping in July out at  
Boulder Lake.

So, with the possibilities out  
there those range from camp-  
ing at Mt. Hood to kicking  
back at a friend's place. There  
seems to be plenty of things  
to do this upcoming summer.  
Be sure to take some time off  
work and plan something fun  
for summer. The next school  
term seems to always to be  
better when one has great stor-  
ies to swap with friends about  
summer vacation.

## Stick around town and enjoy the roses

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For all of you looking for  
something fabulous, yet not  
painful on the wallet, to do in  
Portland this summer we have  
compiled a list of ideas.

\*Portland Farmers Market  
has locations all over, ranging  
from Milwaukie to the heart of  
downtown. The only cost for  
this event is whatever you end  
up purchasing from the selec-  
tion of locally grown produce  
or baked foods. Most markets  
are open now until September.

\*Portland Rose Festival  
Dragon Boat Race is Satur-  
day, June 6 and Sunday June 7  
and begins at 8 a.m. and ends  
at aprx. 4 p.m. a racing event  
consisting of nearly 100 teams  
(including local, national, and  
international teams) with four  
teams competing every nine  
minutes. Races are held on the  
Willamette River (close to the  
Hawthorne Bridge), in boats  
provided through the Portland-  
Kaohsiung Sister City Associa-  
tion.

\*Portland Saturday Market  
must not be forgotten, as it is a  
great place for cheap eats and  
unique items. Located on SW  
Naito Blvd, under the Burnside  
Bridge and in Ankeny Park, the  
market is open from now until  
Dec. 24 on Saturdays from 10  
to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 11  
to 4:30 p.m.

\*Oregon Zoo is a great  
place to go with friends or fam-  
ily and is fairly inexpensive at  
\$9.75 for an adult ticket, but a  
\$1 is taken off admission when

you ride MAX. Besides having  
the endangered black rhinoc-  
eros, the zoo has many other  
motivating factors. For those  
who enjoy classic pop punk,  
the B-52s are performing at the  
zoo on June 19 at 7 p.m. Tick-  
ets cost \$27.

\*Vans Warped tour is an  
unforgettable event for the al-  
ternative music lovers resid-  
ing in the area. Warped tour  
is at Washington County Fair-  
grounds Sunday Aug. 16 and  
has an impressive list of bands  
performing; ranging from Un-  
deroath to Less than Jake to  
Bad Religion, it seems the \$30  
will be well worth it.

\*Underground Portland  
tours are a great way for the  
brave adventurous to spend  
an afternoon. The tour ex-  
plores the criminal past of  
downtown Portland and even  
involves going underground  
to show entrances to the infa-  
mous "Shanghai tunnels." (See  
above story).

\*The Waterfront Blues Festi-  
val is the nation's second larg-  
est blues festival. The festival  
is non-profit and raises money  
and food to help the hungry.  
The event costs \$10 per person,  
per day and runs from July 2  
through the 5 and is located on  
Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

\*Voodoo Donut is a great  
place for the romantic donut  
enthusiast. All of those with big  
wedding plans need look no  
further. How about a simple yet  
delicious option, get married  
at Voodoo Donut and save the  
greens, while enjoying sugary  
or vegan donuts? For informa-  
tion on planning your voodoo  
wedding visit [http://voodoo-  
doughnut.com/weddings.php](http://voodoo-doughnut.com/weddings.php)