



started really getting into bluegrass. Then I did my junior year abroad in Regensburg, Germany, playing in Irish pubs and busking in the street," she says. She then spent time in North Carolina, "soaking up that old-time, Appalachia feel," moving to Eugene about 15 years ago and only then beginning to write original songs. "I pretty much make a living through teaching guitar now," she says. But it looks like her fans want to see more of her on stage.

BEST PLACE TO SHAKE YOUR BOOTY:

JOHN HENRY'S

2nd: Downtown Lounge
3rd: WOW Hall

We like to think John Henry's took the cake in this category not just for their infamous Thursday '80s nights, but also for the vast array of less typical booty-shaking music - Har Mar Superstar's bump 'n' grind March show, for example, or the retro pop punk of an Epoxies set. And then there's the Sunday night Broadway Revue, at which a whole lot of shakin' goes down - not just of booty. Reggae vs. Hip Hop, Freaks in the House - if variety is the spice of life, this is the place to find it.

BEST PLACE TO SHOOT POOL: LUCKY'S CLUB CIGAR

2nd: Highlands Brew Pub
3rd: Wetlands Brew Pub

BEST RADIO SHOW: THE SUNDAY MORNING HANGOVER (KWVA)

2nd: Dead Air (KLCC)
3rd: The Mother (KWVA)

BEST SINGLES BAR: INDIGO DISTRICT

2nd: Downtown Lounge
3rd: John Henry's

Did any other bar stand a chance? While the Indigo can be a nice lunch spot in the daytime, its true colors come out at night, when spiffily dressed hipsters converge on the bar, shamelessly checking each other out over ginger lemonades and PBR. One night, at least six girls in the bar were wearing shoulder-baring come-hither black dresses, which made us feel like we missed a memo. Another time, a sweet-faced young thing



The Ovulators
Best Local Rock Band

sat looking lonely at the bar for all of two minutes, staring into her beer, before someone started chatting her up. If the Indigo has one weakness, it's that the crowd is often comprised of far more lovely lasses than handsome fellows. Get down there, boys, and even things up a bit!

BEST SMOKING AREA: GOOD TIMES CAFÉ

2nd: None
3rd: The Horsehead

You know those bumper stickers that say, "At least I can still smoke in my car"? Well, someone needs to print up one that reads, "At least I can still smoke in my car and at Good Times." In Eugene, a city where smoking is banned indoors and the City Council keeps changing the rules for bar owners, Good Times offers a haven for smokers. Out on the huge, covered porch bedecked with pool tables, you're likely to see hordes of smokers enjoying a beer and a cig - two things that go oh so well together. So let the Good Times roll, and hook me up with a light.

BEST SMUT: CASTLE

2nd: Silver Dollar
3rd: The Office

The mere name of this category induces giggles, gasps, and yes, even outrage from some of our readers. So let's start out by stating that Lee Blewett, manager of Castle, objects to the name of this category. "We're trying to get away from



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