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Thom is a regular at OCH Bitch Bingo



You have to play to win at OCH Bitch Bingo



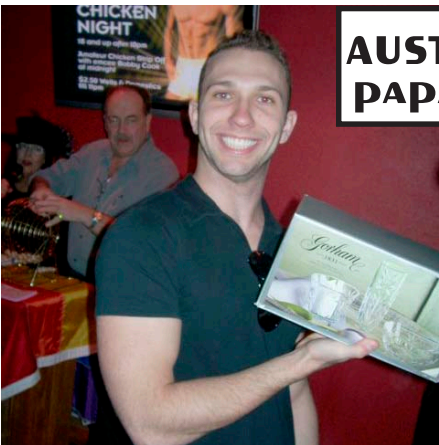
Marilyn has a blast at OCH



Ken is happy to be at OCH



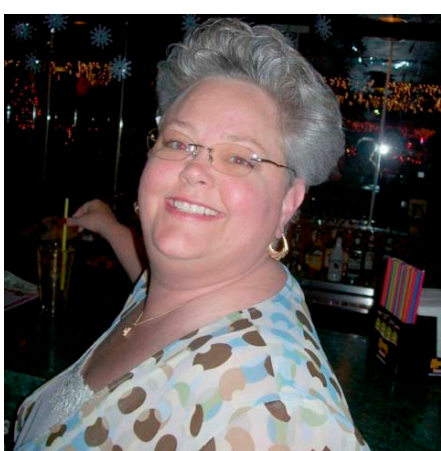
Bill wins at OCH Bitch Bingo



A happy winner at OCH Bitch Bingo



The handsome Rhan at OCH



The lovely Karen at RCC



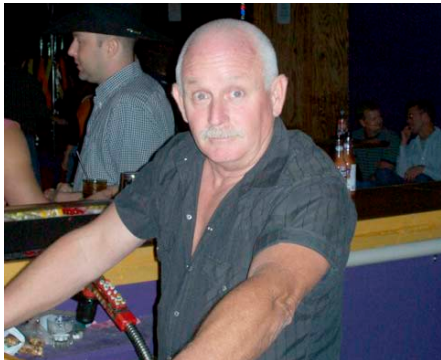
David helps Marci call the balls at OCH Bitch Bingo



Marci gives the call at OCH Bitch Bingo



A big hello from OCH



Pappi serves it up at RCC



Another winner at OCH Bitch Bingo



Oilcan Harry's dynamic cooking duo Margie & Rose



OCH's famous eyecandy



Max hangs out at the Cockpit



Winning is sweet at OCH Bitch Bingo



Everyone has a good time at Oilcan Harry's



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Living in the South I have often found myself longing for cool, crisp days and nights filled with sipping mocha lattes while bundled in a great Burberry coat. More often, here in Austin, winter simply passes by leaving us to celebrate Christmas in shorts and to welcome the new year with pool parties.

Under the "careful what you wish for" department, recently Austin had to dig out from a frigid blast of arctic air that coated every available surface with a layer of solid ice. Cost efficiency precludes those of us in the South from being prepared for an event that happens about as frequently as Democrats regaining control of a legislative body. So basically, life stops. The roads become impassible, business and industry grinds to a halt and active, vital adults become shut-ins shackled to our over-sized televisions by old man winter.

Soon, very soon, what begins as a Currier & Ives inspired holiday break quickly descends into a nerve-wracking sentence in Dante's seventh level. Regardless of whether your space is the size of the superdome or the size of a big gulp, restlessness and irritability slowly begin to permeate into every conscious thought until your reflection looks like something from Edvard Munch's wet dream.

But, in the South, it isn't long until Heat Miser re-aims his solar blast and the temperatures climb. The ice recedes into a distant memory as life returns to normal. We emerge from our polar cocoons to feel the warmth that soon we will be cursing with words that would make the saltiest sailor blush. And then... yes in all likelihood... we will once again dream of what we don't have. As with all things however, some other grass may be greener but it

seldom tastes as sweet as what we find right beneath our own two feet.

Speaking of feet, get yours moving over to 4th Street and pop inside Oilcan Harry's. If it has been a while since you have been there or if you are a die hard regular, you can't help but appreciate all the work the staff and management have put in to re-shaping, re-vamping and re-inventing this Austin classic. All of the elements that made Oilcan Harry's THE place to see and be seen are still there only they have been polished and perfected by a knowledgeable team led by recent Austin transplant Tommy Elias.

Having helped establish Oz as party central for the Big Easy, Tommy has turned all of his years of experience in the hospitality industry loose inside the walls of Oilcan Harry's. Without completely demolishing the bar into something unrecognizable, as so many new manager's do, he has honed this Austin gem into party perfection. These pages have sang Tommy's praises in the past but now, several months into his tenure, we find they still hold true.

Every Tuesday night at 10:30pm, Oilcan Harry's Gay Dating Game hosted by the dynamic duo of Nadine and Dane offers patrons the chance to find true love for a lifetime or at least, possibly the night. This inventive way to meet new people is as fun to participate in as it is to watch. Don't forget on Tuesdays they have giant martinis for only \$5.50.

Fridays at Oilcan Harry's features Rose's classic buffet from 6pm to 9pm. If you have never experienced a buffet by Rose then you have not experienced great food in a great environment. The Manwatch dancers are on hand offering a view to remember. Sundays you will most likely find me bellied up to Oilcan Harry's front bar with card in hand for Bitch Bingo hosted by the always enigmatic Marci Fletcher. From 5pm to 7pm Marci spins the balls offering everyone in earshot the chance to win some fabulous prizes. Be sure to drop by. You never know what you might pick up.

Over on 5th Street, the Rainbow Cattle Co. is slowly transforming this grand dame of Austin nightlife into a new destination. You can still find all the traditional elements that have made the Rainbow Cattle Co. the gay community's leading country western dance bar but owner Andy and his staff have added some new features that will surely keep us coming back. First they opened up the front bar making it more accessible, then they added a new side bar where on most nights you will find the irrepressible Norbert holding court, and now they are literally blowing down the walls to create Austin's only street level patio where patron's can sit and watch the world go by. Parking is usually easy to find near the Rainbow Cattle Co. making it the perfect jump off point for a night out on the town.

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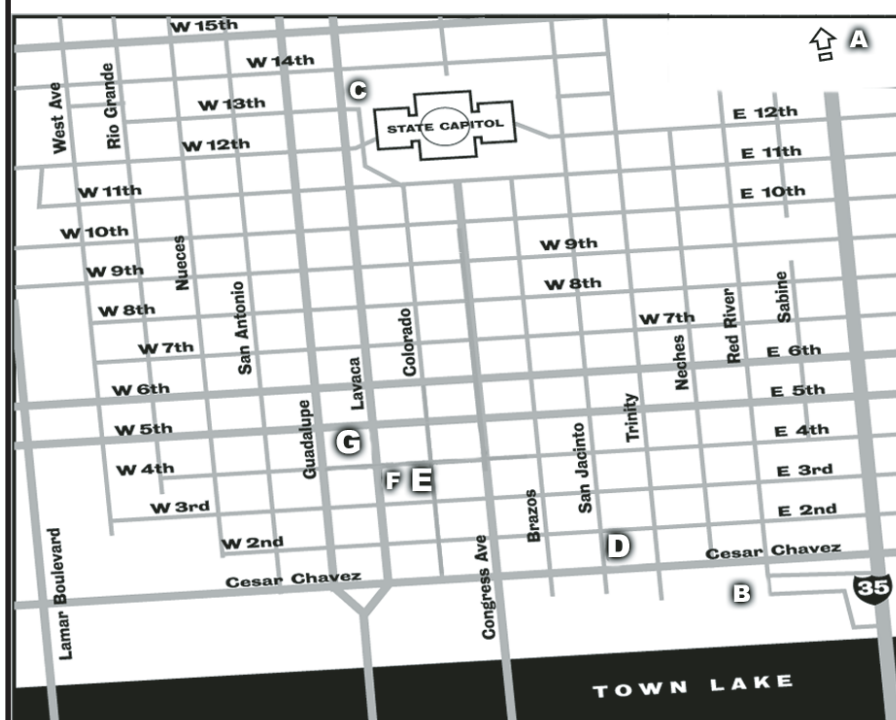
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