



POTLATCH 16 LOCAL GUIDE

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Notes about Restaurant Listings

Dress. Portland is a casual town. None of the restaurants listed will require dress more formal than a shirt and jeans, even downtown.

Access. Several of the restaurants along Broadway (Ethiopian & Thai especially) are in remodeled houses, meaning there may be stairs between you and the food.

Multi-national chains shown for comparative & navigational purposes only. We make no warranty of fitness for any other purpose, express or implied.

Some maps and menus are in a binder at Reg.

Whodunnit

Contents gathered by Kate Yule. Much of the restaurant text and all of the wine/beer recommendations are from John Lorentz' 2005 Smofcon guide, but the snark is Kate's. Layout by Nancy Wirsig McClure.

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Map Reading and Location Finding

Nearby businesses are grouped along two corridors, each consisting of paired one-way streets. The con hotel sits between Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd (southbound) & Grand Ave (northbound). Weidler Street (eastbound) & Broadway (westbound), are a few blocks north. Within these corridors, you'll find dozens of restaurants, from tapas to Thai, take-out to tablecloths.

About distances and addresses. On foot, Broadway is 10 minutes north. From there, 10 more minutes east puts you around 15th. My rule of foot is 1 min. per block. Numbers in the 1500s are reliably between 15th & 16th, and so on. Odd numbers are on the N and W sides. MLK and Grand Avenue stand in for 4th and 5th, respectively.

Transit

Buses, light rail (MAX), and the Streetcar are one system. Everything within downtown is **free**; light rail is free as far out as Lloyd Center, including where the con is.

The cheapest adult fare is \$1.70, good for most destinations, although some machines at the light rail platforms only sell the \$2.00 option. Buy tickets before boarding the train; give bus drivers cash or a ticket; keep your transfer slip.

All-day ticket is \$4.25.

At Reg, you'll find some maps and menus in a binder and a pile of transit schedules.

Parking (Near the Hotel and Around Town)

The Hotel is charging \$4 for guests overnight. They don't seem to care who parks there during the day.

There are numerous nearby parking lots (\$5 on weekends, more Monday–Friday): Grand & Oregon, Grand & Pacific, 6th & Irving, 6th & Multnomah, 7th & Multnomah.

Metered street parking is 75¢ – \$1.25 per hour.

Applies until 6 pm (7 pm downtown); Sundays are free.

Not all meters are traditional meters: check for a green pay station mid-block. If you have time left on a sticker, you can use that to move & park elsewhere. But you can't stay on any given block longer than its max. posted duration.

Wi-fi (at Hotel and around town)

Free wi-fi is available at the Red Lion to registered hotel guests. Ask the front desk for a One-Time Net4Guests Access Card.

The City of Portland also offers free wi-fi in many central areas, including the vicinity of the hotel. (The antennas are the white plastic cans you see on top of some street lights.)

To connect to the MetroFi network, select the "MetroFi-Free" network ID. Once connected, open your browser and connect to any Internet page. You will have to register for the service the first time you use it. A small banner ad is the trade-off for free service.

NEARBY SHOPS & SERVICES

ATMs/Banks

The closest bank-connected ATM is on the south wall of the Liberty Centre bldg, which is on Holladay behind the Shilo Inn. Belongs to Adventis Credit Union. *Isolated; bring a friend?* Several other bank branches are in or near Lloyd Center, including:

- Key Bank in the tower at 825 NE Multnomah
- Bank of America behind Newport Grille.

Nearest emergency room: Legacy Emanuel Hospital

Take Grand Ave. north one mile (becomes MLK), turn left on Russell St, turn right onto Kerby St. in about 4 blocks.

Kinko's copy shop

- inside the Convention Center *Mon–Fri 9–5 XSat XSun*
- 1605 NE 7th (@Weidler) *Open 24hrs*

Walgreen's (drugstore, sundries)

1620 NE Grand (@Weidler) *Mon–Fri 7–10; Sat–Sun 8–10*
Pharmacy: Mon–Fri 8–10; Sat 9–6; Sun 10–6

Safeway

1100 NE Broadway

Large supermarket, including sandwiches to order, sushi, beer, wine, and pharmacy. *Daily 6am–1am*

Fred Meyer

3030 NE Weidler (driving distance)

The closest outlet of this “one-stop shopping” giant. Food, clothes, housewares, hardware, good wine selection. *Daily 7am–11pm*

NEARBY SHOPS & SERVICES

The nearest Trader Joe's

4218 NE Sandy Blvd

(driving distance, or take the #77 bus from the hotel to within two blocks of the store)

NEARBY

Next door to TJ's is **Magical Creations**, dressy clothes for large women. (503) 288-5450

Daily 9–9

Liquor Store

1621 NE 9th (@ Weidler)

Try a bottle of Aviation or Desert Juniper gin, Crater Lake Hazelnut Espresso Vodka, Worker Bee distilled mead, or anything at all from Clear Creek.

Mon–Wed 10–7; Thurs–Sat 10–8 XSun

Mall: Lloyd Center

One of the largest shopping centers in Oregon is a few blocks east-northeast of the Hotel. All the usual stores, a large food court—plus an ice skating rink! Torrid has “goth clothes for fat chicks,” as Nalo Hopkinson put it.

Radio Shack

1606 NE 6th Ave (@ Weidler)

For those emergency electronics needs.

Mon–Fri 9–8; Sat 9–9; Sun 10–7

Portland Mac Store

700 NE Multnomah

For those other emergency electronics needs.

Mon–Fri 9–7, Sat 10–5, Sun noon–5

MLK* BLVD/GRAND AVE CORRIDOR

(south to north)

Coffee People

Defunct, alas (bought by the rapacious mermaid), although it hasn't really been Coffee People since the founders sold out a decade ago. You may still be able to get a Velvet Hammer at the airport. ...Or go visit the Coffee Man and his wife at 5015 NE Fremont. Good children's bookstore out there too, at #4807. But I digress.

Café 10-2-1

In the con hotel
(Red Lion = 1021 NE Grand)

*Breakfast: Mon–Fri 6–11 & Sat–Sun 7–11
Lunch 11–2 daily
Dinner: 5–9 daily*

Starbuck's

1035 MLK (just across the street from the Red Lion)

This is just the closest—Starbuck's are of course required by law to be located no more than 3 blocks apart in the Pacific Northwest.

*Mon–Sat 5 am–9 pm, Sun 6–9
Drive-thru may have longer hours*

Burgerville USA

1135 MLK (also just across the street)

Fast food, yes—but a local chain with an emphasis on fresh local food and high quality beef.

Mon–Fri 6 am–10pm; Sat–Sun 7–10

Anzen

736 NE MLK (@ Oregon St.)

A small Japanese grocery. All kinds of fun stuff. Limited sushi & hot dishes.

Mon–Sat 9–6:30; Sun noon–5

NEARBY

MLK BLVD/GRAND AVE CORRIDOR

Denny's

425 NE Hassalo (just across a different street)

Daily 6am – 1am

Red Robin

1139 NE Grand Ave (@ Multnomah)

Fancy hamburgers and "cute" drinks.

Sun–Thurs 11–10; Fri–Sat 11–11

Subway Sandwiches & Salads

1211 NE MLK (@ Multnomah)

There's another at 9th & Broadway with longer hours.

Mon–Thurs 8–10; Fri–Sat 8–11; Sun 9–9

Wendy's Hamburgers

1421 NE Grand Ave (@ Clackamas)

Daily 10–11; drive-up open until 2 am

McDonald's

1502 NE Grand (@ Weidler)

Wherever you go, there they are.

*Mon–Sat 5am–11
Sun 6am–11; Drive-up open 24 hrs*

Queen of Sheba

2413 NE MLK (0.6 miles north)

503-287-6302

This well-reviewed Ethiopian restaurant is wheelchair accessible and would work for groups, unlike the two on Broadway.

Lunch: Thurs–Sat noon–3; Dinner: daily 5–10

BROADWAY/WEIDLER ST CORRIDOR

Mashita Teriyaki

1612 NE 6th (next to Radio Shack)

Hole in the wall, with teriyaki, yakisoba, not much more. The spicy pork will warm cockles you didn't know you had.

Mon–Fri 11–8 XSat XSun

Burger King

632 NE Weidler @ 7th

Mon–Thurs 6–11

Fri–Sat 6–midnight; Sun 7–11

Drive-up open 24 hrs

Chipotle Mexican Grill

710 NE Weidler

"Fresh-Mex" style burritos. Five shapes, four fillings, three salsas, no growth hormones, no shilly-shallying. Vegetarian and vegan options. McDonald's owned them for a while; they got better.

Daily 11–10

KFC/Kentucky Fried Chicken

707 NE Weidler

Daily 10:30–10

Taco Bell

725 NE Weidler @ 8th

Daily 9 – 10; drive-up open 24hrs

Mudai Ethiopian Restaurant

801 NE Broadway St.

Tues – Sun noon – 10, XMon

Eagle Thai

822 NE Broadway

503-282-1399

Mon–Fri 11–9:30; Sat 11:30–9:30 XSun

BROADWAY/WEIDLER ST CORRIDOR

BJ's Restaurant & Brewery

825 NE Weidler @ 9th

503-288-0111

A California pizza chain that moved into Oregon and learned how to brew beer. (Quite well, too.) The closest microbrewery/brewpub to the convention, they serve a lot more than just pizza. Noisy, but can seat groups. They deliver.

Sun–Thurs 11–10; Fri–Sat 11–11

China Sai-Gon

835 NE Broadway

This Vietnamese/Chinese restaurant has seen better days.

Mon–Sat 11–10; Sun noon–10

Sushi Mania

914 NE Broadway

Small parking lot off 9th (northbound).

Mon–Thurs 11:30–2:30 & 4:30–10;

Fri 11:30–11;

Sat 3–11; Sun 3–9:30

NEARBY

ATM: On Point

Credit Union

901 NE Broadway

Marsee Baking

935 NE Broadway @ 10th

503-280-8800

Bageloids, \$6 sandwiches, some nice pastries, Tully's coffee. Vast elbow room for groups or Wheeled Ones.

Village Inn

1621 NE 10th Ave @ Broadway

National pancake house chain.

Mon 6am–8pm; Tues–Sat 6–9; Sun 7–8

BROADWAY/WEIDLER ST CORRIDOR

The Orient

1025 NE Broadway

Ho-hum Chinese.

Mon–Thurs 11–10:30

Fri 11–11:30

Sat noon–11:30

Sun noon–10:30

NOTE

The two-level parking between 10th & 11th is Safeway's, and you do not want to get towed in this town.

Quizno's Subs

1139 NE Broadway

Standard submarine sandwich chain.

Mon–Thurs 10–8

Fri–Sat 10–9; Sun 11–8

Newport Seafood Grill

1200 NE Broadway

503-493-0100

A sister to Stanford's, this relatively new seafood restaurant really stands out. (Certainly the best place close by for cooked fish.)

The menu features a broad range of prices and a broad selection of seafood, meats and pasta. There's a small sushi/oyster bar (10 seats). Much of the seating is booths but it's a spacious place; they should be able to handle a party of 6 – 10 with adequate notice.

Sun–Thurs 11–11; Fri–Sat 11–Mid.

Happy hour: 3–6 every day

Milo's City Café

1325 NE Broadway

Pleasant neighborhood dining place. Limited menu, well-prepared—the breakfasts are excellent. Nice wine selection.

Breakfast/Lunch: Mon–Fri 6:30–2:30, Sat–Sun 7:30–2:30

Dinner: 4:30–9:30 daily

BROADWAY/WEIDLER ST CORRIDOR

Yuki Japanese Restaurant

1337 NE Broadway

Broad selection of Japanese food (unusually long sushi list), prepared very well says John. My one visit didn't impress.

Mon–Thurs 11:30–10; Fri–Sat 11:30–10:30

Sun noon–9:30 or 10

Panda Express

1403 NE Weidler

You know them from airport concourses and mall food courts all over this fine land.

11–9 daily

Marinepolis Sushi Land

1409 NE Weidler

Small sushi-go-round. Some creative offerings, and I mean that in a good way. A personal favorite.

11–9 daily

Noodles & Co.

1445 NE Weidler

The Madison branch is a Wiscon mainstay; now they've come to Portland. Make your noodles Asian, Mediterranean, or plain amurrican, with or without meat.

Sun–Weds 11–9, Thurs–Sat 11–10

Chai Yo

1411 NE Broadway

503-287-0505

Reasonably good Thai restaurant.

Mon–Thurs 11–9:30; Fri 11–10

Sat noon–10; Sun noon–9

BROADWAY/WEIDLER ST CORRIDOR

Pizza Schmizza

1422 NE Broadway 503-517-0479

Good place to stop by for a slice or two, or to pick up a take-out pizza to take back to the convention.

Mon–Sat 11–9; Sun noon–9

Pastini Pastaria

1426 NE Broadway 503-288-4300

Pleasant non-fancy Italian restaurant that does a big take-out business. Substantial menu, mostly pasta. Fresh ingredients, artisan bread, cocktails, many veg. options—I'm impressed. Wheelchair OK; could do a group up to 8 – 10 if not busy.

Mon–Thurs 11:30–9; Fri–Sat 11:30–10; Sun 4–9

Grand Central Bakery and Café

1444 NE Weidler (@ 15th)

An excellent bread bakery that also features sandwiches and soup (and coffee, of course). A popular neighborhood gathering place on the weekends during breakfast and lunch. Hearty pastries.

7–6 daily

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar

1439 NE Halsey (one street south of Weidler)

Applebee's is to dinner as Denny's is to breakfast.

Sun–Thurs 11–11; Fri–Sat 11–midnight

Peet's Coffee

1441 NE Broadway

Some sandwiches.

*Mon–Thurs 6am–8pm
Fri 6–9; Sat 6:30–9; Sun 7–7*

BROADWAY/WEIDLER ST CORRIDOR

Aztec Willie and Joey Rose Taqueria

1501 NE Broadway 503-280-8900

Mexican, including grilled seafood. Fresh meat sauces and doesn't smother everything with cheese. Small round tables suck for groups, but tons of room between them. Play area, full bar, wi-fi.

11 or noon–midnight daily (for food)

Koji Osakaya

1502 NE Weidler 503-280-0992

Koji is a local chain with some of the better sushi in town. This one can be slow. Not suited for groups larger than 6, if that.

Sun–Thurs 11:30–10; Fri–Sat 11:30–11

McMenamins on Broadway

1504 NE Broadway

503-288-5724

The McMenamin brothers are local legends. Almost single-handedly, they convinced Oregon legislators in the 80s to change the law to allow brewpubs, and since then they've built a small empire of them in the Northwest, often in lovingly revamped historic buildings. They've also started distilling. The closest outlet is only a pub, with no brewing on the premises, but it's a good opportunity to try their classics such as Terminator Stout, Hammerhead, and Black Rabbit Porter. Kate's usual is a pint of apple juice and a Captain Neon Burger. Hormone-free beef. Good for large groups.

Mon–Sat 11am–1am; Sun noon–midnight

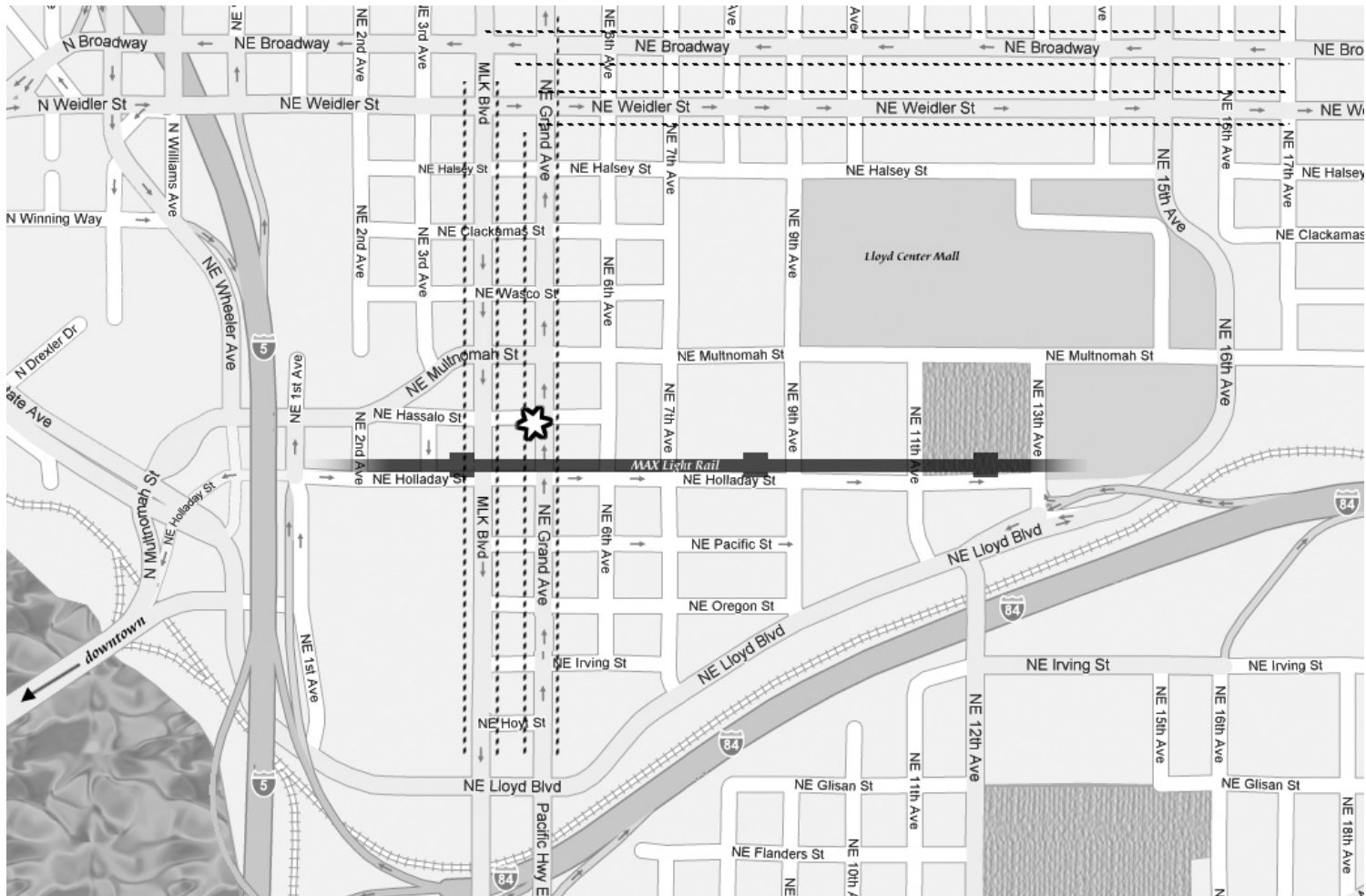
NEARBY

Great Wine Buys

1515 NE Broadway

One of the better wine shops in town.

10:30-7:30 XSun



BROADWAY/WEIDLER ST CORRIDOR

Broadway Grill & Brewery

1700 NE Broadway

Don't bother.

Helen Bernhard Bakery

1717 NE Broadway

Eighty years of American cakes, pies & pastries. No on-site eating space.

Mon – Sat 6 – 6; Sun 8 – 3

Cadillac Café

1801 NE Broadway

Probably the hottest breakfast place in Portland, it's always jammed on weekends. Highly recommended...if you can get in.

Mon–Fri 6–2:30pm; Sat–Sun 7–3

Colosso Restaurant and Tapas

1932 NE Broadway

503-288-3333

Spanish cuisine and tapas. Very yummy drink menu when I was there last.

Sun–Thurs 5pm–Midnight; F–Sa 5pm–2am

Thai Pod

2015 NE Broadway

503-493-1122

Hey! Another Thai restaurant! Looks really promising, actually. Wheelchair accessible. Room for a group of 6-8 (possibly after a long wait).

Lunch 11 – 3, dinner 5 – 9 or 9:30 XSun lunch

Chez José East

2200 NE Broadway

Popular neighborhood Mexican restaurant.

Mon–Thurs 4–11

Fri–Sat 4–midnight, limited menu after 11; Sun 5–10

Happy hour: 4–6 and 9–closing, every day

BROADWAY/WEIDLER ST CORRIDOR

Blue Nile Café

2225 NE Broadway

503-284-4653

Probably the best of the nearby Ethiopian restaurants, it's tiny and often full.

Mon – Sat 11 – 9:30 XSun

Meiji-Em

2226 NE Broadway

503-284-6774

New Japanese place that's been getting some good reviews.

Lunch Mon–Sat 11:30–2; XSun lunch

Dinner 4:30–9:30 or 10

Rose & Thistle

2314 NE Broadway

Scottish-style pub with burgers and appetizing pub food.

The dining room in the back is non-smoking, unlike the bar.

Daily noon–2:30am

Pour

2755 NE Broadway

Wine bar with a large wine list.

Mon – Sat noon–2am

Sweet Basil Thai

3135 NE Broadway

503-281-8337

Definitely the best of the Thai restaurants along Broadway, but note that you're almost 2 miles from the hotel here. Reservations strongly encouraged (it's pretty small). Delivery \$5.

Lunch (Mon–Fri): 11:30–2:30

Dinner: Sun–Thurs 5–9; F–Sat 5–10 or in the bar until 1 am

BROADWAY/WEIDLER ST CORRIDOR

Arabian Breeze

3223 NE Broadway

503-445-4700

Middle-Eastern restaurant from the family that owns Nicholas'. Long tables can handle larger groups, but it does fill up quite often. Good, inexpensive food, veg. and vegan choices, paper-thin bread made while you watch. Hookah bar. Parking is a challenge. Now taking credit cards?

Mon–Sat 11–9; Sun noon–9

LLOYD CENTER

For location of Lloyd Center, see Mall, p. 5.

Lloyd Center Food Court

In the center of the mall, on the third floor.

Good selection of fast and casual food. My favorites: **Steamers** (bao, gyoza, edamame, coconut bun for dessert) and **Wazwan** (Indian curries, tandoori chicken).

Stanford's

9th & Multnomah, at the mall but not in it. 503-335-0811

Specializes in wood-grilled meats and fish. Good food, but this particular outlet tends to have slow service. Local chain, sister to Newport Grill (see p. 10).

Sun–Thurs 11–11; Fri–Sat 11–Mid.

CHINATOWN/OLD TOWN/DOWNTOWN

From the Convention Center light rail (MAX) stop next to the hotel, it is an 8-minute **free** ride to Old Town and 8 minutes more to the heart of downtown (which is currently undergoing massive cardiac surgery and arterial scraping, sorry about that). Both Red Line & Blue Line Max work for this.

House of Louie

331 NW Davis

My favorite central place for dim sum, although many swear by Fong Chong. Louie can handle arbitrarily large groups, and may have food on the table before you get your coat off.

10–10 daily

Golden Horse

238 NW 4th

Medium-sized Chinese seafood restaurant, low on atmosphere but high on authenticity. I'd like to come here sometime with a large and adventurous group.

Sun–Thurs 11–11, Fri–Sat to Mid.

McCormick & Schmick's

235 SW First

503-224-7522

Chances are you've seen McCormick & Schmick's in other cities. But this is the original, and it still has the best seafood in town. On light rail (Oak St stop). Be prepared for a long dinner—reservations definitely recommended.

Mon–Thurs 11:30–10; Fri 11:30–11; Sat noon–11; Sun 4–10

CHINATOWN/OLD TOWN/DOWNTOWN

Sungari

735 SW First

503-224-0800

Elegant, Szechuan, delicious. I don't know why we've never seen it crowded. Fine for groups. Extensive tea list.

Lunch: 11–2:30 weekdays only

Dinner: Mon–Thurs 5–9, Fri–Sat 5–10, Sun 4:30–9

Mother's Bistro & Bar

212 SW Stark St

503-464-1122

You should still never play cards with a man named Doc, but by all means eat at Mother's. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, drinkies, it's all good. Reservations recommended.

*Tues–Fri 7–2:30 and 5:30–9, Sat 9–2:30 and 5–10
Sun 11:30–2:30 only. ✗Mon*

Karam Lebanese Cuisine

316 SW Stark St

503-223-0830

Amazing, extensive menu. Best for 4 – 6 people so you can share. Can take a while. The bread is to die for; luckily, they keep it coming! If they were open earlier the egg sandwiches would be fabulous breakfast fare.

Mon–Fri 10–9; Sat 11–10; ✗Sun (alas)

(Just around the corner from **Huber's**, famous for Spanish Coffee.)

NEARBY

Cameron's Books

336 SW 3rd Ave.

Worth leaving for dinner a little early to prowl around in the dusty corners here first.

10–6, ✗Sun

CHINATOWN/OLD TOWN/DOWNTOWN

Higgins Restaurant and Bar

1239 SW Broadway (*not NE Broadway! Downtown.*)

#6 bus from Hotel stops nearby

503-222-9070

It's hard to say what's more impressive about Higgins: the long list of awards, the impressive list of Belgian beers, the great meals prepared with Pacific Northwest ingredients? This is one of the best restaurants in Portland. Reservations strongly suggested.

Mon–Fri 11:30–Mid; Sat 4pm–2:30 am; Sun 4pm–Mid

Henry's 12th Street Tavern

10 NW 12th Ave.

503-227-5320

Combine pub food, pan-Asian cuisine, fresh seafood, pizza and traditional American comfort food (meatloaf, mac & cheese). Put it in a 100+ year-old-brewery building, formerly used by Blitz Weinhard. And, oh yes, add over 100 different beers on tap. You end up with Henry's 12th Street Tavern. This restaurant is a sister to Newport Grill and Stanford's, but it has no more resemblance to those restaurants than Randy Quaid does to his brother Dennis. This joint has been hoppin' from the day it opened, and well deserves a visit. A bit noisy, a bit dark.

Sun–Thurs 11–11; Fri–Sat 11–Mid.

Saturday Market

SW First Avenue, under the Burnside Bridge

Hippies and hipsters with handmade arts, crafts, and food. MAX stops right there.

Sat 10–5; Sun 11–4:30

EAST 28TH AVENUE (SE ANKENY ST TO NE GLISAN ST)

These six blocks are packed with interesting restaurants: **Taqueria Nueve**, **Navarre** wine bar, **Pizzicato & La Buca** (Italian), **Staccato Gelato**, **Pambiche** (Cuban).

Kate's favorite: smoked lamb tacos or buffalo tongue at **Esparza's** Tex-Mex (no reservations).

You're also close to **Music Millennium CDs** (32rd & Burnside, until 9 or 10 pm daily).

NE ALBERTA (14TH TO 30TH)

Twenty years ago, NE Alberta was a place you wouldn't want to be caught dead at (mostly because several people were). Now, it's a mile-long avenue of shops, galleries and great restaurants, including **Bernie's Southern Bistro**, **Alberta Street Oyster House**, **Lagniappe**, and the **Mash Tun** brewpub. Also **Close Knit** yarns.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI (FREMONT TO SHAVER STS, 3500 TO 4000)

Another area of inner N/NE Portland that's undergone a spectacular renaissance.

Lorenzo's is a wonderful Italian café, **Mississippi Pizza** Pub serves good pizza (and live music) and **Amnesia** is serving their beer. New restaurants seem to be opening weekly.

Sunlan stocks every kind of light bulb known to man.

ELSEWHERE AROUND TOWN

Sal's Famous Italian Kitchen

2731 N Killingsworth

503-247-0500

This Italian restaurant was expected to be a neighborhood eatery—but word spread fast and people are now heading in from all over town. It's not a complex menu, but the food is excellent. We've liked everything we've tried, including the pizza. Can work for groups.

*Mon–Thurs 11–9
Fri–Sat 11–10
Sun noon–9*

Wong's King Seafood

8733 SE Division St.

503-788-8883

This large new Cantonese restaurant out in the flatlands of outer SE Portland (take I-84 to I-205 to Division) is very likely the best Chinese restaurant in town. It specializes in seafood dishes (live tanks), but also gets raves for its dim sum (long lines on weekends). Highly recommended. You can be as adventurous or as conservative as you like. Kate is fond of the fried milk.

*Sun–Thurs 10:30–11
F–Sat to Mid.
Dim Sum: 10:30–3 daily*

Portland has more breweries than any other city in the world. Seriously. Here are six our beer aficionado considers worth a field trip (within 10–15 minute drive from the hotel). See also BJ's (p. 9).

Lucky Labrador Brewing Co.

915 SE Hawthorne Blvd.

One of the best breweries in Portland. The food menu is fairly light (sandwiches, soup and bento skewers), as is the atmosphere. It's been a popular gathering space for Portland fans since they opened

more than a decade ago, and the Lucky Lab Rats writers group can boast of a Hugo.

Mon–Sat 11–Mid; Sun noon–10

Laurelwood Public House and Brewery

1728 NE 40th Ave (Hollywood district) 503-282-0622

Laurelwood was named Best Small Brewpub at the 2004 World Beer Cup awards, and for good reason. It's a great neighborhood gathering spot (very child-friendly), and they've won numerous awards for their beer. (John & Ruth eat there regularly.) They will take reservations for groups of eight or more.

Breakfast served until 3 on weekends

Mon–Fri 11–Mid; Sat–Sun 10–Mid.

Roots Organic Brewing

1520 SE 7th Ave.

Roots is one of the newest entries on the Portland beer scene and they started out great. The food is minimal (deli sandwiches, small Hot Lips pizzas, snacks), but the beer is outstanding (and it's all organic, of course). Stop by and order a round of tasters.

Mon–Thurs 3–11:30; Fri–Sat 3 pm–12:30 am

Happy hour: (Mon–Fri) 3–6

Widmer's Gasthaus

955 N. Russell

503-281-3333

No need to drive: take Max light rail (yellow line) north to Albina/Mississippi stop; continue on foot one more longish block to Russell.

The Widmer Brothers are pioneers in Oregon's craft brewing industry, and their Hefeweizen outsells **every** other draft beer in the state. The Gasthaus features good German-influenced food, with Pacific Northwestern touches, and close to two dozen of their beers on tap. Call ahead.

*Sun–Thurs 11–10; Fri–Sat 11–11
Bar open to 1 am daily*

5th Quadrant

3901-B N. Williams

Part of the "New Old Lompoc" family of pubs. The menu isn't extensive, but the food is good and the beer outstanding. Pleasant gathering spot.

(Next to **Pix Patisserie**; one mile south of **In Other Words** books.)

Mon–Thurs 11–midnight; Fri–Sat 11–10; XSun

Alameda Brewery

4765 NE Fremont

The Alameda Brewery is located in the restaurant row of upper Fremont Street, and has been a popular neighborhood gathering spot since it opened in 1996. They produce excellent beers, and pretty good food also. Can handle large groups.

(Close to **A Children's Place** bookstore.)

Sun–Thurs 11–11; Fri–Sat 11–Mid.

CHOCOLATE SHOPS

Alma

140 NE 28th (off E. Burnside) 503-517-0262

Small storefront, no tables or drinks. Your source for a chocolate Virgin of Guadalupe, with edible gold leaf! Also available in Buddha. Ginger toffee, lavender caramels, Chinese five-spice truffles.

Tues-Sat 11-6; XSun XMon

Cacao

414 SW 13th (near Powell's, behind American Apparel)

200 brands of high-end chocolate bars, individual candies, multiple drinking chocolates. A few tiny tables.

Tues-Sat 11-7:30; Sun 12-5; XMon

Leonidas Fresh Belgian Chocolates

607 SW Washington St 503-241-0656

Family-run company since 1913, known for flavored buttercreams. They also make truffles, ganaches, liqueur-filled chocolates and marzipan. Candies are shipped from Belgium every 10 days.

Mon-Sat 10-6 XSun

Moonstruck

- 700 SW 5th Ave (downstairs at Pioneer Place Mall, downtown) 9:30-9 except Sun 11-6
- 608 SW Alder Mon-Fri 7:30-6; Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5
- 526 NW 23rd Ave Mon-Thurs 8-10; Fri 8-11; Sun 8-8

Beautiful & inventive truffles include the "Mayan Collection." Café setting, except on Alder. A Portland company gone national.

CHOCOLATE SHOPS

Pix Patisserie

- 3901 N Williams 503-282-6539
- 3402 SE Division 503-232-4407
- 3731 SE Hawthorne 503-236-4760

Milk chocolate caramel with pear brandy. Earl Grey tea ganache. Chocolate-drenched drunken cherries. Blue cheese and chocolate caramel ganache. (Yeah, she lost me with that last one too.) Dessert wines, local and Belgian beers, and Oh My God the pastries...

*Open at least 10 am - midnight daily
Longer hours depending on location*

Sahagún

10 NW 16th 503-274-7065
(off Burnside across from Virginia Woof)

Teensy. Some artisanal imports & drinks, but emphasis is on her own candies, often with local organic ingredients: berries, lavender, Stumptown coffee. Named for the 16th century author of a book on Aztec chocolate worship.

Wed-Sat 10-6

Sweet Masterpiece

922 NW Davis St. 503-221-0055

Chocolate/espresso/wine/dessert bar, around the corner from Sushi Land. Starting to add savories?

*9 am-11 pm;
Fri-Sat to midnight; XMon*

ONLY IN PORTLAND

Powell's City of Books

The largest bookstore in North America, the Powell's on Burnside is a Portland legend. *Open daily 9–11*

Getting There (for free!)

At 1005 W Burnside downtown, it's about two miles from the Hotel. There are a couple of ways to get there using Portland's MAX light rail system (within the free zone):

A) Take a westbound train to the Skidmore Fountain station. You are now on 1st Avenue, underneath Burnside. Walk ½ mile west on Burnside or Couch St, to 10th, **OR**
B) stay on light rail to the Galleria station, at 10th & Morrison. Walk north about 4 blocks. (The Streetcar on 10th Ave. can shave a little off that.)

To return to the Hotel: the Streetcar runs southbound on 11th, and the return light rail train is boarded on Yamhill, one block south of Morrison.

NEARBY

Storables: 13th & Couch [pronounced "kooch"]. Nirvana for organizer-geeks.

Everyday Music: 13th & Burnside. The Powell's of used CDs. Don't overlook the back room.

Whole Foods (or as some people call it, Whole Paycheck), 12th & Couch

Sur Le Table kitchenware, 11th & Couch
Mio Gelato on 11th

Noodles & Company, and **Marinepolis** Rotating Sushi Land, 10th & Couch. See p. 11.

Powell's Technical Store, 9th & Couch. Home of Fup the Store Cat.

Thai Peacock: cross Burnside, go downhill one block and look right. Pineapple red curry, mmm.

North Park Blocks, along 9th, have a 12-foot bronze Chinese elephant modeled after an ancient teapot. There's also a canine water fountain designed by photographer William Wegman, up between Davis & Everett.

ONLY IN PORTLAND

Bob's Red Mill

5000 SE International Way, Milwaukie
503-607-6455

Whether you are allergic to grains or worship them, Bob's is worth a pilgrimage. They have flours you've never heard of. Spelt crepe mix. Five kinds of lentil. Cinnamon from two continents. Small café too. I got to bring Jon Singer here. Hee-hee-hee.

Take MLK south for 6 miles as it becomes Hwy 99E, then take Hwy 224 east for 2 miles. Turn left on Freeman and right on International. A map would be wise.

Mon–Fri 7–6; Sat 7–5; ✕Sun

WHAT? LEAVING SO SOON?

To the airport: MAX Red Line, \$2, direct to the baggage claim area. Sweet.

To the airport by car: go south in the leftmost lane of MLK and turn left after the bridge to reach I-84 eastbound.

To the train station: Bus #77 goes right there—catch it two blocks north on Multnomah St. Runs every 30 minutes on Sunday. Free zone.

To I-5 NB: Righthand lanes of Broadway lead to an on-ramp just past MLK.

To I-5 SB: Lefthand lane of Broadway, turn left on Vancouver but **not** into the curb lane.

