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THE NEXT BEST THING

GET SOME INSPIRATION WITH YOUR LIBATION AT THESE BRAND-NEW BARS.



CAFÉ PRESSE

THE PLACE The only question is, why leave? This sleek, stark café from the folks who brought us Le Pichet opens just after dawn and keeps things cooking till 2am. Get what you want, whenever you want it: a café-au-lait in the morning, a *croque monsieur* at lunch, or a glass of wine after work. Neighbors are surprised to find themselves starting—and ending—so many days here.

VALUE ADDED South Capitol Hill, or Fifteenth Arrondissement? The area around Seattle U suddenly feels so chic.

1117 12th Ave, Capitol Hill, 206-709-7674; www.cafepresseseattle.com

OLIVER'S TWIST

THE PLACE Small plates and cocktails: It's a concept as dusty as an old copy of Dickens. But something about this Phinney hot spot may surprise you: If you are on the prowl and favor the females, you're looking at about a 3-1 ratio of women to men. Is P Ridge where the girls live, or do women just love punny references to nineteenth-century novels? Discuss over a Miss Nancy, a gin-

based drink with rhubarb-tarragon syrup.

VALUE ADDED A female-heavy crowd in dude-dense Seattle? We're all for it.

6822 Greenwood Ave N, Phinney Ridge, 206-706-6673; www.oliverstvistseattle.com

SMITH

THE PLACE If you love Linda's Tavern and King's Hardware, you'll surely be sweet on Smith. Linda Derschang, the brains behind those two convivial canteens, has opened a new place—this one decked with wood salvaged from Garfield High. Come hungry—Derschang's dedication to tasty bar fare is as reliable as her eccentric aesthetic.

VALUE ADDED You haven't lived till you've shared Smith's *poutine* (fries with melted cheese curds and gravy) and a pitcher of beer. 332 15th Ave E, Capitol Hill, 206-709-1900

ULTRALOUNGE

THE PLACE Try not to stare. Bellevue's Ultralounge offers the kind of gawking you never find in scene-segregated Seattle. Check out the golfer dad as he sips scotch next to coltish model types. Or set your sights on the sports-car set that comes for Vegas-style bottle service and a DJ called Johnny Fever. Relish the randomness over a Parlor Apple—a bittersweet treat with whiskey, sour apple, and a cinnamon-sugar rim.

VALUE ADDED With so many plushy people-watching perches, there's no end to the fun you can have. 700 Bellevue Way NE Ste 300, Bellevue, 425-289-7000; www.parlorbilliards.com/ultralounge