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312-640-0577

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Dress to impress and increase your odds of a Halloween hookup

By Erin Osmon

Candy bars and haunted houses are fun and all, but we know the real reason adults spend so much time agonizing into last year's Superman tights on Halloween: the potential for hooking up. Soon enough, bars around town will be filled with naughty librarians, devilish angels and sexy gladiators on the hunt for an ill-advised encounter. So you don't get shot down before you can say "Hey baby," we've honed in on the likely prospects at four parties, plus a second stop to further your chances. The rest is up to you.

Dark Wave Disco Halloween

Sweetheavy, 1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-7600

The party: Ola Mark Gertz and Trancid of The Dark Wave Disco crew take over this West Town club Friday along with guests Kid Color and L.A.-based Villains. Drink deals include $3.32 drafts and $4 Svedka vodka. 9 p.m. $8-$12.

Your prospect: A Mac guy (i.e. the Vans-wearing dude with the iPhone and $100 haircut who was too cool to dress up)

Dress as: A PC guy. Win the heart of the Mac by admitting he was right and denouncing your dorky PC ways forever. Tousle your comb-over and shed your suit to reveal a sweat graphic tee and an iPod full of Swedish remixes

Next stop: Seal the deal by heading down the street to **The Continental** (2301 W. Chicago Ave. 773-292-1200), where there's never a cover and the beats stretch on until 4 a.m.

Halloween Thing 2008

Schulien Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508

The party: Vie for a $250 costume contest prize at this Friday bash, where DJ Mister Wolf spins and Hoyle! Boats plays swingin' '70s classics. 10:30 p.m. $6

Your prospect: Sarah Palin

Dress as: Joe the Plumber. Carry a plunger and pass in on one of the (likely many) girls or guys dressed as Palin. Break the Alaskan ice over $3 Goose Island 312 drafts by thanking her for boosting you to semi-celeb status with multiple shout-outs in her speeches.

Next stop: While her ears to Will's Northwoods Inn (3030 N. Racine Ave. 773-528-4400), where the wall-mounted fish and antler chandeliers will make her feel right at home. Remember to be a gentleman by offering her your Buckeyes hoodie. It's cold up there in Lakeview.

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A Date with the Dead: Halloween Fetish Ball & Play Party

The Kinetic Playground, 1913 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-769-5463

The party: This risqué Saturday party boasts a leather and latex-filled fetish fashion show, burlesque performances and ghoulish tunes by DJ Peter Propaganda and END: the DJ. 9 p.m. $25-$35.

Your prospect: Hair-extensioned, leather-wearing comeback Britney

Dress as: Her vicious breakdown, shaved head, wig-wearing Britney. Sweet talk your potential hookup by recounting the good ol' days of Spears scandals. "Remember when we Frenched Madonna? That was awesome." Or compliment her on a killer comeback. "Look at you. How'd you get so hot? I'm still a hot mess."

Next stop: Who can hear over all those hot bodies? Promise to be a slave for her if she'll cozy up for $7 double-drafts and conversation a few blocks down at neighborhood hang Pi (1625 N. Clark St. 773-764-6000).

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Tina Fey (center) and the cast of "30 Rock." NBC

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