

CHAMELEONS

BierKeller

Mixed crowd. Serves local German lunch and dinner. Grd Fl; Men Haw Par, Jin Sultan Ismail, KL; 03-2013313; HH: noon-9pm (Mon-Sat), all night long (Sun); Thur: Chef's Nite, 20% off.

Blues Cafe

Still rolling along with their yummy BBQ. The refuge for many a lost soul when traffic is high. Great food and music to boot. Lot 10, Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL; 03-2444518.

The Captain's Cabin

Great for a family outing. Has a resident band. 37-43, Jalan SS21/56B, Damansara Utama, PJ; 03-7168020.

Casa Luna

Serving fusion cuisine in an elegant converted bungalow. Good atmosphere. 1, Jin Kerja Air Lama, Ampang, Selangor; 03-4520993; HH: half off all drinks; LN: Thurs (all drinks free).

Citron

Not to be confused with Citrus, this one's much more low-profile. Ideal for a quiet yet rather stylish drink with friends. 80 Lrg Maarof, Bangsar; 03-2848420.

Citrus

To quote Hemingway, this is a clean, well-lighted place. 19 Jin Sultan Ismail, KL; 03-2425188.

Colors

Live blues and rock venue especially on Sunday nights. 20, Jin SS21/39, Damansara Utama; 03-7181607.

Country Barn

The only place for country and western fans with Os Pombos and barn dancing the main draws. 3 Jin USJ 11/3, Subang Jaya; 03-7376828.

Grappe

For quiet post-dinner drinks with a good view of Telawi 3's human traffic. Jin Telawi 3, Bangsar Baru; 03-4660000.

Hard Rock Cafe

HRC sets the standard for the typical "babes, rock and Caucasian blokes" hangout. Wisma Concorde, 2 Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL; 03-2444062/4152; HH: 1-for-1 on beer; CC: RM 23 plus 1st drink (weekends).

Joint Ventures

Small wine bar that appeals especially to nearby residents. Grd Fl; Men MapleLee, 1 Changkat Rj Chulan, KL; 03-2063405.

The Jump

Still famed for its Ladies Night on Wednesdays. GF, Wisma Inai, 241, Jin Tun Razak, KL; 03-2450046; HH: from 11.30am; LN: Wed, (all drinks free), CC: 1st drink charge (Wed only).

Le Maschere

Venetian-styled restaurant and bar. Reasonable prices with beer going at RM5 nett before 9pm. 16, Changkat Bukit Bintang, KL; 03-2446395.

Little Havana

All of the cigars and banana trees but none of the socialist ideals in this quiet hi-ambiance place which also serves Cuban food. Changkat Rj Chulan, KL; 03-2633053.

Malibu Cafe

One of KL's prominent landmarks, probably because it refuses to close down. 23, Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL; 03-2417878; HH: 1-for-1 on beer, 30% off remainder.

The Place

Brilliant continental cuisine with an affluently cosy wine bar atmosphere. 10, Jin 71C, Off Jin Damansara, Trm Tun Dr Ismail; 03-7123380.

The Roof

The big green thing in the corner that's always spilling with people of the after-office variety. 2, Jin Telawi 4, Bangsar Baru, KL; 03-2827168.

Rio Churrascaria Brazil

Very hearty BBQ meat buffet upstairs. Downstairs is a good place for quiet drinks and bar games. 1, Jalan Pinang, KL; 03-2410882; HH: till 10pm (weekdays), all night (Sun); half off tequila and ice vodka.

Riviera

Shows live sports events on an 8-foot wide large screen. Also, pool and foosball tables. Reasonable prices. 15D-23D, Jin Mamanda 7/1, next to Ampang Point, off Jin Ampang; 03-4702512.

Southalls

Bhangra night on Thursdays, Hindustani Glamour on Fridays and Oscar's Latin Night on Saturdays. Picking up. Ex-Pyramid, Pusat Bandar Damansara, KL; 03-2533616; Latin LN Wed: free drinks & tapes, 1-on-1 draft beer for men.

Vanity funfair

ELEVEN GIRLS SQUEEZED INTO TIGHT little spandex numbers – that's a whole lot of libidinous stimulation for one evening. As it turned out, no beauty contests in the world, save the Miss Universe pageant, can lure the guys away from the World Cup.

Were it not for the Italy-Chile match shown live on the giant screen, The All Nation State (Selangor) finals would have received the undivided attention of Zax's male clientele. But as any right butch character would testify, a humble beauty contest is simply no match for the World Cup.

The organiser, Art Room Production, has a lot of explaining to do.

Everybody had fun, though. I know I did. Apart from the mirthful selection of cocktail dresses generously sponsored by a local designer, a segment undeservingly called "IQ Test" proved to be hilarious as well. There are loads of fun to be had from insubstantial Q&As like: "Who would you like to date most, and why?". One of the answers: "Mahathir Mohamad".

Another intriguing example: "Listen to this tape and tell us what it's all about." The tape went – much to the embarrassment of our flabbergasted participant, and the more prudent spectators: "(Male voice) Don't use your hand, use your

mouth'. (Female voice) Mmm, don't want la...."

Like I've said, it was hilarious.

After a considerably long interlude which was thankfully filled with the Italy-Chile second half, the result was announced. Crowd favourite Sandy Lee (picture) emerged as the winner of the Selangor state finals, walking away with a crown, a sash and RM 3,000 cash. Lee also qualifies for the national round which is going to be held at Zax Discotheque some time in July. Watch this space for further details.

Credit goes to Zax's promotion manager Janet (just Janet) who ran around keeping everyone – the press, the organisers, the judges, the participants and the crowd – entertained. It's not easy running a disco as big as an assembly hall, especially if you're a woman and you're going to have to do this well into the wee hours of morning. And it looks like she's doing a good job selling the place, too. Five hundred customers on a Thursday night is never a bad thing.

Zax Discotheque is located at Plaza Lien Hoe (near Hotel Armada), 3rd Floor, Lorong C Utara, Petaling Jaya. Tel: 03-7578826; fax: 03-7578892. By Salina Christmas



AH, JUST WHAT WE NEED DURING the World Cup fever, a limbo competition. In a joint effort to promote **Latino Megamix** compilation album and Mariachi Tequila, Universal Music Limited and Associated Liquor Distributors (ALD) present Mariachi Latino Megamix Limbo competition.

The promo kicks off at three prominent Klang Valley nightspots, namely

Cafe Ohh La La, Damansara on June 18 – that's tonight, Cafe Iguana, Bangsar on June 26 and June 27, and Spoons Bistro, 1-Utama on July 3 and July 4.

Contestants get to win bottles of Mariachi Tequila, and **Latino Megamix** cassettes and CDs. The latter, launched in February this year, features remixed covers of popular Latin tracks such as

Mas Que Nada, *Volare* (have you heard the *Viagra* spoof on this one?) and *Bamboleo* – music reminiscent of Latin American football, *La Chiva de Oscar* and for some odd reason, the now-extinct minibuses.

Sounds like fun. Let's indulge in the whole thing and show us how low you can go.

By Sai Monella

Spoons

All-in-one restaurant (Texmex), bar, pub band venue and disco. Ground Fl; 1 Utama Complex, Bandar Utama; 03-7171212.

Terrace Garden

This is one place which has a comfortable mix of people, and they won't bother you, just as long as you don't bother them. 308, Jalan Ampang, KL; 03-4572378; Sun no lunch.

TGIF

American Chili's in a more expensive version. Friendly waiters. GF, Life Centre, Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL; 03-2637781; HH: 2.30pm-9pm.

Wall \$t

Can't get enough of the stock market? Now, you can also speculate on the price of your drinks. Grm Fir, Men TA One, 22 Jin P Ramlee; 03-4666666; dinner only (weekends); HH: noon-9pm (except Tue); LN: Tue, Sun from 9pm.

Zigi's

Great tasting Thai & Italian food. Dining area looks out into a mini-golf putting green. Also has a large bar area. 6, Jalan Kampung Pandan, Kuala Lumpur

PUBS/BARS

Art Cafe

Comfy but rather bland pub/wine bar. Jin 3-109F, Trm Danau Desa, KL; 03-7808708.

Arango

Latin lounge-o-rama muzak and special cocktails in an open-air setting. In front of Barnum's, Ground fl, 1 Utama Complex, Bandar Utama; 03-7167522.

Blue Moon

Music Machine plays from 6pm to closing, alternating with a local & foreign band. Daily four performances each, 5.30pm on. Hotel Equatorial, Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL; 03-2617777.

Brannigans

Pub downstairs, karaoke upstairs. Very happening. 1 Lorong Perak off Jalan P. Ramlee, KL; 03-2450935/0940; HH: beer RM 5 a mug (all night long on Sun); LN: Wed (Long Island Ice Tea free).

Deep

Clubby bar with loud dance music and KL's hip young youth increasing towards the end of the night. Jin Telawi 3, Bangsar Baru, KL; 03-2849908; HH: beer RM5 h/p RM8 (all night long on Sun); LN: Wed (h/p free).

Echo

Packed with journos and adsmen. That should explain the presence of mediocre TV personalities here. 03-2843022. 21, Jin Telawi 3, Bangsar Baru.

Finnegan's

An Irish bar where Kilkenny and satellite footie are available plus blind date contests every two weeks. 6 Jin Telawi 5, Bangsar Baru, KL; 03-2840187; HH: 1-for-1 on draft & h/p, 30% off Kilkenny & Guinness; LN: Wed (free Southern Comfort).

Long Island Iced Tea House

Cheap beer, nice crowd and cool Burmese Days atmosphere. 15 Changkat Bkt Bintang, KL; 03-2439089.

Long Island Sports Bar

Finally, a sports bar that shows rugby – not soccer – on TV. Like all rugby joints, good behaviour is optional here. 42 Jin Othman, Old Town, PJ; 03-7954868.

Modesto's Bangsar

The original Bangsarian posers' joint. Great Italian food upstairs. Jin Telawi 3, Bangsar; 03-2842446; LN: Wed (all drinks free).

Party Box

Combines a fun pub atmosphere with babes and

wannabe-HRC glitz. 108/12, Jin SS 21/35, Damansara Utama, PJ; 03-7177239.

Rennie's House of Oxtail

Want a place to do a PR pitch? Catch senior press members and other subtle glitterati at this musty old pub. 119, Jin Gasing, Petaling Jaya; 03-7552541.

Radio City

Although the radio DJ theme is getting a bit tired, they still represent the interesting option within 1 Utama's promenade. 1st fl, 1 Utama, Bandar Utama, PJ.

Roxy

Rock in your Versace here. Renaissance Hotel, Jin Sultan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur; 03-4246666.

Scandals

R&B joint located above Manja. The only Bangsar Baru outlet that features live band. 2A, Jalan Telawi, Bangsar Baru, KL; 03-2832127; Fri-Sat: live band.

Souled Out

Cosy residential with design-type patrons and a precious selection of Motown soul on the jukebox. Mont Kiara shophex, Jin Mont Kiara, KL; 03-2533733.

Soul In'

From the same proprietors as Souled Out, this version is more trendy with resident band Freetail playing friendly jazz. Grnd fl, UOA Centre, Jin Pinang, KL; 03-7166086.

Spike's

Spike's keeps up the retro fun pub atmosphere of his previous Betlenut establishment. 1st fl, 1 Utama, Bandar Utama, PJ; 03-7166086.

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The only non-pub band live music venue in town playing mostly mature rock and blues. Sundays are open-stage jam nights. 16 Jin SS21/39, Damansara Utama, PJ; 03-7175800.