

kept secrets, this cozy hang-out attracts a good-looking group of young actors, hipsters and professionals seeking conversation and flirtation with its comfy couches and lack of pretension. Roped in by the 6-8pm happy hour, boys tend to stay for the 2for-1 drink specials 11pm-1am. DJ Leo Clash snaps and crackles with sugary goodness at Bubble Pop Thursdays (try a \$3 Bubble Gum shot!) and DJ Sedrick Rice sizzles up soulful contemporary hip-hop and R&B for X@X Fridays. X marks the spot. Xth Ave Lounge, 646 Tenth Ave (45th St), 212-245-9088.

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TOP 10 REASONS TO LIVE IN HELL'S KITCHEN

By Adam Sank (HK resident since 1997)

- First neighborhood in the city to hear that Patti LuPone hit a bad note in Sweeney Todd last night.
- Most popular dog is the pit bulland that's way cooler than a shitzu, a puggle or a cockapoo.
- 8. Hot straight boys stumbling their way home from Pacha on Sunday mornings.
- 7. Endless opportunities to frighten tourists with public gay canoodling.
- 6. Sounds a lot more butch than saying, "I live in NoLIta."
- 5. Only three subway stops from Chelsea.
- 4. It ain't Chelsea.
- 3. Best-looking hookers.
- 2. More tops.
- 1. therapy!

Adam Sank hosts the Electro Shock Therapy Comedy Hour at therapy, 10 pm Sundays. adamsank.com, therapy-nyc.com.