

LOW-KEY

"I'm still hungover from Black Wednesday 2011."



The Barrelhouse Flat
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First, fill up

From 6 p.m.-2:30 a.m., craft cocktail bar **The Barrelhouse Flat** (2624 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-857-0421) serves a new food menu from chef Erik Chizeck, which includes substantial treats such as a burger topped with bacon and crispy potatoes (\$15). "It's a good way to fortify yourself before heading out," Chizeck said.

Sample dark brews

Stroll over to nearby gastropub **The Monkey's Paw** (2524 N. Southport Ave. 773-413-9314) for a flight of three five-ounce dark drafts (\$13), including a **chocolate-y imperial stout** from Danish brewery Amager, served from 4:30 p.m.-2 a.m.

Party with in-town pals

Head to the Re-Union party at **Union Sushi & Barbeque Bar** (230 W. Erie St. 312-662-4888) for complimentary black rice sushi from 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. "The night before Thanksgiving is a time to reunite with friends," said beverage director Peter Kim, who designed a bottled cucumber and tequila cocktail for the occasion (\$11).



Sip a one-of-a-kind cocktail

At **Trenchermen** (2039 W. North Ave. 773-661-1540), beverage director Tona Palomino plans to serve drinks such as the **Desperate Vesper**, a blend of white aperitif wine, gin and **Malort** that's been aged in a bourbon barrel since November 2011 (\$10). The Wicker Park bar and restaurant is open from 5:30-11:30 p.m., although Palomino jokingly warns that the party will end "very soon after we run out of Malort."



IN BETWEEN

"I am a mature adult but tend to drink before attending family events."



Frontier
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Begin with a bar crawl

Bounce between **Lotties** (1925 W. Cortland), **Frontier** (1072 N. Milwaukee Ave.) and **The Pony** (1538 W. Belmont Ave.) via trolley at the **Black Out Black Wednesday Trolley Crawl** from 7 p.m.-midnight. The no-cover event includes karaoke at Lotties in Bucktown, a country band at The Pony in Lakeview and drink deals such as \$4 Malibu Black rum cocktails. RSVP recommended: thefrontierchicago.com.



Hit the dance floor

Evil Olive's notorious Porn & Chicken party moves to retro-themed **Beauty Bar** (1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-8828) in West Town for a special Black Wednesday takeover edition with all the beats of the Monday night original, minus the namesake risqué flicks and fried chicken. The party runs 9 p.m.-2 a.m. and features \$3 PBR tallboys and \$4 whiskey shots. RSVP at do312.com/pornandchicken by 7 p.m. Wednesday for free admission.

Wrap it up

End the night with a \$3 Wild Turkey shot at nearby bars **Cleos** (1935 W. Chicago Ave. 773-243-5600) or **Five Star Bar** (1424 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2555). Both are open until 2 a.m.

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