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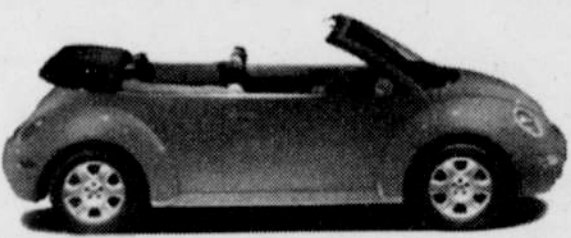
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Welcome to the New Scandals

Glen Dugger wins the prize for most persistent and creative bar owner in Portland.

With the opening of his new Scandals next to The Roxy on Southwest Stark Street, he has completed the fourth incarnation of the Somebody's/Scandals tradition. Originally buying the Focal Point on Ninth Avenue from Steve Suss in 1979, he renamed it Somebody's Place. When that lease expired, he moved Somebody's to 11th Avenue, from 1981 until 1985. Losing that lease, he took over what had been the Rainbow Art Gallery at 11th Avenue and Stark Street, utilizing the large windows to create a most welcoming atmosphere, complete with palms and ferns, for 20 years.

When Dugger learned he was to lose his lease, he made the decision to relocate rather than do the logical thing and retire at age 71. "I didn't want to go out that way!" he insisted.

So he launched a search for another location in the Burnside Triangle and eventually settled on the site known for almost 40 years as Three Sisters.

Since September, the space under the Kent Hotel has been abuzz with demolition crews, architects, interior designers, carpenters and heating specialists, not to mention several city inspectors and curious clients. Opening day was delayed from Thanksgiving until early 2006. The new Scandals opened like a phoenix on the first day of the Chinese Lunar New Year, Jan. 27.

No one who ever ventured into "Six Tits" could recognize a single wall, counter or artifact from the dark tavern. Dugger and the designers have brought out a well-lit, glass-fronted, feel-good space, complete with quiet nooks, a front-and-center pool table, a curved bar and canopy and several levels of dance and sitting space. Wood-framed glass doors are designed to open to the sidewalk when the weather turns balmy, inspired by several bars in Vancouver, British Columbia. Behind the bar is the largest walk-in men's restroom of any tavern in the Rose City, complete with some unique Italian sinks.

In a masterpiece of understatement, the only marking on the building is the old "Sisters" tavern sign, with a cursive "Scandals" in neon now in place. The old "Georgia's Laundromat" sign will continue hanging over the western door, a tribute to the sainted mother of the three sisters, who still own the building and operate the grocery on the corner of 12th Avenue.

Dugger's commitment to his clients and to the neighborhood have resulted in a welcoming space in the emerging cultural district, gathering clients from downtown, the triangle and the Pearl.

Rainbow Preschool Opens Enrollment for Fall

Rainbow Preschool, a progressive preschool for 3- to 5-year-olds, is scheduling visits for families interested in fall enrollment.

The school is located at 1244 N.E. 39th Ave. and is in session from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. There are a maximum of 18 children and two teachers. All preschoolers attend all four days. The school provides an active group learning about the world through arts, nature and the community.

If you would like to schedule a visit for you and your preschooler, call Nicki at 503-284-1739.

Our House Dinner and Auction Scheduled for Feb. 26

Our House's "For Love and Money," known as the most entertaining dinner auction in Portland, is scheduled this year for Feb. 26 at the Hilton Hotel, 921 S.W. Sixth Ave.

The silent auction and hosted bar begin at 5 p.m., with the dinner, live auction and entertainment period beginning at 6:30. This year's co-chairs are Celia Lyon and Paul Cofer.

The silent auction will feature birdhouses decorated by 20 of the Northwest's finest artists, including Marc Lintner, Thomas Rude and Phyllis Yes. The birdhouses are a way of honoring the construction that is in process at the Our House site at 2727 S.E. Alder St.

Our House is in the final phase of the Circle of Life Campaign. The campaign is a \$5.5 million fund-raising effort to rebuild and expand on the old building and develop new programs to serve those living with HIV/AIDS in Oregon and southwest Washington.

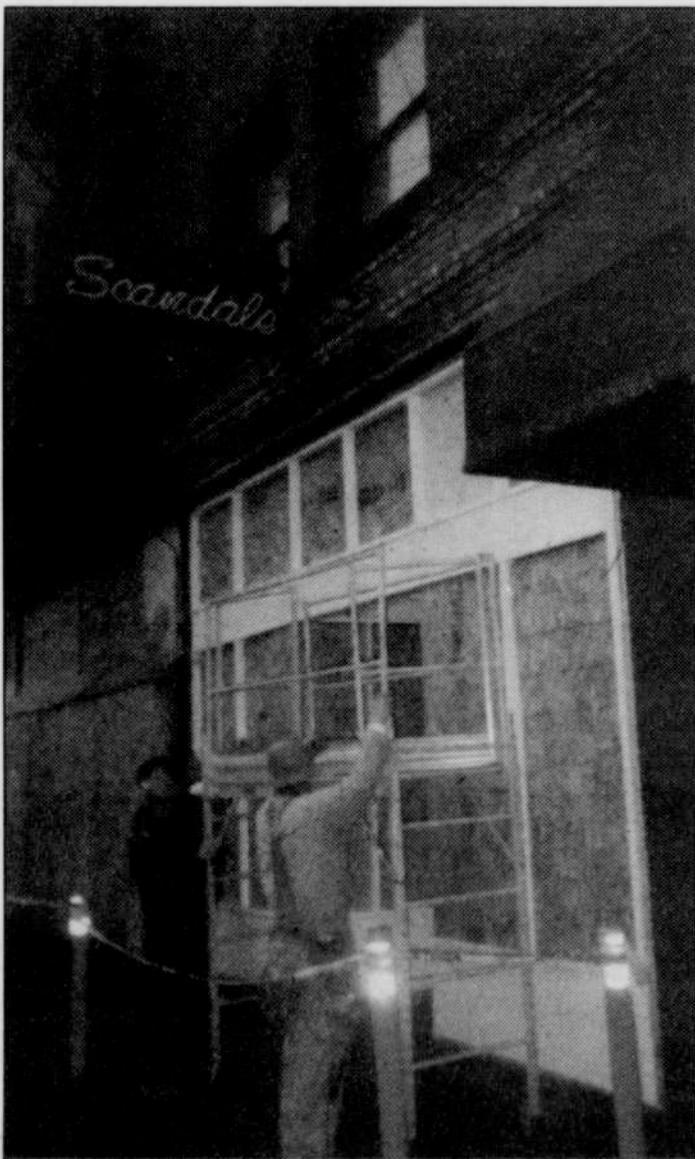
"For Love and Money" will feature world-class entertainment with surprise guests visits from several of Portland's finest entertainers. The MC this year is Judith Rizzio, a longtime Our House employee and one of Portland's best-known performers, formerly with the Fallen Angel Choir. The auctioneer is Steve Talbot.

Tickets are \$125. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 503-736-9276.

Organizations Net Grant Monies

McKenzie River Gathering Foundation has awarded 24 grassroots organizations funding in their work for the upcoming year.

"MRG Foundation's grantees build community involvement and develop leadership to address critical problems such as poverty, racism and environmental destruction," says Marjory Hamann, MRG Foundation executive director.



The new Scandals takes shape.