

Still Scandalous

Portland institution adds spice to local gay nightlife on its 32nd anniversary **BY BENNIE TAN**

The word "institution" is defined as "something or someone firmly associated with a place or thing," a significant organization in a society or culture. Scandals—also lovingly referred to as Portland's gay Cheers—certainly meets the criteria. It's been around for a great while, was groundbreaking, and caused quite a scandal when it moved to its second location (now Kenny & Zuke's), becoming the first gay bar in Portland with sidewalls consisting of large, see-through windows. Keep in mind this was back when most queer watering holes were covered up and dimly lit speakeasies.

Three decades and another move later, Scandals remains a trailblazer. In an age when

most gay bars rely on DJs to provide canned dance tunes, Scandals is introducing a series of live music acts every Thursday throughout the summer in honor of its 32nd anniversary—christened, fittingly enough, **Thursday Night Live**.

"The idea came about because of our monthly First Thursday art and live music shows," explains Andrew Miller, events co-coordinator at Scandals. "Those shows were very popular and we realized we found a niche. Most bars just focus on DJs—which we have—but we mix it up with live

music." Miller is confident Thursday Night Live will be a hit among patrons. "It's different," he says. "No other gay bar is currently doing a weekly live music show."

Kicking off on April 7 is The Old Flames, a rock/funk band featuring Bill Leeds, Sean "The Shag" Nowland, Fred Stephenson and Jeff Duffy. The Old Flames is also the backing band for the local Stevie Nicks Tribute Show, so it's not unusual to hear them play songs from Ms. Nicks' repertoire.

Better still, there's no cover charge, and

Scandals is extending happy hour prices until midnight for the inaugural evening. Each Thursday thereafter will feature a different live band or musician specializing in jazz, blues, classic rock, bluegrass or funk. The remainder of April's lineup includes Pindar, White and Royer, Twisted Whistle and Tracy Underwood & Friends.

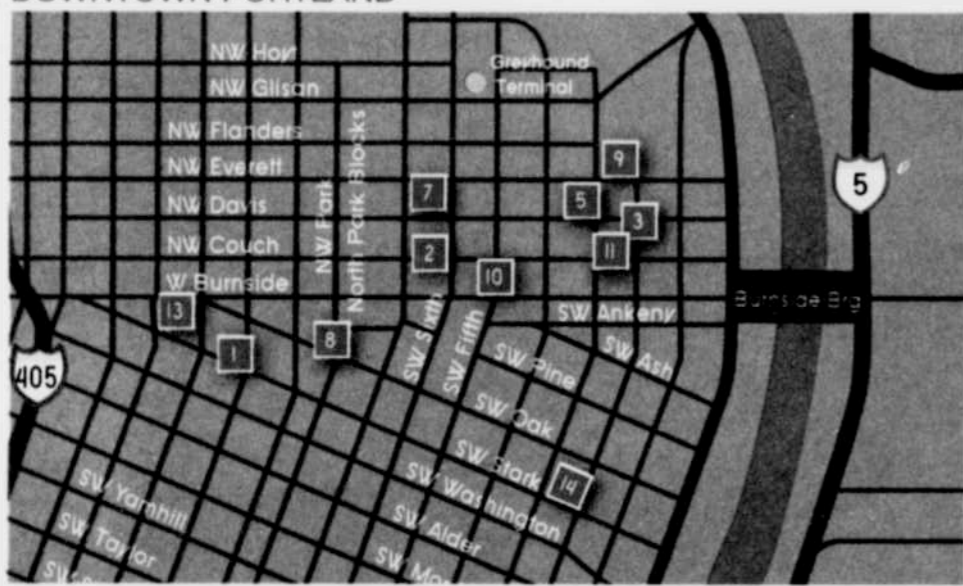
Chalk this latest entertainment offering up to yet another Scandal-ous institution. **JO**

32nd Anniversary Celebration/Thursday Night Live, April 7 (and Thursdays weekly), live music starts at 8 p.m.; Scandals, 1125 SW Stark St.; no cover; 503-227-5887 or scandalspx.com.



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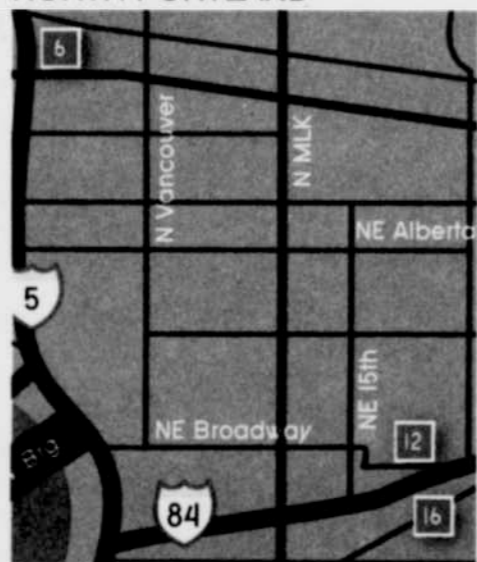
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