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The Dirty Duck gets knocked down...

Late in the year, skivvies purveyor **UnderU4Men** announced the relocation and expansion of its downtown store, with plans for a new, 5,000-square-foot flagship space at 800 SW Washington in February 2012.

After over a year of litigation, **Portland Gay and Lesbian Yellow Pages** and **Unity Portland Pages** reached a settlement in their federal lawsuit, with both

letter to the community informing patrons of their decision two days earlier, citing decreasing revenue and increasing costs. "During the past nine years we have had a lot of struggles, but we have also had the honor and privilege to meet some awesome people, and watch them grow into leaders of the LGBTQ community," read the letter.

A year after rebranding Portland's only lesbian bar, **The E-Room-turned-Weird Bar** owner **Kim Davis** shuttered its doors in late August, citing a financial "hole we let get too deep." At the time, Davis told *Just Out* that though she was sad to see it all go, the nationally hyped E-Room was "the biggest thing I've ever done."

Speaking of rebranding, Pauline Miriam rechristened her multi-city Hot Flash juggernaut of ladies nights as **Inferno**, and Old Town mainstay Barracuda became **Cuda Beach Club**. In June CC Slaughters' director of marketing and entertainment David Pettit confirmed to *Just Out* that owners John Houston and Bruce Rice were opening a new CC Slaughters in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, though as of press time, no opening date had been posted at [ccslaughtersp.com](http://ccslaughtersp.com).

Gary Hopping called it a day on his SW Washington store **The Funny Bone** but remained as an online-only venture. The downtown location had also served as a retail venue for Ron Pitt's Balloons on Broadway, which continued to offer event decorating and delivery services out of its SE Main Street location by appointment.

parties agreeing to publish non-competing publications. UPP had not released a second edition of its directory since its debut during Portland Pride 2010.

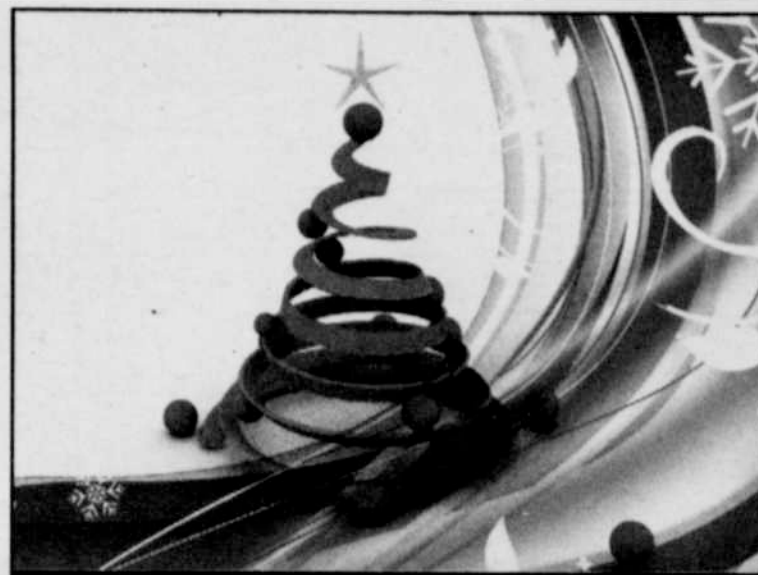
Finally, the home of one of Portland's longest operating gay bars was razed the week of August 1 with little fuss. **The Dirty Duck Tavern** closed in August 2009 after serving the bear and leather community for 25 years. The Portland Development Commission, which owned the property, ended the Duck's lease to build a new homeless



...as UnderU4Men expands (more store space means more space for models).

center for the neighboring Blanchet House of Hospitality, and since then, the building had sat mostly vacant on the corner of NW Third Avenue and Glisan Street.

The Duck's former owner, Gail Kennedy, told *Just Out* in August of her intentions to open a new bar, this time with her husband and son. "It's going to be another family affair," said the third-generation bar owner, following her mother and grandmother. "I'll be back. My family isn't easy to get rid of." JO



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