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SCANDALMONGERS: The September *Connoisseur* magazine looks at the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., and surveys art, political best-sellers and a number of scandal sites, including the office where Fawn Hall shredded documents and the fateful town house to which Gary Hart and Donna Rice repaired. You can cover similar terrain by foot and bus: The political satire troupe Gross National Product also is now leading Scandal Tours.

BACKSTAGE

The Washington Post

. . . Scandalous!

Those wags at Gross National Product start up their weekly "Scandal Tours" September 3. Trash-tourists will meet at 4:30 in the Ritz-Carlton's Potomac Room for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, hop aboard the ScandaLimo for a 75-minute tour of such D.C. hot spots as the Tidal Basin and the Capitol steps (where GNP cast members will recreate the highlights of the low-lifes), then it's to d.c. space to catch the troupe's "Phantom of the White House." call 369-1986 or Ticketron (800/233-4050) . . .

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MINOR MEMOS: The satirical troupe Gross National Product begins bus "scandal tours" of Washington, including Gary Hart's former town house, Watergate and the Pentagon. . . . Reagan claims that Dukakis's plans for the Navy are so bad that by the time he is finished "Michael will have to row the boat ashore." . . . Huh? The U.S. Chamber of Commerce says the latest increase in the U.S. trade deficit "is not as bad as it seems and is more than meets the eye."

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