

LOCAL news

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Jane Rosevelt prepares for takeoff

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Keeping abreast of developments in the business community is the key to keeping capital in the family

Reminiscent of that Grinch who stole Christmas, there will be no Dick's in downtown Portland this holiday season. Bill Dickey's new addition to the downtown gay bar scene opened as scheduled but under the name 12th Avenue Grill.

We're now left with only the memory of what could have been countless bad jokes and puns. It is possible the comely young male servers with "Dick's" emblazoned across their chests could become quite the collectors' items—or at least the black T-shirts might.

Hala Gores, past president of the Portland Area Business Association, was appointed chair of the Multnomah County Bar Association Committee to Advance Equality in the Profession and Justice System. Gay and lesbian attorneys interested in serving on this committee should call Gores at 295-1940.

Lesbian entrepreneur Jane Rosevelt, owner of Rose Air, an air charter service, was recently profiled in *The Oregonian*, where she received accolades for her sales approach and marketing efforts.

She launched her dream business three years ago upon semiretiring from her job as a nurse practitioner at Kaiser Permanente.

Rose Air offers travelers charter flights to Northwest locations. This personal flight service would make an excellent holiday gift for that special someone.

The rate is \$130 per hour, and up to three people can partake in the ride, meaning you and some friends can efficiently and economically be whisked off to the coast, the mountains or your favorite vacation spot.

Full details of Rosevelt's business can be found on the World Wide Web at roseair.com.

What was not mentioned by the Big O was the fact that Rosevelt and her partner just celebrated their 20th anniversary.

During the holiday season, we are reminded of the works and needs of many organizations serving the queer community.

One is Esther's Pantry, a nonprofit that works year-round to provide food and personal care products to people living with AIDS.

During 1998, Esther's Pantry served a client base of nearly 300 people residing in Yamhill, Columbia, Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties in Oregon, and Clark County in Washington.

The pantry operates out of a storefront at 310 N.W. Broadway in Portland, where clients

are allowed to "shop" and select their food items from a shelved inventory.

In addition to cash donations, Esther's Pantry gladly accepts canned, boxed and frozen food goods, as well as soaps, shampoos and other personal care items much needed by those affected by AIDS and its grim companion, poverty. Volunteers are always welcome. Give the organization a buzz at 274-0701.

Kimberly Brown has opened her new law practice in Sandy. She will be available to assist with immigration law, family law, and wills and estates. Brown and her partner of nine years reside in the Sandy area.

Dr. John Schall has retired from teaching at Western States Chiropractic College and is now devoting himself fully to his private practice. This change will provide greater accessibility for current and potential patients.

Fund raising continues to be a source of pride for members of our community. Recently the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court donated \$1,834 to the Portland chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Kudos to the ongoing efforts of both groups.

Rushed evening errands recently found me hurried, hungry and parked in front of Western Grill at C.C. Slaughters. This comfortable restaurant provided quick, efficient and friendly service combined with fine dinner fare.

It was 6 p.m. I was the sole diner. Where are we spending our dollars? Are we supporting our community business leaders? It's getting pretty quiet in some of these places. If you can't make it for dinner, try a brown bag lunch special—a tasty, quick and inexpensive meal.

Ferguson Autobody, a longtime friend and supporter of gay men and lesbians, recently received the 1998 Art Morse Shop of the Year Award, presented annually by the Portland unit of the Automotive Service Association.

Over on the coast, 18-year-old lesbian Andrea Schmitz is proving that entrepreneurial spirit knows no age boundaries. Owner of the Pyromania Glass Studio & Gallery in Newport, Schmitz has been perfecting her glass-blowing techniques since the age of 12.

So if you're behind in your holiday shopping, I suggest a brown bag lunch from Western Grill and a Rose Air charter flight to Newport, where beautiful handmade glass art awaits your shopping pleasures. Happy holidays to you all.

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