

LOCAL news

BIZ BUZZ

Don't get the late winter blues, just Imagine...When Dreams Become Reality

While many of us are still mired in the winter doldrums, members and friends of the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court are energetically making plans for their October coronation.

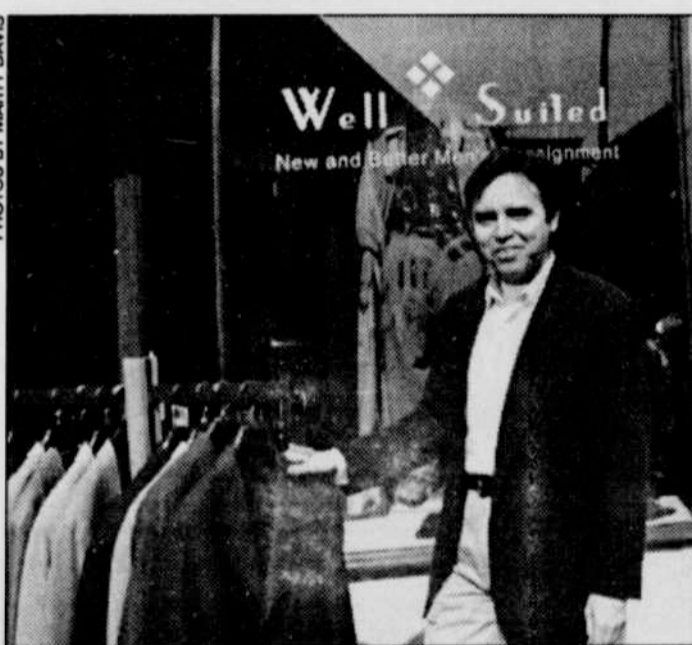
The theme for this year's event is *Imagine...When Dreams Become Reality*, which is based on the popular book and movie *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. In order to

strengthen the ties between story and theme, members are selling special chocolate bars as part of their fund-raising efforts. The bars sell for \$1 each and profits will help

cover organizing costs for the gathering.

Five of the bars will contain a special gold seal; the bearers of the seals will receive free admission to the coronation festivities. For information about where to purchase the savory treats—which are currently on sale—call the ISRC hot line at 306-0700.

Well-Suited is moving into better-suited quarters. Heeding Horace Greeley's century-and-a-half-old call to "go west, young man," proprietor Henry Goy is moving his col-



Henry Goy, owner of Well-Suited, is on the move

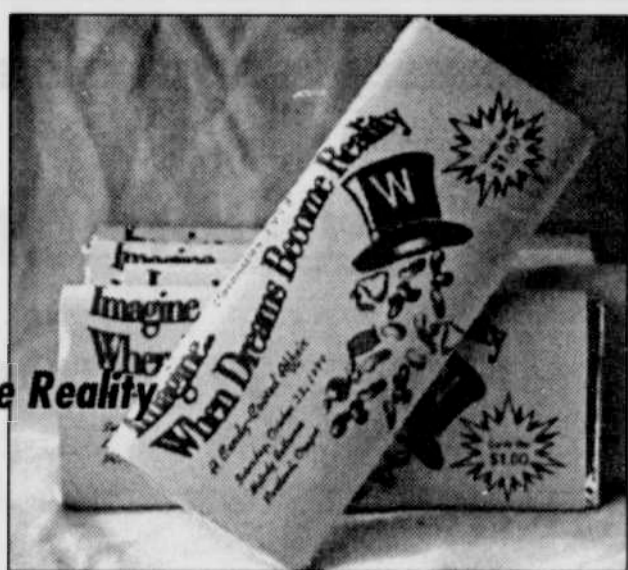
lection of "gently worn clothing" a half-block west to the corner of Northeast 24th Avenue and Broadway in Portland.

The new store will be double the size of the previous location, and will feature new clothing as well as consigned, "pre-owned" garments. Well-Suited also features the availability of a full-service tailor. Look for the new store to open during the first week of April.

Fred Elledge has a new title and new work address. He is now assistant vice president of investments for US Bank Piper-Jaffray.

When not working hard at growing his business base, Fred has consistently been a leader in our community. His past accomplishments include serving on the boards of Oregon Public Broadcasting and Equity Foundation. He is also one of three founding members of the Portland Area Business Association.

Speaking of PABA, the association is looking ahead to its June elections for officers and board members. Gay and lesbian professionals, business owners and our friends and allies are



encouraged to join and support the organization. For more information, call 241-2422 or visit the group's Internet site at www.paba.com.

It's tax time, and this traditionally unpleasant task can become a convenient way for folks to contribute to the fight against HIV and AIDS.

As in years past, Oregonians have the option of donating a portion of their tax refund for HIV and AIDS services administered by the AIDS Research & Education Group, a nonprofit, HIV-community-based research organization. The group estimates roughly \$100,000 is raised each year for HIV and AIDS services through the tax form check-off box.

In past years, the funds have been used as grants for organizations delivering care and services to people living with HIV and AIDS. Also benefiting are organizations providing education to prevent the spread of the disease and to support HIV research (community-based clinical trials) in Oregon.

Organizations bolstered by the funds over the years include OnTrack Inc. of Medford, HIV Alliance of Eugene, South Coast Health Council of Coos Bay, the Urban League of Portland and the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement. Other past recipients include Counterbalance, a McMinnville-based support group for queer youth; and Outside In, which has received support for Gorilla Theater, an HIV prevention theater company by and for Portland's homeless youth.

Kudos to Don Hood, Mr. Oregon State Leather, on two recent and very successful fund-raising events.

On Feb. 20, Don hosted a retro '70s disco party at Eagle PDX in Portland. This event pulled in \$815.40 for Our House of Portland. Hot on the heels of this success, Don hosted a fund-raiser titled *Boots and Buzzcuts*, which also took place at the Eagle PDX and raised \$670.50 for Esther's Pantry.

On May 29, Don will compete at the International Mr. Leather Competition in Chicago, where he will represent the city of Portland and the state of Oregon. Good luck, Mr. Oregon State Leather!

The migration toward Portland's Northeast Broadway continues.

Dick Levy, Craig Gilbert and Nancy Tamarin have set up shop at Northeast 28th Avenue and Broadway and are now serving your commercial real estate needs as North Rim Commercial Realty. Specializing in sales, leasing and investments, this team is enthusiastic about serving our community and east side property needs.

For those watching the continued demise of independent bookstores, the toll continues to mount.

From Seattle comes word of the loss of a well-known community institution. After more than 25 years in business, Red & Black Books Collective has closed its doors. In Eugene we lose Peralandra, a longtime *Just Out* distributor.

■ If you have business-related news that would be of interest to readers, please call, e-mail or fax Marty Davis at the Just Out office.

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