

BOOMING BUSINESS

On the highways and Byways (cafe, that is), queer business abounds with energy

Belated congratulations are in order for the Daydream Cafe. The Portland gay-owned eatery was recognized in the May issue of *Girlfriends* magazine as one of "The Ten Best Lesbian Restaurants in America."

Daydream earned its No. 10 spot by featuring "creative combinations, spicy choices, large portions and attractive presentations."

Located at 1740 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., the restaurant was identified by the magazine as being in the "lesbian zip code."

THE QUEER PROFIT

by Marty Davis

What's in a new name? Announcements were sent out in late

June indicating that Wilken & Lorenzen, P.C., CPAs, has changed its name to Wilken & Company, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.

According to the announcement, Teri Lorenzen has left the firm to pursue other career interests. The address of the newly-renamed firm remains the same: 2701 N.W. Vaughn St., Suite 424, Portland.

Rip Rupinski, owner of the Carlson Wagonlit Travel office on Southwest Alder Street in Portland, has unveiled an Internet site (www.carlsontravel.com) that enables consumers to plan vacations anytime, anywhere while also providing the often-needed expertise and services of a local travel agent.

According to Rupinski, an extensive library of information is available to help consumers go on vacation armed with vital and necessary facts.

And, he adds, "since we are gay-owned and operated we have a large resource library of destinations that are gay- and lesbian-friendly."

Rupinski's agency is one of very few nationwide that is marketing specifically to the gay and lesbian community and has an affiliation with one of the major travel megacorporations.

The Portland office arranged travel plans for more than 35 athletes, their partners, friends and families for Gay Games V in Amsterdam, and is already starting work on Gay Games VI in Sydney in November 2002.

Some familiar faces on Portland's Northeast Broadway are—or soon will be—changing addresses.

DOMA, the upscale home and garden gift store, has left Broadway for new quarters in the Pearl District. The new store will be at Northwest 10th Avenue and Davis Street and is scheduled to open mid-September.

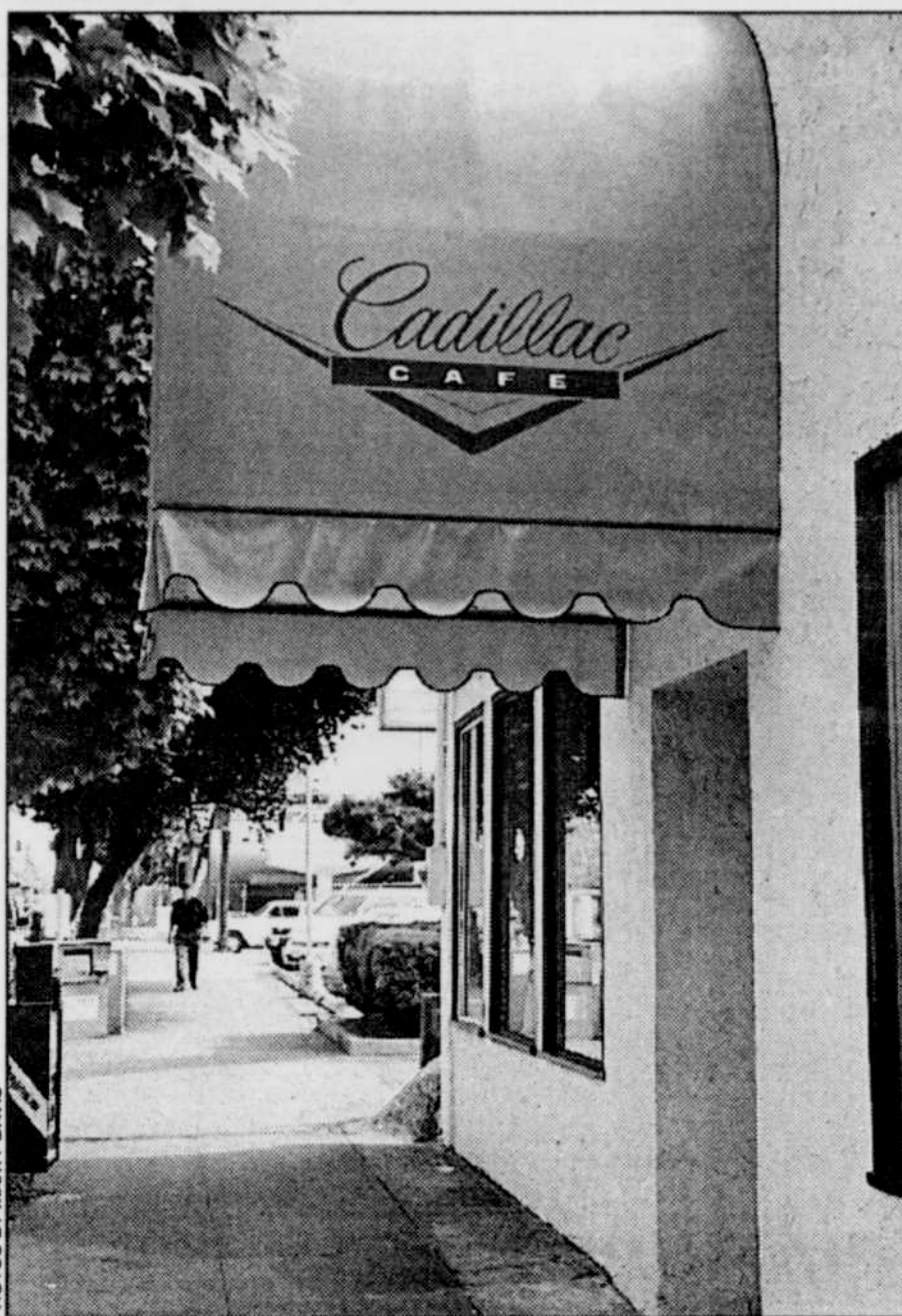
One of Portland's favorite breakfast and lunch spots, Cadillac Cafe, will be leaving its Northeast Ninth Avenue and Broadway address for a brand new space up the street at 18th and Broadway. Groundbreaking is scheduled to take place soon with no firm opening date yet announced.

Though the new cafe will be larger, the high quality of the food will continue to draw crowds—and the Cadillac should remain a favorite place to stand in line and meet and greet old and new friends.

Entrepreneur James Kent Moore of Kent Event Party Planners is staging the first annual Portland Gay Business Fair. Scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 12, the event is designed to help gay-

owned and gay-friendly businesses expand their potential in the Portland area and showcase their products and services.

The business fair will be held at Embers



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Avenue and will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. To show, sell or promote your business, the cost is \$25 per table.

Businesses currently scheduled to participate include Alameda Bridal Faire, City Bikes, Cascade AIDS Project, Project Quest, Mortgage One, Oregon Paddler and Rainbow Paging.

For registration information, contact Kent Event Party Planners at (503) 230-1024.

It took eight years of behind-the-grill work, but Collin McFadyen finally owns her own restaurant. The familiar face preparing all those breakfast and lunch specials at Shakers, later Cindi's Helvetia Cafe, has stepped up into ownership.

On July 1, McFadyen officially became the new owner of Byways Cafe, situated at 1212 N.W. Glisan St. in Portland.

The popular Pearl District diner has converted to a travel theme that is carried throughout the restaurant. Pennants line the walls, along with a collection of travel plates from every state—well, every state except Delaware. The

theme is carried into the menu, though McFadyen wishes to assure us that the style of food remains basically the same as always. All food is prepared fresh and on the premises, and no doubt your particular favorite is still available.

When asked about the travel theme, the new owner and Oregon native says: "I have never been anywhere in my adult life."

The proud new owner of Byways is also a proud and out lesbian.

"As new owner the first thing I did was stick a rainbow flag on the door," she says.

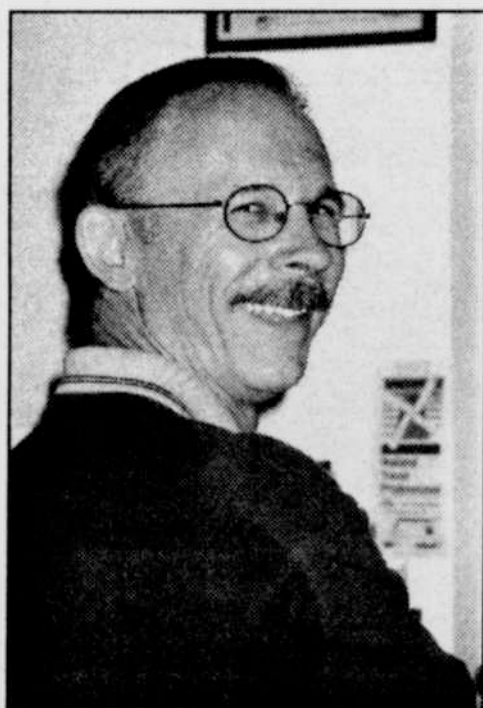
Working beside her in the restaurant is her girlfriend of five years, Megan Brinkley.

Byways remains the "anti-hip" destination spot in the trendy Pearl. The clientele is a mix of gays and straights and is reflective of the people who live in the area, not necessarily those who pass through to shop and visit.

Oh, yes, and what about all those salt and pepper shakers—hundreds and hundreds of salt and pepper shakers? They are all lovingly packed away in the basement of the original owner of Shakers, as part of a large personal collection.

So, true there are no more shakers, but the owner is friendly, the food is wonderful, and the decor is fascinating and will make you yearn for the open road. Best start your trip on a full stomach!

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