

Busy times for The Queer Profit in Portland. Spartacus opens a new store in Clackamas, and Terri Treat closes her Cotton Cloud Futon outlet in Beaverton. Proposals before the Oregon Liquor Control Commission could result in changes to a couple of popular gay bars,

THE QUEER PROFIT

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and folks are changing jobs left and right. Here's a bit of what's been going on of late.

In the "most surprising" business news category comes word that Eric Brown has accepted a position, and promotion, as district manager with Waddell & Reed in San Diego. He had been with the Portland office for 12 years, serving as a financial adviser and district manager.

Brown leaves behind a legacy of service to the Portland gay and lesbian community. His past activities include time spent as Portland Area Business Association president and as a charter member of the committee that became Pride Northwest, for which he served as chairman.

Brown is proud of having spent three years as a lay minister at Potter's House and of his appointment to Multnomah County's Advocacy Team for Sexual Minority Youth. He was a founding member of the local Log Cabin Republicans and was active in many of the ballot measure wars with the Oregon Citizens Alliance in the 1990s. When not honing his professional skills or serving his community, he trained and participated in the 1990 and 2002 Gay Games—both times attaining proper Speedo form, as required for a member of the swim team.

Speaking from San Diego, Brown compares and contrasts his new and old locales, noting that Portland "seems to be ahead of most cities" in terms of gay acceptance. Referring to the Hillcrest area of San Diego as an example of a gay ghetto, he says Portland doesn't need such a district because we're more "embraced by the greater community." The Queer Profit wishes him success and happiness in his new job and new community.



Marketing director Michael Barrett promises to whip triangle productions! into shape

FLYING COLORS

Portland's palette gains Scarlett but loses Brown

Sticking closer to home while growing professionally is another Gay Games veteran, Michael Barrett. Effective July 15 he has been hired as marketing director for triangle productions! As they say on public broadcasting, this one-year position is available thanks to a generous grant from the Regional Arts & Culture Council.

The ever-candid Barrett defines his new job succinctly: "The purpose of my position is to fill seats with butts." With an upcoming season guaranteed to have something to please all tastes, you can expect to hear from him soon as he promotes Don Horn and triangle by increasing group sales, student outreach, neighborhood connections and season memberships.

When not trumpeting Horn's horn, Barrett will still find time to maintain his "other jobs" as manager of marketing and operations for William S. Findlay and Associates LLC and—ah, the energy of youth—staying trim as a fitness instructor at Mavericks Sports Club in Northwest Portland. And with his remaining spare time he manages to write the occasional free-lance article for *Just Out*.

Scott Montes, publisher of Portland's Gay and Lesbian Yellow Pages, announces that Jordyn Bennett-Wolfe has been promoted to a year-round, full-time position as general manager of the Rose City publication. The popular directory operates on a six-months-on, six-months-off schedule, leaving Montes with quite a bit of spare time on his hands. Rumor has it, though, that he might be on to a means of resolving his surplus free time dilemma.

When Tiffany Miller, owner of lesbian fave Dingo's, goes shopping, she doesn't mess around with new shoes, fancy duds or rainbow steering wheel covers. Nope, when she goes shopping, she goes shopping!

The Queer Profit bought a shirt at the Oregon Country Fair. Miller

bought a ballroom. Yup, a ballroom. Meet the proud new owner of the Rose City Ballroom, soon to be renamed the Scarlett Ballroom.

Located on Northeast Dekum Street, the two-story yellow building stands proudly in a neighborhood patiently waiting for new energy and vitality. Well kept and maintained, the ballroom has been in continuous use since its early days as an Oddfellows Hall.

With dual storefronts facing the street, the upstairs beckons those needing a rental space for dances, parties, ceremonies, meetings and the like. Prompted by her strong sense of community, Miller has a solid vision for creating a safe and functional space.

The Internet site www.scarletballroom.com, which is under construction, will soon provide you with complete details. If you can't wait—if



Thanks to Tiffany Miller (inset), the Rose City Ballroom soon will contract a case of Scarlett fever

you're a party waiting to happen—please call 503-230-9206.

If you happen to be driving up Northeast Sandy Boulevard and notice a flurry of news helicopters hovering around 28th Avenue,

don't worry, there's no emergency happening. More than likely it's inquisitive minds checking out the new outdoor clothing-optional sunning area at Steam Portland. Yes, Steam, where we're still waiting for Dyke Night to happen. The Queer Profit would perhaps do well to heed the adage, "Watch out what you ask for, because you just might get it." ☐

Business news with a queer bent should be reported to MARTY DAVIS at marty@justout.com.



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