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the nation's blood required the elimination of the weakest and most defenseless, the cost of whose well-being placed too high a burden on the German people."

STARKY'S CHANGES HANDS

Starky's Restaurant and Bar will bid adieu Aug. 29 to longtime owners Carl Smith and Telesforo "Archie" Archuleta. The public is invited to a going-away party with a free buffet from 4 to 8 p.m. at 2913 S.E. Stark St.

According to Starky's head chef Dan Lytsell, Smith and Archuleta are moving to Albuquerque, N.M., to be near Archuleta's family and to start a new restaurant.

"They're at that time in their life where they're looking for a change," says Lytsell of the 50-something couple. "They want to strike out and try something new."

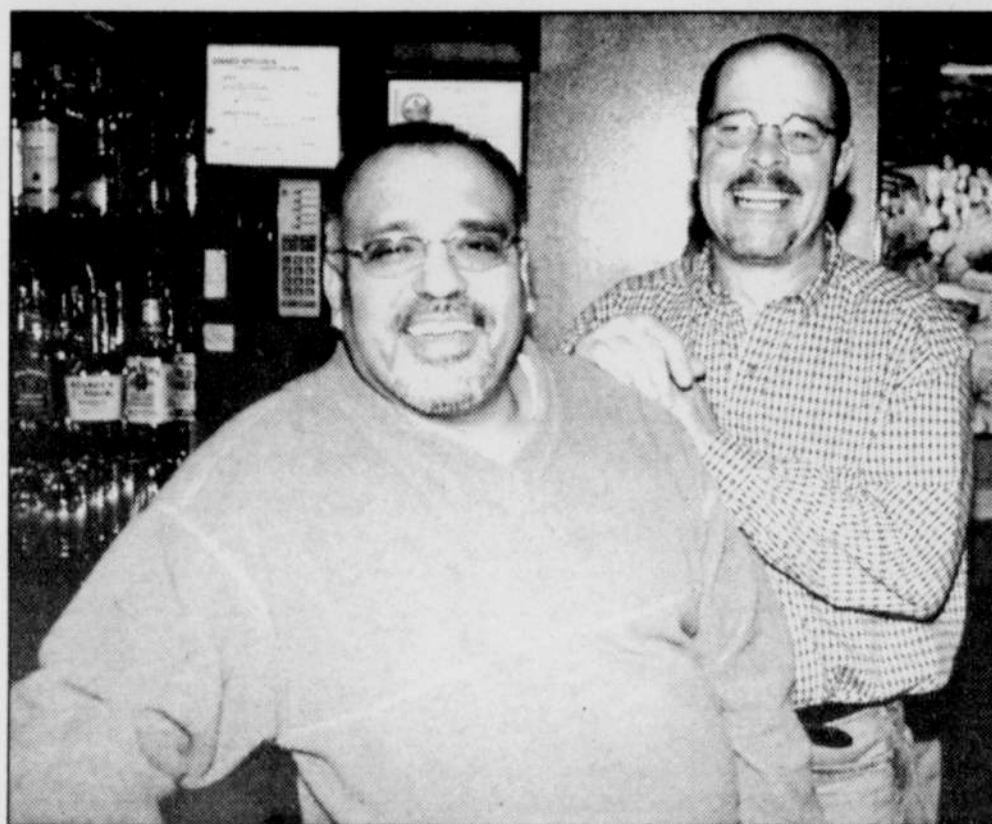
Starky's is a fixture in its Southeast Portland neighborhood, drawing a loyal clientele of queer and straight diners. Lytsell says it has maintained a steady customer base because of its friendly, familiar atmosphere.

"People want to go to a place...where they can see their friends," the 34-year-old told *Just Out*.

Lytsell has worked at the restaurant for 10 years. He will stay on under the new management.

Smith and Archuleta sold the business to their friends Joe Waldroff and Greg Simshaw. Waldroff has worked at the Fox & Hounds for the past eight years. Prior to that he worked for seven years at Starky's.

Waldroff says Smith and Archuleta came to him and made it possible financially for the change in ownership to happen. He says the



Telesforo "Archie" Archuleta (left) and Carl Smith are selling Starky's

owners were most concerned that they pass along the restaurant to someone they liked and who they felt deserved it. Waldroff is thrilled.

"They've been so good to work with on this," he says. "I never thought I'd have the opportunity to have my own place."

GAI-PIED SAYS 'SO LONG'

Gai-Pied will close its doors for the last time at the end of this month. Founded by Rick Spencer in 1996, the gay bookstore and video rental outlet was a mainstay of Portland's queer small-business community.

"We were a place people went to connect

with the gay community," Spencer told *Just Out*. "We were doing so well until the economy turned three years ago." He has watched as many customers lost their jobs or moved away, a trend that has not reversed.

Additionally, the increase in availability of gay books and videos in mainstream outlets as well as a downward trend in the economy in recent years proved fatal to the store. In particular, Spencer says the advent of Netflix took a big hit on his business.

Spencer, who recently took a job in his former profession as a claims analyst, says he's "just as disappointed as everyone" at the closing of the store.

All merchandise will be discounted by 50 percent to 75 percent through Aug. 28. Gai-Pied is located at 2544 N.E. Broadway.

GLAAD CELEBRATES INCLUSIVE NEWSPAPERS

Marking the second anniversary of its Announcing Equality Project, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation announced Aug. 18 that the number of U.S.

newspapers that accept same-sex wedding or union announcements has climbed to 504, a more than seven-fold increase since 2002.

Seven of the newspapers are located in Oregon: *The Oregonian* and *Willamette Week* in Portland, *Statesman Journal* in Salem, *Argus Observer* in Ontario, *Albany Democrat-Herald*, *Ashland Daily Tidings*, *Beaverton Valley Times*, *Tigard Times* and *Tualatin Times*.

Initially launched as a one-year campaign to double the number of papers that accept same-sex wedding announcements, the project achieved that goal in less than five weeks. It has since evolved into an ongoing effort to expand awareness of gay and lesbian relationships by encouraging greater visibility of same-sex unions in newspapers across the country.

Among the statistics marking the project's two-year anniversary:

- All of the nation's top 25 media markets, 48 of the top 50 and 87 of the top 100 are home to at least one newspaper with an inclusive announcements policy.

- An estimated one-half of all newspaper readers read a paper that accepts same-sex union announcements.

- 49 of 50 states have at least one inclusive newspaper. Only the state of Mississippi does not.

- 74 percent of the newspapers that accept same-sex union announcements are in states with laws banning same-sex marriage.

- *The New York Times*, with a circulation of approximately 1.7 million, is the largest newspaper in the nation that prints same-sex union announcements. *The Daily Guide* in Waynesville, Mo.—with a circulation of 1,931—is the smallest. **J**

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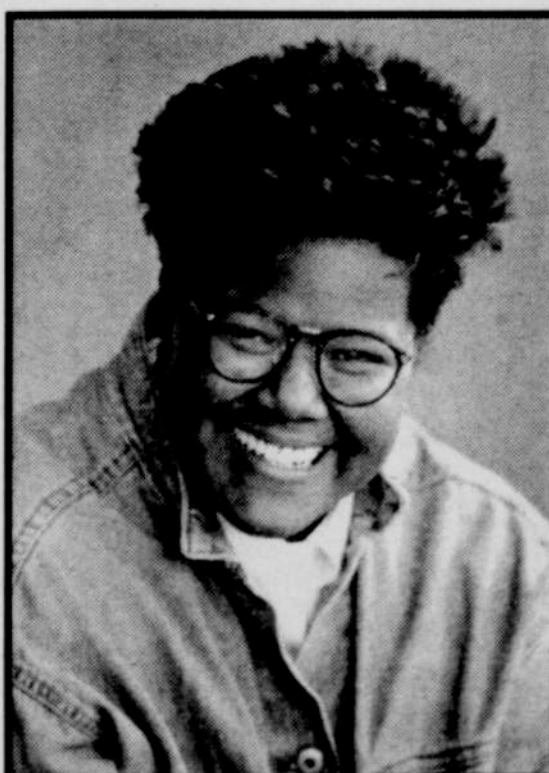
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