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Clockwise from left, Richard Levy, Nancy Tamarin, Ken Ramberg and Shoshanah Oppenheim work at the newly opened office of Windermere Community Commercial Realty

the existing Crush space to remain an "edgy, sexy lounge," an area where smokers will be free to gather together and practice their rituals away from the rain and elements.

The new space will be nonsmoking and will boast an expanded menu of food selections. Items for the carnivores in the crowd will be available. (Yes, steak is coming to Crush.) And there will be not one, not two, but three versions of the popular macaroni and cheese available.

While Crush holds onto its original premise of being a wine bar, as times change, so does Crush. And the times now call for elegant, sophisticated cocktails and drinks. Crush prepares with style and finesse the latest in infused

drink specialties. Pretty drinks, pretty glasses and pretty people—all can be found at Crush. The bar now features DJs on Tuesday and Saturday; look for more music and merriment soon. Says bartender Russell Smith, "I want a party every night." Look for Crush to secure its reputation as the Portland destination bar.

As the election draws closer, here's an opportunity to make a donation to the No on Constitutional Amendment 36 campaign while wearing and displaying the very message you're supporting. Beaverton-based Jennifer Creason and her partner, Lisa Douglass, have started a new online gay apparel shop called Happy. Virtually located at www.cafepress.com/gothappy, the selection of clothing and accessories contains a pro-gay-marriage collection. All profits from the sale of these items will be donated to No on 36. You can visit the site directly or link from www.noon36.com.

In the next installment of "The Queer Profit," I'll introduce you to Dana Giardina and her new Pearl District restaurant, Vitis Enoteca, and go over highlights of the big remodel at C.C. Slaughters. **JM**

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Bartender Russell Smith has a Crush on cocktails

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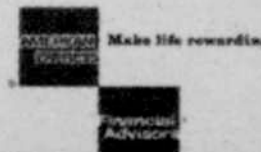


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