## NORTHWEST news



"The Faeries
have been there
for me in lots of
really difficult
times in my
life.... More of
them offered to
help me when
my lover was
dying and after
he died than I
could ever
accept."
—Jeff Richards

into a mental institution-I've seen the Faeries time and again be there for that person, not rescue them from consequences they needed, but really let them know they are loved and supported no matter what," says Snow Bear/Chris Schilling, who has been a Faerie for 10 vears. "And this support is not just talk; I've seen Faeries take food to people, provide them shelter, bathe them, even provide care round the clock. The Faeries are a very patient group; if it takes you years to get your shit together, they'll keep loving you-and gently...calling you on your shit if need be. We treat one another like family."

homeless, had to go

Jeff Richards, a Faerie since 1981, adds: "The Faeries have been there for

me in lots of really difficult times in my life. I know I can count on the Faeries. More of them offered to help me when my lover was dying and after he died than I could ever accept. Their help was very tangible and important."

• Rebellious humor. "The Faeries are about questioning anyone or anything that says you can't be free," Danzante Caldera says. "Our Gay Pride float this year was a large, erect penis surrounded by drumming, half-naked Faeries. If you have a button—a prejudice against queerness and aliveness—we'll push that button. There is a loving playfulness in the Faeries that is not afraid to challenge authority—while still honoring people where they are."

• Integrating spirituality and eroticism. "I believe the Faeries have held onto the jargon about integrating sexuality and spirituality, but too often of late we've fallen back into the trap of using talk about wanting a 'heart connection' as a means for getting our rocks off," Harvey says. "It's OK to want to just get your rocks off, and it's great to want an emotionally and physically intimate connection, but let's not confuse the two."

Bill Line, who created the Northwest Faerie database in the early 1990s, adds: "When the Faeries started, most of us were in our 20s, and we

Anne Seelye

Waddell & Reed

Financial Advisor

500 NE Multnomah

Portland, OR 97232

503.238.6036

Long Term Care Insurance\*

Mutual Funds Investing

IRAs and Roth IRAs

**IRA Rollovers** 

Savings Plans for College

Estate Planning Investments for

Retirement Income

offered through arrangements

were going through our gay adolescence. We were into rebellion, experimentation and discovering how spirit and eros could be merged. This was a double-edged sword for many of us, because our exuberant sexuality left us jaded and/or dead. But some of us have discovered you can be exuberant, spontaneous and responsible for maintaining a balance in the other parts of your life. The key is to remain present and maintain balance in your life."

• Consensus decision-making. "The Faeries are at the cutting edge of collective endeavor," Jamshed/Ken Storer says. "This is very challenging in a self-service, consumerist culture. Giving and receiving in freedom is not allowed in a winlose game. Generosity is the inherent nature of all human beings. Men don't choose to become oppressors, they are beaten into it. If men can strip away all their abusive, violent, unfeeling conditioning, they will discover they are naturally and inherently brilliant, nurturing, gentle and full of emotion. Men have cooperated together to hunt and protect since the beginning. Cooperation is their nature."

So how could we sum up such a multifaceted jewel as the Faeries?

"We empower

authentic discovery and selfexpression," Caldera says. "We offer an honest, outrageous, kind-hearted alternative to the assimilationist, Will & Grace reality that says, 'We're just like you.' We are not just like you, and we don't want to be. Being just like you is killing everybody. We don't need your permission or your approval to be who we are."

For more information about PORTLAND RADICAL FAERIES call 503-235-0826.

BART CHURCH is a Portland free-lance writer, yoga teacher and HIV prevention organizer. Contact him at bart@stonewallschool.org.



"Men don't choose to become oppressors, they are beaten into it. If men can strip away all their abusive, violent, unfeeling conditioning, they will discover they are naturally and inherently brilliant, nurturing, gentle and full of emotion."

—Jamshed/Ken Storer

Today you'll find a lot of companies that say they can help you create a financial plan. And you'll find even more that want to sell you mutual funds. But wouldn't it make sense to talk to someone with a proven track record of doing both?

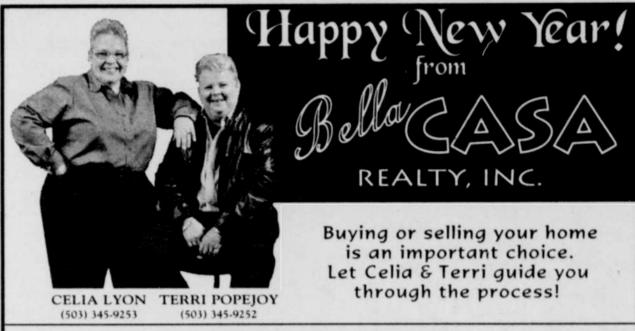
Waddell & Reed has been providing sound advice and solid investment products for more than 60 years. Anne can take you through a step-by-step process to create a plan specifically tailored to your family's personal needs and goals.

For investing, with a plan, call Anne Seelye today.

Investing. With a plan.®

waddell.com





Bella Casa Realty Inc.

1523 SE Ankeny, Portland, OR 97214 • 503-231-SELL (7355)



## VILLAGE BARBER SALON

A LOOK YOU'LL BE PROUD OF—FROM SOMEONE SPECIALIZING IN MEN.

100 SW MURRAY BLVD. (503) **250-3388** 

FLEXIBLE APPTS. AVAIL.

1/2 OFF FIRST HAIRCUT—\$14.00 THEREAFTER.

AND—EVERY 10TH HAIRCUT IS FREE—WOW!





FRESH LOCAL

Organics to You

New Location
2019 SE Belmont

WITH RETAIL SPACE

(503)236-6496 www.organicstoyou.org

## International Beauty School



No Minimum Hours Required
Hair Design

Hair Design Nail Technology Facial Technology

Some Classes Begin Weekly
Modern Salon Atmosphere
State of the Art Equipment
Quality Education at a
Reasonable Price

Stop by anytime for service to sample the quality of our students and get more information on the program

> Payment Plans Available www.inter-beautyschool.com

## Salon Services

Tuesday-Saturday 11am-6pm
Hair Cuts Wed thru Fri FREE
Perms starting at \$25.00
Hair Color starting at \$20.00
Manicures \$6.00
Pedicures \$15.00
Artificial Nails \$10.00

Facial \$15.00 Waxing starting at \$5.00

Please visit our school for the complete menu of service

2215 SE Division Street ~ Portland, Oregon

503-236-5600