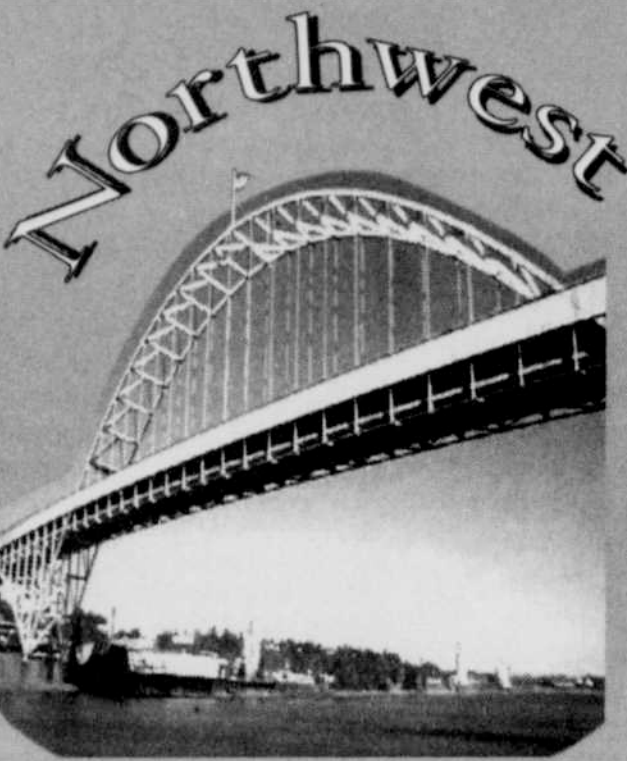


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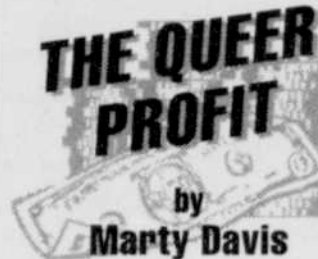
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SAY WHAT?

Portland bids farewell to popular cafe and candle store

It's time to clean off the desk and see what's in all these piles of letters and e-mails that have come to "The Queer Profit." So, grab a Kleenex and let's sort through the dusty stacks.

First I need to note the closure of two of our gay-owned retail establishments. From up on Alberta, I'm saddened to report the closure of



the popular **Cheez What?** cafe and adjoining **Whatever lounge**. Economic times took their toll. Over on Broadway, **Mark Tynan** and **Wally Schmidt** also made the decision to close their candle and gift store, **Radiance**. Striving for a positive note, Tynan told me, "This is a good decision for us...owning a retail business in this recession is very stressful." Schmidt will be spending more time with his massage clientele, and Tynan continues as a stage manager at **Portland Center Stage**.

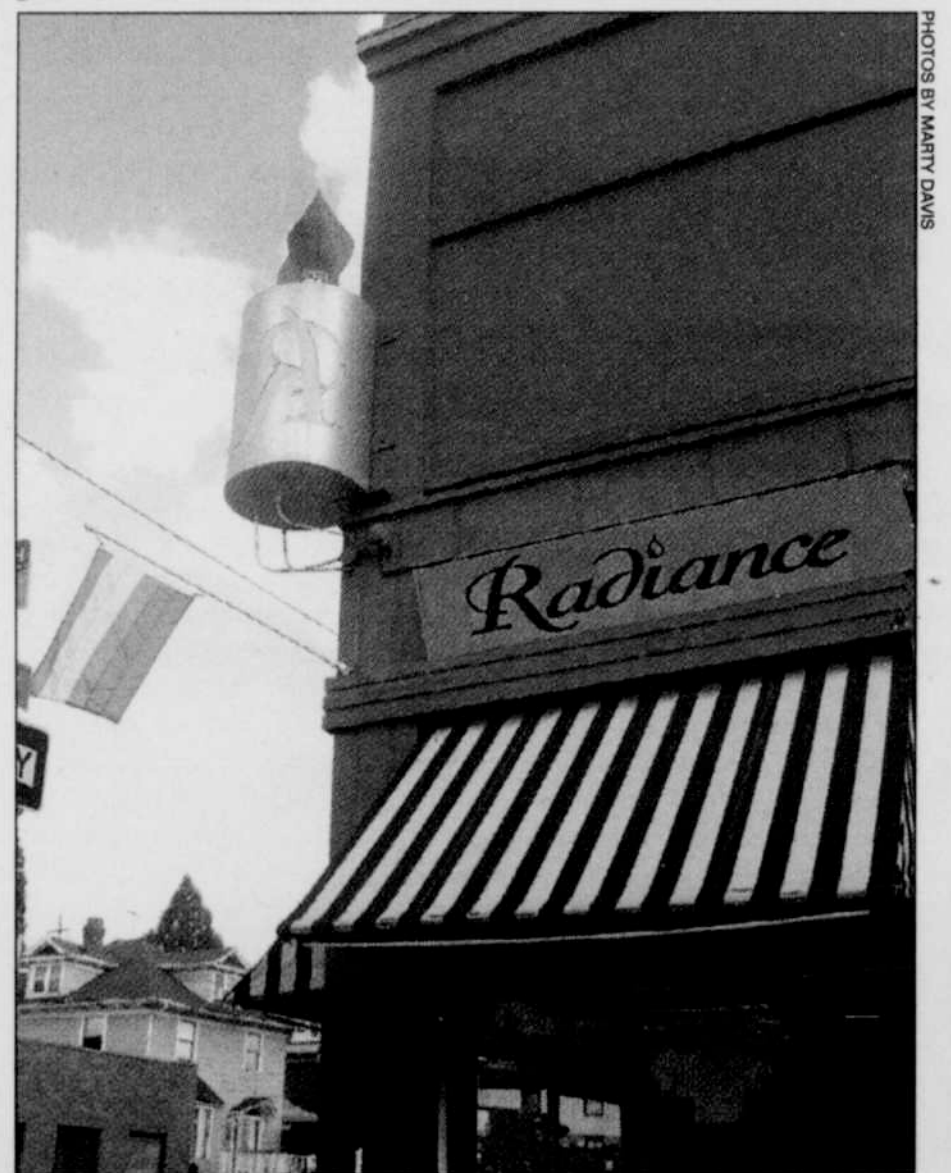
The awards continue to pile in for **Jeff Fisher** and his design business, **LogoMotives**. Most recently he has been appointed to the editorial advisory board at **How** magazine. The publication provides graphic design professionals with essential business information and features cutting-edge technological advances.

Gwenn Baldwin announced that after 20 years in the consulting, strategic positioning, government relations and communications fields, she has formed her own company, **Baldwin Consulting LLC**. The new business will allow her to take her skills

and expertise and assist organizations and business that have critical problems or projects that have to be done and be done right. Baldwin is also a former executive director of the **Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center** and is co-chairwoman of the committee that's working to determine the viability of a queer community center in Portland.

Community activist and fund-raiser **Bill Dickey** has merged his **BDC** and **The Print Shop** business with **Union Quick Copy**, **Homestead Greeting Cards** and **Lighthouse Publishing**. The resulting new business will be known as **Witham and Dickey Inc**. The combined new operations provide for a wide variety of printing, promotional, copying and digital services.

Elise Campbell has taken her real estate license and moved it to a new desk at **Com-**



A rainbow flag still flies over the now-closed Radiance candle store

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