

**Mechanics
that fix
everything.
Including
your
conscience.**



PDX Automotive is a certified Eco-Logical Business.

(503) 282-3315



AAA approved repair shop
Oregon certified DEQ repair facility ASE Certified Mechanics

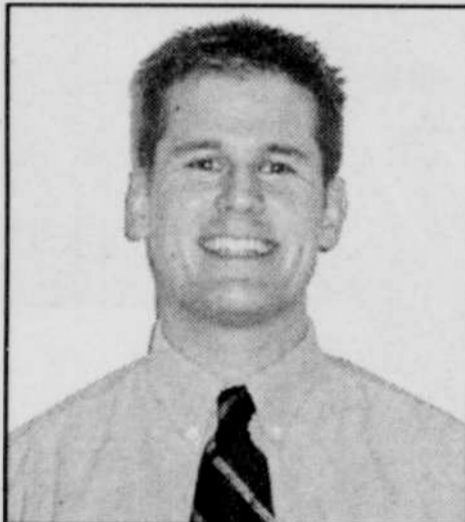
Gerard Lillie • 5934 N.E. Halsey



*When an ordinary
Realtor simply
won't do...*



3144 SE Belmont
Portland, OR 97214
office: 503-238-7617



Don Valerio, MD Internal Medicine

Fanno Creek Clinic • 2400 SW Vermont • Portland

Sports Injury	Hepatitis Immunization
HIV Testing/Care	Skin Problems
Cancer Screening	Anxiety/Depression
Smoking Cessation	STD Testing
Physical Exams	General Adult Healthcare

Appointments are now available. New patients welcome.
(503) 452-0915

Board Certified. Most insurance plans accepted.

Got financial questions?

Get answers.

- Comprehensive Financial Planning
- Retirement Planning
- Life & Disability Insurance*
- Estate Tax Analysis
- College Savings Plans
- Mutual Funds Investing
- IRAs, Roth IRAs, Rollovers
- Tax Advantaged Investments
- Long Term Care Insurance*

* Offered through arrangements with insurance companies



Investing. With a plan.®

Call Anne today. **503.238.6036** ext. 119

500 Northeast Multnomah Street • Suite 278 • Portland, OR 97232

503-238-7056 FAX • Toll Free 888-892-9049 • anneeelye@wradvisors.com



ANNE SEELYE
FINANCIAL ADVISOR

NORTHWEST newsbriefs

Continued from Page 9

JUDY SHEPARD COMBATS HATE

Matthew Shepard's mother, Judy, spoke April 28 at the Oregon Convention Center as part of Diversity Summit 2004 presented by Portland General Electric.

Ever since her gay son's 1998 murder, she has made the prevention of hate crimes her focus. She urged the audience to make their schools and communities safer for everyone, regardless of race, sex, religion or sexual orientation.

Shepard's speech coincided with the release of an annual report from the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs indicating an 8 percent increase in reported incidents of anti-gay violence, including an 80 percent increase in anti-gay murders. She partially attributed the jump to recent advances in equality, including the U.S. Supreme Court's Lawrence vs. Texas decision and the appointment of Gene Robinson as the Episcopal Church's first openly gay bishop. "Every pro-gay thing that happens, hate crimes against the gay community go up," she said.



Judy Shepard delivers one of the keynote speeches April 28 at Diversity Summit 2004

Opportunity Commission, ensuring that it is in compliance with the agreement.

The settlement of \$600,000 includes \$40,000 in legal costs with the rest of the money going to Cusick. Part of the settlement covers future earnings, since Cirque's public hostility against Cusick during the past year led him to decide not to return to work for the company.

"Cascade AIDS Project is encouraged that Cirque du Soleil understands and accepts liability for making uninformed choices and resulting in the unwarranted termination of Matthew Cusick with this unprecedented settlement," executive director Thomas Bruner said. "By acknowledging its ignorance, the performance company reaffirmed the importance to educate our many communities about the realities of living with AIDS and HIV and to affirm the positive contributions to our society those affected make every day.... We cannot let ignorance harm people that we care for and support."

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL SETTLES COMPLAINT

Matthew Cusick, the Cirque du Soleil gymnast who spoke at Cascade AIDS Project's Art for Life fund-raiser April 10, will receive a record \$600,000 to end a discrimination complaint he filed after being fired last year because he has HIV.

The settlement, announced April 22, ends a nationwide campaign and a federal disability complaint filed by Lambda Legal, which litigated the nation's first HIV discrimination case in 1983. The agreement is the largest public settlement ever for an HIV discrimination complaint settled with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

"While other people in all sorts of professions will still face HIV discrimination, after today they will have a powerful tool with the settlement we reached"

—Matthew Cusick

"When I was fired by Cirque du Soleil, it was the worst day of my life. Today is nearly the exact opposite because I stood up for what I knew was right and changed one of the world's most popular entertainment companies," Cusick said. "This kind of discrimination tears people's dreams and careers apart. While other people in all sorts of professions will still face HIV discrimination, after today they will have a powerful tool with the settlement we reached."

Under the settlement agreement, Cirque will host annual anti-discrimination trainings for all of its employees worldwide and will adopt a zero-tolerance policy toward discrimination based on HIV and other disabilities. For two years the company will have its records open to the Equal Employment

WALKERS FIGHT BREAST CANCER

The American Cancer Society is calling on volunteers to mobilize supporters for Portland's third annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk May 16.

Each year, more than 200,000 women and men are diagnosed with breast cancer, and 40,000 die from the disease. Since 1993, the walk has raised awareness and dollars to fight the disease. Proceeds are used to fund programs for breast cancer patients and their families and research to find a cure for the disease.

Registration is free. Participants simply collect pledges, form teams with friends and family, and turn their money in when they arrive the morning of the walk.

The five-mile route will begin 10 a.m. at Southwest Harrison and College streets, taking walkers through downtown Portland, across the Steel Bridge, along the east bank of the Willamette River and back to the South Park Blocks. The goal this year is to attract more than 6,000 walkers and raise \$225,000.

For more information call 503-795-3911 or sign up online at www.cancer.org/stridesonline.

FAIR GIVES WOMEN TOOLS FOR LIVING-WAGE JOBS

Women will have a chance to explore living-wage jobs during the 12th annu-

PHOTO BY JIM RABOETA