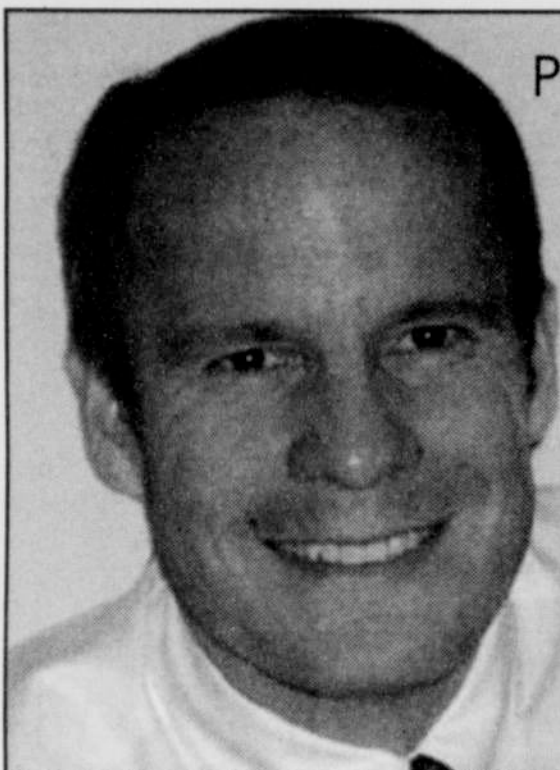




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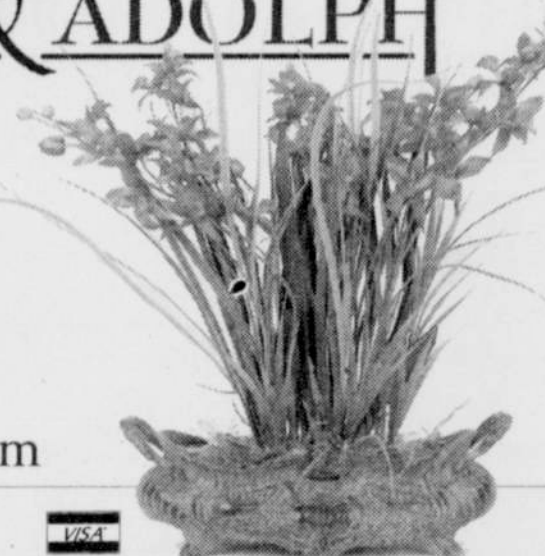


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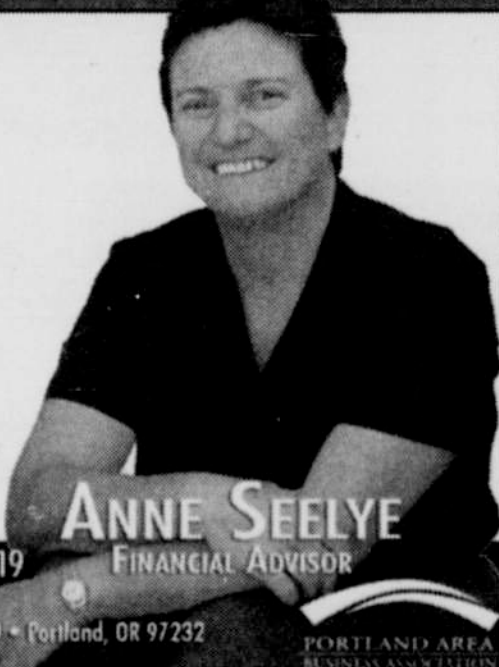
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ment by musician Spin Dr. DJ Mr. Mumu, Salon Q2 attendees can dance and nosh while taking in the sights of the models for the Riverscape's newest townhomes being built on the edge of the Willamette River. The event begins at 6 p.m.

Salon Q2 is a new, slightly less "scheduled" version of Salon Q, which convenes every second Tuesday of the month at Aura, 1022 W. Burnside St. Salon Q2 will move from location to location to give attendees the opportunity to try out new hot spots around town.

Salon Q was created for members of Portland's gay community to enjoy a relaxing, nonsmoking evening with others in a handsome, lively setting. Salon Q also invites the Human Rights Campaign and other like-minded organizations to participate in these evenings to allow for good conversation, says Salon Q participant Brian Wilson. "We also try to invite other organizations to join us to help those groups meet individuals who enjoy the same kinds of fun."

Engaging Community

When staff, volunteers and board members from In Other Words made the decision to close the bookstore on Southeast Hawthorne Boulevard and relocate to Northeast Portland, they took steps to engage their new community.

Though well-supported by the community of businesses and patrons on Hawthorne for 13 years, the bookstore was slowly being priced off the street. When the opportunity arose to lease part of the building on Northeast Killingsworth Street, the store leaders were particularly interested because the space is owned by the Albina Women's League.

"As a feminist bookstore and community resource center, we want to be connected to our immediate community," said Sue Burns, In Other Words manager. "We're really excited to listen to our new neighborhood and listen to what they need, what they want and how we can deliver it."

In Other Words and the Albina Women's League discovered that although they serve different communities, many of their values about community are common. The bookstore will renew the Albina Women's League's blighted space as a center for community meetings, educational opportunities, a safe place for kids and a place to develop partnerships. With the help of pending grants, the bookstore will add a stage to operate as a venue and a computer lab with workshops on résumé building and desktop publishing.

"Less money on overhead means more money on programs," said Burns.

In Other Words is also not the only bookstore on the street. Organizers have begun collaborating with new neighbor Talking Drum Books to hold a race and gender reading and action group.

In Other Words has also initiated communication with neighborhood community organizations such as Sisters in Action for Power, Ethos Music Center and North Portland Bike Works.

The new location, at 8 N.E. Killingsworth St.,

is almost double the size of the previous store. The staff and more than 50 regular volunteers who run the store are eager to have a larger space where feminist, grassroots community building can happen.

In Other Words has thrived as a community institution during a period when many independent bookstores around the country have collapsed amid harsh economic times and fierce competition from chain stores. The continued vigor of In Other Words is a testament to the power of a community's support for local business.

"Although we're so grateful to Hawthorne for 13 years of love and support, we're also very excited to expand that community to North/Northeast Portland," said Burns.

The store has served as a community center for art and politics and a place that encourages women's creative endeavors, radical ideas and political activism. Grassroots organizing groups use the store for meetings, free of charge. The store also sponsors lectures, workshops, open mike evenings, readings and musical events.

"I am so excited about the chance for our resources to be more accessible and serve a wider range of people than we do at this time," said Burns.

To prepare for the move, select titles at the Hawthorne store will be heavily discounted. If you would like to help on moving day, show up at 10 a.m. Jan. 28.



In Other Words manager Sue Burns (center) works with community volunteers to spruce up the new store on Northeast Killingsworth Street.

Equity Offers Financial Planning Workshop

Equity Foundation is offering a chance for queers to figure out how to balance financial needs with a concern for other people and the world. It will share advice on making decisions about investment strategies and mutual funds that emphasize social responsibility, such as work force diversity, product safety and environmental awareness.

"Gay Finances in a Straight World: Socially Responsible Investing" will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Paramount Hotel, 808 S.W. Taylor St. The workshop and lunch are free of charge.

Jan Schorey, founder of Portlandia Investment Management, will facilitate the workshop and help attendees align their investments with their values.

To register call 503-231-5759 or e-mail annette@equityfoundation.org. 10

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