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SENIOR HOUSING COALITION NAMED

A committee that is working to develop housing options for sexual minority seniors has both a new name and meeting location. The changes were made during its December meeting.

The group now is known as SHARE: A GLBT Coalition, which stands for Senior Housing and Retirement Enterprises. It soon will be electing an executive board and a board of directors.

SHARE meets from 6 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Garden Room at the Friendly House, 2617 N.W. Savier St. The gatherings previously were held at the downtown YWCA.

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GAY MEN LAUNCH BRIDAL MAGAZINE

Portland finally has a full-color glossy magazine for the bridal industry.

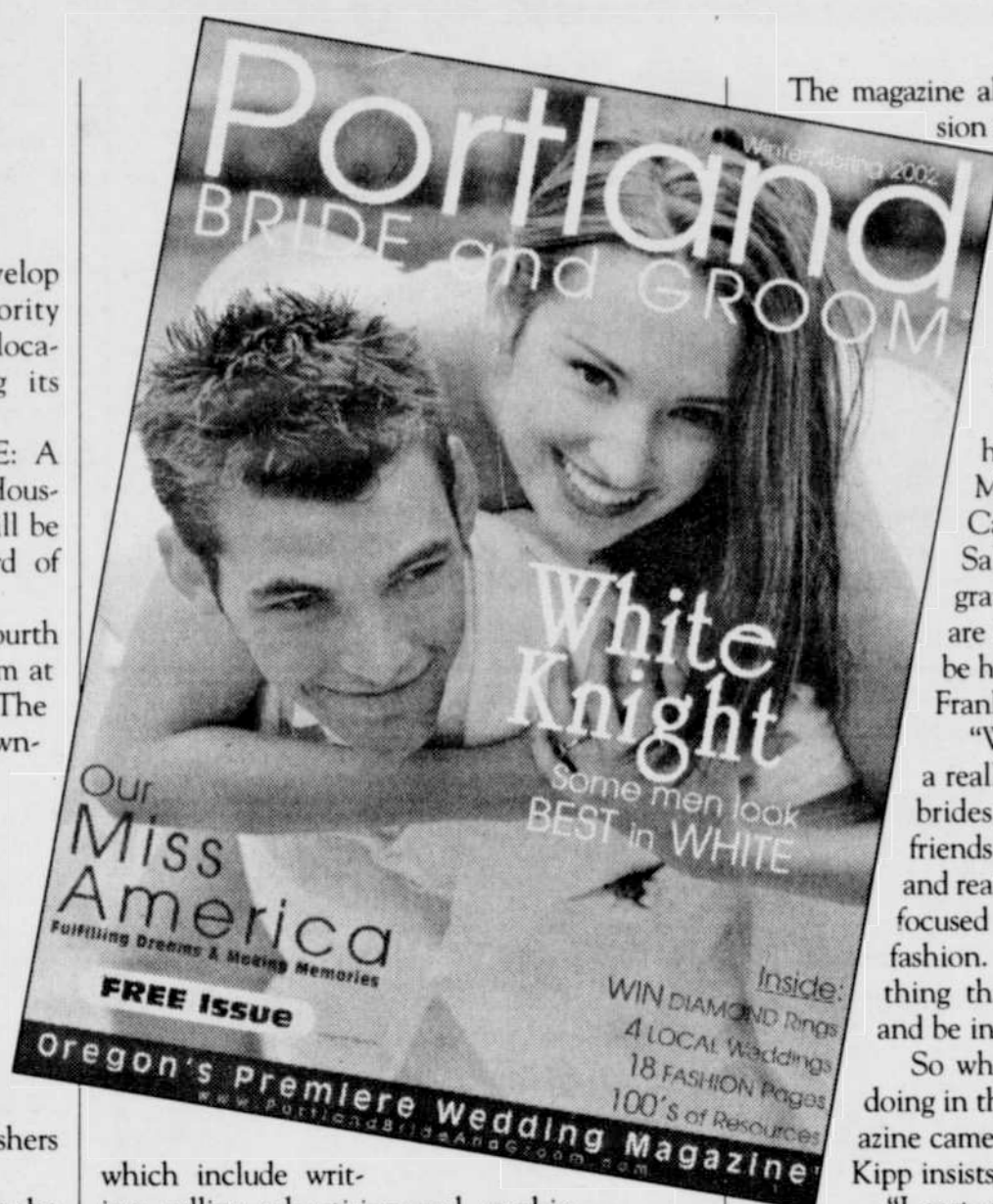
Why should the sexual minorities community care? Well, for a start, the publishers are two gay men.

Jonathan Kipp and Eddie Glenn put out the first edition of *Portland Bride and Groom* in November. They say that the response has been tremendous and that production already is in full swing for the next issue, which will hit newsstands in May.

According to Kipp, a former *Just Out* reporter, his experience is well suited for his diverse duties,

which include writing, selling advertising and graphic design. "My wacky professional background really is coming together with this project," he says.

Glenn, his partner of seven years, is a high-tech engineer completing his master's degree in business administration. "Studying business and starting a business at the same time is as good as it gets," Kipp says.



The magazine already is making an impression throughout the metro area. It

sponsors a monthly segment on KATU-TV's AM Northwest and has been featured on the cable access show *Weddings...Portland Style*, which airs 7 p.m. Sundays on Channel 15.

Kipp and Glenn also are helping put together the Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation Gown Sale, which will raise money to grant wishes for patients who are near death. The event will be held Jan. 18 to 20 at Meier & Frank, 621 S.W. Fifth Ave.

"We want to regularly put out a really top-notch publication for brides, their family and their friends that's an entertaining read and really useful," Kipp says. "We're focused on great photography and fashion. We want to create something that brides can carry around and be inspired by."

So what are a couple of gay guys doing in the bridal business? The magazine came together quite accidentally, Kipp insists.

"I sort of tripped on the fact that there was a hole in the Portland market in this particular industry," he says. "I felt this was a viable business idea, and we just moved forward with it."

Glenn-Kipp Enterprises Inc. plans on expanding with other niche publications after *Portland Bride and Groom* is up and running. The

publishers also promise to consider featuring same-sex commitment ceremonies once the magazine has achieved stability.

"We get razed a lot about it," Kipp says of his unique career move. "I don't think it's strange for gays to be businesspeople. We're not trying to make any kind of statement either way."

For more information visit the Internet site www.portlandbrideandgroom.com.

FOUNDATIONS TEAM UP TO DELIVER DOLLARS TO COMMUNITY

A former Portland activist is behind a new effort to help state and local sexual minority and AIDS organizations identify, assess and apply for federal grant funds.

Donna Red Wing serves as director of policy and special initiatives for the Denver-based Gill Foundation, which announced Dec. 10 the partnership with the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. The three-year effort is known as the Community Action Program.

"This partnership is yet another critical collaboration between HRC and the Gill Foundation that will help the GLBT community deliver services to those in need," Red Wing said. "HRC is uniquely positioned to lead this project, and it is our hope that this program will provide additional resources to our state and local organizations at a time when other funding sources are becoming increasingly scarce." □

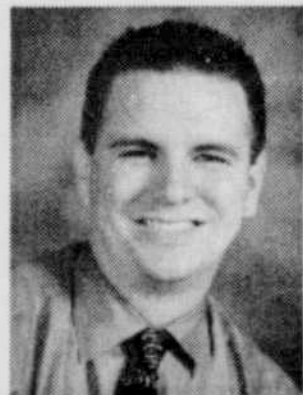
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