

Page Jordan's photography is on display at the lesbian-owned coffee shop Haven through Nov. 30



Christ is an open and affirming congregation offering worship and church school. Child care provided and wheelchair accessible. (9 am Sunday learning hour, 10 am worship, 700 Marion St. NE, Salem, 503-363-3660.) (11/02)

Morningside United Methodist Church is a reconciling congregation where everyone is welcome to participate in the full life of the congregation. (8:30 and 11 am Sunday, 3674 12th St. SE, Salem, 503-364-5013.) (11/02)

Sacred Souls honors all sacred paths, promotes peace and strives to create an environment that supports and promotes interfaith dialogue. Meets at the Oregon School of Massage. (6:30-8 pm Sunday, 440 Ferry St. SE, Salem, wholhth@aol.com, www.sacredsouls.org.) (11/02)

Congregation P'nai Or (Faces of Light) is a vibrant, egalitarian, Jewish Renewal congregation in Portland. Meets several times a month in various locations. (PO Box 42187, Portland, OR 97242-0187, 503-248-4500, www.pnaiorpdx.org.) (11/02)

Dignity Portland meets for Mass on Sundays. (503-262-6947.) (11/02)

Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist, a welcoming congregation, offers Sunday service and children's religious education. (10:30 am, 1133 NE 181st Ave., Gresham, 503-665-2628, eastrose@teleport.com.) (5/03)

Faith United Methodist Church is a welcoming community of Christians in Troutdale that values and encourages all people in finding a place of belonging in the family of God. Sunday worship at 10:15 am. Adult Education at 9 am; children and youth at 10:30 am. Wednesday Prayers 6-6:30 pm. (27400 SE Stark St. 503-661-4520.) (11/02)

First Unitarian Church of Portland is an open and affirming liberal religious community offering a wide range of programs to nurture spiritual growth, community and social justice. Sunday service 10 am. (1011 SW 12th Ave. 503-228-6389, www.firstunitarianportland.org.) (11/02)

First United Methodist Church of Portland, a welcoming and reconciling congregation, believes no one is left out in God's family. Sexual minority potlucks held monthly. (10:30 am Sunday, 1838 SW Jefferson St. 503-228-3195, www.fumcpdx.org.) (11/02)

Grace Space is a New Thought spiritual center dedicated to offering ways to experience Spirit. Sunday evening celebrations with Rev. Stephanie Torres, Conscious Breathing experiences, Chanting, Healing Services, Meditation classes and a miracles study group. (5 pm, Bridgeport Community Church, 621 NE 76th Ave. 503-287-3216.) (11/02)

Integrity is a group of GLBT Episcopalians and friends. Various locations throughout Oregon. (Bruce Mason, Regional Director, 503-286-9111 or brucepdxor@attbi.com, www.integrityusa.org.) (11/02)

Interfaith Spiritual Center houses spiritual directors from various world religious traditions, who are available for guidance, classes and retreats. (Second Floor, 3910 SE 11th Ave. 503-233-2026, ext. 3, www.interfaithspiritualcenter.com.) (11/02)

Metanoia Peace Community United Methodist Church is a "house church," bringing gay and straight together. (Daily prayer 7:20 am, Sunday gathering 5 pm, 2116 NE 18th Ave. 503-281-3697, www.tearsoup.com/metanoia.) (11/02)

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland holds ecumenical Sunday morning worship services at 9 and 11 am. Sunday school for children is held during the 11 am worship service. (2400 NE Broadway, 503-281-8868, info@mccportland.com.) (11/02)

Portland Center for Spiritual Growth in the Unity Church building invites you to celebrate your spirituality with the Revs. Casey and Berdell Moffett-Chaney. Liberal, practical; all are welcome. (5 pm Sunday service; 7:30-9 pm Monday Spiritual Principle Cab Group; 4-4:40 pm Sunday Rescuing the Bible from the Right Wing Discussion Group, 4525 SE Stark Ave. 503-777-0727.) (11/02)

Portland Church of Religious Science is a liberal, open, progressive New Thought community welcoming everyone to discover the spirit within. Change your thinking, change your life! (10 am Sunday meditation, 10:30 am service and junior church, 6:30 pm Wednesday prayer circle, 3983 NE 112th Ave. 503-261-0677.) (11/02)

Portland Radical Faeries meet twice a month with potlucks and circles at the full moon and the new moon. Open to all men seeking alternative spiritual growth and community. Coffee hours start 9:30 am Saturdays at 3 Friends Coffeehouse, 201 SE 12th Ave. (503-235-0826, otter@pceez.com.) (11/02)

SisterSpirit offers women's spirituality celebrations, discussion groups, a drumming circle, workshops and classes. Schedule of events available. All women are welcome. (Suite 102, 3430 SE Belmont St. Mailing

address: PO Box 9246, Portland, OR 97207, 503-736-3297, sistersp@teleport.com.) (11/02)

Spirit Circle is for lesbian, bisexual or transgendered women seeking a welcoming community in the Catholic church. Meets every third Thursday in the Nativity School of St. Andrew's Church (7 pm, 806 NE Alberta St. lbspspiritcircle@yahoo.com.) (5/03)

Southminster Presbyterian Church is a challenging, supportive community that welcomes all people. It is the first More Light Presbyterian Church in Oregon. Sunday school and nursery care. (10 am Sunday, 12250 SW Denney Road, Beaverton, 503-644-2073, staff@southmin.com.) (11/02)

St. Andrew Catholic Church invites all to join a diverse faith community for prayer and fellowship. (9:30 am Sunday, 806 NE Alberta St. 503-281-4429.) (11/02)

St. James Lutheran Church, a Reconciled in Christ congregation, welcomes all people for traditional, liturgical worship where we experience God's reconciling love that sets all people free. (9 and 11 am Sunday, 1315 SW Park Ave. 503-227-2439.) (11/02)

Gay and Lesbian Outreach (GALO) of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church celebrates an affirming Mass followed by a social. (7:30 pm Friday, Paulist Center, 2408 SE 16th Ave. 503-231-4955.) (11/02)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has been welcoming all people since 1863. (12:10 pm Wednesday and 7:45 and 10 am Sunday, Sunday school and child care at 10 am, Southwest 13th Avenue at Clay Street, 503-223-6424.) (11/02)

Waverly Heights Church (UCC) is open and affirming with worship, children's school and child care. (10 am Sunday, 3300 SE Woodward St. 503-238-1337, www.waverlyucc.org.) (11/02)

Wyeast Unitarian Universalist Congregation is an open and liberal religious community offering inter-generational services and religious education for children. It welcomes gay, lesbian, bi and trans members. Nurtures spiritual growth and promotes living by Unitarian Universalist principles. (4 pm Sunday, 3915 SE Steele St. 503-777-3704, www.wyeast.pnwd.uua.org.) (11/02)

Zion United Church of Christ, an open and affirming congregation, is open to gay, lesbian, bi, trans and heterosexual people who wish to worship in a Christ-centered, warm, caring, multiage/race/cultural faith community. (11 am Sunday, 2025 NE 23rd Ave., Gresham, 503-665-8741.) (11/02)

Washington: Spirituality

Abundant Life Center is a New Thought Community for spiritual awakening and transforming lives through love. A safe place where children learn to embody spiritual principles. (10 am Sunday, 10006 NE Ninth Ave., Vancouver, 360-573-2626.) (11/02)

East Vancouver United Methodist Church is reconciling and welcoming. (10 am Sunday, 5701 MacArthur Blvd. 360-693-4761, ourclackcounty.columbian.com/273/) (11/02)

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, holds two Sunday services, traditional and "less traditional" in an open and affirming congregation. (1220 NE 68th St., Vancouver, 360-693-1476, vanucc@aol.com.) (11/02)

God's Holy Territory offers a spirit-filled worship experience, seeking God for holiness and wholeness. For gay, lesbian, bi, trans and straight. Everyone welcome! (11 am Sunday, 7 pm Thursday Bible study and prayer, 1500 NE 49th St., Vancouver, 360-885-9461, gmbear68@netzero.net.) (11/02)

Michael Servetus Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, a home for the liberal religious spirit. (10 am Sunday, 4505 E 18th St., Vancouver, 360-695-1891.) (11/02)

Willamette Valley: Spirituality

First Congregational Church, United Church of

YOUTH

Metro: Youth

Flavors, a program of MultiQueer and Brother to Brother, is a social support group for sexual minority youth of color 24 and younger. Meets every other Sunday for food and socializing. Regular events and activities. (Des 503-228-3892 or des@imfamily.org, Stephan 503-417-7991 or hey_stephan@hotmail.com.) (11/02)

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) fights to end anti-gay bias in K-12 schools. (12700 SW North Dakota St., Suite 180, #129, Tigard, OR 97223, 503-525-1177, glsen@glsenoregon.org, www.glsenoregon.org.) (11/02)

MultiQueer, a program of Love Makes a Family, provides advocacy to sexual minority youth. Offers resources and support in the community and the school systems, with a focus on support for youth of color. (Des 503-228-3892, des@imfamily.org.) (11/02)

Outside In operates a clinic for anyone who can't qualify for the Oregon Health Plan as well as needle exchange services that include those who inject hormones. Can provide transitional housing for youth 20 and younger as well as for those HIV+ and younger than 23. Also plays host to VOICES (Voices of Individual and Community Empowerment from the Streets), a self-support group for queer youth. Needs volunteers of all ages. (10 am-6 pm Monday-Friday, 137 SW 13th Ave. 503-535-3800, www.outsidein.org.) (11/02)

Vanguard Youth Services, a program of Cascadia Behavioral HealthCare, offers support and recreation to gay, lesbian, bi and trans kids 23 and younger. Programs include: **Clackamas County Sexual Minority Youth Connection (COSMYC)** provides opportunities for queer and questioning kids to get together for free, fun and supportive social activities. Also one-on-one support and referrals to Clackamas County service providers. (503-969-0060, cosmycyouth@yahoo.com.) **Expression** is a free art/expression support group in Gresham for queer youth. Hang out and have fun every Friday! (Jonathan 503-872-9664, ext. 28.) **Pride Project** brings together Washington County queer and questioning youth to plan and attend monthly social events. Also information, referral and advocacy services in Washington County. (Molly 503-260-5792, molly@prideproject.org.) **Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center (SMYRC)** offers drop-in computer access, pool tables and an informal place to hang out. Weekly youth support groups includes Trans Youth Group and Personal Detsy Proxy (a creative group). (4-8 pm Monday and Wednesday, 4 pm-midnight Friday and Saturday, 2100 SE Belmont St. 503-872-9664, TTY 503-231-9286, www.smyrc.org.) **Youth HIV/STD Prevention Project** provides fun and educational programs along with counseling and testing to queer youth in a friendly, relaxed environment. (503-872-9664.) (11/02)

Washington: Youth

Triple Point offers education, support and advocacy to gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning youth in Vancouver, Wash. Meets 6-8 pm Tuesdays in the basement of Youth House, 1112 Columbia St. in Vancouver. (John 360-695-1325.) (11/02)

Willamette Valley: Youth

Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Transgender and Questioning Youth Group for ages 13 to 18 offers support, information and fun in Eugene. Free, confidential, adult-facilitated. (Drop in 4-6 pm Friday, Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St. 541-684-3466.) (11/02)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Youth Group for ages 25 and younger meets every Monday in Eugene. (5 pm, Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. 541-346-1134.) (11/02)

ADVICE

"I do"

New York Times announcement trumps ceremony

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

My boyfriend, Richard, and I had not really considered marriage until *The New York Times* began to publish same-sex wedding announcements.

Now Richard is desperate to marry me. He seems to be convinced that an announcement in the *Times* will somehow validate homosexuality in general, his worthiness as a human being and our specific love.

I'm devoted to Richard, and we've been together for seven years. I don't feel strongly about the marriage issue either way, but I want him to be happy.

We've already sent out invitations for a June wedding in Vermont. But I'm disturbed that Richard talks far less about our actual wedding than he does about our photo appearing in the *Times*. He has already dragged me to three different photographers and hired a publicist to write our blurb.

I've tried to tell him there's no guarantee we'll be chosen to appear, but he dismisses me. I can only imagine they get hundreds of submissions every week.

I'm afraid Richard will have a breakdown if we don't get in. How can we make sure our photo will be included?

—Richard's Boyfriend Lester

DEAR RICHARD'S BOYFRIEND LESTER:

It would be interesting to measure whether the numbers of queers flocking to the altar has actually increased during the past couple of months since the *Times* made its announcement about including celebrations of gay and lesbian commitments.

You haven't mentioned your career or Richard's. Being a neurosurgeon or being related to someone who discovered a cancer drug would make you likely candidates for a homo wedding announcement in the *Times*.

So would being related to a very rich socialite or writing a best-selling book (preferably a literary novel, not a primer on frottage). Having committed a white-collar crime or large social indiscretion could probably go either way.

Sometimes people try to include special items in their package to make it more appealing. Ms. Behavior would advise against including things like marijuana brownies or nude photos from your fifth anniversary party.

One attractive photo is all you need. Being pretty is definitely a plus, particularly if you have big white teeth and coiffed hair. Unfortunately, being shallow won't help.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I met this woman and really fell for her. She seemed great at first



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with lots of similar interests but ultimately turned out to be something of a cold fish, a weirdo and a control freak. This was a shock to me, and I figured it out slowly because I think I just wanted her to be "The One."

Now that it's clear to us both that nothing is going to happen, we're trying to be friends. I let her borrow my car, for

instance; I helped her move her things when she got a new apartment. I call her once in a while just to talk.

But I find she's kind of cold as a friend now, too, which definitely wasn't the case when I was first getting to know her. Also, she's said a few things that really bug me, like she knows "I still have feelings for her" and "wishes I'd get over her."

Frankly, I think I am over her, but I guess I'm having trouble getting over the fact that she's kind of a jerk. For instance, she's snobby about other people's vocabulary and clothes.

I find it kind of shocking, but I can't quite let go. Why is that? What should I do?

It pisses me off when she acts like she knows how I feel. I'm much more complex than her ridiculous view of me as brokenhearted. How can I get her to understand that?

—Confused

DEAR CONFUSED:

It sounds like you've managed to get yourself into an S/M relationship without the benefit of sex. What's in it for you? Humiliation, probably.

You wanted her to be "The One," but she's clearly not. Now the "friendship" is all about what you can do for her: help her move, lend her your car, etc. You've described her as "a cold fish, a weirdo and a control freak," while she treats you like a nuisance because you have feelings for her.

You'd probably benefit from therapy, where you'll likely find you're still trying to win the approval of one of your cold parents. Recognizing this over and over and talking about it ad nauseam in therapy might help.

It doesn't matter why you feel you "can't quite let go"; try to let go anyway while you still have a shred of dignity. You'll feel a lot better if you do. ☐

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