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there's one home," she told *Just Out*. "And it's great to be home."

Shibley left Oregon to serve in the Clinton administration, first as head of public affairs for the Federal Highway Administration and later as Labor Secretary Alexis Herman's senior adviser for communications. She also completed a fellowship through Harvard Design School focusing on livable communities—which covers issues such as sustainability, quality of life, environmental protection, transportation choices and public space—and helped out with Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign.

Foreign and domestic affairs lured Gail Shibley from the Rose City

GUESS WHO'S BACK?

Gail Shibley, who made history in the 1980s as the state's first openly gay elected official, has returned to Portland and is wasting no time in reclaiming the spotlight. She already has joined Democrat Ted Kulongoski's gubernatorial campaign and could be seen carting the candidate through downtown on a vintage motor scooter during the Pride 2002 parade June 16.

"There are lots of wonderful, incredible, exciting, fun places and cities in the world—and

opportunity to participate in a Gore-led White House, I decided instead to follow my heart," she said. "I'd met someone during a trip to Germany, and so after a few trans-Atlantic trips, lots of e-mails and phone calls and several months later, I went over to Germany and have been living in Germany for the last year and a half."

Shibley now is serving as political director for the Kulongoski campaign, helping other senior staff ensure a winning majority in November. She also has taken on the role of reaching out to several core constituencies—

progressives, environmentalists, sexual minorities, women and pro-choice voters—that are particularly important to the candidate and to her.

"I have...known Ted for the last 20 years," she said. "During the time when I served in the Legislature...some of my legislative assignments fit with his focus on kids as well as specifically on juvenile justice."

Appointed in 1991 to fill a legislative vacancy, Shibley overwhelmingly won election in 1992 and 1994, becoming the first openly gay or lesbian legislator in Oregon—"something that I was, am and forever will be very proud of." Although Salem no longer has any out politicians, she realizes she made significant progress in demonstrating competence and political prowess for queers.

"Am I 'satisfied' with where we politically as a community are now? No," she said. "But that's because our potential always lies directly in front of us, and we need to take advantage of and create those opportunities for ourselves."

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR HONORED

Sue Hyde—director of Creating Change, the conference that will be held from Nov. 6 to 10 at the DoubleTree Jantzen Beach in Portland—has been named this year's recipient of the \$25,000 Stonewall Award. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's longest-serving staffer, she has been active in the sexual minorities community for more than 25 years.

"Sue has been the quintessential activist, committed to full equality for all GLBT people," executive director Lorri L. Jean said. "She's on the short list of the folks we think of when we

think about national GLBT leaders."

A native of Beardstown, Ill., Hyde began her professional involvement as the news editor of Boston's *Gay Community News*, at the time the only national queer weekly in the country. She left in 1985 to lead the Gay and Lesbian Defense Committee, where she was influential in overturning Massachusetts' ban against gay foster parents.

In 1986 Hyde joined NGLTF, where she ran a major national project to repeal sodomy laws. The next year she rallied more than 5,000 queer people to surround the U.S. Supreme Court and demand their right of privacy—to this day the largest organized civil disobedience action of the modern sexual minority movement.

To submit a workshop proposal visit the Internet site www.creatingchange.org.

COUNTY COMMEMORATES PRIDE

Multnomah County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey introduced a resolution June 13 proclaiming Portland Pride 2002.

"Our county is enriched by the unique experiences and diverse backgrounds of all members of our community," she said. "It is a pleasure to be joined today by some of the important organizations and community members that make a difference in all of our lives."

Multnomah County does not allow or condone practices of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Its establishment of a domestic partnership registry—a means by which unmarried, committed couples

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