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in 10 hands-on workshops and get practical advice on building their skills for careers in plumbing, electrical wiring, sheet metal work, carpentry, welding and more.

According to Oregon Tradeswomen executive director Connie Ashbrook, the state's high unemployment rate makes the need for the fair greater than ever. Journey-level women construction workers and mechanics can expect to earn \$22 to \$30 an hour—substantially more than their peers who work in traditionally female-dominated jobs such as retail sales, child care and cosmetology.

"Even in a poor economy, things still need to be repaired, especially buildings, bridges, roads and homes, so tradeswomen have marketable skills," Ashbrook said in a statement. "The opportunities are only going to get better from here. As the baby boomers start to retire, we'll see a growing demand for skilled workers, opening the door for women to enter the trades."

For more information call 503-335-8200, ext. 21, or visit www.tradeswomen.net.

LIVELY LOSES

A federal court April 18 ordered Boyd County High, which shut down all clubs last December to silence opposition to a Gay Straight Alliance, to let the GSA start meeting again. The Ashland, Ky., school had bowed to opposition from a group of ministers that included Scott Lively, former Oregon Citizens Alliance legal director.

"Anti-gay sentiment is rampant at this school," attorney David Friedman said. The ruling "rightfully recognized that the GSA serves the public interest by working to foster tolerance in a community that clearly needs it."

In a 47-page opinion, Judge David Bunning of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky noted several examples of harassment in the school, including students in an English class saying they needed to "take all the fucking faggots out in the backwoods and kill them."

During hearings held in March, attorneys argued that the Boyd County Board of Education's ban on all clubs in the district was an unconstitutional attempt to shut out students who sought to form the GSA and violated federal and state law. School officials claimed that disruption by people objecting to the GSA justified suspending the club.

"We are absolutely thrilled at this news," said Kaye King, the club's faculty adviser. "I cannot tell you how proud I am of these kids for standing up for their rights in such a hostile environment."



West Hollywood Mayor Pro Tem John Duran (left) introduces Trev Broudy during the GLAAD Media Awards on April 26 in Los Angeles; inset, Todd Haynes joins executive director Joan M. Garry on the red carpet

CHURCH NEEDS MERCHANDISE FOR RUMMAGE SALE

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland will hold its annual rummage sale from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 9 and 10 at 2400 N.E. Broadway.

People are encouraged to contribute merchandise for this fund-raiser, which benefits both the church and Esther's Pantry, a program providing food to Portlanders affected by HIV/AIDS. Donors will be given a receipt.

The sale usually includes a mixture of both new and used furniture, lawn and shop tools, kitchenware, collectibles, stuffed animals, books, compact discs, cassettes, towels, clothing, bedding and shoes. The church also will be offering an array of hanging flower baskets.

For more information call 503-281-8868, e-mail info@mcportland.com or visit www.mcportland.com.

QUEER ADOPTION WORKSHOPS OFFERED

"Through the Ages: Celebrating Adoption" is the theme of a May 10 confer-

ence for adoptive parents and professionals sponsored by Families with Children from China in cooperation with the Northwest Adoptive Families Association.

Among the nine workshops to be presented at Marylhurst University will be a session devoted to unique issues faced by sexual minorities. Portland attorney Sandra L. Hodgson will join a panel of adoptive parents and experienced professionals to discuss topics such as domestic and international adoption, surrogacy, donor insemination and queer family law.

"I think that people often don't know how to approach the adoption world," says Barbara Bond, a conference organizer and adoptive lesbian parent in a transracial family. "For the most part, it's dealing with generalized homophobia. You have to find an agency that's going to work with you and be respectful and inclusive."

Transracial adoption is a related focus of this year's gathering. Beth Hall and Gail

Steinberg, adoptive parents and authors of *Inside Transracial Adoption*, will provide the keynote address and lead a breakout session offering practical strategies to protect a child's cultural identity.

To register e-mail bibond@easystreet.com or visit www.fcc-oregon/events.html.

GLAAD HONORS OREGONIANS

Portlander Todd Haynes, director of the Oscar-nominated film *Far from Heaven*, was honored April 26 at the 14th annual Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Media Awards in Los Angeles. He was presented with the Stephen F. Kolzak Award, which honors openly queer members of the entertainment community for their outstanding contributions in combating homophobia.

"This is an amazing honor to me. I've always sort of considered myself someone



working very much in the margins, very much outside of the mainstream, free to experiment with narrative, with depictions of homosexuality and struggle and a lot of other themes as well. Not always committed to positive representations necessarily, but trying to really get down deep into the things that unify all of us," Haynes said in accepting the award. "I feel very proud to be part of the representation of the gay struggle in film, and it'll be something I'll continue to do."

Also at the ceremony was former University of Oregon student Trev Broudy, who spent nine days in a coma as a result of a hate-motivated attack last September in West Hollywood, Calif. The actor was hugging a friend goodbye when two men jumped him from behind. **JM**

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