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previously served as secretary of the National Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Centers and as a member of the California Attorney General's Commission on Hate Crimes. She is a resident of Northeast Portland and was recommended by Commissioner Erik Sten.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COLLECTING PHOTOS, WRITTEN MEMORIES OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

To mark the first anniversary of the 3,022 same-sex couples who were issued marriage licenses in March and April 2004, Multnomah County commissioners are collecting photos and written memories for display in the lobby of the Multnomah Building during March. The collection will then be turned over to the Oregon Historical Society and entered into its archives as a resource for future generations.

"In a tumultuous time full of legal uncertainty and strong emotions, it is important to take the time to remember the love that engulfed the county building last year, as same-sex couples realized their long-held dreams of marriage," Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey said.

Commissioner Serena Cruz added: "We stood up for people's rights a year ago. This project chronicles the difference that made for over 3,000 families."

Commissioner Lisa Naito said, "In our long march toward justice, we want history to have a complete record of the huge step we took last year to ensure equal rights for all."

Mary Ann Campbell, library director of the Oregon Historical Society, added: "The same-



Good luck smiled as the rain fell on Chris and Jeff Borne, celebrating their wedding day.

sex marriages of 2004 are clearly a significant chapter in Oregon history. We are excited to add these materials to our archives."

The Oregon Historical Society Research Library contains one of the country's most extensive collections of state history materials, including more than 12,000 linear feet of documents and more than 2.5 million photographic images. It also houses the Gay and Lesbian Archive of the Pacific Northwest.

Multnomah County issued marriage licenses to 3,022 same-sex couples between March 3 and April 20, 2004. Those marriages, while currently valid, are under legal challenge.

Photos and written memories can be submitted to: 2004 Wedding Album Project, Multnomah County, 501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. Suite 600, Portland, OR 97214. Questions about materials submission should be directed to Matthew Lashua at 503-988-6796.

CAP, ALBINA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE PARTNER FOR PRAYER SERVICE

The Balm in Gilead is a nonprofit organization with an international mission to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS throughout the African Diaspora by building the capacity of faith communities to provide services, education and support networks.

The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of HIV/AIDS—the first national, faith-based week of HIV/AIDS education and awareness highlighting the important role churches play in addressing the crisis—will be held from March 6 to 12.

Local observance of the week will take place 7:30 p.m. March 11 at Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 4236 N.E. Eighth Ave. The featured speaker will be the Rev. George Merriweather. The service is sponsored by the Albina Ministerial Alliance and co-sponsored by Cascade AIDS Project, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Portland chapter of The Links.

For more information call CAP at 503-223-2437.

CAP BENEFITS PLANNING WORKSHOP RESCHEDULED

Cascade AIDS Project has rescheduled a workshop on benefits planning for HIV-positive people from Feb. 14 to March 21.

Doug Zeh, certified benefits planner at the Oregon Advocacy Center, will discuss everything you want to know about Social Security disability benefits, how to calculate your benefits against your earned income, the Trial Work Period, the Ticket to Work and extended medical and prescription coverage.

"Positive Job Search" workshops take place from 11 a.m. to noon Mondays in Suite 300 at 620 S.W. Fifth Ave. Lunch is served.

For more information contact Lynn Wiles, Working Choices program coordinator, at 503-223-5907, ext. 215, or lwiles@cascadeaids.org.



Multnomah County commissioners announce their intention to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples

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