



Lisa Marie Roberts

According to investigators, the women had been living together in a domestic relationship for several months at a home in the 7800 block of Northeast 65th Avenue, where Roberts still resided. Public information officer Henry Groepper said it is the first female-on-female murder investigation he can recall at the Portland Police Bureau.

According to Larson, it could take up to a year before the case goes to trial. He could not provide further information because the investigation is ongoing.

AMENDMENT APPROVED

The United Way of the Columbia-Willamette no longer can receive money from the Multnomah County Charitable Giving Campaign, commissioners decided Sept. 5. The program allows county employees to support several nonprofits through payroll deductions.

Under an amendment proposed by Commissioners Maria Rojo de Steffey and Lisa Naito and approved unanimously, umbrella organizations and their member agencies now must comply with the county's nondiscrimination policy in order to participate in the campaign. Because the United Way continues to support the anti-gay Boy Scouts of America, it has become ineligible for funding.

Charities have until June 2004 "to get their act together," Rojo said, before the changes are enforced. About 10 percent of the county's 5,000 employees participate in the annual campaign, which raised \$116,000 last year.



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Salemites express themselves during Capitol Pride 2001

WOMAN ACCUSED OF STRANGLING PARTNER

A Portland woman was arrested Aug. 16 and charged with one count of murder in connection with the strangulation death of her female partner. Lisa Marie Roberts, 37, was lodged without bail in the Justice Center Jail and arraigned Aug. 19.

A woman discovered the naked body of 35-year-old Jerri Lee Williams on May 25 in a grassy area off the parking lot at Kelley Point Park. "I don't believe the murder took place at the park," Detective Mike Larson told *Just Out*.

CAPITOL PRIDE MAKES A GRAND RETURN

Capitol Pride—the Willamette Valley's premier gay, lesbian, bi and trans celebration—makes its return to downtown Salem on Sept. 13, 14 and 15.

A kick-off dinner will be held 7 p.m. Sept. 13 at the 300 Club, 300 Liberty Ave. SE. Keynote speaker Marcy Westerling of the Rural Organizing Project will discuss the importance of grassroots efforts to defeat anti-gay measures, and Salem Mayor Mike Swaim and Oregon Gov. John

Kitzhaber will receive awards for their support.

The Capitol Pride festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 14 at Millrace Park. It will feature speakers from a wide variety of local, statewide and national nonprofit organizations.

Entertainers include the folk duo Pam and Maggie, songstress Kate Sullivan, the diversity group Shout Out, Confluence: The Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus, Catholic Schoolgirls, belly dancers and a drum circle. Oregon's top drag queens—representing Portland,

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