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out e-mails and takes them to her mother, who "thoroughly enjoys reading them."

For more information or to send "messages of love," contact Susie Shepherd at 503-286-1752, 503-249-8400 or traskgirl@aol.com.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Senior Housing and Retirement Enterprises: A GLBT Coalition is asking for help from the sexual minorities community in tracking down seniors to fill out a survey.

Organizers need a broad spectrum of opinions and data covering all income levels and retirement needs and wants. They hope to reach elder shut-ins and isolated seniors through referrals.

SHARE started handing out the survey at Portland Pride 2002 in June. Its goal is to receive 1,000 responses by the end of summer 2003.

The coalition meets from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at Friendly House, 1737 N.W. 26th Ave. The next gathering will be held Sept. 24.

For more information call 503-286-3575.

SALEM CELEBRATES PRIDE

Attendance was up at Salem's Capitol Pride 2002, according to chairwoman Dani Leis.

Marcy Westerling, Rural Organizing Project executive director, delivered the keynote address during a dinner Sept. 13. The event also honored Salem Mayor Mike Swaim, who "gave a very moving speech...about his own experiences with homophobia and how he overcame them," Leis said.



From left, the Rev. Keli Kree conducts a commitment ceremony Sept. 15 for Lori Kramer, Desirée Rudder, Jeanna McCallister and Tami Perry at Capitol Pride 2002

The weekend included a festival Sept. 14 at Millrace Park as well as a picnic and public commitment ceremony Sept. 15 at the Oregon State Capitol. Organizers raised almost \$1,000 for three charities: the Lifeline Project, which provides HIV/AIDS services and prevention education; Rainbow Youth, a support group for queer kids and their friends; and H.O.M.E., a Salem youth shelter.

SALEM POLICE SPONSOR FORUM

The Salem Police Department again will be sponsoring a forum to discuss any new issues of concern to the gay, lesbian, bi and trans

community at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 24. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Salem Senior Center, 1055 Erixon St. NE.

For more information call Lt. Dan Cary at 503-588-6155.

TRAINING AXED

Because of city budget cuts, trans activist Lori Buckwalter no longer will be working as a licensed diversity trainer for the Portland Police Bureau's basic and advanced academies, the Sexual Minorities Roundtable announced Sept. 7. The executive director of It's Time, Oregon! told *Just Out* she is disappointed in the decision.



The Golden Pioneer listens in as Confluence: The Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus performs

"It's difficult for us to bridge this gap between the police and the community sometimes because we feel we can't communicate in a way that won't be confrontational...but that doesn't have to be the case," she said. "Opening those lines of communication in a nonjudgmental way is very important, and that was a big part of the training."

Buckwalter conducted the one-hour training sessions two to four times a year. She tried to sensitize officers who were transferring to Portland from elsewhere about the city's unique community policing atmosphere.

"We have high expectations for our relations with the bureau," she said. "The status quo in other places doesn't work here."

Buckwalter said she hopes the bureau reconsiders its decision to hire future diversity trainers internally instead of seeking outside input from somebody who is gay, lesbian, bi or trans. "I think they need to hear communication from the community." **J**

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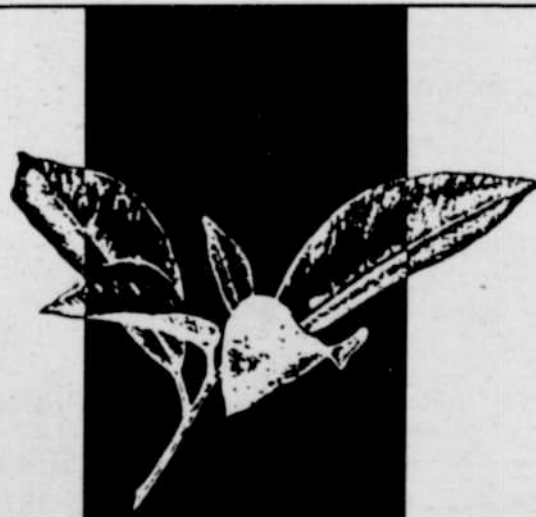
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