



Misha Rockefeller crowns Eric Rockefeller and Chastity Creation as Mr. and Miss Sweethearts of Portland during the 13th annual Sweethearts Ball on Feb. 11 at Darcelle XV Showbar

ANNUAL SWEETHEARTS BALL SETS RECORD

The 13th annual Sweethearts Ball, "Valentines from Around the World," raised a record \$5,817 for the People with AIDS Foundation. The event, sponsored by the Sweethearts of Portland Inc., was held Feb. 11 at Darcelle XV Showbar.

Dave Christensen of Cascade AIDS Project was presented with the Doug Bob Carrington Caregiver of the Year Award. He was recognized because of his work doing outreach and HIV prevention.

Eric Rockefeller and Chastity Creation were named Mr. and Miss Sweethearts of Portland. Six candidates competed for the title.

The People with AIDS Foundation provides emergency HIV services, housing supplies, clothing, internment and family support for HIV clients and their families.

The Sweethearts of Portland Inc. provides resources, support and contribution for charitable organizations. Since 1989, the non-profit organization has raised tens of thousands of dollars for local and international charities.

GARVEY CASE DISMISSED

A lawsuit filed by Portland Police Capt. Mike Garvey against the city and former Chief Charles Moose has been dismissed by a federal court.

He claimed he was demoted because he is gay and was embarrassed by leaks to the media during an investigation about his conduct. A U.S. magistrate judge cited lack of evidence when he handed down his decision to dismiss the case Feb. 7.

In 1996, Garvey was accused of paying male escorts for sex. Although a grand jury ultimately decided not to indict, he did receive an 18-day suspension for violating the bureau's standard of conduct.

Stephen Houze, Garvey's attorney, told *Just Out* he couldn't make any statements on the case.

HIV NEWSLETTER RECEIVES GRANT

The HIV Positive Newsletter recently received a \$4,000 grant from the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation.

The newsletter provides people living with HIV a forum for the discussion of issues and concerns regardless of viewpoint or geographic location. It includes a calendar of HIV-related meetings and timely information regarding changing services, policies and fiscal dynamics of Oregon service providers and government agencies.

To reach editor Ron Robertson or for more information send e-mail to virtually_gay@geocities.com.

PORTLAND POLICE END RELATIONSHIP WITH SCOUTS

The Portland Police Bureau has terminated its relationship with the Learning for Life Program, a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America, because of the Scouts' policy allowing discrimination against gays.

The Portland Police Explorers is a program for youth between 16 and 21 interested in law enforcement careers. The Learning for Life Program brings youth together with working professionals to acquaint them with a variety of career options.

The Explorers program has been renamed the Police Cadet Program and will continue under the umbrella of the Police Activity League.

The bureau's decision to distance itself from the Scouts came after Mayor Vera Katz had the city attorney's office take a closer look at the

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