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submitted formally Feb. 25, then sent to staff for a report.

If the ordinance has no major problems, Renfro said the council likely will set a hearing date for sometime in April. He is confident it will pass, especially since conservative Glenn Wheeler resigned Feb. 4.

The *Statesman Journal* asked Lon Mabon, Oregon Citizens Alliance chairman, for his thoughts on the proposal. Not surprisingly, he said there should not be a legally sanctioned right to have homosexual sex.

"They already have the same civil rights as the rest of us do," Mabon told the newspaper. "They don't need their sexual orientation protected."

For more information call Cary Renfro at 503-363-6036 or Marilyn Johnston at 503-588-6261.

## SALEM POLICE SPONSOR SECOND FORUM

The Salem Police Department will sponsor a second forum for the sexual minorities community Feb. 27.

It will build on topics brought forward in a meeting last month as well as any new issues of concern to gay, lesbian, bi and trans people. The forum will start 6:30 p.m. at the Salem Senior Center, 1055 Erixon St. NE.

Cary Renfro of the Salem Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission is pleased with the progress that has been made so far. "It is excellent to see the responsiveness of the police department to this issue, especially the support received from Lt. [Dan] Cary, the liaison from the police to our commission," he said.

For more information call 503-588-6230.

## PREVENT PAPERWORK PROCRASTINATION

Did you make a new year's resolution to finally get around to all of that paperwork you keep meaning to get done? The Eugene chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is playing host to a user-friendly workshop that will help you keep that promise.

Attorney Ellen Adler explains wills, trusts, medical and financial documents—how they work, why they're crucial at all income levels and how to lower your stress by taking care of them now. The free workshop starts 6:45 p.m. Feb. 18 at First Congregational Church, 1050 E. 23rd St.

For more information call 541-302-4422.

## COLUMBIA COUNTY CITIZENS CELEBRATE HUMAN DIGNITY

The Columbia County Citizens for Human Dignity raised almost \$5,000 during an awards event Jan. 26 at St. Frederic Parish in St. Helens. About 200 people—including a county commissioner, a circuit court judge and representatives of all walks of life from housewives to college professors—were treated to a performance by Pink Martini's Thomas Lauderdale.

Board member Marjorie Kundiger was "surprised to see how the beautiful decorations transformed a gymnasium into a

promlike setting, giving a special quality to the entire evening.... Thomas Lauderdale's music was so powerful and brought out emotions I hadn't expected to feel."

Nancy Federici, who was also a member of the dinner host committee, was thrilled with the outcome. "It was a very high-class event for St. Helens people to enjoy. I was especially pleased that St. Helens High School and Scappoose High School catering students were involved. It was an excellent way for these young people to witness justice at work and be a part of it."

The organization also took the opportunity to acknowledge the work of people who have upheld human dignity in the region. Wren Christopher, a kindergarten teacher at Warren Grade School, and the AIDS Prevention Team of Columbia County received plaques in honor of their efforts.

Event organizer Ellen Lager was pleased that the group is helping residents "realize it's cool to be progressive." She and her family and friends who attended "had a wonderful time and will definitely be there next year."

For more information call 503-543-8417 or write to P.O. Box 1350, Scappoose, OR 97056.

## BALL RAISES MONEY FOR CAMP STARLIGHT

A packed crowd of lovers and friends alike watched the crowning of the 14th Mr. and Miss Sweethearts of Portland, Rod Rockafeller and Ifeelya Right, during the "Candyland" ball Feb. 10 at Darcelle XV Showbar.

Established in 1989, the Sweethearts of Portland assists in raising funds and support for sexual minority organizations. The nonprofit has raised tens of thousands of dollars for groups including the Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund, Princess Diana Fund, Tijuana AIDS Foundation, Friends of People with AIDS Foundation, Esther's Pantry, Bradley-Angle House and Our House.

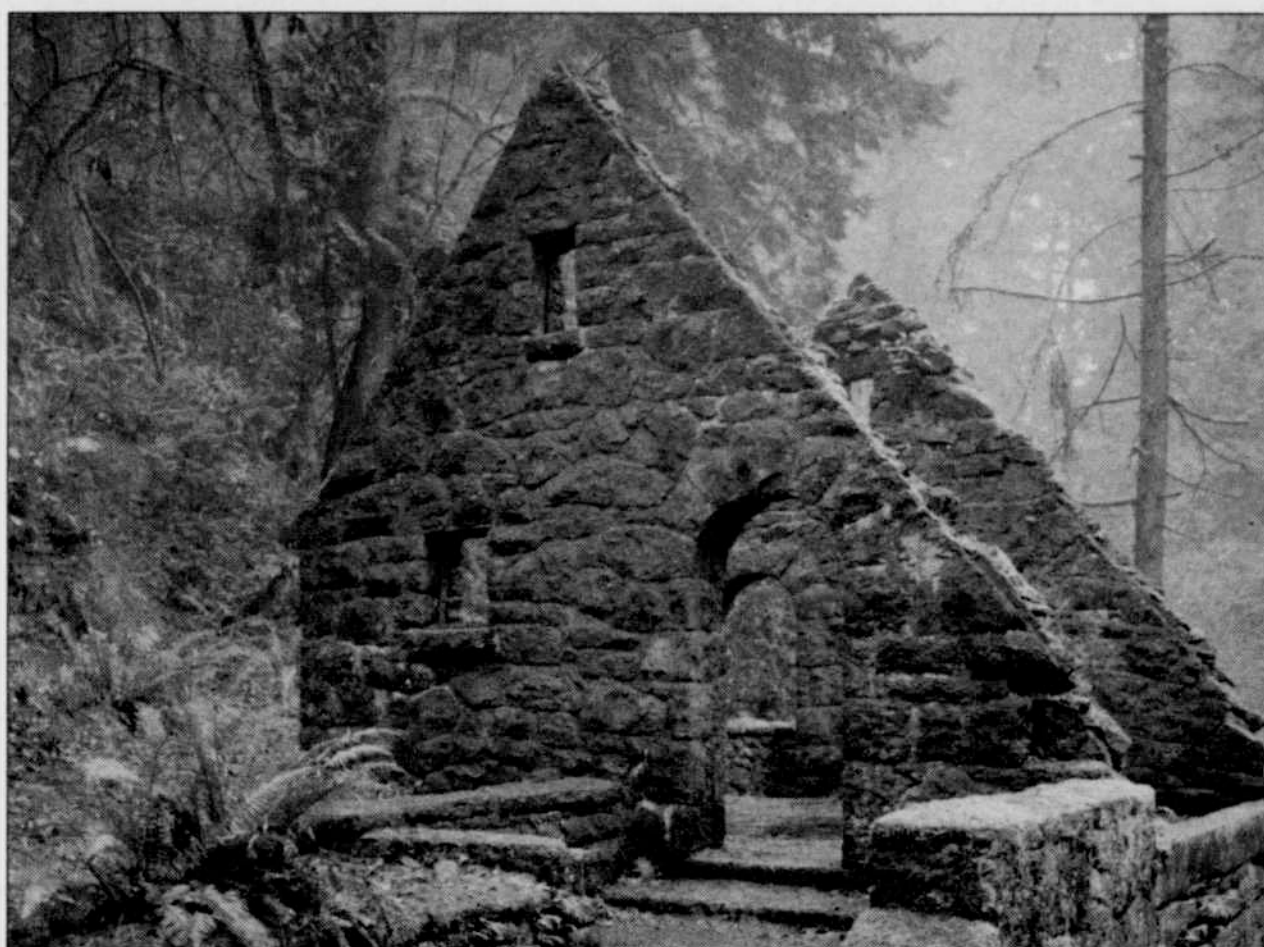
This year's ball raised \$7,075.75 for Camp Starlight, which provides services for kids living with HIV. Eight contestants sold raffle tickets, with prizes ranging from dinners to a Xerox printer.

The winners were crowned by outgoing Mr. and Miss Sweethearts of Portland Erik Rockafeller and Chastity Frustration. They raised thousands of dollars during several events throughout the year, including a Kissing Booth at Pride 2001. ☐

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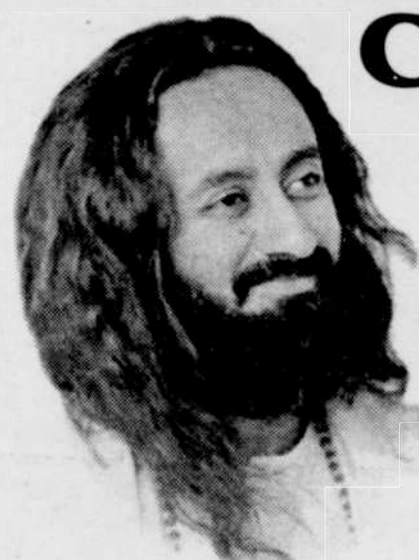
AIDS Prevention Team of Columbia County members Gracie Slosky and Pam Powell display the plaque they received Jan. 26



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