

# TRAVEL

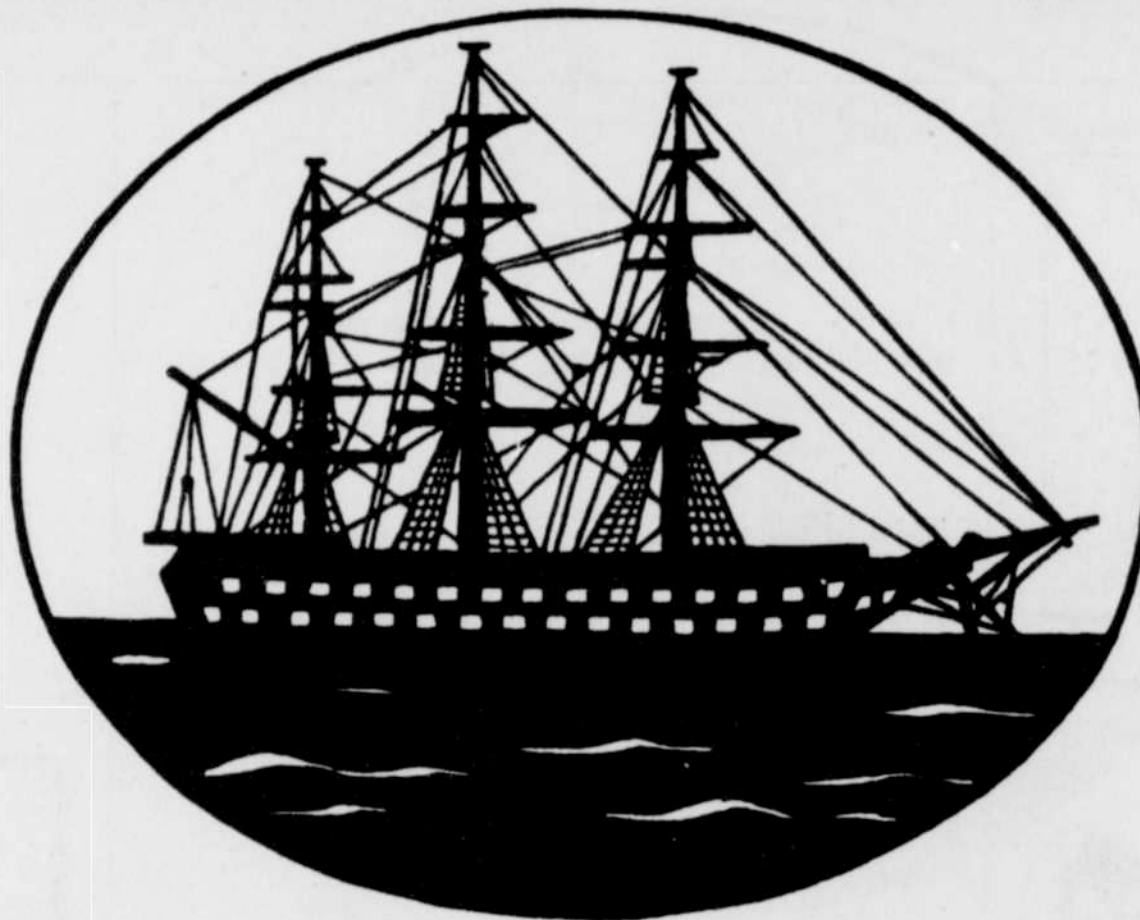
by David Brewer

Trying to keep on top of the airlines (so to speak) is an ongoing battle. Everyone is always trying to outdo the competition by cutting rates, flying to different locations, changing meal service, and of course — they are all going broke doing all of the above; however, with the airlines that are still flying there are some very good fares available at the present time but, alas, changes and, God forbid, strikes are likely at any moment. Listed below are current airfares as of November 15, 1983 — certain rules and restrictions may apply.

## DOMESTIC

|                         |          |
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| Portland/Seattle        |          |
| Roundtrip               | \$48.00  |
| 1-way                   | \$24.00  |
| Portland/Vancouver B.C. |          |
| Roundtrip               | \$110.00 |
| Portland/Las Vegas      |          |
| Roundtrip               | \$250.00 |
| 1-way                   | \$125.00 |
| Portland/Los Angeles    |          |
| Roundtrip               | \$200.00 |
| Portland/Chicago        |          |
| Roundtrip               | \$299.00 |
| Portland/New York City  |          |
| Roundtrip               | \$300.00 |
| Portland/Honolulu       |          |
| Roundtrip               | \$398.00 |

There are too many to list. This is just a quick sampling of the fares du jour.



## Gay Winter Carnival December 9-12

The winter carnival is a collection of arts, crafts, boys and girls and the mood of a renaissance fair. This year the Lost World Resort will be hosting this function. A little info on **Lost World**. It boasts a very good restaurant, snack shop, disco, piano bar, video bar, exercise room with Jacuzzi, a

9-hole golf course, 4 swimming pools, 5 tennis courts, and acres and acres of private fenced area to play as one sees fit. So if you tie all this together with sunshine, nice people, adventure, and friends, I think this will be a great weekend get-a-way. Besides, have you looked out the window today? According to my trusty computer, it's 80 degrees, clear, no wind, and of course sunny... Palm Springs, here we come!

## All Gay Cruise for Men and Women January 30-Feb 6 Out Of Nassau On The Yankee Trader.

The ship holds 84 passengers and a crew of 26. Price ranges from about \$500.00 to \$550.00 per person on a share basis. Some of the passengers from the Rose City will stop in Key West (which just elected a gay mayor) to loosen up prior to the sailing. If you are concerned about being on a ship and being seasick — don't be. With this modern way of life there are many remedies that can be purchased that will almost eliminate this terrible feeling — I know; I get deathly ill when I go salmon fishing. But with Transderm-V you have protection against motion sickness for approximately 72 hours per dose.

## Christmas Holiday Reservations

A word to the wise — book 'em early! Book those Christmas and holiday reservations now!

There are very few reservations to be had for anywhere that the sun shines. And if you're going to Mom and Dad's in Topeka — space is really tight. Do not wait until the last minute, as all the flights will be sold out. And you will pay a premium price to get home for the holidays.

# MONEY

## Year-end tax planning

by Diana Plunkett

December 31 closes off your opportunities, as a calendar year taxpayer, for 1983 tax planning. In January it is too late to decide upon the tax treatment of prior transactions. More important, it closes off your opportunity to coordinate the two tax years — 1983 and 1984 — to your best tax advantage.

During November and December it is the time to decide whether or not you are going to itemize and how to make your deductions work for you. It is the time to determine the

making of such payments as interest, taxes, charitable contributions, medical expenses, and employee business expenses in the current year or to defer such payments until the next year.

Keep in mind, the federal tax law gives each individual a flat deduction known as the zero bracket amount. The Zero bracket amount for a single person and heads of households is \$2300. Only if your itemized deductions exceed your zero bracket amount are you permitted to deduct the excess.

The following are items to look for when deciding whether or not to itemize.

- State withholding and estimated tax payments. Additional state estimated tax payments may be made in 1983 to decrease this year's federal tax liability.
- Property Taxes. Pay full year's payment November 15 or defer until January 1 if not itemizing this year.
- Interest. Interest you pay on your home, car, charge accounts, personal loans, etc.
- Donations to charitable organizations.

Including donations to Goodwill and The Salvation Army.

- Medical expenses. Though limited under current law.
- Accounting and Tax Preparation fees.
- Job seeking expenses.
- Job related expenses. Union dues, professional organizations and publications, continuing education, tools, calculators, briefcases, etc.

Decide now and take advantage of year-end tax planning. Save tax dollars \$\$\$.

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for men and women

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sailing out of Nassau

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