

Don't worry chief,
I will be all right.

Valentino

**ROSE CITY
VETERINARY
HOSPITAL**

809 SE POWELL BLVD
232-3105

Woodstock Animal Hospital
4835 SE Woodstock Blvd.
Portland, OR 97206
www.vcaantech.com

\$30 OFF FOR NEW CLIENTS
Feb/March are dental months
20% OFF
dental cleanings

Through 3/31

VCA
Animal Hospitals

WESTOVER HEIGHTS
C L I N I C

Offering general internal
medicine and excelling
in sexual health care

Serving the community for 22 years

2330 NW Flanders
Suite 207
503-226-6678

Mid-Century Modern

Furniture • Housewares & Lighting • Vintage Clothing

4722 SE Hawthorne Blvd. • 503-230-2620
www.hawthornevintagepdx.com

Open 7 days/week 11-6 Extended Spring/Summer Hours: Friday 12-7

HAWTHORNE VINTAGE

**MindBuck
Media**
mindbuck@gmail.com
503.998.8770

mindbuckmedia.com

Creative Boutique Marketing for Creative Endeavors

Pssst...
Mention this Ad and Get a Free Consultation

world

**ASIA/PACIFIC
Sydney Mardi Gras Biggest Ever**

Organizers said Sydney's 30th gay Mardi Gras parade held March 1 was the biggest ever. The one-mile spectacle attracted 10,000 participants, 150 floats and hundreds of thousands of spectators.

A contingent of 200 "78ers," people who marched in the first parade in 1978, drew raucous applause. That first parade ended in a clash with police and 50 arrests.

Other contingents of note included official en-

accused of engaging in sodomy, even though in nearly all the cases that have been publicized the people were accused of other crimes as well, such as rape.

The organization has said it suspects that other charges often are tacked on to sodomy cases to prevent the public outrage that would accompany executions carried out solely for the crime of consensual adult gay sex. It also believes executions solely for gay sex are taking place out of the public eye.

"Our suspicions [are] that their current practice really is to rid society of lesbians and gay men," the commission said in July.

HIV Cases Set Record in Japan

Japan saw more than 1,000 new HIV cases in 2007, the first time the tally has crossed that threshold.

The Ministry of Health and Labor counted 1,048 new infections, bringing the total for all years to 9,392, according to *Gay Japan News*.

About 93 percent of the new cases were in men, and at least 70 percent involved gay sex.

"It is urgent that we should develop our support, counseling and medical care systems further in accordance with local needs and situations," said Aikichi Iwamoto, chairman of the ministry's AIDS Trends Committee.



Iranian Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi is a target of Iran's state-run media after speaking out against the mistreatment of gays.

tries by the New South Wales Police Force and the Australian Defense Force as well as a group of some 100 Christian pastors who marched to "apologize" for past treatment of sexual minority people by Christian churches.

Mardi Gras pumps an estimated \$42 million into the local economy.

Iranian Nobel Laureate Denounces Treatment of Gays

Iranian Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi expressed regrets over her nation's treatment of gays in a speech at Madrid's Cultural Center in mid-February, according to the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.

"This is the first time she openly addresses the issue of legal persecution of homosexuality in Iran," said International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission spokesman Hossein Alizadeh. "The state-run Iranian media are now out to get her, accusing her of promoting immorality."

The commission has become increasingly vocal in the past year about Iran's ongoing executions of teens and men

**EUROPE
Brit Tory MP to Enter Civil Partnership**

A senior member of Parliament for Britain's Conservative Party will be the first Tory MP to enter a same-sex civil

partnership.

Alan Duncan, who has been in Parliament since 1992, will tie the knot with James Dunseath, spokesman for London's financial futures exchange, this summer at the Westminster register office in London.



Conservative member of British Parliament Alan Duncan will enter into a civil partnership this summer in London.