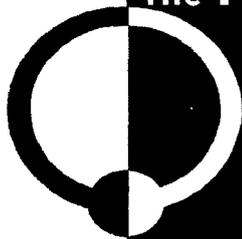


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## California Legislation Update!

California Assemblywoman Valerie Brown's office has again succeeded in passing a body piercing health and safety regulation bill passed through the Assembly. John Casey, legislative aid to Valerie Brown, feels very confident the bill will pass Governor Wilson's desk this time around.

Currently the proposed bill (AB186) has passed stages one and two, the Assembly Health Committee and the Appropriations Committee. On the last attempt to submit this bill, no Republicans voted for the bill and it was shot down.

This is Assemblywoman Brown's third attempt to pass this bill. If passed, the law will require licensing for a body piercing, cosmetic tattooing, or tattooing studio to operate in the state of California. Brown's bill will be combined with Republican George Runner-sponsored AB99, Assembly Bill 99 will require that if you are under 18 years of age you must have parental consent or a legal guardian present or a notarized consent note before being pierced. Now with the Republican votes coming through, Mr. Casey feels that once the Bill gets to Governor Wilson's desk it will finally be signed.

Once the Bill is passed, a committee will be set up consisting of representatives from the piercing, tattooing, and medical industry, along

with the Department of Health. This committee will then write fair, minimal and enforceable health and safety regulations.

John Casey stresses that the only thing lacking is strong documentation showing that improper body piercing causes a threat to the public's safety. This opposition comes from the Health Department, which never looks forward to enforcing more rules; I guess they are a bit busy. So what we will need to prove our point is more documentation. Send us pictures and written documentation of problems that have occurred from piercings being performed under non-hygienic circumstances or improper aftercare instructions being given to piercees. Please submit pictures and documentation this will help to lead the way to a safer and more stable future for us all. Assemblywoman Brown's office can be reached via John Casey at

[caseyjw@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:caseyjw@assembly.ca.gov)

California often leads the way for other states to follow. We hope that once this Bill passes the rest of Country will follow. Don't let us miss another chance to protect our clients from dangerous piercing practices!

—Gahdi

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## 1997 APP Fundraiser Raffle

Body Jewelry totaling \$3500 & Medical supplies totaling \$1500 were donated by many prominent body jewelry, piercing, and medical suppliers. Over 35 prizes were awarded. The drawing was held at the APP meeting in Orlando Florida May 20, 1997. We would like to graciously thank all those who donated: Industrial Strength, Anatometal, GoJo (Provon), Hardware, Exotic Body, Steal, Gauntlet inc, Body Circle, Pleasurable Piercings, Sine Qua Non, and many others. All proceeds will be used to empower our industry! For those who'd like to try their luck next year, You need not be present at the May Meeting to win!

—Gahdi Elias  
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## Fundraising Phonecards Now Available!

Don't miss out on your chance to collect this limited edition phone card! The card is State of the Art and entitles you to a 10% discount at any APP member studio. Proceeds will be used to print and distribute our procedural manual to Public Health Officials in every state.

Call Kent Fazekas at (317) 259-1950 or email him at fazekas@indy.net



# Ohio Legislative Update!

Ohio will soon have legislation that has some meat to it. Bill #25 which has already passed through committee, will soon be expected to be ratified. The Bill has the following major components:

It requires that any business that offers body piercing or tattooing must pass an inspection by the Board of Health.

It prohibits any person from offering any such service without the board's approval. Performing any such service in violation of safety and sanitation standards adopted under the bill, or performing them on a minor without consent of the minor's parent, guardian, or custodian, imposes criminal penalties for a violation.

Requires the Public Health Council to adopt rules specifying safety and sanitation standards for body piercing and tattooing.

Prohibits minors from obtaining or attempting to obtain body piercing or tattooing services.

Prohibits an individual from knowingly furnishing false information.

All business that offers piercing and tattooing must have an autoclave, and perform weekly spore testing and keep them on hand for 2 years.

Requires that all ear piercing guns be sterilized with the use of appropriate chemical solutions. (I tried to get tougher legislation, but this was the best I could do, however I am still trying)

All individuals who perform body piercing and tattooing must be trained. (We are still working out this point)

The Board of Health must conduct one inspection of all businesses performing piercing and tattooing per year.

All businesses that want to remain in opera-

tion must pass the inspection within 90 days of when the bill is passed.

There are other minor components to the bill, but these are the main ones. The bill has truly divided the piercing and tattoo salons in Columbus. After addressing the committee and talking to other piercing salons who were present at the public hearing, I thought "great maybe things will not be so cut-throat" but I was wrong. It didn't take even a week before salons started coming out and telling customers that they already passed inspection, before the bill has passed.

The bill passed through committee without much conflict. The major debate was between the Board of Health and the Cosmetology Board. The Board of Health wanted no part of this bill and tried to get it pushed on to the Hair Burner Board, but the Chairman of the Committee came out stating that "The Board of Health would be the one to oversee the Bill." You can see who won out!

By the time you read this I will have met with Rep. Lucas regarding the bill one last time to see if I can get some other changes made. Even if I don't get any further changes, I am happy with what Ohio has put together in this Bill.

Wish us luck with the passing of Bill #25.

—Pat

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## 1997 Open Meeting

The second Annual May Open Meeting, held in Orlando, Florida, was by all accounts a smashing success! Our hosts at the Orlando Airport Renaissance Hotel deserve a very big thank you for their gracious and professional service! We are particularly grateful to Jackie Rhodey and Kim Cagle of Banquet Services, who made our space perfect for a smooth meeting!

Many people arrived early to play at Epcot,

the Magic Kingdom, Daytona Beach, and Gatorland (son!). Monday morning kicked off with Red Cross CPR certification, followed by a very informative certifying class in OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens/Universal Precautions standards and a slide presentation and talk by Canada's Dr. Martin Goldstein, a dentist specializing in implants who also pierces.

Tuesday started off with a presentation from Susan Preston, still the only liability insurance provider to our industry (thank you Susan!) and a powerful, extremely educational anatomy slide presentation from Dr. Jack Ward, an oncologist and piercer from Louisiana. Dr. Jack's presentation was very well-received and we look forward to his presentation next year!

After lunch, the main meeting began. The meeting was full of information (minutes to run next Point), including a presentation on latex allergies from rec.arts.bodyart's Anne Greenblatt, a discussion with Paul Fell, Chairman of the National Body Art Regulation Committee, announcement of changes in the Board (see details this issue), introduction of the new European APP board members, and the ever-popular raffle! The meeting was notable this year for a real sense of participation from all present, and a warmth of connection that was felt in the room. We are building something special and we're so pleased to see it growing each year!

After the meeting, we adjourned to the hotel's pool. Those interested in networking, looking for an apprenticeship or piercing position, shook hands at an informal meet and greet, while the jewelry manufacturers had a very successful and groundbreaking meeting to discuss standards for the manufacturing industry. Look for a manufacturer's column in the next Points!

By Wednesday, the intensity of the Meeting was visibly taking its toll, but we bravely pressed on to attend a Red Cross First Aid certification (Nicole, the primary instructor, said that we were the only group she'd ever taught where

everyone passed!), a grounding and bedside manner workshop led by Michaela's mother Carol Phelan, LMT, and a very informative workshop on Independent Contracting led by David Vidra and Curt Warren.

The response to the three-day format with meetings was overwhelmingly positive, and we welcome any suggestions for next year's workshops. If you have a topic you'd like covered at next year's meetings, please contact any Board member!

As for the sticky question of next year's meeting location: The vote came in 17 Las Vegas, 18 Hawaii, and 19 New Orleans. We followed with a show of hands which determined New Orleans. Almost immediately, however, we began to hear grumblings of dissent, so we plan to mail all attendees of the meeting and all APP business members a voting slip to get the decisive answer to the question.

—Michaela Grey  
Gauntlet, Inc.  
San Francisco, CA

## More on Sterile Gloves

Whenever the subject of sterile gloves comes up in this forum, it is usually shot down according to the price difference between sterile and nonsterile latex exam gloves. The difference can be made up for by preparing sterile gloves in your own studio. Latex gloves, folded with the cuff over the body of the glove, CAN be run through an autoclave—it is only necessary to change the settings to run at 260° for 10-15 minutes.

The gloves are unaffected by the dry cycle, although powdered gloves can become sticky—powder congeals in the fingertips. The powder must be removed from the gloves before using on a client. We utilize a sterile handwipe impregnated with synergistic alcohol compounds (eg Discide or Madacide). It's better to

use unpowdered gloves, though.

As it has been stated, sterile gloves are not magical. The true advantage to using sterile gloves only becomes evident when paired with proper technique. The use of sterile gloves is irrelevant without a strong understanding of cross-contamination.

Procedures for sterile gloves

1.) Wash and dry hands. Don mask if required.

a. Masks prevent the introduction of contaminants from or to mouth.

Masks should be on or off, not dangling around the neck. Dangling masks allow bacteria which has been filtered into the mask to dry and become airborne. Masks should be donned and removed by touching the strings only to reduce cross-contamination. Masks should be changed between clients, or if they become moist.

b. Perform 3 to 10 minute handwash. Remove rings, watches, jewelry, nailpolish—sources that can harbor bacteria.

c. Wet hands and arms from elbows to fingertips under flowing water. It is preferable to use sinks with side or footpedal. Clean from least to most dirty.

d. Place antibacterial soap on hands and rub vigorously for 15 to 30 seconds; use disposable scrub brush gently. Do not abrade skin. Create friction to remove microorganisms. Use warm water—it has lower surface tension than cold. Soap lowers surface tension of water and emulsifies oils.

e. Scrub all skin areas: joints, fingernails, between fingers.

f. Rinse hands from fingers to elbows. Wash from cleanest to least clean areas.

g. Dry hands with sterile towel moving from fingers to wrist. Dry hands from cleanest to least clean areas.

h. Turn off faucet with foot pedal or towel. Prevent the recontamination of hands.

2. Don exam gloves to set up tray. Open prep/markng materials.

3. Reglove with exam gloves.

4. Prep/mark until satisfactory.

5. Dispose of prep setup (encapsulating within the gloves worn.)

6. Reglove with exam gloves. Open sterile packaging.

a. Open packages outer flap away from you. Prevent reaching over exposed sterile materials.

b. Use inside of package to form sterile field.

7. Remove and discard exam gloves as well as any excess packaging. Prevent field contamination.

8. Don sterile gloves.

a. Do not touch body of glove. Pick up one glove by cuff and slip fingers of other hand into glove. Pull glove over hand. Place gloved hand inside remaining glove. Slide hand into glove and pull cuff over hand and wrist. As always, do not touch skin, hair, or clothing with gloved hands.

b. Pull gloves securely over fingers and adjust fit using one gloved hand to fix the other.

c. After gloving, move to equipment and begin piercing.

Possible advantages to using sterile gloves

1. less noticeable swelling of piercings due to contaminants.

2. Decreased incidence of contact dermatitis from glove powder (surgical grade talc or cornstarch, impregnated with latex proteins)

Possible disadvantages to using sterile gloves

1. Extra time spent preparing packages for sterilization (up to 15 minutes per day)

2. Cost (up to 20 cents extra per package)

Tips

1. package 2 pairs per bag

2. Wrap each pair in paper barrier

— Jeff Martin/Rene Martin  
Outreach Coordinator  
Rites of Ascension/Obscurities  
Dallas, TX

# Our Gratitude!

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the A.P.P. to thank the following people for their support to the A.P.P.

Al D. has been more than helpful with his dedication to the A.P.P.. Al, you were the first person to donate money while the A.P.P. was raising money to buy the new A.P.P. phone cards AND you have returned the most money out of anyone, selling more than 20 cards at this point. Your work as OSHA Liaison has been remarkable! Keep up the great work. We love you Al!

Dave Vidra, you have donated so much of your time lately working with health officials across the country in promoting health and safety for professional body piercing. You are truly carrying out the A.P.P.'s mission and I can only imagine your phone bill for the number of phone calls you make on behalf of the A.P.P.. I have to mention also the wonderful job you've been doing with the A.P.P. Procedural Manual. The positive impact you're having educating the Health/Medical industry is outstanding!

Pat McCarthy is donating T-shirts yet again this year for the big May meeting! The amount of money this is saving the A.P.P. is well over several hundred dollars. Thank you Pat!

Brian Skellie has been doing a great job selling those A.P.P. phone cards. He has sold over 20 cards at this point! You're up there with Al D.! Great work Brian!

Michaela Grey. Words cannot express the amount of gratitude the A.P.P. has for you. The amount of work you have put forth toward the A.P.P. is remarkable. As chairperson of the A.P.P. your work load is enormous, and I can only imagine the amount of time per day you donate to the A.P.P. (I may be finding out real soon) You have a very pure heart Michaela and your actions show that you truly believe in the A.P.P.'s mission. We love you Michaela.

Gadhi Elias has traveled to many places as a spokes person for the A.P.P. in support of regu-

lating professional body piercing. Many days have been spent away from his piercing studio and family. Your time and energy is appreciated Gadhi.

Crystal Cross is responsible for bringing the A.P.P.'s mission to other countries. By reaching out to piercers in other countries, trying to raise the safety standards of professional body piercing across the world, is a noble mission. Thank you Crystal.

Dominique Minchelli has been responsible for raising the safety standards in Paris. Also, Dominique has been attending almost every A.P.P. meeting here in the States. Your devotion to the A.P.P. is outstanding!

There are many others that need to be mentioned. Jeff Martin has shown a true commitment to the APP. His frequent, well-researched contributions to the Point are much-needed. Thanks also for the new APP T-shirt design, Jeff!

Greg Dinkens has shown remarkable love toward the APP. And Curt Warren should be mentioned as the Information Absorbing King! (sniff, sniff, board position?) Drew Lewis has been keeping the APP's archives. And of course, Derek Lowe, the keeper of the r.a.b. FAQ. Great work Derek!

Now, I'm sure there are several people that I've forgotten to mention. If you're one of the many who have donated your time, money and energy to the APP, I thank you from the core of my heart.

Sincerely,

—Kent Fazekas  
Outgoing Treasurer  
Incoming Chair  
Body Accents  
Indianapolis, IN

## Anesthetics: Helpful or Hurtful?

One of the questions asked most frequently by piercees is whether or not we use an anesthetic. The answer is usually NO. This answer is often met with shock, particularly by those individuals pierced in the UK where anesthetics are routinely administered. Our non-use of anesthetics, among other technical aspects, has led to some debate over a "British" school of piercing versus an "American" school.

The methods that have been developed over nearly 20 years, and are continuing to develop, place special emphasis on maximum comfort for every piercee. To this end we utilize breathing techniques, patience, and a soothing bedside manner. While we take as much time and care as is necessary to properly place and install jewelry, the piercings themselves rarely last longer than a second. However desirable an anesthetic may appear, our first priority is sterility and accuracy, both of which can be severely compromised by the introduction of a numbing agent. Professional studios should strive to create a clean, legitimate, public, and accessible environment.

The story of the two "schools of thought" can be traced back over 20 years. The "European" school traces its roots to England's Mr. Sebastien, and the "American" school to Doug Malloy and his primary protege Jim Ward (Gauntlet's founder). Inevitably there has been a degree of crossover of information and technique, but there remain many features unique to each "school." So why don't most American piercers use anesthetics?

Over the counter topical anesthetics are available and legal for use—but only for the purchaser of the product. To apply the cream or ointment in a professional setting, during a procedure for which money has been accepted, may lead to serious legal problems. This may be con-

strued in a court of law as a medical action. A layperson piercer may then be sued as a medical professional, for medical malpractice, should any harm arise from the use of the medication.

A topical anesthetic such as Xylocaine, Lidocaine, etc. will have little to no effect on the sensation of piercing, since they cannot penetrate to the nerves deeper under the skin. EMLA cream, popular with many piercers because it can penetrate beneath the dermal layers, is prescription only, and like all topical anesthetics, can create severe edema (swelling and redness) of the area to be pierced, making an accurate marking almost impossible. The area will now also be greasy and slippery, so how will the forceps stay on securely? Topical anesthetics are specifically contraindicated for use in puncture wounds—just read the packaging. For more detailed information on topical anesthetics, please refer to Point # 8 for a well-researched study by David Vidra.

Some people use ice as a numbing agent. I am sure this process would be far more uncomfortable than a properly performed piercing! Once again, the area will become slippery and swollen. It is also no longer clean enough to pierce, unless you have discovered a method of sterilizing ice cubes. The numbing effects of either topical anesthetics or ice will wear away slowly over a several-hour period, extending the piercee's discomfort unacceptably.

An alternative to ice is freeze spray—ethyl chloride. These sprays are highly flammable, nonsterile, and likely to create frostbite in delicate genital or facial tissue. Many piercees are also allergic to spray freeze, and may experience an allergic reaction for which the average piercer is ill-prepared.

People often ask about the possibility of using drugs or alcohol to take the focus away from the piercing experience. The answer is an emphatic NO! A chemically altered piercee is a serious danger not only to him/herself, but to the piercer. S/he is inclined to sudden movement, drastically increased bleeding (this also

occurs with the use of topical and injectable anesthetics), vomiting, fainting, and an inability to communicate vital information to the piercer. Need I say more?

So, why shouldn't a piercer use injectable anesthetics? Put plainly and simply, it is completely illegal for a non-licensed and authorized medical professional to inject anyone with anything. Should a licensed medical professional inject anesthetics in a non-medical context, s/he would risk the loss of his/her license, and a malpractice suit. This is true both in the US and Europe, and at least one well-known British piercer has already run afoul of the law by ignoring this inescapable fact. Perhaps few piercers have had problems in Britain because law enforcement officials there are more willing to look the other way without a complaint, or unless they wish to make trouble for a particular piercer. In the US, a piercing studio would be shut down immediately and face criminal prosecution if we attempted to inject anything into anyone, or use prescription medication (such as EMLA) on a client.

Beyond the legal considerations, an injection (or the use of EMLA) will greatly inflate and distort the area to be pierced. We have seen many piercings that were performed under local anesthetic. Almost without exception, they are placed far too deeply for the jewelry that was used, and are extremely crooked. There is also the unforeseeable possibility of the piercee having a potentially fatal anaphylactic allergic shock reaction to the anesthetic. The piercee will also have thinner blood; bleeding is much more profuse in an area where normally there would be none. European piercers are often shocked to see a typically bloodless US piercing.

Finally, our experience with injections has led us to the conclusion that not only is the injection itself far more painful than a skillfully performed professional piercing, but that more pain is likely to ensue as the anesthetic wears off. We have had the opportunity to pierce nurses and physicians who had previously pierced themselves

under anesthetic. The overwhelming response has been that their experience at the studio was far less traumatic and painful than it had been under anesthetic.

After over 20 years, constantly seeking to make the piercing experience as easy and painless as possible, the industry has gradually arrived at its present techniques. It has been our experience that those self-proclaimed "professional" piercers who rely heavily on anesthetics often do so in an attempt to mask their own lack of skill, incompetence with their tools and technique, or to assist in installing subpar, non-annealed jewelry that couldn't be installed otherwise. A piercee who is drugged or has no sensation is much less likely to realize that the experience has taken minutes rather than moments to accomplish!

We are not trying to downplay the sometimes intense sensations that a piercee can undergo. However, many approaches can be taken to insure that the piercing is less intense and stressful. A person who is nervous about their upcoming piercing can do much to transform the experience. Know your piercer! This will do so much to reduce your stress level. Does s/he utilize sterile implements and a hygienic technique? Are they re-using equipment or needles? Do they throw you "piercing attitude?" Are they willing to answer even the most minor questions you may have about the experience? Will they provide you with patient, concerned follow-up care with your piercing? How comfortable do you feel with this person?

Once you feel secure with your choice of piercer, consider what kind of music, incense, which friends holding your hands, might make your piercing more personal and special. There are many breathing techniques available to an informed piercer, who should be able to guide you through the experience safely and smoothly. Be sure to eat a little food about an hour before your piercing, and don't be in a rush to leap off the table immediately afterwards. All of these preparations will insure that even the most

nervous, sensitive person can have an easy, positive, pain-free piercing experience WITHOUT dangerous anesthetics of any kind.

—Michaela Grey  
Outgoing Chair  
Incoming International Liaison  
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## Words of Praise!

I am a very satisfied customer. I just wanted to say that this organization is great. I am a close friend of Greg Dinkens of the Hole Thing. I have had my navel done as well as a stretch in my ear to correct piercing gun holes. I plan on eventually having the top of my navel done, along with my nipples and tongue. Greg has done a lot of work to try and get legislation on piercing in the state of Kentucky and should be greatly be commended. This is a good thing because I have had a lot of friends "messed up" due to bad piercings. Thanks for caring about your customer's bodies!

—Kelli West  
via the Internet  
University of Kentucky

## Changes in The Board

At the Meeting, several changes in the APP Board were announced:

Kent Fazekas will be stepping down as Treasurer to assume his new position as Chair. Kent has really, really kicked major Board booty as Treasurer, and our decision to elect hm Chair was unanimous. Expect great things this year as Kent steers the organization up to new heights! Contact the Chair at:

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Our new Treasurer is Brian Skellie. Brian has really worked hard for the APP over the last year, and has strong number-crunching abilities. We're really pleased to have him aboard! For financial concerns, contact:

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Crystal Cross is stepping down to avoid going mad. Her dance card has always been full, but her responsibilities to the Ron Athey show are carrying her ever further away from her studio and her desk. We thank Crystal from the very bottom of our hearts—she's been with the APP from the very beginning, and we very likely wouldn't exist without her assistance at key moments in our development. Thank you Crystal, and you haven't seen the last of us!

Michaela Grey is stepping down from the Chair and will serve the APP as International Liaison. She wishes to thank everyone on the Board for their support in making this move and looks forward to a slightly less stressful position! For international matters:

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Rob Petroff is no longer on the Board, and is no longer a member of the APP.

Our new Coordinator is Curt Warren. Curt has been a very active member of the APP for over a year, and was chosen for his organizational and research skills. Curt has many connections with the hotel industry, so we can expect next year's Open Meeting to be even more fabulous than

this year's! Please direct all inquiries about upcoming meetings, open meetings, or contacting Board members to:

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Tracy Faraca is stepping down from the Board to concentrate on her new business, The Black Hole, in Portland Oregon. She will continue to serve the APP and we look forward to working with her for many years. Tracy, thank you for all your hard work!

The new Outreach Coordinator is Jeff Martin. Jeff is a research fiend and truly dedicated to the APP's goals. He and his partner Rene Martin are motivated and ready to increase membership in the APP! Contact them for membership materials at:

Jeff Martin  
Obscurities  
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email coming soon!

Allen Falkner is stepping down to move to Australia with his lovely and brilliant wife Vanessa! We are really excited about this step as Allen is the ideal person to make Australia an APP kind of continent. A giant thanks to Allen for his bravery in tackling this big task. Any help would be appreciated. Contact Allen through Obscurities.

Our new Secretary is Derek Lowe. Derek has already been cutting his secretarial teeth by maintaining the APP FAQ on the internet newsgroup rec.arts.bodyarts. His writing skills are strong and his dedication to the industry is well-proven by his almost single-handed work on Wisconsin's upcoming legislation. As Secretary, Derek will be maintaining all membership records, meeting minutes, bylaws, and correspondence for the APP. He can be reached at:

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If the names of the new Board members look familiar, it's because you've seen their bylines under articles they wrote for the Point, or mentioned as having attended meetings or gone to legislative hearings. We chose these members for their hard work and commitment to the APP, and most importantly for their teamwork ability. Our membership has grown enough that we will have a general membership vote for the next available positions. If you would like to be a candidate for this vote, get involved with the APP in as many ways as you can! If we don't know you, we can't nominate you!

—Michaela Grey  
Gauntlet, Inc.  
San Francisco, CA

# New Members!

Following is a list of new business members as of January 1997. For a complete listing of business members, visit our website, or contact any member. Welcome to the APP!

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