

AFTERTHOUGHTS

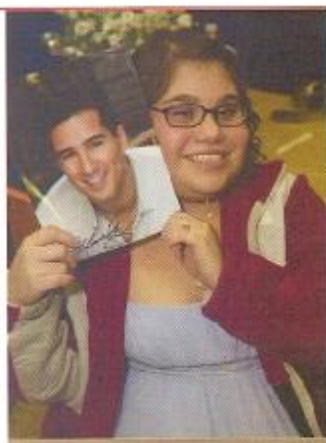
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A way to the heart through the kidney

If Valentine's Day was less than eventful this year, a new dating website will help get Cupid back in business. RenalRomance.com was created to help dialysis patients find love connections with other dialysis patients or people of common interests.

The site is an outlet for people to release the pressure of being a renal patient and talk about relationships, dating, marriage, advice, sex, or life in general. People can also post pictures or personal ads in certain areas of the website.

The forums are designed for discussions not related to dialysis, but such topics can be addressed at RenalRomance.com's counterpart website: ihatedialysis.com.



Bostonian kidney teen Michelle Kats traveled to the Prom to dance in her new prom dress.

Teens dance the night away


The Ninth Annual Renal Teen Prom attracted 250 beautiful, brave teens for an event many of them have never had the opportunity to experience.

The prom, held Jan. 20 at Notre Dame high school in Sherman Oaks, Calif., provided a worry-free night for teens with chronic kidney disease.

Renal Support Network president and founder Lori Hartwell started the prom because she missed her own due to kidney disease. Hartwell said she wanted to give teens the hope and courage to keep going and to show that normal activities are possible for patients with CKD.

Celebrities were in attendance to show support, sign autographs, and take pictures with the teens. Some celebrities who took part in the event included Christy Carlson Romano (from the show "Even Stevens"), Saige Ryan Campbell ("I Heart Huckabees"), and John McCook ("The Bold and the Beautiful").

The Prom will be held next year on January 18.

For more information call 866.903.1728 or visit: www.RSNhope.org 



Stevan Furst interviewing two prom attendees.

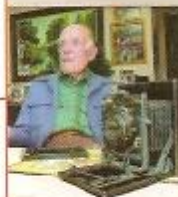
In Memoriam

Some world figures who have died in the last few months from a kidney-related disorder.



Bobby Fischer (1943–2008)

Fischer died on January 17 of kidney failure. Fischer was one of the most powerful chess players in history and sparked worldwide recognition for his "art" of the game. Fischer was most famous for triumphing against Russian-born grandmaster Boris Spassky during the 1972 world championship. He was 64.



Lee Embree (1916–2008)

Embree died on January 27 of a kidney infection. He was a World War II photographer most famous for flying into

the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack and taking the first pictures of the *USS Arizona* and other attacks that day. He was 92.



Suharto (1922–2008)

Suharto died January 27 of heart, lung, and kidney complications. Suharto was a former Indonesian dictator, who reigned for 32 years, bringing corruption and bloodshed to Indonesia.

He was 86.



Tata Guines (1931–2008)

Guines, whose real name is Frederico Aristides Soto, died February 5 of a kidney infection. Guines was a Cuban percussion maestro who played with the professional likes of Miles Davis and Frank Sinatra throughout the United States and Cuba. He was 77.