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tinue its training in schools. She said the organization had not been receiving as many requests as in the past, but she anticipated an increase in 2001.

Derby said that one of the reasons the \$12,000 in funding was redirected was a dramatic decrease in the number of schools calling Outright Vermont for its services during the last few months of 2000. Since the schools were reluctant to use Outright, she explained, the department of education wanted to make sure that these services would get

into the schools through its own program.

Wilson said the state had not been in contact with Outright about setting up any kind of training program for the state's safe schools program about issues specifically concerning gay, lesbian or other youth questioning their sexual orientation.

However, Derby insisted that Outright Vermont had been invited to participate in a training session on HIV/AIDS, and that the state did want to continue a relationship with Outright Vermont as well as

other organizations.

Outright's new executive director echoed this sentiment. "I'm looking forward to extensive collaboration and to getting the community even more involved in the cause that Outright has championed for the past 12 years," Rogers said.

Outright Vermont faces an additional change in leadership at the end of March when Tawnya MacDonald will replace Ryan as board chair. Ryan will have served three years on the board, one of those as chair.

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and learn, they come to see that respecting and protecting us and our families doesn't harm anyone else, and makes the whole community stronger."

The future direction of the life of Civil Unions is difficult to predict, though the organization is intent on staying vigilant and active to protect those laws. VCULDF Chair Beth Robinson explains, "We're not out of the woods yet. Even though the people of Vermont sent a strong signal in November's elections

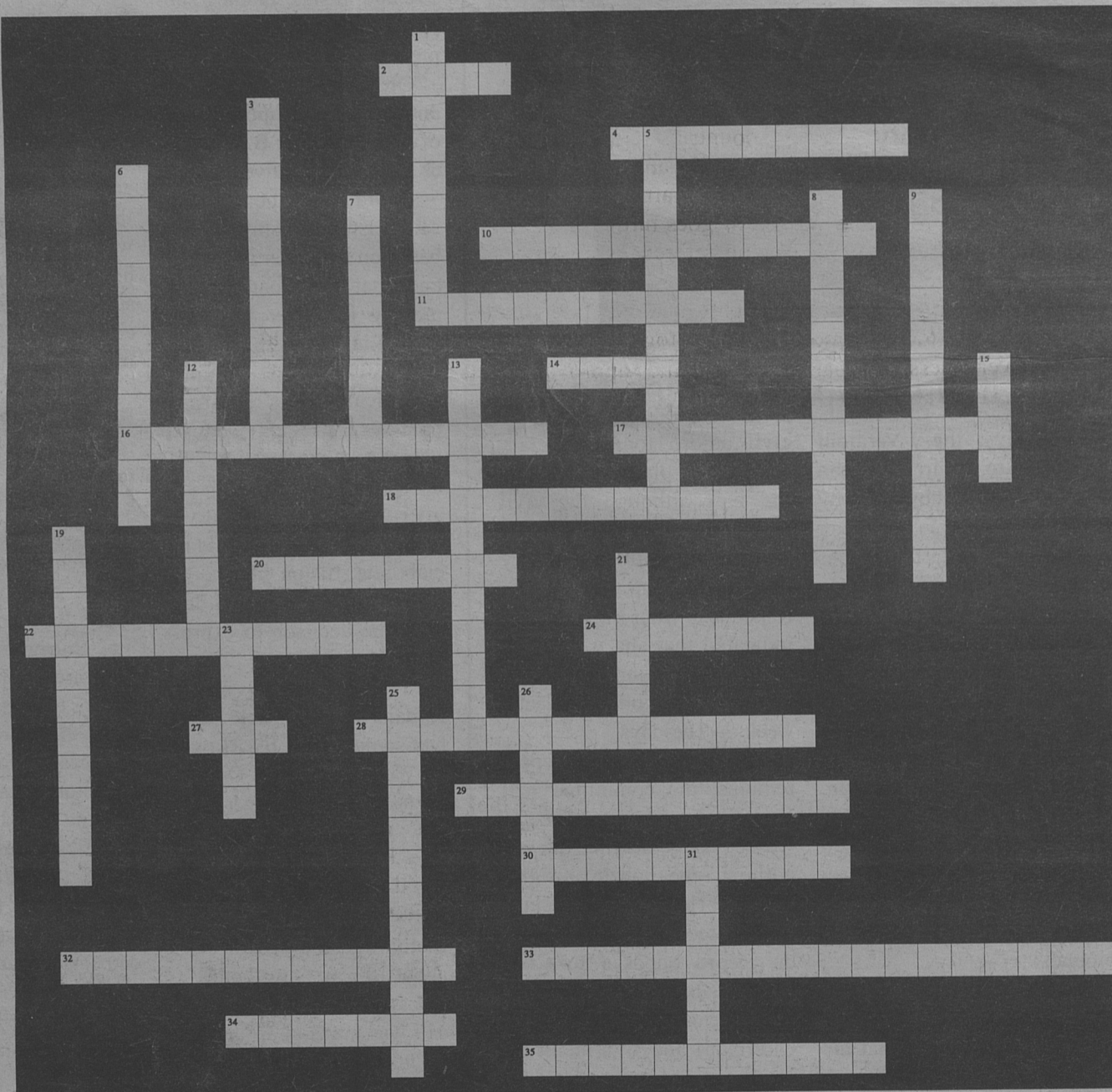
that we are ready to move on to other issues, some Representatives are fiercely committed to gutting or repealing the law." Vermonters for Civil Unions Legislative Defense Fund will coordinate grassroots responses to the legislature and will maintain a lobbying presence in the statehouse.

Queerwords

by Salmonella Pez

Across

2. Out in the Mountains shorthand
4. Before email, how you spread the word quickly
10. U.S. President when OITM founded (2 wds.)
11. First openly gay member of Vermont Legislature (2 wds.)
14. Founding of OITM linked to _____ crisis
16. Co-founder of OITM and VT CARES; later AIDS Program Chief at the VT Dept. of Health (2 wds.)
17. CU attorney #1 (2 wds.)
18. A Republican from Derby (2 wds.)
20. Organization under attack for work in schools
22. Where to catch a Faerie
24. Locally famous email listserv
27. MPM's fearless leader
28. The Taskforce (3 wds.)
29. Ready after Flanagan (2 wds.)
30. OITM editor more than once (2 wds.)
32. The CU men (3 wds.)
33. Publisher of Out in the Mountains (3 wds.)
34. OITM editor, 1998-2000
35. House Judiciary Member, closely associated with Civil Unions



Down

1. Soon to depart from VT CARES
3. Sweet _____ Rock (3 wds.)
5. One of OITM's founders, 1st wd. also southern greeting (2 wds.)
6. Gay man who served as VT Defender General and local Democratic Party Chair (2 wds.)
7. Present location of the Out in the Mountains office
8. Second-parent adoption advocate (2 wds.)
9. Longtime fixture at statehouse as GLBT liaison to Governor's Office (2 wds.)
12. Long-time Executive Director of Outright Vermont
13. New Editor of OITM (2 wds.)
15. Month of Pride
19. CU attorney #2 (2 wds.)
21. First AIDS Program Chief
23. Recently founded Vermont foundation, helping GLBT organizations
25. R.U.1.2?
26. Funky drag queen diva
31. The _____ Singers