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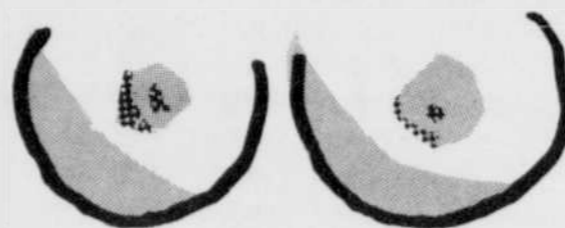
Gay men and lesbians can sue ex-lovers for financial support the same as married people, Ontario's highest court said Dec. 18. In a 2-1 ruling, the Court of Appeal said family law must be applied equally to same- and opposite-sex couples.

The justices based their decision on the federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The case involved a lesbian relationship that ended after 10 years.



Women in Ontario no longer have to cover their breasts in public, reported the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.



The province's Court of Appeal ruled in December that Gwen Jacob was not guilty of an indecent act for taking off her blouse on a hot day since she did not go topless for sexual reasons.

Legal observers say other women who want to bare their breasts for nonsexual purposes now should be able to do so without fear of arrest.

GERMANY

A Romanian man made German history in November when Munster's High Administrative Court ruled he can stay in the country with his German male lover, reported Rosa Zene.

The court also set down requirements for future such cases, including: the foreigner must have sufficient space in his lover's abode, he must be supported financially by the German for "a considerable period of time," and he must have adequate health insurance when he first enters Germany.

ISRAEL

Israeli President Ezer Weizman denounced and made fun of gay men during an address to high-school students in Haifa on Dec. 20.

"[Homosexuality] is abnormal from a social point of view," Weizman said. "I personally do not accept this business of everyone coming out of the closet," he continued. "It seems to me to be weird.... I hope you are not in favor of sodomy.... I am aware that homos suffer in society. I'm not pleased about that. But there is too much fuss about this."

Following a 90-minute meeting Dec. 23 between the president and 10 sexual minority leaders, Weizman's spokesman said: "He asked to apologize for any public statement that might have offended anyone."

"The president sees legislation which discriminates as undermining the foundations of democracy...and he has no intention of encouraging legislation which leads to discrimination between citizens of the state regardless of origin, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The president says that any deed or expression in which people are publicly humiliated—or deeds which can be interpreted as such—should be regretted."

KUWAIT

Kuwaiti police Dec. 19 arrested seven gay Filipino hairdressers and jailed them prior to deportation.

"The presence of gays and their actions cannot be tolerated," a police official said, according to the Philippine Embassy.

The official also charged that the hairdressers had used their salons as a front for "massage services," the embassy said.

Kuwait and its legislature are increasingly under the influence of Muslim fundamentalists, according to mainstream news reports.

MALAYSIA

A new study of Malaysian youths between ages 15 and 21 found that 20 percent have had gay

sex, Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng reported in December.

Chua termed the statistics alarming and called for creation of an "interesting AIDS awareness program which could attract the young" and for renewed "education on moral and family values."

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand's national health care system still isn't paying for protease inhibitors, and Warren Lindberg, executive director of the New Zealand AIDS Foundation, charges that the government's Pharmac agency is simply being cheap.

"When Pharmac says that it doesn't have long-term data, does that mean it wants to wait 10 years before making a decision?" he asked. "Some patients have been on protease-inhibitor trials for three years and are still going strong.... There is only one reasonable conclusion to draw: Pharmac is sacrificing lives to save money."

PHILIPPINES

Seventy-five women staged the Philippine's first National Lesbian Rights Conference Dec. 8-11 in Silang, Cavite, reported NewsPlanet.

Under the banner "Hearing Our Voices in Unity: Claiming Our Rights, Controlling Our Lives," representatives of more than two dozen lesbian groups tackled issues such as coming out, creating families, spirituality and activist strategies.

The confab was organized by Group-Davao, LesBond-Baguio and Manila's Womyn Supporting Womyn Committee.

SPAIN

The Socialist Party has introduced partnership legislation that grants pension, inheritance and other spousal rights to same-sex couples.

Adoption rights were withheld from the proposal. The governing Popular Party—which has a conservative, Christian bent—said in December it supports the measure. Some sexual minority activist groups have refused to endorse the bill because of the adoption exclusion.

SWITZERLAND

The Swiss government's proposed new constitution does not ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The document, which incorporates results of a public-opinion poll, overlooks sexual minorities, even though two dozen organizations and 400 citizens told pollsters the anti-bias clause should protect homosexuals.

The groups Pink Cross and Lesbian Organization of Switzerland said they are "indignant" and plan to fight the exclusion.

The constitution will be debated in parliament this year and adopted in 1998.

TURKEY

Gay men and transgendered people in Istanbul's gay Beyoglu district are being terrorized by police, religious fanatics and political extremists, reports Lambda Istanbul.

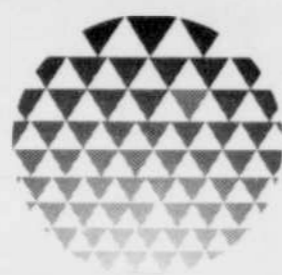
The attacks have included broken windows, arson, physical and verbal harassment, beatings, arrests and evictions.



"These systematic violations and provocations have been supported and encouraged by the chief of police for the Beyoglu area...often with his own personal participation," the group said.

"A recent development involves a campaign to 'hang a Turkish flag outside your door if you are not a homosexual.'"

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