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## WORLD news

### ARGENTINA

The city of Buenos Aires wants teachers to be more gay-supportive.

The City Council unanimously passed a resolution May 11 urging the secretary of education to "implement specific actions of teacher training at all educational levels to eliminate attitudes and conduct that explain divergent sexual identities as illness, perversions or pathologies."

The council also suggested that classroom study on discrimination-related issues "include themes relevant to sexual minorities, for the purpose of eliminating homophobic conduct in our society."

### CANADA

Two lesbians in Victoria, British Columbia, will sue for the right to marry.

Judy Lightwater, 49, and Cynthia Callahan, 36, were denied a marriage license by the local Vital Statistics office for their July 29 wedding.

"There is no reason for us not to be able to get married," Lightwater told Canadian Press wire service. "This law will be revealed for the human rights discrimination it is. This is a civil right. It's not a privilege. We want to be legally married and we don't want to wait much longer."

The B.C. case follows the city of Toronto's decision in late May to seek a court ruling on whether it can issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples who have requested them. A lawsuit by several gay couples is planned in Ontario as well.

British Columbia's attorney general, Andrew Petter, agrees that Callahan and Lightwater should be able to marry.

"In a modern society there is no justification for denying same-sex couples the same option to form marital bonds as are afforded to opposite-sex couples," Petter said. "Rather than waiting for the courts to determine this issue, the federal government should change the federal law to allow for equality for all couples who are in a committed relationship."



### COLOMBIA

A Bogotá-based family court ruled last month that a deceased gay man's lover is entitled to be his sole heir.

Harold and Dagoberto lived together for five years. In the final months when Dagoberto was dying of AIDS, Harold was his only caretaker and spent weeks at his side in the hospital.

During that time Dagoberto's family avoided him. Nonetheless, following Dagoberto's death, the family took possession of the couple's apartment, which had been in Dagoberto's name, and kicked Harold out.

Harold filed suit and, two and a half years later, won full inheritance rights—the first such ruling in Colombian history.

### EL SALVADOR

Authorities are investigating a same-sex marriage that reportedly took place in May in the indigenous community of San Juan Nonualco, 30 miles east of San Salvador.

"The investigation will determine whether there are crimes to punish," said Roberto Lopez of the attorney general's office.

According to news reports, school teacher Christian Chirino, 32, married Rafael Herrera, 34, in a ceremony performed by an attorney.

### INTERNATIONAL

Organizers of World Pride Rome 2000, an international gay extravaganza scheduled for June 28 through July 9, face a mounting campaign to close the events down.

The Roman Catholic Church and the extreme right wing, including Italy's powerful neo-fascist movement, are pressuring local authorities to deny and revoke permits for the festivities because they coincide with the church's millennial celebrations, which will attract tens of thousands of pilgrims to the city at the same time.

On May 24, Prime Minister Giuliano Amato called the events "inopportune."

Bowing to ferocious opposition from the Vatican and conservative politicians, Rome's leftist mayor, Francesco Rutelli, on May 30 withdrew logistical and monetary support for World Pride.

Pride organizers vowed to proceed without the city's \$150,000 subsidy. Hours after his announcement, however, Rutelli capitulated to harsh criticism from the left. He restored the funding and promised to help with permits, but declined to back down on a demand that organizers remove the city logo from promotional materials.

Following Rutelli's original announcement, gay activist Franco Grillini called him a "subaltern to the will of the clerics," and activist Massimo Consoli said Rutelli wanted to be "an altar boy for the next pope."

Among the scheduled World Pride events are conferences, a fashion show, a large parade, a leather dance, and a concert featuring Gloria Gaynor, the Village People, RuPaul and Geri Halliwell.

### ISRAEL

The national High Court of Justice ruled May 30 that a child can have two mothers.

The court told the Interior Ministry that a lesbian who adopted her lover's son must be registered as his second mother on relevant official documents.



The adoption took place in California, where the boy was born via artificial insemination.

"It's impossible to say any longer that I am not his mother, and it's impossible to say any longer that we are not a family," Nicole Brener Kadish told reporters.

Agudah, the Association of Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgender People in Israel, is opening a new community center in the heart of Tel Aviv's Nachalat Binyamin pedestrian mall.

The group said the thousands of people who frequent the popular arts and crafts street each day will see a three-story building decorated with rainbow flags.

The mall is also the epicenter of the city's evolving gay scene, Agudah said.

Agudah was formerly called the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights.