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## WORLD news

### EGYPT

At least 55 people were arrested May 10 during a police raid on a Cairo discotheque frequented by gay men.

They remain in custody, charged with "Satanism," "belittling revealed religions" and "exploiting religion to promote extreme ideas to create strife." The 2 a.m. raid took place at the Queen Boat club, which is on a ship anchored in the Nile River.

According to the *Cairo Times*, police were abusive. A professor at Cairo University's Faculty of Medicine said he was slapped repeatedly and disparaged with anti-gay slurs.

The crimes the men are charged with carry a maximum sentence of five years in prison. The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission says it has reason to believe they "are being tortured while in detention" and has confirmed they were examined with probes purportedly to determine if they had engaged in anal sex.

"They have been the subject of intense vilification in the Egyptian press, promoting fears of both religious dissent and foreign influences," the group added. "IGLHRC is gravely concerned that these men are victims of trumped-up charges and of a government determined to improve its own political position by taking sexual nonconformity as the sign of a subversive cult."

### ITALY

A lesbian was elected May 13 to the Italian Senate. Titti De Simone, 31, is a member of the left-wing Communist Refoundation Party and the leader of the gay rights organization ArciLesbica.

She plans to push for measures that would extend spousal rights to same-sex couples, including access to reproductive technology and adoption. "This is an important result for the movement, a signal of innovation in politics and a response to the advance of the right," De Simone told the Rome daily newspaper *La Repubblica*.

According to RainbowNetwork.com, two gay men, Nichi Vendola and Franco Grillini, also were elected to Parliament. The Internet site did not provide details.



Titti De Simone

Overall, Italy took a swing to the far right with the election of Silvio Berlusconi's coalition government. Some of its parties, including the Northern League and the Alleanza Nazionale, are overtly anti-gay.

### CANADA

Health officials are blanketing Toronto's gay scene with meningitis alerts after two men who frequented gay bathhouses and bars died of the disease last month.

Meningococcal meningitis is spread via saliva and nose and throat secretions. It can be transmitted by kissing and by sharing silverware,

drinking glasses or anything else that comes in contact with the mouth, such as a cigarette.

Symptoms of infection include fever, headache, vomiting, stiff neck, rash, drowsiness, confusion, convulsions and seizures. The men's identities were not released, but one was known to be a regular customer at the gay bar Woody's.

"Both of these two men were very active in gay bars and bathhouses," Toronto Public Health spokesman Elizabeth Rea told the *Toronto Star*. "If you were at a Toronto bathhouse or nightclub and you had saliva contact, you need to see a physician."

A total of 55 percent of Canadians think gay couples should be allowed to get married, a Environics Research Group poll has found, the *National Post* reported May 10.

About 41 percent oppose gay marriage, and 4 percent have no opinion. Support jumps to 73 percent among people between 18 and 29 years old.

Support for gay marriage is highest in Quebec (69 percent) and British Columbia (60 percent) and lowest in Saskatchewan and Alberta (43 percent). The survey questioned 2,035 adults and is accurate within 2.2 percentage points 19 times out of 20, the pollsters said.

### THE NETHERLANDS

Muslim clerics in the Netherlands might face criminal prosecution for saying hateful things about sexual minorities. Prime Minister Wim Kok has called the comments "very serious and extraordinarily hurtful," and prosecutors are looking into charging them with discrimination or defamation, which carries a one-year prison sentence.

"They must be conscious of the norms and values that are fixed in Dutch law," he said. "With their words, the imams could intentionally or unintentionally incite violence against homosexuals."

Wim Kok

The clerics have called homosexuality a sickness that could destroy society. One labeled it "shameless, improper, scandalous and intolerable"; another said sexual minorities must be treated medically.

### SOUTH AFRICA

The Asian condoms that the South African government distributes are too small for African penises, a national study of 350 prostitutes has found.

"Most [prostitutes] complained that these things break because they come from the Far East and they're too small for local men," University of Natal researcher Ted Leggett told the *Sunday Times*. One in nine South Africans is HIV-positive, officials estimate.

### GERMANY

Lesbian French tennis pro Amelie Mauresmo has won her fourth tournament this year—the German Open—and now is ranked sixth in the world, Reuters reported May 15. She has recorded 27 wins in 29 matches this year.

Mauresmo no longer is partnered with Sylvie Bourdon, the lover with whom she made international headlines when she came out in 1999. "I am playing well now because I'm not stressed and I have a good life," she told reporters in Berlin.