

EASTSIDE
MOVING & STORAGE Co.

- Household Goods
- International
- Trade Shows

Toni. C. Morales

Director of Corporate Relocation

E-mail toni@move-northwest.com

(503) 777-4181

(800) 547-4600

Fax (503) 775-8443

**MAYFLOWER**
TRANSIT**Coventry**
Cycle Works

Professional Service

Comfortable Bikes

Recumbents a Specialty!

(COME SEE WHY!)

Open Tuesday-Sunday

230-7723

2025 SE Hawthorne

All Natural Foods • Herbal & Homeopathic Remedies • Books • Treats • Toys

Healthy Pets
NorthwestSHOP ONLINE AT
WWW.HEALTHYPETSNW.COM*The Natural Alternative for Pet Foods and Supplies*1408 SE 39th
(39th & Hawthorne)
Portland, Oregon 97214**503-236-8036****HOURS**
Tue-Sat 10-6
Sun 12-5**The "Lulu"**sale
on
nowAt hip
we are
committed
to offering great
designs at
affordable prices.Bring in this ad and
save an additional
10% off Carter
orders.Offer expires
June 30th. Not valid
on prior purchases.**hip**
ubhip.com

225.5017

m-sat 11-6
sun 12-5

1 8 2 9 n w 2 5 t h a v e n u e

WORLDnews**SRI LANKA**

Sri Lanka's only gay group, Companions on a Journey, has grown to 1,400 members, according to founder Sherman de Rose.

"We've come a long way," he said at a press conference last month. "We are proud to say that we've come through a horrible, inhuman, indecent, vicious period."

Companions operates a drop-in center that attracts about 15 people a day for counseling, education, health advice and shelter.

Recently, the group has established relations with the Ministry of Health to distribute government-provided condoms in gay cruising areas. Gay sex is banned in the largely Buddhist nation, but nobody has been prosecuted for more than 50 years.

INTERNATIONALIn general, the world remains a hostile place for sexual minorities, Human Rights Watch says in its *World Report 2001*.

"Protection from abuse remained elusive for lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgender people in 2000," the group said. "In virtually every country in the world, people suffered from de jure and de facto discrimination based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. Sexual minorities were persecuted in a significant number of countries and in many ways, including the application of the death penalty or long prison sentences for private sexual acts between consenting adults. In some countries, sexual minorities were targeted for extrajudicial execution. In many countries, police actively participated in the persecution. Pervasive bias within the criminal justice system in many countries effectively precluded members of sexual minorities from seeking redress."

More than 80 countries criminalize sex between consenting adults of the same gender, Human Rights Watch said.

"Elsewhere, national or local legislation discriminated against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons by imposing different standards for the legal age of consent," the report said. "In addition, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons were often targeted for arrest under provisions relating to 'scandalous conduct,' 'public decency,' loitering and similar charges."

2000 had good news, too, often in the form of gay-friendly court rulings or legal recognition of same-sex partnerships—both in developed nations and in some developing nations.

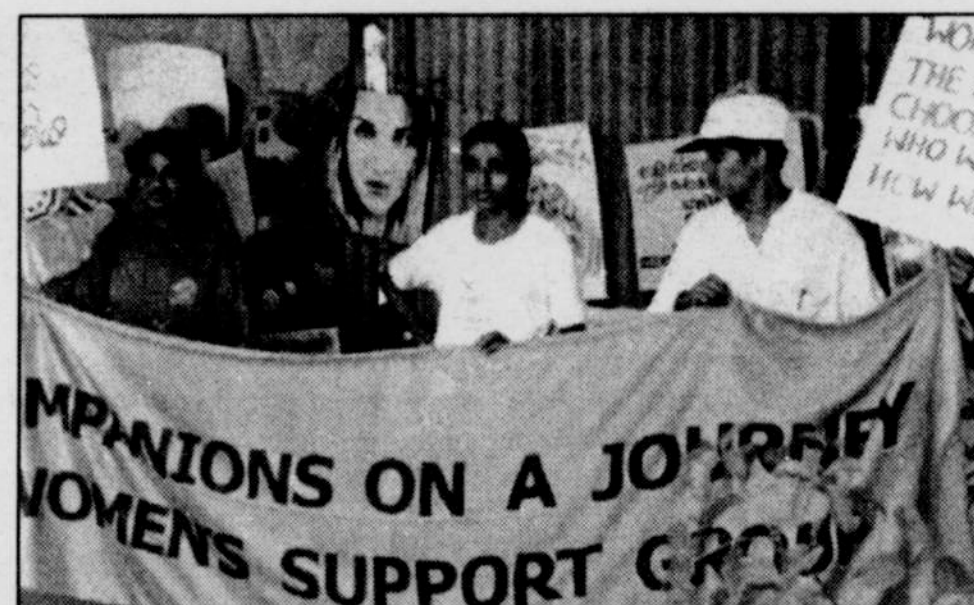
Gay groups from the Baltic nations organized concerts, art exhibits, films and human rights seminars May 26 and 27 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Colin de La Motte Sherman of the International Lesbian and Gay Cultural Network presented a forum on Nazi persecution of homosexuals. One exhibit featured Belarusian photographer Elena Adamchik's pictures of gay men.

Belarusian activist Edward Tarletski described plans to hold Gay Pride events again this year in Minsk, the capital city, despite the fact that the authorities shut down last year's activities. Belarusians also are planning a conference on gay and lesbian culture in September.

COLOMBIA

Guards at Universidad de Antioquia, a public university in Medellin, are harassing students and visitors who appear to be gay, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission reports.



Queers are mobilizing in Sri Lanka

"Those who are known or perceived to be gay are repeatedly stopped by university personnel," the group said. "They are singled out from other entrants by being asked to show their student ID in order to be allowed to remain inside the campus. Visitors are immediately forced out, in a humiliating way: They are escorted to the door by an employee, as if they had committed a crime."

CANADA

The mayor of Regina, Saskatchewan—the provincial capital—has declared June 18 Heterosexual Family Pride Day.

The proclamation states: "Whereas the intact heterosexual family unit is ordained by God as clearly revealed in the Holy Bible (Gen 2:23, 24 Matt 19:4-6); and whereas large bodies of research support the conclusion that intact heterosexual families provide an excellent nurturing environment for children; and whereas many believe that intact heterosexual families provide a necessary source of stability that benefits society as a whole; and whereas intact heterosexual family units provide much-needed stability and moral direction for children and young adults; and whereas intact heterosexual families provide sexual satisfaction for the men and women who are committed to them; and whereas when monogamy is practiced, the husbands and wives who enjoy sexual relations in the confines of their heterosexual marriage have no reason to worry about STDs, AIDS or broken hearts. Now therefore I, Pat Fiacco, mayor of the city of Regina, do hereby proclaim Monday, June 18, 2001, as Heterosexual Family Pride Day in Regina and, in issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this day."

After some gay activists and others complained about the wording of the proclamation, mayoral



Regina Mayor Pat Fiacco (center) displays his Heterosexual Pride

spokeswoman Carol Edwards said that the document had been written by the people who submitted it, not by a government employee, and that it was "worded too strongly." In the future, she said, all proclamations will be written in standard bureaucratic language drafted by the city.

In a letter to one person who complained, Edwards also stated, "I wanted...to let you know that Regina also expects to be proclaiming 'Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Pride Week' in June."

Canada's Supreme Court ruled May 17 that the British Columbia College of Teachers

Continued on Page 29