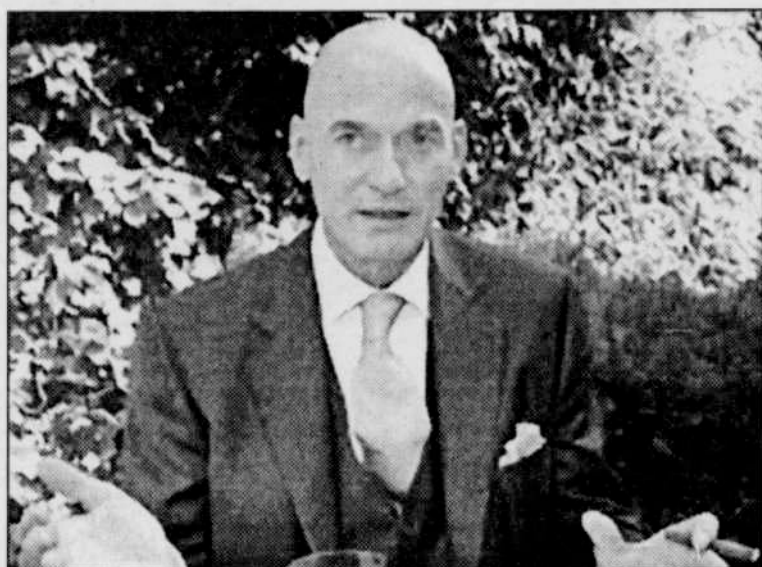


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social views of Muslim immigrants. "I would simply say, 'No more Muslims can come in!'" he said. "Islam is...a backward culture."

Dutch Muslim clerics were threatened with criminal prosecution last year for calling homosexuality a "shameless," "scandalous," "intolerable" "sickness" that "could destroy society." Prime Minister Wim Kok denounced their remarks as "very serious and extraordinarily hurtful."

Fortuyn, 54, has a shaved head, smokes cigars and travels in a luxury car with his dogs. His Web site says: "His lifestyle is noble, his thinking utterly nonconformist, he is a romantic at heart. Literature and ideals, fury and doubt, hedonism and compassion: Pim Fortuyn is a multicultural country all by himself. Aesthete and grassroots democrat. Privileged child and desperado. Dadaist with a gladiator's head. Rebel with a cause."



Pim Fortuyn

activists to pressure police to investigate the crimes and ensure Velandia's safety.

**SPAIN**

The Catholic priest who came out as gay and noncelibate in February and promptly was relieved of his duties isn't about to shut up and go away. Father José Mantero, who served in Valverde del Camino in the Huelva province, now says Pope Paul VI was gay—"a great queer."

"And when I say that I mean it with respect," he told Britain's *the Guardian*. "He was also a great pope."

The Vatican is horrified. "A septic boil has appeared on the face of the Spanish church and covered it with pus," said Cardinal Darío Castrillón, prefect for the Congregation of the Clergy.

**HONDURAS**

Police in Honduras' second-largest city, San Pedro Sula, raided and closed its only gay bar, Boys, shortly after President Ricardo Maduro took office Jan. 27, correspondent Richard Stern reports.

The crackdown is part of the new leader's "zero tolerance for crime and delinquency" program, which has been embraced by Mayor Oscar Kilgore, who also ordered the arrest of any "transvestites and effeminate-looking people" who cross the railroad tracks separating the south side from downtown. "We are picked up in police cars and taken away from the center of the city and told that we cannot return," said Marlene, a 24-year-old transvestite sex worker.



Yoweri Museveni

**UGANDA**

President Yoweri Museveni told the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Australia that Uganda has no homosexuals. He made the remark while accepting an award March 3 honoring government programs that dramatically have reduced the nation's HIV infection rate.

"First, [HIV] goes through unprotected sex," Museveni said. "We don't have homosexuals in Uganda, so this is mainly heterosexual transmission."

Museveni previously has acknowledged the nation's gays and denounced them. In 1999, speaking to Parliament about how homosexuals are treated in Uganda's Ankole region, he said: "These few individuals were either ignored or speared and killed by their parents. They wouldn't just go and wed another man publicly."

**COLOMBIA**

The home of an openly gay candidate for Parliament was bombed with a hand grenade March 1, resulting in extensive property damage. Manuel Velandia Mora also received numerous death threats during the campaign, he says.

Officers guarded his home for two days after the bombing but since have left it unprotected, according to the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission. The organization fears "new attacks might take place at any moment" and is asking

**MOLDOVA**  
The first Moldovan Gay Pride celebration is planned for April 26 to 28 in Chisinau, capital of the former Soviet republic.

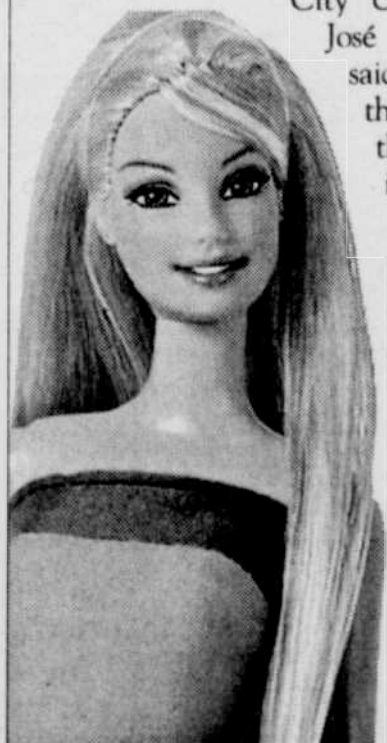
"The program will combine social and cultural events: exhibitions, seminars, movie showings, concerts, shows," organizers said. "Our special guest to the event will be Tasso Stafilidis, the only openly gay member of the Swedish Parliament."

**MEXICO**

An Argentine movie portraying Barbie as a lesbian was banned March 9 in Mexico City. It was scheduled for a film festival, but toy company Mattel got a court injunction to block the screening.

"This is a pornographic video," lawyer Pablo Vasquez Rohde said. "They won't be allowed to show it here."

*Barbie Gets Sad Too* reportedly depicts the doll having sex with her Latina servant. Mexico City Urban-Fest director José Antonio Escalante said he is surprised by the brouhaha because the movie screened in Argentina without incident and even was televised in Brazil. J



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