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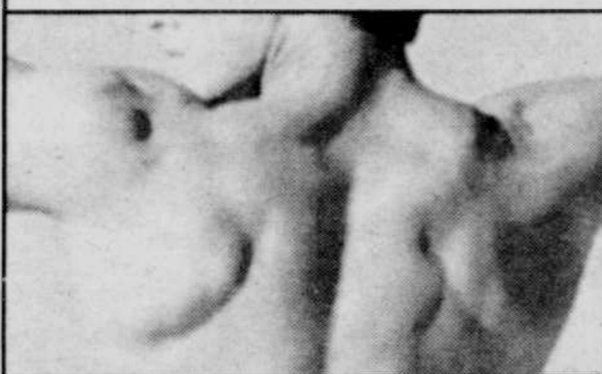
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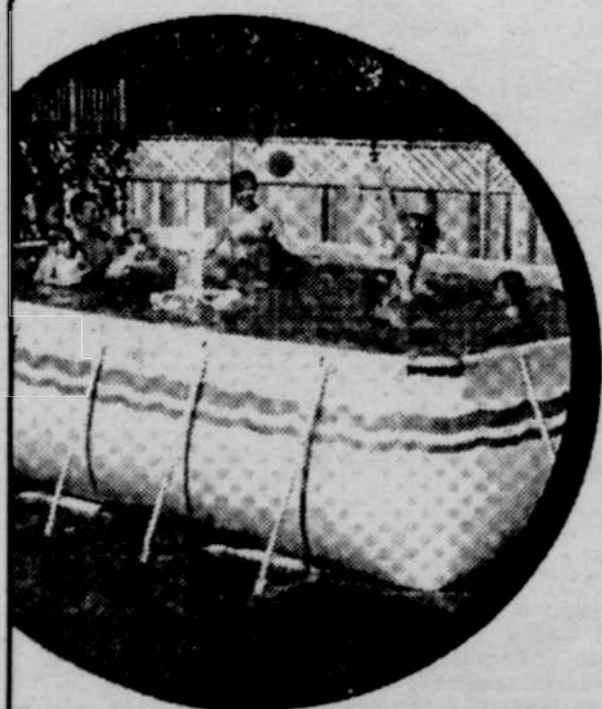
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WORLD news**GERMANY**

Parliament created June 27 the Magnus Hirschfeld Foundation to fight anti-gay discrimination and memorialize gays persecuted by the Nazis.

It is named after the man who is believed to have been Germany's—if not the world's—first gay activist. He founded the gay Scientific Humanitarian Committee in 1897.

The federal government will finance the foundation with \$3.75 million annually for the next five years. Opposition members of Parliament from the Christian Democrat-Christian Social Union voted against the funding.



Magnus Hirschfeld is believed to have been the world's first gay activist

EGYPT

The European Parliament blasted Egypt's treatment of gay men July 4.

It adopted an urgent resolution demanding that authorities end persecution of people perceived to be gay, guarantee individual freedom and explicitly ban discrimination based on sexual orientation. The resolution comes at a time when a trade agreement between the European Union and Egypt is awaiting ratification.

"The Association Agreement contains a human rights clause, but the European Commission and Council have so

far been reluctant" to make use of it, said Kurt Krickler of the International Lesbian and Gay Association's European branch. "If the EU proclamation on having a coherent approach in promoting human rights in the world is to be taken seriously, it is time to put words into action and start using the measures set out in the human rights clauses."

In the past year, Egyptian police have arrested hundreds of men for allegedly engaging in gay sex ("the habitual practice of debauchery"). They have been nabbed during bar raids, in the streets, in their homes and via Internet entrapment.

Jail sentences of up to five years have been handed down. Recently, 50 of the men were granted new trials in a regular court instead of the Emergency State Security Court, where they originally were tried.

AUSTRIA

Austria's Constitutional Court struck down June 24 a statute that set a higher age of consent for male-male sex (19) than for male-female or female-female sex (14). However, Article 209 will not be removed from the law books until February 2003, leaving activists worried that conservative legislators might come up with a less gay-friendly alternative in the meantime.

UNITED KINGDOM

Britain's Foreign Office will begin disseminating information on what gay people can expect when traveling abroad, the *Pink Paper* reported. The data will be merged into the agency's "Know Before You Go" program.

Officials are working with the gay lobby group Stonewall, Amnesty International and gay travel companies to compile the reports. They also are seeking input from *Pink Paper* readers, inviting them to share their stories of anti-gay "holidays from hell."

"The Foreign Office represents the United Kingdom as a society," said Simon Shelley, equal opportunities officer. "If we are not going to do that inclusively, it is not worth the candle."

BERMUDA

A queer organization has formed in Bermuda. The Gay Men's Support Group was set up in December, according to the *Royal Gazette* daily newspaper.

It has eight members. None of the men who spoke to the *Gazette* allowed their last names to be published.

BELGIUM

New research reveals that children born to lesbians with help from a sperm donor are just as well adjusted as those raised by married heterosexual couples via copulation.

Scientists at the Dutch-Speaking Brussels Free University studied 41 kids whose lesbian mothers got pregnant with donated sperm. "No differences were found between youngsters raised in lesbian families and those raised in heterosexual families with regard to the quality of their interaction with parents and their psychological well-being," the researchers reported.

SWEDEN

A lesbian whose boss called a kiss between the woman and her girlfriend "disgusting" settled her discrimination complaint with the company July 2 for about \$3,800.

The incident occurred in the lunchroom when the girlfriend was visiting. It was the first gay workplace discrimination case heard by a Swedish labor court.

A Swedish gay man who gave a lesbian couple his semen so they could have kids must pay child support, an appeals court confirmed June 20. Igor Lehnberg, 36, must pay \$265 a month to the mother who kept the three kids after the women split up.

ZIMBABWE

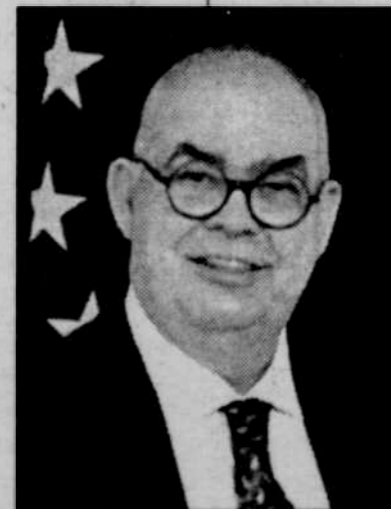
Anti-gay President Robert Mugabe "has ordered a witch hunt to flush out gays and lesbians in his government," the *Zimbabwe Standard* reported July 2.

"Our position is very clear," Information Secretary Nathan Shamuyarira said. "It has been spelled out by the president and the central committee on several occasions."

PORTUGAL

The president of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly, Peter Schieder, has agreed to serve as honorary patron of the International Lesbian and Gay Association European region's next annual conference Oct. 23 to 27 in Lisbon. He will attend a plenary session dealing with sexual minority rights at European and national levels.

"Mr. Schieder's support for our conference is a reflection of his undertaking...to make LGBT rights one of the priorities of his presidency," said Ailsa Spindler, ILGA-Europe executive director. "We are delighted."



Peter Schieder