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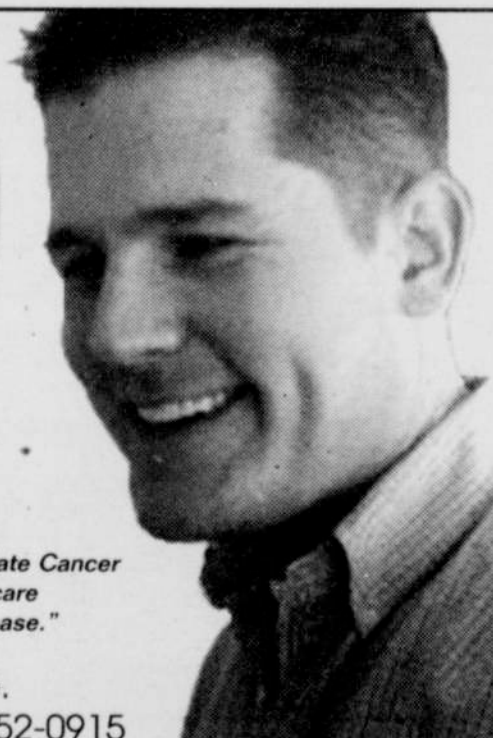
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WORLD news**AMERICAS****MEXICAN GOVERNMENT RUNS PRO-GAY RADIO AD**

A government-funded radio ad in support of Mexico's law against anti-gay discrimination has upset some conservative organizations.

The ad depicts a mother fixing dinner for her son and the person he is dating, who is coming over for the first time. The mother asks several questions about the person before asking, "What's your date's name?" The son responds, "Oscar."

The narrator then states that equality begins with acceptance of people who are different.

The National Parents' Union and other conservative and religious organizations have denounced the ad, but the health secretary and the National Council to Prevent Discrimination are standing behind it.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE REDEFINES MARRIAGE

Nearly two years after the province's highest court opened marriage to same-sex couples, Ontario's Legislative Assembly formally redefined the institution Feb. 24.

Legislators rewrote the definitions of "spouse," "spousal," "marriage," "marital," "husband," "wife," "widow" and "widower" in 73 laws to include gay and lesbian couples. They also exempted religious officials and institutions from having to perform or host same-sex weddings if they don't want to.

Courts in eight of Canada's 13 provinces and territories have legalized same-sex marriage, and the federal Parliament is expected to do so nationwide this year.

ARGENTINE TV BROADCASTS GAY DATING SHOW

Argentina's second-most-watched television network, Channel 13, has launched a gay dating show complete with same-sex kissing.

12 Hearts-Special features a contestant who chooses a date from a group of potential suitors.

It is a carbon copy, but for the gay twist, of the popular heterosexual show 12 Hearts.

"Argentine society is asking for television programming that reflects reality," hostess Andrea Politti told the Pacific News Service.

The gay version of the show is among the five most-watched programs on the day it airs. There have been no complaints about the show, Pacific News said.



Gay dating hostess Andrea Politti

EUROPE**ROMANIAN AIRLINE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST GAYS**

The Romanian gay group Accept won a discrimination case against the state-owned Tarom airline March 1 after same-sex couples were excluded from a Valentine's Day promotion.

The company offered a two-for-one fare to couples traveling together during February, but Accept leader Florin Buhuceanu and his partner, and at least three other gay couples, were told they did not qualify.

The National Council for Combating Discrimination fined Tarom \$180 for "restricting the free access, under equal conditions, to pub-

lic services and places" and ordered the airline to teach its staff about discrimination. Buhuceanu called the fine "ridiculously small" and said the group now will sue for damages in civil court.

SWEDEN TO OK LESBIAN INSEMINATION

Sweden's government is preparing to lift the ban on state-funded insemination services for lesbian couples, local media reported in early March. At present only heterosexual couples—married or living together—can access the procedures.

According to the reports, a child born to a lesbian couple inseminated within Sweden would be considered to have two mothers. If the insemination occurred outside Sweden, however, the nonbiological mother would have to adopt the child.

HUNGARY PLANS TO OFFER DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

Hungary's government hopes to offer domestic partner registration for same-sex couples by 2007, *The Budapest Sun* reported March 2.

"The government is now working to lay down clear legal foundations while amending the Civil Code and Family Code," said Katalin Makai, head of the Ministry of Justice's civilian issues department. "By the end of this year, the proposals of the Civil Code will be public and in 2006 will be followed by debates before being drafted to Parliament in 2007."

Registered partners likely would receive spousal rights and obligations in areas such as social security, housing and inheritance, the *Sun* said.

NETHERLANDS TO LIFT ADOPTION BAN

A bill introduced March 9 in the Netherlands' Parliament will lift the ban on adoption of foreign babies by same-sex couples. Such couples already have adoption rights for babies living within the country.

The bill, which was introduced by a coalition representing a parliamentary majority, is expected to pass. "However, not many inter-country adoptions by same-sex couples would take place, since hardly any country in the world allows their children to be adopted by Dutch same-sex couples," said activist Kees Waaldijk.

In 2001, the Netherlands became the first nation to legalize full marriage for same-sex couples.

FINNS NOT SUPPORTIVE OF GAY ADOPTION

People in Finland are not very supportive of gay adoption.

A Taloustutkimus survey for the *Aamulehti* newspaper found that 44 percent of Finns approve of adoption by lesbian couples and that 32 percent approve of adoption by gay couples. Finland has had a gay registered partnership law since 2002 that grants all matrimonial rights and obligations except in the areas of adoption and name changes.

CITY COUNCILORS WILL WED

Two male city councilors in Aberdeen, Scotland, will tie the knot when the United Kingdom's Civil Partnership Act comes into effect in December. Neil Fletcher and John Stewart, both Liberal Democrats, have been a couple since 1992.

"We are very much in love and have always wanted some kind of marriage," Fletcher told *The Scotsman* newspaper March 6. "We're hoping we'll be the first gay couple in the country to take part in what's called a civil partnership. We have always wanted a public and legal acknowl-