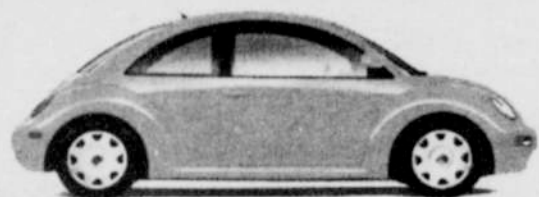


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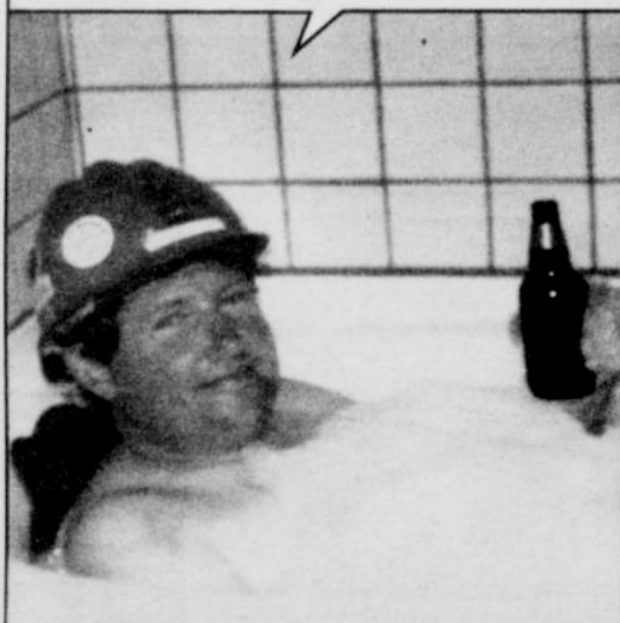
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WORLD news**AMERICAS****CHILE PASSES PRO-GAY MEASURE**

Chile's Chamber of Deputies passed a measure aimed at helping gays and transgender people May 2.

The resolution was drafted by the Homosexual Integration and Liberation Movement. It urges the government to pass an anti-discrimination law and to file legal complaints against people who commit anti-gay crimes; urges the police to exercise particular diligence and rigor in preventing and investigating anti-gay crimes; and urges courts to apply maximum rigor in handing down penalties for such crimes.

GRAFT SCANDAL THREATENS CANADIAN MARRIAGE BILL

Legislation legalizing same-sex marriage that has nearly completed its journey through the Canadian Parliament may be doomed.

But even if the bill dies, same-sex marriage likely will remain legal in the seven provinces and one territory that have legalized it. Five other provinces and territories have not done so.

The problem is not lack of support for the bill but rather that a corruption scandal may bring down the current government and lead to a new election. The scandal involves allegations of kickbacks, payoffs and judicial appointments to party hacks, said Toronto-based 365Gay.com.

If the Liberals win again, the bill likely would be quickly reintroduced. But if a Conservative coalition seizes power, right-wingers have promised to introduce a bill to define marriage as between a man and a woman while giving gays civil unions.

Conservative leader Stephen Harper has said he also wants to kill off legal same-sex marriage in British Columbia, Manitoba, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Quebec and the Yukon Territory, but it's not at all clear that would be legally possible.

The provinces and territories that have not legalized gay marriage are Alberta, New Brunswick, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Prince Edward Island. A court case on the matter is under way in New Brunswick. Courts forced legalization of same-sex marriage in all the locations where it is allowed.

Canada has no residency requirements for marriage, and only Quebec has a waiting period after purchase of a license.

AMAZING RACE COUPLE TO MARRY IN CANADA

The gay couple from the most recent season of television's *The Amazing Race*, Lynn Warren and Alex Ali, will get married June 1 in Ottawa.

All travel and other expenses related to the wedding will be paid by radio station Hot 89.9, which came up with the idea.

"Lynn and I have always, always thought about getting married. We've been together for five years, and that's like 25 gay years," Ali, 22, told *The Ottawa Sun*. "We were always planning

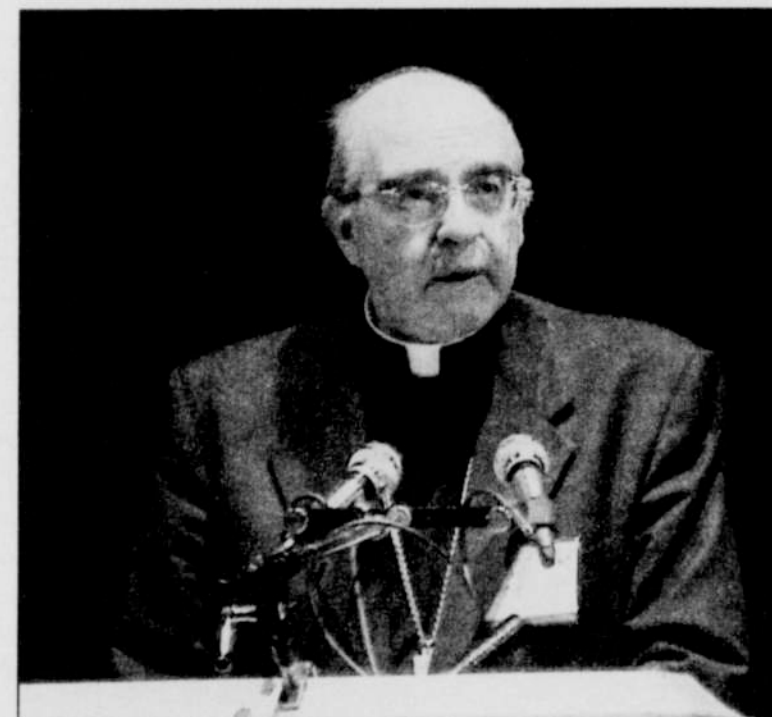
on getting married, but in the States it's hard."

EUROPE**VATICAN URGES CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN SPAIN**

The Vatican urged Catholics in Spain, including government employees, May 2 to resist the nation's recently approved legislation allowing same-sex marriage and gay adoption.

"Christians, even if they are state employees, are asked to become conscientious objectors, because the laws we are speaking of are deeply offensive to morality," said Cardinal Alfonso López Trujillo, head of the Pontifical Council for the Family.

He said Spain's same-sex marriage bill "falsi-



Cardinal Alfonso López Trujillo encourages Catholics in Spain to resist laws allowing same-sex marriage and adoption.

fied the very definition of marriage," while the bill allowing gay couples to adopt "destroys the future of children [and] they suffer moral violence."

"When they are able to think for themselves, when they grow up, what a tragedy when they have to say, 'My parents are two men, or two women,'" López Trujillo told the Vatican's Fides news agency. "Their personality, their stability is put at risk."

GAY CONSERVATIVE MP ELECTED IN U.K.

For the first time, an openly gay Conservative was elected May 5 to the U.K. Parliament.

Nick Herbert, 42, will represent Arundel and South Downs, an affluent rural constituency near Brighton.

He received 49.8 percent of the vote in a field of five candidates. His closest opponent, a Liberal Democrat, got 27.1 percent.

Herbert also is director of the right-wing think tank Reform.

Another Conservative gay MP, Alan Duncan, came out only after being elected.

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT BANS ANTI-GAY SPEECH

Leaders of Scotland's Parliament have prohibited religious officials from addressing the body if they are going to attack gays or other minorities, *The Sunday Herald* reported May 1.

The move follows an address by Catholic Cardinal Keith O'Brien in which he called gays "captives to sexual aberration."

The United Kingdom's Gay and Lesbian Humanist Association commented, "It's great to