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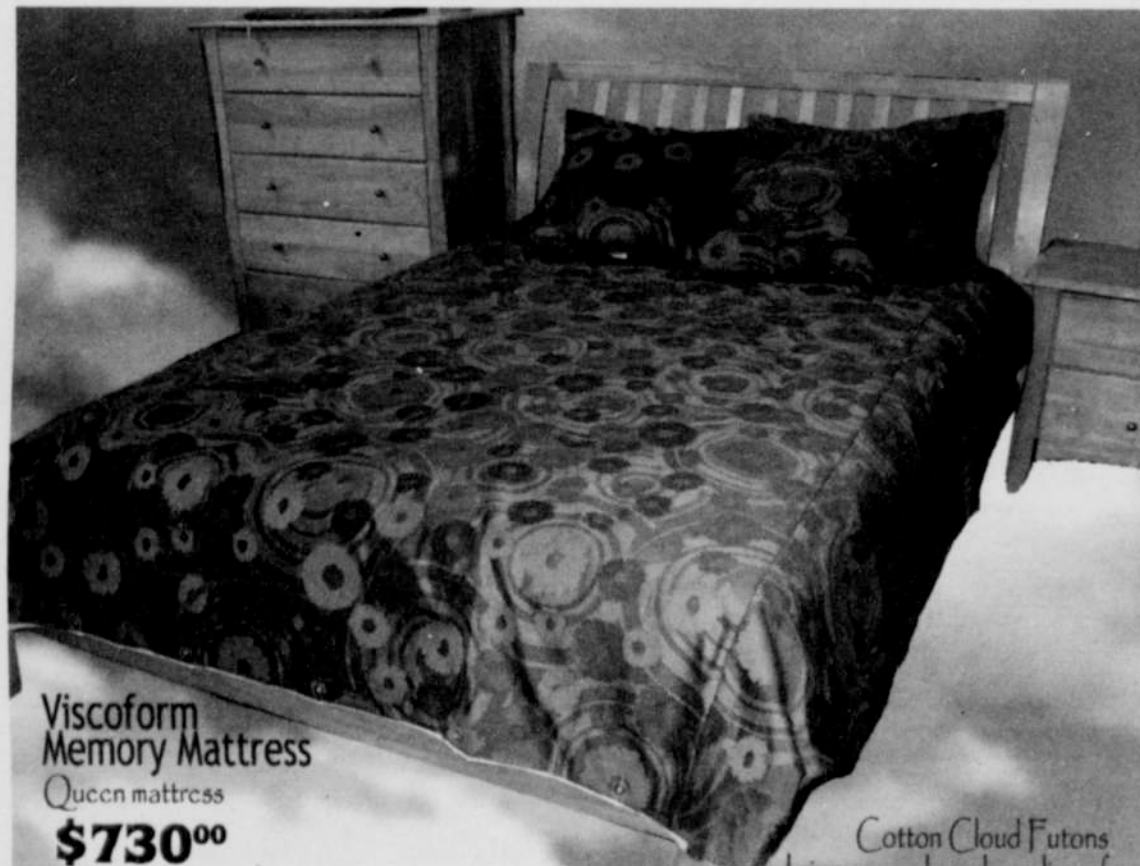
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EUROPE

Turkey Bans Gay Magazine, Blocks Parade

The full press run of the summer issue of Turkey's only gay magazine, *Kaos GL*, was confiscated by police July 24. Judge Tekman Savas Nemli of Ankara's 12th Justice Court approved the seizure at the urging of the Public Prosecutor's Press Crimes Investigation Bureau.

The authorities took action for the "protection of general morality." The summer issue of the 12-year-old magazine critically analyzed the relationship between homosexuality and pornography and contained articles by Ahmet Tuglar, Fatih Özgüven, Güner Kuban, Hasan Bülent Kahraman, Mehmet Bilal Dede and Meltem Arkan.



The gay magazine *Kaos GL* has been banned in Turkey.

"It is the first time that our magazine is banned on the same day it was delivered from the printing house even before it is distributed to bookstores," editors said in a press release. "What is attempted to be buried with a siege of 'general morality' is the freedom of expression of Turkish national gay and lesbians."

The magazine bears the name of the activist group that publishes it, the *Kaos GL* Gay and Lesbian Cultural Research and Solidarity Association.

In Turkey's fourth-largest city, meanwhile, police and anti-gay soccer fans stopped a queer march from taking place Aug. 6. Hundreds of members of the fan club of Bursa's Bursaspor team trapped about 100 members of the transgender and gay group Rainbow inside their headquarters by throwing rocks and threatening to kill them.

The would-be marchers escaped only when the protesters' numbers dwindled as the day's soccer match began. The march was planned in reaction to attempts by the provincial governor to shut down the newly formed Rainbow group under laws designed to protect morality, activists said.

Iceland Perfects Cohabitation Laws

Iceland's parliament, the Althing, has modified the laws on registered cohabitation so that same-sex couples receive every right of marriage—including in the controversial areas of adoption and assisted pregnancy—ILGA-Europe reported Aug. 17.

"Though quite advanced on gay and lesbian

rights, Iceland had lagged a bit behind in recent years," said activist Hrafnhildur Gunnarsdottir. "As far as family law is concerned, all discrimination against gays and lesbians has now been removed in Iceland."

MIDEAST/AFRICA

Small Rally Replaces WorldPride Parade

After threatening to ban it, Jerusalem police allowed a small gay rally Aug. 10 in Liberty Bell Park—the event that replaced the WorldPride parade.

The parade was canceled because police said that they needed officers from other cities to help protect it and that those officers were unavailable because of the ongoing war with Hezbollah guerrillas and Lebanon.

Anti-gay Orthodox Jews had threatened a massive counterdemonstration against the parade, which also was opposed by Christian and Muslim religious figures, the mayor and right-wing politicians in the "holy city."

About 200 people attended the rally, which ended after anarchists arrived chanting against the Israeli Defense Forces' actions in Lebanon.

At last year's local Pride parade, an ultra-Orthodox protester stabbed three marchers and was later convicted of attempted murder. Orthodox Jews tried to block the march, and some 1,000 anti-gay militants staged a rowdy action during which some threw bottles of urine and bags of feces at the marchers.

WorldPride, which was last held six years ago in Rome, is licensed by InterPride, the International Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Coordinators.

Iraqi Gays Flee Death Squads

Iraqi gays are fleeing the nation to escape Shiite death squads, Britain's *Observer* newspaper reported Aug. 6.

"There is growing evidence that Shia militias have been killing men suspected of being gay and children who have been sold to criminal gangs to be sexually abused," the report said.

As a result, the United Kingdom has seen a surge in applications for asylum by Iraqi homosexuals.

The newspaper said it had seen a photo of "two men, suspected of having a relationship, blindfolded with their hands tied behind their backs—guns at the ready behind their heads—awaiting execution. Another picture captured on a mobile phone shows a gay man being beaten to death. Yet another shows a corpse being dragged through the streets after his execution."

One such militia is the Badr Brigade, which, the *Observer* said, "work with the Ministry of Interior and are the informal armed wing of the Supreme Council of Islamic Revolution in Iraq, who make up the largest Shia bloc in the Iraq Parliament."

AMERICAS

Cayman Islands Bans Jamaican Singer

Famous Jamaican dancehall reggae singer Sizzla (Miguel Collins) has been denied a permit to perform in the Cayman Islands because his lyrics target gays and are allegedly profane, Cayman Net News and *The Caymanian Compass* reported.

The Immigration Department reportedly took the same action last year against Jamaican singer