

More Flights Planned for DR

American Airlines has indicated recently that it has officially requested the permits from the Dominican Civil Aviation Board to operate new routes, from Las Americas and El Catey (Samana).

Spokesperson for AA, Eduardo del Pozo said that the company was building on its 30 year commitment to the Dominican Republic, which he



called, "a great tourism destination." He also indicated that the

expansion plans clearly show AA's confidence in the country's stability and in its present and future potential, as part of the possibilities which the DR-CAFTA trade deal with the United States and Central America offers.

The new routes to be operated by American Eagle are Samaná - Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo - Port Prince, Santo Domingo - Curaçao and Santo Domingo-Caracas.

The new flights will bring a further 150,000 passengers into the Dominican Republic during the first year and are hoped to commence from next July.

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and became public when his new wife contacted a local women's rights organisation. According to the man, he just wanted to make sure that other men know that she was 'his'!

Ed - If they get that far, she's probably not.

Wife Locked in Chicken Coop

From Romania again, a 72 year old man is being investigated for locking his allegedly unfaithful wife in a chicken coop for a week. He said: "I knew she was cheating on me and I locked her there in the coop so she wouldn't be tempted to do bad things." Police rescued the 70 year old woman after neighbours heard strange noises coming from the coop at night. The man is being investigated for false imprisonment and beatings.

Klingon Voters Anywhere?

In Finland, incumbent parliamentary candidate Jyrki Kasvi launched his new campaign website written entirely in Klingon. Kasvi, an ardent Star Trek fan, said his politics posed some translation difficulties, since Klingon does not have words for matters such as tolerance, or for many colours, including green -- the party under whose banner he is running in the national elections on March 18.

Ed - Useful if you need a few extra votes, I guess!

Ban 'Mother's Day'

In the UK in February, the head teacher of Johnstown Primary School in Carmarthen, Wales banned 'Mother's Day' this year, on the basis that it might be 'upsetting' to students without mothers.

Don't call me Dad!

Again in the UK, a government funded advisory committee advised the National Health Service not to use terms such as 'mum' or 'dad', as this might be confusing or alienate children of gay couples. Instead, medical staff were advised to use terms

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Brad and Angelina to Wed in the DR?



According to George Nader, a close friend of Pitt and Jolie, they are considering the possibility of getting married in the Dominican Republic. Nader said that Pitt e-mailed him asking for information regarding Dominican marriage laws for foreigners. Nader stated that Pitt did not elaborate on any firm plans.

Britain's OK! magazine also reported that the couple plan to wed in the Dominican Republic.

Spokesperson for Pitt, Cindy Guagenti denied the rumours.

Both Pitt and Jolie spent some time in the DR last year while Jolie was working on the movie "The Good Shepherd" along with Robert De Niro.

Nader had recently assisted Pitt in looking for real-estate in the DR. If the couple do tie the knot, it will be Pitt's second marriage, and Jolie's third.

Clinton Visits Fernandez

The president, Leonel Fernandez met with Bill and Hillary Clinton in La Romana over Easter. The current senator for the State of New York and former US president has visited the Dominican Republic 7 times. On this visit, the Clintons stayed with their friend Oscar de la Renta in Punta Cana along with Alan Greenspan and other friends.

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