

LAMBDA NEWS BRIEFS

News from the International LGBT Community Compiled from Wire Reports, with help from QueerMail.

Wunderba!

In Germany, the red-green coalition unanimously voted for the legislation of same-sex marriages, along with tax and inheritance rights for gay couples. Gay couples will be able to register their relationship at the state registry office. The law is due to come into affect next year. This law was fought full force by Volker Beck, Greens' openly homosexual legal spokesman.

Pirates of the Carribbean

Britain attempts to legalize gay sex in the Caribbean to stop the decriminalizing of gay couples. The yearlong battle between politicians and religious leaders has culminated in orders from the motherland, and measures to legalize private, consensual gay sex between adults in Anguilla are expected before Christmas.

For Y'all Cyber-Peeps

Planet Out Corporation and Online Partners are merging to form PlanetOut Partners Inc. Planet Out and Online Partners work with AOL, Yahoo, and other online groups to provide web sites and information for the gay world. The merger will reach over 3.5 million gay and lesbian consumers. Look out for this company in March.

4 States in Need

Texas, Florida, California, and New York are dealing with the fact that vital AIDS medication is not reaching those on Medicaid from the Federal Drug Program. The government in Texas has placed blocks on poor AIDS patients and drug treatment. Florida has limited the number of medications that a patient can receive. What's going on, Bush brothers?

Maybe They Needed More Space for the Recount, Eh?

Following the ban placed on open homosexuality in the Boy Scouts, the Broward School Board in Broward Co., Fl., evicted the scout groups from using public schools for meetings. The scouts were found in violation of the district's anti-discrimination policy. The scouts may seek an injunction on the actions of the Broward School Board.

Hello Church of England...

A number of openly gay clergy were elected into the Church's Synod on Nov. 14. The inauguration took place at Westminster Abbey by the Queen. The election of the gay priests undermined the teaching of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Anglican Communion that same-sex relationships were "sinful."

And Goodbye Doc!

KYW-TV of Philadelphia has cancelled Laura Schlessinger after only 11 weeks of low ratings and lost profits.

Maine Now Protects Sexuality

Maine voters narrowly passed a plan that protects homosexuals from discrimination. Eleven states and the District of Columbia provide this protection.

Kiss of Death

Kissing has been related to transmission of Herpes Virus 8 that causes an AIDS-related skin cancer, called Kaposi's Sarcoma. The virus is found exclusively in people with AIDS.

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