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world briefs

ARGENTINA

The first lesbian space in Argentina, Buenos Aires' Casa de las Lunas (House of Moons), recently opened its doors to all women, according to a press release.

The center's projects include counseling, study groups, art workshops and exhibitions, a library, and language classes.

Write Las Lunas y Las Otras, Maza 1490, 1240-Buenos Aires, Argentina.

BRITAIN

Britain's ban on gay men and lesbians in the military was upheld by a two-judge panel of the nation's High Court on June 7.

Lord Justice Simon Brown and Justice Richard Curtis said the ban does not violate British or European law and, furthermore, should be re-examined by Parliament, not the courts.



Lawyers for the plaintiffs, three gay men and a lesbian who were kicked out of the military because of their sexuality, said they will appeal to European courts. The case is the first legal challenge to the ban under which 250 people have been sacked since 1990.

Defense officials claim lesbians and gay men undermine morale and efficiency, cause security problems, complicate communal living, and make it difficult to "protect" recruits who are under age 18.

GERMANY

The country's first dating agency for HIV-positive people, PV, opened June 6, reported the Reuter news service.

Founder Stefan Wehner explained, "Healthy people want nothing to do with HIV-positive people, and that makes the search for a partner very difficult."

It costs \$1,950 to be listed in the company's database for one year.

GHANA

Ghana's Afro Lesbian and Gay Club now has 200 members, half of whom are women, reports the International Lesbian and Gay Association.

The group, known officially as the Progressive Youth Association, works for abolition of laws against same-gender sex and the release of persons imprisoned for homosexuality, supports isolated gay men and lesbians, distributes AIDS information, and offers visitors hospitality and information on gay life in West Africa.

The group is seeking donations of AIDS literature and assistance to open an office, publish a newspaper and attend international conferences.

For more information, e-mail ILGA at ilga@gn.apc.org.

MOLDOVA

Gay men have organized in the former Soviet republic of Moldova.

The 20 members of the group HOPE, most of whom are students, educate about gay life and AIDS and operate a contact service.

They are campaigning for abolition of Article 106 of the Penal Code, which bans sex between men. Several other former Soviet republics, including Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia and Ukraine, have decriminalized male-male sex.

The group offers visitors hospitality and information on the local gay scene, and is seeking donations to buy a typewriter.

For more information, e-mail the International Lesbian and Gay Association at ilga@gn.apc.org.

SLOVENIA

Slovenia's leading gay and lesbian organizations are staging an international conference Aug. 23-27 in Ljubljana.

The program will feature workshops, lectures and panels on registered partnership, education, AIDS, discrimination and intolerance, said a spokesman. The conference will be conducted in English.

For more information, access the Internet World Wide Web's Slovene Queer Resources Directory at <http://www.kud-fp.si/~zoran/QRD>.

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LET YOUR VOICE BE COUNTED

As part of **just out's** commitment to reflect the needs of its readers, we are conducting a reader's survey to find out what you think.

Responses received in the mail will be combined with those gathered at this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride. The results will be printed in a September issue. Take a moment to fill out the survey on page 34 and mail or fax it to us by July 31.