

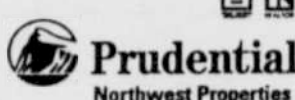
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WORLD news



British Member of Parliament Chris Bryant was caught with his pants down at Gaydar.co.uk (right)



UNITED KINGDOM

U.K. Member of Parliament Chris Bryant, who represents Wales' Rhondda Valley area, is under fire for sharing a photo of himself wearing only underwear with users of the Gaydar.co.uk cruising site and for sending a sexually explicit e-mail to a cruiser he hoped to hook up with. "I'd love to meet for a good long fuck," it said.

Bryant has been under consideration as a future Labor Party leader, an idea that has been dampened by the flap.

"I'm sorry this has happened," the 41-year-old said Dec. 2. "I've always been open and honest about my private life but never sought to make an issue of it. I'm saddened that others have sought to do so. The important thing is the work that I do for my constituents as an MP. I will not myself be distracted from standing up for the people of the Rhondda."

The United Kingdom is moving ahead with plans for a "civil partnership" law under which same-sex couples could register their relationship with the government and acquire spousal rights and obligations.

The legislation was formally announced during the Nov. 26 Queen's Speech. Spousal rights and obligations would be extended in the areas of hospital visitation, parental responsibility, immigration, pension benefits, inheritance, tenancy, accident compensation, criminal injury compensation, financial support and exemption from testifying against each other in court.

The head of the United Kingdom's national gay lobby group, Stonewall, praised the proposal but expressed concern it might be thwarted by the House of Lords.

"This is a hugely significant milestone," Ben Summerskill said. "Hundreds of thousands of gay couples have undergone real suffering because the law does not recognize their long-term relationships. We hope the government will move swiftly so that this injustice can be righted as soon as possible. Our key anxiety arises from the House of Lords' repeated willingness in the past to frustrate fair treatment for gay people. We hope that peers will back a move long overdue in a 21st century nation."

CHINA

China's Fudan University is the first to offer a class devoted to homosexuality, *The South China Morning Post* reported.

About 60 students have enrolled in "Homosexual Health, Society and Science." In addition to classroom work, they will take a field trip to Shanghai's gay bars.

"The number of homosexuals in China is large, but people who dare to speak out are few. This is slowly changing," said the class's instructor, Qin Shide.

COLOMBIA

Activists marched through Bogotá with a 10-foot-tall condom Dec. 1, World AIDS Day.

The giant prophylactic, constructed of hundreds of ordinary rubbers in the three colors of the Colombian flag, was paraded from Independence Park to Bolívar Plaza. The demonstrators denounced Colombian Roman Catholic Cardinal Alfonso López Trujillo for his assertions that condoms do not prevent HIV transmission.

CHILE

Santiago Mayor Joaquín Lavín banned a World AIDS Day event Nov. 30 in the Plaza de Armas citing security concerns, according to the Web site Orgullogay.cl.

The commemoration had been planned by nongovernmental AIDS groups and organizations of people living with AIDS. They issued a statement denouncing the decision as "an explicit act of discrimination against people living with HIV and individuals who work in the AIDS field."

BRAZIL

The mayor of Baciaiva do Sul in Brazil's Paraná state banned homosexuals and "any element linked to this class" from moving to the town Dec. 3, according to Reuters. Elcio Berti explained, "This municipality is fighting to support social projects and needs to

bring in industries, for which people with strong fists are needed to operate production tools."

He also said the town, population 10,000, needs to "preserve respect and family atmosphere" and increase its birthrate. Berti previously banned sale of condoms and other birth control measures and reportedly handed out free Viagra to encourage reproduction.

"I need to increase the population by encouraging people to have kids, not with troublemakers," he told the *Folha de São Paulo* newspaper. "When I was a kid I used to live among criminals, but even so they were all real men."

Gay activists announced plans to sue to overturn the decree, and state officials Dec. 5 charged Berti with violation of local and federal anti-discrimination laws and abuse of administrative power, *The Advocate* reported.

"Mayor Elcio Berti stepped beyond any reasonable limit," prosecutor Agenor Salgado told *The Associated Press*. "If convicted, he could face two to four years in prison, aside from losing his office."

A Brazilian court granted permanent residency to a British man Nov. 25 so he could remain with his same-sex partner.



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