

National Board of Health's Jan Fouchard. "At the same time, those infected are no longer sickly or wan, so they don't have the same shock effect."

## ASIA/PACIFIC

### MARRIED AUSSIE MP TO QUIT AFTER GAY SEX REVELATIONS

A Liberal member of the Parliament of the state of South Australia will not run for office again after it was revealed he had an affair with a 24-year-old man that included sex in the MP's office.

Announcing his decision, Mark Brindal, 57, who is married to a woman, also threatened to reveal other MPs' secrets.

"If my personal life has been fair game, I really don't see why anybody else's shouldn't be," he told the Australian Associated Press. "The House [of Assembly] had better watch its hypocrisy in the months ahead. If I get one hint of hypocrisy from anyone in that place in the next seven months...I might just tell the truth about other things."

The affair came to light after Brindal told police he was being blackmailed. Despite its

month because of drunk and disorderly behavior, Aljazeera.com claimed July 31.

The report quoted another Web site, IslamOnline.net, as saying that Tamim, 25, and the other two individuals got into a physical fight with local youths. It said Tamim and his "partner" were not charged in the incident.

The article that Aljazeera.com claimed to be quoting could not be located on IslamOnline.net on July 31, the same day it allegedly appeared there. The story was not reported anywhere else and could not be confirmed.

Aljazeera.com is not connected to Aljazeera.net, the Web site of the well-known Arabic television news channel.

### AMNESTY: UGANDA TARGETS GAY ACTIVISTS

Amnesty International said Aug. 2 that it is worried about gay activists in Uganda after the nation's recent passage of a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

The organization said activist Victor Juliet Mukasa, chairwoman of Sexual Minorities Uganda, fears for her safety after her house in a Kampala suburb was raided July 20.

Without displaying a search warrant, local officials seized documents and other material. Another lesbian activist who was present during the raid was arrested and taken to a police station where "she was subjected to humiliating and degrading treatment" and then released, Amnesty said.

"Amnesty International is concerned that the above incidents add to a pattern of abuse of their right not to be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation, the right to freedom, security and inviolability of the human person, respect for private life, protection of privacy of the home and freedom of association and expression," the group said.

## AMERICAS

### NEW LAWS TROUBLE CANADIAN ACTIVISTS

New federal measures concerning minors and sex have Canadian gay and civil liberties activists worried that classic works of gay fiction and nonfiction, such as coming-out stories, now may be illegal.

Recently passed Bill C-2 criminalizes writings and recordings "whose dominant characteristic is the description, for a sexual purpose, of sexual activity with a person under the age of 18 years that would be an offense under this act."

The law exempts material that has a "legitimate purpose related to the administration of justice or to science, medicine or art," but only if the author can prove that an undue risk of harm is not posed to people younger than 18.

Canada's age of consent is actually 14 except for anal sex, for which it is 18. Thus, the new law disproportionately affects gay art.

Bill C-2 has been denounced by the Canadian national gay lobby group Eagle, the large gay publishing company Pink Triangle Press and other gay and civil liberties organizations.

They say its definitions are so broad and vague as to invite abuse of authority by local police and prosecutors, resulting in artists and writers having to endure expensive public trials to defend their work. Even Canada's largest daily newspaper, *The Globe and Mail*, editorialized that C-2 has "glaring flaws" and is excessive. **JM**

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Accused of being gay and drunk, the crown prince of Qatar (right) tarnished his reputation in a London nightclub.

name, the Liberal Party of Australia falls right of center on the political spectrum.

### AUSSIE STUDY: CATHOLICS ARE THE LEAST HOMOPHOBIC CHRISTIANS

Among Australian Christians, Roman Catholics are the least homophobic, a new Australia Institute study has found.

Two-thirds of Baptists and evangelical Christians told pollsters homosexuality is immoral, compared with only one-third of Catholics. Members of the Anglican and Uniting churches scored similarly gay-friendly.

Nonreligious people were the least anti-gay of all, with only 19 percent calling homosexuality immoral.

The survey, which questioned 25,000 people, revealed that residents of central and southwestern Queensland state, western Tasmania and the Sunshine and Gold coasts near Brisbane are the least tolerant. The gay-friendliest areas are the urban cores of Melbourne and Perth.

Other findings included: Overall, 35 percent of Australians consider gay sex immoral. Older people and less-educated people are more homophobic than younger people and people who spent more time in school. Women are less anti-gay than men. Boys between ages 14 and 17 are more homophobic (43 percent) than girls of the same age (23 percent). The teen-age boys also are more homophobic than young and middle-aged adults in general.

## MIDEAST/AFRICA

### QATARI CROWN PRINCE ALLEGEDLY BANNED FROM NIGHTCLUB

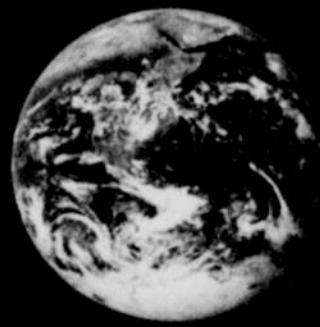
Qatar's heir apparent, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, and two other Qataris were banned from London's G.A.Y. nightclub for a



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