

MARYLAND

After two years in the court system, a case involving the forced HIV testing of a Frederick County man has been settled. According to the *Baltimore Gay Paper*, the man—known as “John Doe”—was arrested and forced to submit to testing in 1992 on the strength of rumors that he was intentionally exposing others to the HIV virus. Doe was awarded \$75,000 in the judgment, which also requires the Maryland AIDS Administration to issue HIV testing guidelines to local health departments.

“This settlement affirms that it is not necessary to trample individual constitutional rights to protect the public,” stated Nancy Paige, one of Doe’s two attorneys. Both attorneys see the settlement as a major victory for individual rights and sound public health policy.

MASSACHUSETTS

Organizers of Boston’s annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade have filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court that would allow them to keep an Irish gay, lesbian and bisexual group from marching in the parade. According to *Bay Windows*, the Irish American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston marched in the 1992 and 1993 parades under temporary court orders.

In 1994, the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council canceled the parade when the state Supreme Court ruled 4 to 1 in favor of the gay, lesbian and bisexual group. Attorney for the group, Mary Bonauto, now has 30 days to file a petition opposing the veterans’ request.

NEVADA

A white supremacist has pleaded guilty to the murder of a gay man, William Metz, earlier this year. According to *Bay Windows*, Justin Suade Slotto, 21, stabbed Metz more than 20 times and said he would have carved a swastika on Metz, had there been time.

The sentencing hearing has been set for Dec. 6. The hate crime carries a life sentence, either with or without parole.

PENNSYLVANIA

Earl Genzel, a theater professor at a conservative Christian school in Carlisle, resigned under pressure after expressing his views of tolerance for gay men and lesbians, reported *Southern Voice*. When asked in class whether gay men should be priests or accepted into Christian congregations, Genzel questioned the use of biblical passages “to condemn gay Christians who are living in monogamous, mutually caring, loving relationships.”

Messiah College officials told Genzel it would not be “a wise decision” for him to remain at the school.

TEXAS

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear a Texas case involving a law prohibiting the sale or use of dildos, according to *The Washington Blade*. The court’s refusal leaves intact a law that baffles many.

The law was invoked to arrest an adult bookstore clerk, Noe Regaldo, who had 17 “toys of joy” for sale in his Houston shop. State law prohibits the possession of “obscene devices” with intent either to sell or “promote” them.

“Encouraging single women to believe that they need a fake penis should be more comforting to men than knowing single women don’t need one at all,” said Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund director, Beatrice Dohrn.



DNA test results have cleared an Arkansas parolee of the slayings of two gay men in the town of Irving, Texas, in August. The test results and other evidence indicate Edwin Bernard Perkins was not involved in the deaths of Larry Leggett in January and Leopoldo “Paul” Quintanilla Jr. in June.

Perkins is currently being held without bond in the August stabbing death of another gay man, Larry David Allen, of Garland.

UTAH

A lesbian student, her partner and her child have been denied family housing at the University of Utah, according to the *Baltimore Gay Paper*. The school’s non-discrimination policy includes sexual orientation, but the housing policy is to rent only to married couples or to single students living with their children or with other UU students.

The student, Kathy Kees, said she and her partner were married in a July 1993 ceremony which the state does not recognize. According to Norman Chambers, director of the university’s Auxiliary Services, the school’s housing policy is in line with that of other schools around the country.



VIRGINIA

In a Ku-Klux-Klan-style attack, two Portsmouth men burned a cross in the yard of Richard Wagner, a Jewish gay man. In a report in *Our Own*, a Virginia lesbian and gay newspaper, Wagner said he was awakened that morning by his dogs barking, and saw the men setting up and burning the cross.

Wagner had reported a telephoned death threat a few days earlier, in which he was called a “motherfucking queer kike.” He is unsure if the incidents are related. “Let’s just say I’m concerned,” he said.



Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria is the scene of a battle of wills, reports *The Washington Blade*. Every time a poster goes up advertising meetings of a discussion group which focuses on gay and lesbian issues, it is defaced or taken down. The last episode found the word “faggot” scrawled across the poster after it had been up for one weekend.

James R. Johnson, the teacher who founded the group, said he has experienced both support and bigotry since beginning the meetings. The school’s principal and the Fairfax superintendent of schools are supportive of the group.

WISCONSIN

Three men have been charged with disorderly conduct and battery as a hate crime after verbally abusing and striking patrons outside a bar in Eau Claire. According to *Bay Windows*, prosecutors stated the three selected their targets because of their perceived sexual orientation.

In the complaint Steven W. Endle, Rocky P. Morzenti, and Thomas M. Alley are accused of making derogatory statements in the bar about gay men, verbally abusing two men and a woman as they left the bar, and physically attacking two men, both of whom sustained injuries.

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