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WORLD news

FRANCE

Charges against the man who stabbed and seriously wounded gay Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoë in October 2002 were dismissed Jan. 11. Judge Nathalie Frydman said Azedine Berkane is not mentally fit to stand trial and ordered that he be sent to a psychiatric hospital.



Berkane stabbed Delanoë during an all-night party at City Hall because he dislikes homosexuals and politicians, he said. Delanoë spent two weeks in the hospital and underwent surgery to repair internal organs.

Azedine Berkane will be sent to a psychiatric hospital for stabbing gay Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoë

Judith Silberfeld, associate editor of the French gay magazine *Têtu*, faces charges of abusing a member of the government for reporting that anti-gay Deputy Families Minister Christian Jacob has spent "a lot of time studying the media and television, the running of which he understood very little about."

The magazine's December 2002 Web report was quoting an e-mail that appeared to have come from Jacob's office but was in fact fake. *Têtu* quickly published a retraction, but Jacob pursued legal action anyway, alleging defamation.

The magistrate who summoned Silberfeld said she had used "expressions suggesting that the deputy minister for the family did not have the intelligence that should be expected for someone in his position." The current issue of *Têtu* accuses Jacob of waging a personal vendetta against Silberfeld.

TAIWAN

Taipei police raided a "gay orgy" at a private apartment Jan. 17 and detained 92 men for alleged illegal drug use, *The China Post* reported.

Police said that the men were wearing only underwear and that the floor was littered with condoms and tissues. Hundreds of ecstasy pills were confiscated, they said. The party reportedly was open only to "well-built men" who paid \$7.42 each to attend.

The detainees were subsequently force-tested for sexually transmitted diseases. A total of 28 tested HIV-positive and 46 had syphilis, reported *The China Times* and *The United Daily News*.

Only 14 of the HIV carriers were listed on the government's official tally of people with HIV.

"Half of the participants in the home party are infected with HIV or other sexually transmitted disease," Ling Ding, deputy director of Taiwan's Center for Disease Control, told the German Press Agency wire service. "This fully shows the danger of attending such parties."

The 64 parties who tested HIV-negative will be forcibly retested in April to make sure they did not become infected during the party, Health Minister Chen Chien-jen told ETTV, a cable news channel. Knowing transmission of HIV carries a seven-year prison sentence in Taiwan.

The Taipei gay bookstore Gin Gin's has requested that a gay judge hear its case resulting from a police raid last August, *The Taipei Times* reported Jan. 14. Police nabbed more than 500 gay sex magazines, including the Taiwanese title *His* and several publications from Hong Kong.

Owner Lai Jeng-er was charged with offenses against morals. "Taiwan is a place where peo-

ple don't know very much about homosexuals and where there is considerable discrimination against homosexuals, so to get a fair trial, I would like to ask heterosexual judges to avoid the case," he told the *Times*.

Lai's petition to the court also requested that the confiscated magazines be reviewed by 100 homosexuals to see if they consider the contents indecent. "The definition of indecency may vary from person to person, and a homosexual male's perception of indecency cannot be arbitrated by a heterosexual male," he said.

CANADA

The Supreme Court of British Columbia ruled Dec. 19 that Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter did not discriminate against Kimberly Nixon by refusing to let her volunteer because she used to be a man. She previously had won a \$5,767 payout courtesy of the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal, with which she had filed a complaint.

The Supreme Court, however, ruled on appeal that Rape Relief, a private organization, may define "woman" as it sees fit even though British Columbia considers Nixon female and has given her female identification documents. She may appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.



A court in British Columbia has ruled against Kimberly Nixon, who sued a women's shelter for gender identity discrimination

The Justice Department said Jan. 19 it will appeal a recent ruling in a class-action lawsuit that granted gay men and lesbians expanded access to Canada Pension Plan benefits.

When the federal government extended numerous spousal benefits to same-sex couples in 2000, it chose Jan. 1, 1998, as the date for retroactive access to pensions. The class-action ruling rolled that date back to April 17, 1985—the day equality guarantees took effect in Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The extension increased the number of gay men and lesbians eligible for benefits by approximately 1,500, at an estimated cost to the government of \$307 million. According to Toronto's *Globe and Mail* newspaper, the government believes providing benefits retroactive to 1998 was already quite generous.

The Vital Statistics Agency in British Columbia ordered the province's marriage commissioners Jan. 14 to start performing weddings for same-sex couples or resign by March 31.