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SPEAKERS

Jimmy Carper, Scott Lewis



00:01

What is the meaning of this paper you handed in the other day?



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I thought I was doing the assignment.



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The assignment was to write a paper on a topic that interests you. Homosexuality is an improper subject,



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but I am interested in it.



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Well, no one else is. You're getting an F on this report put it out. Leave me alone. Well, Bob, what do you care? Hello? Oh, hello, B. Hi, Bob. We were wondering if you asked anyone to the prom yet?



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No, I thought I'd skipped the prom this year. We couldn't find any place to go with. Yes,



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Mr. Lynch, I gotta complain to me.



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Do you have an appointment to see me?



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No, I don't need an appointment. Look at this. Look at my back. Do you know what that is? It's what's left to the animal parks they're throwing at me and biology class. Well, I'm



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sorry to hear that. But you'll have to take it up with the assistant principal, Mr. Digos? No, I



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want to take it up with you. I want to know what you're going to do about it.



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Well, Aaron, I've said it before, and I'll say it again. Your classmates know all about your friendship with Peter Grayson. What happened is to be expected



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that gives them the right to call me faggot. And then queer. Because I know Peter Grayson,



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you should have thought about before you started spending time with him.



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I thought you were supposed to protect the students. Every student including me, I've heard just



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about enough from you, Aaron.

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You're going to hear a whole lot more from now on.

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Now. You just wait a minute, young man. I'm not finished with you yet. Well, I

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finished because if this is your idea of protection, I'm better off on my own.

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Hello, Peter, it's me. Aaron. What time is it about two in the morning? Listen, I did it. I finally told my parents I'm gay. It's great. How they take it? Well, my mother kind of suspected. My father. He just broke down and cried. You're kidding. No, it was pretty bad. He was sitting at the kitchen table. Didn't say anything. The tears just rolled down his face. That's okay. You'll get over it. God, I hope so. It was awful.

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How do you feel? That's the important thing.

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I feel all right. I really do. I mean, there were so many times when I'd wonder did they know? God? All the lies I told to keep them from finding out about me.

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They didn't even realize who their own son was. What it was like at school what I've been going through.

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I just couldn't keep living like that anymore. I had to tell them. You did the right thing. Yeah, I guess so. But you know what's really funny? Now that I've told my parents, I feel like telling everybody, the whole world. So what's stopping



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you? Go ahead and do it



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do you dear Aaron, you asked me what I think about you asking Peter to go to the prom. Last year, Peters attempt to bring a guy to the prom was seen by most people. In fact, I think by all and to grab that publicity. That was because no one knew Peter. He just showed up out of a clear blue sky and raised a rausous since you've been in Cumberland much longer and have more close friends. People won't suspect you have such ill motives so easily. But this is what they will think one Peter made you do it, too. You're crazy. And three, you believe in gay rights in that order. Now, I know you did it for reason number three, gay rights. But you should think about how other people are going to react. And I think you should make an effort to explain what you believe. I respect any decision you make as long as you really think about it carefully. Love and you want to do



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what? I want to bring a male date to the senior prom.



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And what makes you think you can do that? Well, you see,



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sir, the rules say that any senior can take the date of his or her choice. Being a gay man, I think I'm entitled to take a male date.



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Absolutely not.



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Can I talk to the student council about it?



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No. you can't talk to the student council.

... you can't talk to the Student Council.



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Now, look, I know what you're trying to do,



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and I won't allow it. How come? I don't have to defend my decisions to you where we went through all this last year? Or have you forgotten what happened to your friend Peter Grayson? I haven't



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forgotten. But there's a difference. Peter was only 17 then but I just turned 18. I could take this case to court if I wanted to.



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You would go to court with this. Yes. If I had to.



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Well, My decision is final Aaron. Nothing's going to change it.



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Yeah. Well, we'll see about that. Hello,



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is Aaron Frick there speaking? Aaron. This is John Ward returning your call.



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Oh, Mr. Ward. Hi. I got your name from the National Gay Taskforce. They said you had a lot of gay related cases. That's right. Well, I'm gay. And I'm going to need a lawyer soon. So let me tell you why I called.



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So take the case. You're really gonna



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go through with it.



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I really am. Erin. That's fantastic. I just wish I could let the rest of the students know before it hits the front page. Apple, I think I have an idea.



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Erin, what are you thinking?



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There's been divulged if I tell her the whole school though. In about 30 seconds. They don't call her magic mouth but nothing. Hi be how's it going?



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What's it to you?



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Be? What would you say if I told you I'm going to the prom with Peter Grayson as my date? Me



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the max. And I think it worked I



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think to let him do it. He's just trying to get publicity. You gotta admit he's got a lot of guts
Yeah, it's



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crazy



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that Peter made him do it so he wants to bring the guy to the prom so was ruin our reputation what reputation



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somebody says he's going to court yeah here is gonna lawyer and everything this place is turning into gay Town USA I don't



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care what anybody says it's okay by me. You don't really gets me Lynch didn't even ask us what we thought about



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a prick better watch out for there's a lot of kids around here are gonna get pretty damn pissed at him



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I'm gonna bash your faggot Scott he's pleading



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just stood there and watched. You could have helped me. I'm going to be a nurse



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after Aaron filed suit in this court, an event reported by the Rhode Island and Boston papers. A student punched and kicked him in the school hallway. The unprovoked surprise assault necessitated five stitches under Aaron's right, I say that was suspended for nine days. After this, Aaron was given a special parking space close to the school doors and has been provided with him escorts principal or assistant principal, between classes. No further incidents have occurred as of May 26, the day that this hearing began.



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Aaron, would you please tell us why you want to go to your senior prom with another man?



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I feel I have the right to go just like any other student. And I don't understand why shouldn't be allowed to go with Peter.



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Do you consider going to the prom to be a political statement?



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Well, I think just by being there, I'm making a statement for human rights. I see it as a stand against the prejudice that Mr. Lynch is demonstrating. And some of the kids are following.



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Has that prejudice made you uncomfortable in school?



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Yes, it has. But I've managed to go about my daily routine. And I can't see why should be separated from the other kids when it comes to the prom.



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Have you ever been separated from the other kids at Cumberland high because you are gay?



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No. I asked to be transferred out of gym class because some kids are picking on me, but Mr. Lynch wouldn't allow it.



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Aaron, do you have any heterosexual for friends at Cumberland high.



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Yes. One of them is sitting in the courtroom right now.



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And how do they feel about your decision to sue Mr. Lynch?



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They have faith in me to make my own decisions. They're supporting me.



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Are you involved with any in school activities?



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I'm in the drama club. I just received a thespian Award for outstanding performance in the Thurber carnival.



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Have you met all the requirements for graduation?



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Yes, I even pass PE this year.



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school policy is a different student meets all the requirements for graduation. You may purchase prom tickets. Is that right?



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Yes. Plus, I sold my 10 Sr raffle tickets already.



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Thank you, Aaron. I have no further questions, your honor. Your witness.



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Mr. Frick. And you tell the court what is the meaning of the word qav?



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It's the physical and emotional love shared by two people of the same sex. Which is something I have to know about considering I've been gay since I was at least five years old.



11:02

Are you sure you're not bisexual?



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I've never dated girls. If that's what you mean.



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How many dates if



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you haven't met objection, sustained. Counselor to bricks. Private Life was not an issue here.



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Yes. Well, as a homosexual, do you really believe you'll enjoy yourself at a heterosexual prom?



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I've seen straights. Have fun in gay bars. I don't know why I shouldn't have fun at a straight prom



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and you don't think your presence there will be disrupted? No, sir. Or that you and your escort might be physically harmed? No, sir. Are you planning to wear a corsage to the prom?



11:42

Am I what objection counsel is attempting to intimidate the witness?



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I would like to present this newspaper photograph of Peter Grayson wearing a corsage at a gay prom held for him in Boston.



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Evidently, Exhibit A.



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Would you put your head on Peter shoulder and a few slow dance together?



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Objection, Aaron cannot speculate on his future impulses.



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Overruled.



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I don't know. I just do what comes naturally.



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I see. Aren't you wearing a bandage over your right eye? Would you please remove a



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Objection your



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bandage is enough proof of physical harm to



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precise. Aaron has suffered physical harm because of his desire to attend the prom with a male

de coche action.



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Aaron suffered this physical harm because he's gay. If Aaron had been afforded proper protection at school, he wouldn't have this scar.



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Aaron, before your story hit the news. Had you told all the students at Cumberland high that you were gay? No. Then why would they harass you?



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I guess they needed a scapegoat. And I'm an easy target because in their opinion, I'm obviously gay. They see me as some kind of threat. I'm hoping that if we go to the prom, they'll understand that I'm not. I mean, it will bother some of the kids to have us around. But that's because they've never seen a gay couple before. Having us there will probably widen their range of experience



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widen their range of experience. Well,



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I think if the other students see us at the Pleasant Valley Country Club, they'll say wow, gay people really aren't human beings with constitutional rights



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that is promised to be held at the Pleasant Valley Country Club.



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Yes, Your Honor.



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I play golf, everyone. Oh, really? Yes. It's quite relaxing.



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I can imagine that being a judge has a chair of pressures.



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That may be a gigantic understatement. Does the defense have any further questions? No, Your Honor. It's gorgeous recessed until 1030. Tomorrow morning. Everyone needs me I can be found at the Pleasant Valley Country Club.



J Jimmy Carper 13:54

You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. You're listening to a special radio drama of Rock Lobster the story of Aaron Frick taking his boyfriend to the prom. And we returned to the conclusion of that in just a little bit.



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Jack, what are you doing here?



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Don't look so surprised. I just thought I'd drop by and give you some moral support. We we haven't talked very much since this thing started.



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I know. Thanks for coming, dad.



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Well, it's the least I could do. Say, are you hungry? Yeah, I'd love to get something. Well, there's a place around the corner. That's not too bad.



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That sounds good to me.



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You really handled those questions. Well.



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I feel like I've been working on the answers for long Time, like about 18 years.



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I'm beginning to understand that now. Aaron, I don't know how to say this. But well, when I saw you on the stand today, I felt proud. I was proud that you had the courage to say the things you



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said. I only wish it hadn't taken me this long to find out how you really felt.



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Tad, you can't blame yourself for that. I didn't want you to know. I was afraid of what would happen if you did find out?



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Well, I'll say this much. I never thought I'd be sitting in a restaurant with a homosexual telling him I loved him.



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I love you, too, dad.



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Mr. Lynch, Could you summarize your reasons for denying Aaron's request?



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I'd be glad to. First of all, I was worried about Aaron safety. Secondly, I was concerned about the negative effect this homosexual interaction would have been a problem. If this



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court ordered you to protect Darren Frick, wouldn't you provide that protection?



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If I was ordered by the court? Yes, I would. But I couldn't get into their safety. Not even with adequate security. I don't know how much is adequate. I I'd have to look into that. All right.



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Did Aaron tell you about the violence against him in gym class? Yes. He told me and yet in effect, you refused his request for a transfer. Weren't you there for subjecting Aaron to the possibility of more violence?



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No. No, not intentionally. Mr. Lynch,



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you mentioned that negative effect on prom?



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Could you be more specific? Well, the the presence of an openly homosexual couple might encourage the other students to misbehave. There could be excessive drinking, vandalism and so on. There could be but you don't know for sure. Well, I'm not 100% Certain No. But I saw what happened last year at the junior prom when Peter Grayson tried to attend with his mandate. The students couldn't handle the pressure. They became unmanageable. One student jumped into the lake with his tuxedo on. Wasn't that the



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older brother of the student who gave Aaron the weld under his eye?



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Yes, yes. As a matter of fact, it was. Do you allow girls



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to dance together at the prom? Yes,



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we allow girls to dance together. But that does not represent homosexual interaction. The two boys dancing together does.



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That's interesting. I'm curious, Mr. Lynch, whether you have any homosexual acquaintances?



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No, I do not.



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Do you know anything about the homosexual lifestyle?



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enough to know that I disagree with it.



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Would you say you strongly disagreed with it?



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Yes, I'd say so.



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Mr. Lynch. Are there any homosexual teachers at Cumberland high?



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No, there are not. Oh, Aaron has received



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a letter from a substitute teacher at Cumberland high who's gay and whose name naturally will be withheld. Mr. Lynch, I have here the Cumberland High School handbook. Would you please

read the underlying passage for us?



18:52

Prejudice, as a byproduct of ignorance is divisive and inimical to our nation's traditions.



19:01

Do you agree with that statement? Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. Lynch. I have no further questions, Your Honor.



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So we're really going through with this. Why?



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What's wrong?



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I'm sick of it. That's what's wrong. There were reporters calling me every 10 minutes. And some guy threatened to kill me in front of my building. That's kind of hoping they call the whole dance off



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here. We're so close to winning. The prom is only a week away now.



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I guess I never thought it would get this far.



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Maybe I never thought it would get this far either. But it has. I mean, every gay person in the country is watching what's happening here. I can't stop now. Listen, if you don't want to go, That's okay. I'll find somebody else to go with



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it. No, I don't want to disappoint you. It's just one thing.



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What's that?



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Do you think you could find two lavender tuxedos?



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I'll see what I can do. Let's wait for the judge's decision. Who knows we may end up having a problem all by ourselves.



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After considerable thought and research, I have concluded that even a legitimate interest in school discipline does not outweigh a student's right to peacefully express his views and an appropriate time, place and manner. To rule otherwise would completely subvert free speech in the schools by granting other students a hecklers veto, allowing them to decide through prohibited and violent methods, but speech will be heard. The First Amendment is not tolerate mob rule by unruly schoolchildren. In conclusion, I find that the plaintiff has established a probability of success on the merits. And accordingly his request for a preliminary injunction has been granted. Does that mean what I think it means?



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It means that we've just won your case. We won.



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We won



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excuse me, I'm a reporter for The Herald American I'm asking students what they think about this whole thing. What whole thing you know, the senior prom tonight. Oh, hey, make



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so sick. Homosexuals don't even belong in this earth. Much less than our prom really?

THE SICK. HOMOSEXUALS DON'T EVEN BELONG IN THIS EARTH. MUCH LESS ONTARIO PROM REALLY!



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Then you're against what's happening



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against if I'm ashamed to be a Cumberland student anymore. If homosexuals were water bugs I'd stuck on them.



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No, not Aaron Frick by any chance.



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How did you ever get those all right Peter, I was getting worried train was late.



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Aaron You look fantastic.



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Well, I should after all, it's Amanda. My prom. Come on upstairs.



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I've got a tuxedo did you get the lavender ones?



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Did you really think I was tacky enough to wear lavender tuxedo? Well I am I got blue. This lovely dark navy one's yours. And an equally lovely pair of blue mine. Cumberland high school colors. I thought it would be patriotic of us. Peter, you really look good. I'm glad you're here.



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I'm glad I'm here too. And I think we're going to make a stunning couple



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that's that those are TV lights.



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can look at all those people. Are you nervous? Yeah a little. So am I



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Well, we made it this far. It ought to be easy for me here it says the company next hire you feel about your fellow statements and



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Dear Peter, after the prom and everything. I thought you'd like to hear how graduation went. You know how they always wait until the end to call the names of the graduating seniors. Or when they finally call my name. People started booing from the bleachers. My stomach tightened up. I knew it would be bad, but I didn't think it would be that bad. But then I heard a fainter sound. The sound of applause it was coming from the senior class. They were cheering me love Aaron



Jimmy Carper 24:41

you've been listening to a special radio drama Rock Lobster the story of Aaron Frick taking his boyfriend to the prom. This is Jimmy Carper on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's college station before I go When he further, I gave a phone number out a little while ago for the lamda roller skating club and possibly in error. That phone number is 9335818. And now guess what? Scott Lewis is with us and he has got a report on



Scott Lewis 25:23

how do you give that number out wrong? It's written right here on the page. 9335818 I'm an old bitch. From get a friggin eye exam. What the hell is that? She is so it's in friggin bold letters. Yeah, well, girl put your good eye in. What's some of that? You crazy? Oh, bitch. First of all, I just want to say that if it is any Hispanic men are listening, that you should call in immediately at 52657385 to 6k P F T. And hormones are worked by Oh, let me tell you girl, I'm ready to be a bottom. So if you're a Hispanic top call anything out all right, well, you know in on drugs, maybe 526-573-8526 KPFT call me quick because I'm only going to be here for five minutes. Okay, if you're white, hey, you know what? Do you remember that kid? That kid that called in that time and then he was going to come up here and that kid that you knew from the switchboard he



Jimmy Carper 26:25

J JIMMY CARPER 20:25

went back to to to his lover, you know, he went back to to Arkansas, Diddy. Yeah. Oh, well,

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Scott Lewis 26:33

but he had What about RuPaul but he had me first. Um RuPaul Oh, okay, first of all, this whole thing. And you know what, I can't even blame this one on Ellen bourgeois because I don't think it was his fault. Of course. Can we say write these things into the contract? She we went to this lunch today at La Strada where it was \$100 to pay to have lunch with RuPaul Yeah, and if you paid the \$100 You got like a three or four course meal at La Strada with RuPaul. And then you got to go to the show with RuPaul tonight. She put VIP and you got access to this VIP room and stuff. She put on a fabulous show. I will say that for RuPaul. Now let me get to the Bichon part, okay. She didn't show up at the lunch. And so we're all Shana didn't show up at the lunch. Alright, bitch lay off the camera. Okay. Jesus Christ. Okay, you took a picture. Jesus shit, you took three. So anyway, we go over to this lunch at La strada, and she doesn't show up. RuPaul didn't show up. At 100 bucks a plate 150 people she doesn't show up. Okay. So they tell us if you pay the \$100 Okay, which I didn't because I got a media pass. But it was not from after hours because obviously after hours wasn't good enough to get a media pass. I had to get it from this magazine that I work for. Okay. After hours couldn't get a media pass. So anyway, we go over there. The bitch doesn't show up for this thing. Then we go to riches because they tell us that at riches. Why does it show Oh, why doesn't she show up? Because she said in the limousine as she's leaving soundcheck on her way to illustrata I don't look good. I don't want him to see me like this. I don't want to do it. Who gives a shit they paid \$100 a pop. They paid \$100 A piece to see you. They don't care what you look like you tired old whore. Get your tired black drag queen, but over there. And you know Hello. So they say well, since she didn't do this thing, she will come over at the VIP lounge after her show at riches and everybody that paid \$100 a pop can see her there. So we go to riches and we wait through the spectrum dancers we wait through pink fabulous we wait through Carell who was a hoot, big old queen. Her claim to fame is she read it everyone a Jimmy Somerville songs and she sounds like wow. Yeah. We were all thrilled. So then RuPaul Okay, and RuPaul came out to the great show. She did seven songs blah, blah, blah. Where's the Hispanic man? 526-573-8526 KPFT Hispanic men call now. So RuPaul comes up and she does her show and then she's gonna go to the VIP lounge afterwards and meet all these people that paid \$100 a pop to meet her right? Wrong. Bitch walks right out the back door and leaves. So 150 People that paid \$100 hours ahead are screwed. They don't get to meet her at lunch. They don't get to meet her at the concert. They're screwed. What Rupal is the worst, but I see we're just about out of time notice that so I will tell you that you've been listening to Jimmy. She's a bigger whore but that hairs hers because she paid for it Carper and we can't let her talk too fast because her teeth will pop right out of her mouth. At 90.1 FM KPFT Houston. You can write us care of after hours. KPFT Houston for 19 Love it. Houston, Texas 77006. Stay tuned because what comes up next, Jimmy the return

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Jimmy Carper 30:44

of the sons of musical chairs with Billy Gilbert, Randy and Elmo,

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Scott Lewis 30:51

are there no Hispanic men out there? Okay, right now Hispanic men call quick. 526-573-8526
KPFT This is Miss Lewis and I love you gotta go see you.

 Jimmy Carper 31:03

We have another minute. Oh, damn.

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Any Hispanic man that has not

 Scott Lewis 31:11

us. We have another minute. Okay. Any Hispanic man who hasn't dated me? Well, that narrows the field a lot. So what do I talk about for the next minutes American Express?

 Jimmy Carper 31:21

What are you doing on your next show?

 Scott Lewis 31:22

What am I doing on my next show? I don't know. But you know what, just in two weeks, I have all these condoms in my pocket and no lube. What do I do about that? That's more of a concern to me than what I'm doing on my next show. Because that's two weeks away and this night where she's staying in? Hey, RuPaul is staying at the Wyndham Warwick under the name Charles Andres a n d r e s. So call over there. I think it's like 5231991 It's 5271991 Carlos Andres a n d r e s. That's the name her room is under. So call her and say hi to RuPaul and give her kisses for me. Torres waiting in the VIP lounge. Do we have some news coming up Jimmy

 Jimmy Carper 32:06

KPFT Houston and ke o s College Station of

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the Christian Science Monitor. I'm David Glasgow's at the monitor radio news desk. A top aide to Russian President Boris Yeltsin wants to postpone next month's election. The British Observer newspaper quoted Secretary chief Alexander Korsakoff has saying a delay would provide stability in the Russian government. Opinion Polls show Mr. Yeltsin trailing Communist

Party leader going to diesel going off. Yeltsin publicly has stated several times the vote should take place as planned on June 16. US President Bill Clinton plans to spend the week dealing with two major issues, the budget and the gas tax up eyes