

Discrimination Public File June 2014

Date=6/5/2014

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Slug=CELEB RACIST COMMENTS

TMZ RELEASING SOME VERY DISTURBING VIDEO JUSTIN BIEBER MADE WHEN HE WAS 14, USING THE N-WORD IN ONE OF THIS SONGS. RACISM AND CELEBRITIES...WE HAVE SEEN COMMENTS TAKE DOWN THE OWNER OF AN NBA TEAM, A CELEBRITY CHEF, AND ACTORS. NOW POP ICON JUSTIN BEIBER IS TAKING THE HEAT, OR IS HE? LET'S BRING IN DIANE MCNAMARA FROM FIRE IT UP P-R. WE WANT TO TALK MORE ABOUT WHY SOME PEOPLE ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR PREDJUDICE AND DISCRIMANTORY COMMENTS BUT OTHERS ARE NOT.

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Time=3:30

Slug=CYBER BULLYING UP

BULLYING HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PROBLEM KIDS DEAL WITH, BUT WITH SOCIAL MEDIA THE ISSUE HAS EXPLODED. WHILE MUCH OF WHAT KIDS DO ONLINE IS HARMLESS, A NEW STUDY REVEALING THAT 87- PERCENT OF THEM HAVE WITNESSED CYBER-BULLYING, THREE TIMES THE PERCENTAGE REPORTED IN 2013. JOINING US FROM OUR BEACON HILL STUDIO IS ROBERT SICILIANO, IDENTITY THEFT EXPERT AND MCAFFEE CONSULTANT.

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Time=1:05

Slug=CENTERVILLE TEACHER BULLYING

A BARNSTABLE TEACHER IS PUT ON LEAVE FOR ALLEGEDLY BULLYING A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. AND PARENTS WANT TO KNOW WHY IT TOOK THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SO LONG TO TELL THEM. A CENTERVILLE ELEMENTARY PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER IS ACCUSED OF "BULLYING-LIKE BEHAVIOR". ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, THE DISTRICT LEARNED OF THE ALLEGATIONS ON JUNE 4-TH. BUT A GRANDMOTHER OF A 5-YEAR-OLD AUTISTIC BOY TOLD THE CAPE COD TIMES HER DAUGHTER DIDN'T GET A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL UNTIL JUNE 9-TH. FOUR DAYS LATER D-C-F REACHED OUT TO THE FAMILY SAYING THE CHILD WAS INVOLVED. OTHER PARENTS WE SPOKE TO SAID THEY WEREN'T TOLD ABOUT THE SITUATION EITHER.

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Time=8:00

Slug=GENDER REASSIGNMENT

THE STATE WILL NOW COVER GENDER REASSIGNMENT SURGERY THROUGH MASS HEALTH. AND THOUSANDS OF TRANSGENDER MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS WILL BENEFIT. SO, WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE...HORMONE THERAPY AND GENDER REASSIGNMENT SURGERY WILL BE COVERED BY MASSHEALTH. MASSHEALTH IS THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THOSE WITH A LOW-INCOME. ONLY VERMONT AND CALIFORNIA... JUST TWO OTHER STATES... HAVE SIMILAR PROGRAMS THAT GUARANTEE COVERAGE FOR TRANSGENDER CITIZENS.

ALSO THE STATE DIVISION OF INSURANCE WILL IN TELL PRIVATE INSURERS THAT THEY MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST TRANSGENDER CUSTOMERS BY DENYING THEM ANY SERVICES NORMALLY AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS. GOVERNOR PATRICK RELEASING A STATEMENT SAYING... "I AM PROUD TO BE PART OF A COMMONWEALTH THAT PUTS EQUALITY AS ITS TOP PRIORITY MASSACHUSETTS IS A LEADER IN HEALTH CARE, WHERE WE MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS FOR THE GOOD OF OUR COMMUNITIES, AND WHERE DISCRIMINATION, OF ANY KIND, WILL NOT BE TOLERATED."