

When it comes to it," said a source close to the BPPA. "The mayor is waiting for the governor to sign the order, so he won't have to put any police on overtime and it won't cost the city a penny."

The taxpayers of Massachusetts will
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● **Map: Where you can park; where you can't drive.**
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The Christian Radich will take part in Tall Ships parade

Senior gets court's blessing to take his buddy to the prom

By JOE HEANEY
Staff Writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — "It will be the best prom the school will ever have," high school senior Aaron Fricke vowed yesterday after a federal judge ruled he could take his boy friend to the dance as his date.

"I think a majority of the students understand this is a human rights issue and support me," said Fricke, an 18-year-old homosexual student at nearby Cumberland High School.

Earlier, Principal Richard B. Lynch had suggested canceling the Friday night dance at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, Mass., if "proper security and atmosphere couldn't be assured."

Lynch could not be reached for comment yesterday, but his wife

said her husband had decided the dance will be held.

In his decision, U.S. District Court Judge Raymond J. Pettine overruled objections of school officials and ruled Fricke's right to make a statement about his sexuality supersedes their fears of disruption or violence.

"To rule otherwise would completely subvert free speech in the schools by granting other students a heckler's veto, allowing them to decide through prohibited and violent methods what speech will be heard," Pettine ruled.

"The First Amendment does not tolerate mob rule by unruly school children," he said.

Testifying in court last week, Lynch said Fricke was punched in the eye by another student in a

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An outrage

Busy day on the Hill

By BILL DUNCLIFFE
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This is the way it was yesterday at the corruption hearings in the State House.

In the late morning, an "outraged" private citizen named David F. Tilley of Green Harbor went before the House Ways and Means Committee to lecture the members and scold the general public.

In the late afternoon, a discredited former senator named Ronald C. MacKenzie of Burlington went before the special commission probing public building contracts and admitted that he and ex-Sen. Joseph I. C. DiCarlo were paid a total of \$23,000 for sweetening a report originally critical of the McKee-Berger-Mansueto consulting firm of New York.

And in between those two appearances House Speaker Thomas McGee — speaking at a speed of 85 mph — managed to both support the commission and, a few moments later, give a most damaging swat to one of its principal recommendations for reform.

McGee, running one word up the back of the one before it justly kethis, hardly paused for breath as he spoke his piece. He told the Ways and Means Committee that he backed both the special commission request for a six-month extension of its life and the general concept of an inspector general to monitor contracts and several other state functions and services.

But, he hastened to add, he was dead set against the version of

Ship shape

Skies will continue mostly sunny over Greater Boston today with highs in the 70s. Tonight will be fair with lows in the 50s. Tomorrow will be partly sunny with highs in the 70s and 80s. Details on Page B9.

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"Carter's handling of the hostage crisis and the Russian invasion of Afghanistan has been a complete fiasco."

Mrs. Ruth Baxter,
Somerville

Iran parliament meets: Pg. A4

and acquisition, demolition of
structures and site prep
is the city's share of the \$400
project — one that depends
on federal and private
funds and could take more than 10
years to complete.

Included in phase one, whose
costs are projected at \$152 million,
is construction of a \$90 million fed-
eral office building. However, the
General Services Administration is
still studying the feasibility of lo-
cating its office tower in the North
Station area.

Mayor White has called the GSA
building the "catalyst" for the en-
tire area, commonly referred to as
"Boston's backyard." The GSA
agreed to consider the North Sta-
tion site after White appeared at its
public hearing last March.

The Boston Redevelopment Au-
thority (BRA), which is overseeing
the North Station project, expects
the GSA building to spur \$29 million
in private investment.

The private funds will pay for a
1,500-car parking garage, as well as
a glass-enclosed retail arcade con-
necting the GSA building to a reno-
vated Boston Garden.

But the Garden Corp., owner of
both the Garden and Bruins, will
not spend \$18 million to renovate
the 50-year-old facility unless it
gets a property tax break from the

The Celtics lease with the Gar-
den Corp. expires next month, but
there have been few meetings be-
tween the two. In fact, Celtics offi-
cials seem intent on pursuing plans
for a new, 17,000-seat sports arena
near Suffolk Downs racetrack in
Revere.

"We're very much interested in
a new facility, and our plans in that
direction are being pursued," said
Dick O'Connell, former Red Sox
general manager and now a consul-
tant for the Celtics.

Also included in phase one is \$8
million in federal funds for demoli-
tion of the existing elevated MBTA
Green Line, and for the widening of
Lomasney Way. A modern trans-
portation interchange for patrons
of the MBTA, commuter bus lines,
and the Boston & Maine Railroad
will be constructed.

The second phase of the am-
bitious project, which calls for ex-
penditures of \$200 million in private
and \$52 million in public funds, will
not begin for at least five years.

Phase two plans call for con-
struction of a 350-room hotel, 1,100
units of mixed-income housing on
an island created in the Charles Riv-
er, and a system of pedestrian walk-
ways linking North Station with the
North End Waterfront and the
Charles River Esplanade.

Ruling opens prom to gay pair

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school corridor after his court suit
became public.

He said Fricke has been pro-
vided with a safety escort in school
ever since.

Judge Pettine responded:
"Appropriate security measures
coupled with a firm, clearly commu-
nicated attitude by the administra-
tion that any disturbance will not be
tolerated appear to be a realistic,
and less restrictive, alternative to
prohibiting Aaron from attending
the dance with the date of his
choice."

V. James Santaniello, lawyer
for the Cumberland School Com-
mittee, said he will seek a stay of
the court order pending an appeal to

the First Circuit Court of Appeals
in Boston.

John Gaffney, state director of
the National Gay Task Force, said
the decision "will benefit all gay
men and lesbians."

Gaffney's organization support-
ed Fricke's legal fight.

Fricke went to court after Lynch
denied his proposal, explaining the
safety of Fricke and his prospective
date, Paul Guilbert, could not be as-
sured at the Sutton club, 20 miles
from Cumberland.

Guilbert failed a year ago in a
similar effort to bring a male date
to his junior prom at Cumberland
High because, at 17, he was consid-
ered a minor.

He now lives in New York City.

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