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- And Finally, I Know You Are But What Am I? is brought to us this week by [*Brandy v. City of St. Louis, Missouri*](#), in which we learned that open and constructive dialogue can help bridge the gap between parties with divergent interests and viewpoints, creating the conditions for the understanding and forgiveness necessary to heal this fractured nation of ours. Specifically, a potentially violent civil rights protest was defused when a protestor noted Officer Olsten's "pepper spray fogger" and declaimed, "If you put that s*** in my face, I'll f*** you up." After which, Officer Olsten, "stepped toward protestor and [decorously] responded, "Come f*** me up then." Perhaps not the soaring oratory of the Lincoln/Douglas debates, but the message was indeed succinctly conveyed. This of course calmed the crowd and led to the peaceful... Ha! The protestors were summarily treated to the wafting aroma of weapons-grade capsaicin. Can't we all get along?

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