

Readers Speak Up On Controversial Subjects

Irrked By Criticism

EDITOR: We are writing in regard to a letter printed in your newspaper on August 7. It was written by a man and his wife who had attended the production "Anything Goes" at Stevenson High School and "left the building in disgust after the first act."

This letter was of some concern to us as we are two of the "young people of today" who performed in this production. I playing the female lead and my friend playing one of the male leads. Most of the "sensitive lines and curse words" that offended Mr. and Mrs. Tschanz fell within our respective character roles. Mr. and Mrs. Tschanz implied that high school students performing in a play of this nature is an example of their being led into "rebelliousness" all that is fine and decent in life. Speaking for ourselves, we do not feel this couple is justified in their statements.

What we remember from the play is not suggestive lines, but rather that we were afforded the opportunity of working in cooperation with students from all three Livonia high schools.

It is not the addition of curse words to our vocabulary that remains with us, but the fact that the students of three different high schools were able to work together instead of being pitted against one another as we are during the school year in sport and other school activities.

We would like to make it clear to Mr. and Mrs. Tschanz and to anyone else who felt that the show was in "bad taste" that any one of us could walk into the corner drugstore and buy a magazine or paperback and contain the worst fifth and smut for less than the tuition that we were required to pay to work on the production. Mr. and Mrs. Tschanz implied by expanding us to this kind of play, the high schools are corrupting us rather than teaching us "all that is fine and decent in life." We feel they are wrong.

If we want to be exposed to a corrupting influence, it is within our reach in the form of dirty movies with admission price less than the admission for our show.

We suggest that if Mr. and Mrs. Tschanz want to spare their grandchildren whatever ill effects that they feel we suffered by being in "Anything Goes," that they should relinquish their efforts not towards writing letters to the editor objecting to something that afforded us nothing but a learning experience, but rather towards removing the smut in the drugstore, the dirty movies, and the psychological effects of violence on television.

We feel sure that we speak for the rest of the production crew of "Anything Goes" in saying that any youngster can be exposed to worse influences by seeing such movies as "Romeo and Clyde" or any of a myriad of motorcycle movies

Reader Has Point

EDITOR: It is my opinion, that previous to elections, especially local, county and state elections, it should be the duty of local newspapers, such as The Enterprise and Observer, to give the voters of their area concise and pertinent information about all candidates.

I have just been attempting to get such information from the Times, August 4 edition of your newspaper and I find it very difficult because of the makeup black-and-white of that section and lack of complete coverage.

Why can you not assemble all pertinent election information regarding candidates running for office and proposals on one or two adjacent pages devoid of any, even political, advertising or other articles? Most voters having the welfare of their community at heart, like to form an opinion based on accurate information to supplement whatever personal knowledge they may have. Those who have no personal information must rely on their local newspapers in order to vote intelligently.

In the future would you kindly consider this in your before-election editions.

FORWARD T. SATORY

Should Be Praised

EDITOR: It upsets me to discover individuals who would tear down a program that has done so much good for Livonia.

The Public Schools Summer Musical provides an opportunity for young adults to put their talent to work in producing a very fine musical. In the past three summers Livonia has been fortunate enough to view "Music Man," "South Pacific," and "City Fair Lady." It is interesting to note that a person would rather find fault than point out some of their finer points.

Mr. and Mrs. Tschanz, did you realize that 100 persons worked for six weeks in order that "Anything Goes" could be ready for the viewing of a sophisticated audience?

You apparently were so upset at hearing one or two words

that rubbed you the wrong way that you overlooked all other aspects of the production. I can only say that you did not get your money's worth because the second act was far more hilarious than the first. Please give credit where credit is due.

Would Aid Owners

Of Stricken Elms

(Open letter to Redford Township Clerk Mrs. Dawn Rice.)

EDITOR: I was surprised to learn from our conversation recently that Redford Township does nothing to replace the trees lost to the Dutch Elm disease, nor does the township do anything to aid the individual homeowner in defraying the cost of replacing trees lost to the elm disease.

This is indeed all the more shocking when one realizes that our trees are one of the major factors in keeping up property values in the township and attracting new residents as well as keeping old residents in the township.

Aside from the obvious aesthetic values of charm and beauty, our trees also provide the very practical advantage of cooling shade in the summer as well as helping to keep erosion and flooding to a minimum.

Frustrated with the fact that Wayne County does nothing to aid the homeowner other than recommend a type of tree to plant and license him to plant it, I think the township should take some steps in this direction.

The forms of aid could be anything from outright replacement to an involved type of property-tax rebate for those citizens who plant their own trees or it could fall somewhere in between.

What would be the feasibility of the township taking bids from nurseries on given quantities of trees of a certain size and type and making similar arrangements with contractors for the planting of these trees and then passing these obvious quantity savings on to interested citizens who would then reimburse the township for all or part of the expense incurred?

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Hits Gun Control

EDITOR: The reader, "Farmington Resident," who wrote concerning lobbying and gun control, seems to be confused about what lobbying is. Lobbying involves hiring people to influence lawmakers, in favor of a special interest group, and lobbyists must register.

Non-profit, tax-exempt organizations may not hire lobbyists, but their right to speak on controversial issues, and to try to influence public opinions, remains.

No one should be surprised

that the National Wildlife Federation president testified against registration of sporting rifles and shotguns. Hunters, and others who take part in the shooting sports, are the main financial supporters of wildlife conservation.

In other countries, mass registration of sporting arms has been a step toward harsh and punitive restrictions, which have destroyed the shooting sports, as we know them in America.

Registration of all the hunting and target guns in our country would not solve a single problem. It would only create new ones. The temptation to panic and seize upon someone's simple answer to our complex problems must be resisted if we want real solutions.

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