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oral quarrel

Book banning distorts reality for readers, say callers

Oral Quarrel readers last week were asked what guidelines, if any, should be used to censor books. Some groups have estimated that there have been attempts to remove from libraries and bookstores more than 400 titles. Replies recorded during the week were:

If they do (ban books), the kids are going to find it someplace. They're going to have to buy it or steal it from somebody.

I am against any censorship at all. Thank you.

I am opposed to most book censorship because I feel it's the lack of knowledge and not the overabundance of knowledge that hurts people, although I would be opposed to certain sex books in high school libraries.

I am the chairman of Voice of Reason for Oakland County, and one of the tenets of Voice of Reason is the right to choice and another tenet is the fact that we are totally opposed to banning or burning of books and, of course, we are supporters of a secular state. The only guideline in censoring a book is one that says if the person is able to read and comprehend the book, then that should be his own guideline.

I don't feel there should be any guidelines in books. The kids will learn it anyway either on the street or among friends. Any book that is publishable should be published.

I don't think any guidelines should be used in censoring a book because I don't think any book should be censored in a public or community library. Anything written by any human being is part of reality, and if we begin to censor reality, we begin to live a life of illusion.

I think the key word is responsibility. We adults have to make sure that the books the children read teach them to act responsibly in areas of sex, minorities, government, women's rights or whatever. My son was assigned a book in a Farmington High School in the 10th grade about a teenager who had sex with his girlfriend with no mention at all of his or her responsibility or possible bad consequences, etc. The key word is responsibility.

I believe taxpayers should have a voice in what is being used in the schools as far as books are concerned. I think particularly parents should have a voice as to what their children are

exposed to. I think the choice of the word censorship is a bad choice because censorship can apply both ways.

The guidelines should have to do with moral values. I don't believe that teachers can censor what parents believe anymore than parents should be able to censor what teachers believe what is good for children. Therefore, parents should have the opportunity to see what is going on with the books in the school.

Maybe you should remove the parents and not the books.

The censoring of reading materials smacks of Nazi Germany. If somebody finds something objectionable as far as reading material — don't read it.

I feel no books should be censored.

I'm totally against censorship of books because its unconstitutional and un-American. If people think that books should be censored and reading should be controlled, then they should move to the Soviet Union.

from our readers

Erudite Arends not quite right

To the editor:
I have taught physical education for sixteen years in Farmington and am responding to Dr. Arends' article published on Nov. 8. I have always had respect for Dr. Arends as a cardiologist and cardiovascular fitness expert. I believe, however, that he has overstepped his boundaries by criticizing the school district's physical education program without first knowing what our objectives are and how we implement them at each school.
I strongly disagree with Dr. Arends' statement that we neglect self-esteem. I don't know one physical educator in our district that does not hold student self-esteem as a top priority. I would like to see Dr. Arends' method and statistics for evaluation of this subject.
It is stated that Dr. Arends is a fitness expert. As such he knows that physical fitness is more than cardiovascular fitness. It is a combination of strength, power, agility, flexibility, balance, speed and endurance (cardiovascular).
As physical educators we teach to all of these areas. We also are responsible

for teaching skills such as striking objects, catching objects and throwing objects. We are responsible for teaching such things as cooperation, sportsmanship, fair play and team play.

These goals are accomplished through a multitude of activities such as team sports, individual sports, dance, aerobic activities, large and small group games, and self-testing activities. Each of these developmental activities is incorporated into familiar units as: gymnastics, soccer, volleyball, handball, capture the flag, bicycling, square dance, badminton, etc.

We also cooperate with other disciplines such as science and foods classes for education of nutrition and how the body burns glycogen and carries away lactic acid. Music classes assist with our different types of dance.
My concern with Dr. Arends' comments goes beyond this. I am concerned that by using a few accusations, someone can discredit many years of planning and dedication and at the same time receive free publicity for a new commercial program. I hope in the future that the editors will take precautions to prevent their newspaper, which I have thought an excellent one, from being exploited.

Sean O. Whalen
Warner Middle School

Memorial is needed for Dutch

To the editor:

As we become so "caught up" in the present and future direction of America, it becomes increasingly difficult (unless we make it a point to take the time and study history) to see everything in perspective.
Very few people are aware of the fact that 1982 marks the 200th anniversary of peaceful diplomatic relations between The Netherlands and the United States.

Diplomatic relations were established on April 19, 1782, when the States General of The Republic of the Netherlands accepted the letters of credence of John Adams so that he became the first official envoy of the United States. On Oct. 8, 1782, the Treaty of Amity and Commerce was concluded, making The Netherlands the second country in the world to establish formal diplomatic

relations with the United States (France being the first).

Many prominent residents of Oakland County are of Dutch origin. I think it would be befitting to create some kind of physical remembrance somewhere in Oakland County commemorating our 200 years of friendship.

If you are of Dutch origin and would like to help out on a modest project of remembrance, please write to me c/o 287 Voorhees, Pontiac 48053.
Joseph Nussendorfer
Pontiac

Election story insults winner

To the editor:

In the Nov. 4 issue of The Farmington Observer and West Bloomfield Eclectic, M.B. Dillon Ward and Steve Barnaby collaborated to write 27 paragraphs concerning Mr. Headlee's defeat in the governor's race on Nov. 2. Beyond a picture of governor-elect Mr. James Blanchard, nothing was re-

ported on the man who will sit in the chair next year.

The second paragraph begins with "The Farmington area's hope for a second favorite son. . . I live in the so-called Farmington area and he was not my hope. Am I to believe that residence is the criteria in an election?"

The story (post-election editorial?) was a river of partisan tears for the man who came in second. Your ungracious avoidance of the winner is an insult to the democratic (small caps) process.

Karl Yokle
Orchard Lake

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