

After recent raids

Should government tell us what we can watch?

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With the knowledge of recent police raids of adult book stores in Frackville and the City of Philadelphia this past summer, The Dallas Post this past week asked Back Mountain video vendors how they would feel about government authorities clamping down on the sale and rentals of X-rated movies.

"It would not hurt my business to be without them," said Elaine Rufo, owner of EM Video in the Dallas Shopping Center. "We only carry a very small amount of them. They account for only five percent of my sales, if that," Rufo continued.

Rufo said that she does not personally advocate X-rated movies, but that she rents them in order to cater to the buying public.

"I really did not want to rent them (X-rated movies)," Rufo said. "But you have to cater to every side of life in this business. I do not even have a room for them. A patron would have to order them by number. And they are under the counter and out of sight from children."

Dorothy Wolf, manager and buyer of videos for Kaytl's TV, Shavertown said, "I do not think anyone should tell people what they can watch, especially in the privacy of their own home."

"It (X-rated video prohibition) would be awful," Wolf said. Wolf continued by saying that Kaytl's also keeps the X-rated videos out of sight of children and that if someone wants an X-rated film they must ask for it.

"I find that the X-rated videos are usually rented by the more educated and higher income people," said Wolf. "And to be honest with you, X-rated rentals make-up about 35 to 40 percent of our rental business."

Luzerne County District Attorney Robert Gillespie told The Dallas Post last week that the major problem with dealing with X-rated video materials is determining who is offended by them and if prohibition is even unconstitutional.

"According to the Pennsylvania law on obscenity," said Gillespie, "we must show that the movie offends community standards. Taking on an obscenity case is very expensive with all the appeals involved and other constitutional questions," Gillespie said.

"Currently we have a piece-meal approach to appeals and we need a definitive answer as to whether or not

the raids in Philadelphia were unconstitutional or not," the district attorney added. "Then we (law enforcement officials) would know where to go with our investigations."

Gillespie continued by saying, "We must, under the Pennsylvania obscenity statute, show that each individual film is offensive to the community as a whole. If a substantial portion of the community is not offended, we cannot do very much. It is a very difficult standard to apply."

"If someone wants to watch them (X-rated videos) in their own home, then that is OK," said Dolores Tamanini, owner of Back Mountain Video located in the Fernbrook Plaza. "I do not feel that they (government) should tell you what you can do in your own home."

Tamanini said she understands why some people get upset when children are exposed to the X-rated material but that she has taken precautions beyond the law to insure children are not exploited.

"Pennsylvania law requires someone to be 17-years-old to see the videos," said Tamanini. "I felt uncomfortable with that age (17) and raised it to 21 when I first opened. It is now 18 because that is what everyone else is using to determine who is old enough."

Tamanini said the rental of X-rated videos make up about 10 percent of her business. "If they pass a law that says we cannot rent them (X-rated videos), then we certainly would not rent them," she said.

"I have not had a complaint from anyone in the Back Mountain area," District Attorney Gillespie said. "We do not want people to think we are going to close all those stores down. History says you do not do that."

"The real answer," Gillespie continued, "is for people to stop renting them or for the people (customers) to stop buying them. Then you would not have them. However, it is obvious that a substantial portion of the community wants to see them."

"People should be able to see what they want in their own home," said Mary Rose Bishop, owner of Movie Magic on route 309, Dallas. "But it would not bother me if we could not sell them."

Bishop said her shop started renting X-rated videos only two weeks ago "because of the demand."

"I have customers who come in just for them," Bishop said. "I was surprised. I thought they (X-rated videos) would attract derelicts, but I have a couple of professionals coming in for them regularly."



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Plaques presented

Members of the Dallas Kiwanis Club recently presented plaques to two girls who participated in the Annual Kiwanis Girls' All-Star Softball Game. The girls, Debbie Pearn of Wyoming Valley West, and Donna Zavada of Wyoming Seminary were both injured during the game and were transported from the field to local hospitals, causing both of them to miss the plaque presentations at the conclusion of the game. Shown here during the special presentation ceremonies held recently are, from left, Robert Bossart of the Kiwanis Club; Debbie Pearn, Peter George, president, Dallas Kiwanis Club; Donna Zavada, and George McCutcheon of the Kiwanis Club.

Awards group holds meeting

The Back Mountain Area Awards Committee, Wyoming Valley Chapter, American Red Cross held a meeting recently to discuss plans for the upcoming Award Presentations.

Assisting Chairman Bob Cartier was Jean Herron representing the Office of Volunteers; Janet West of the Nursing Group; Jean Grimes of the Service to Military Families; and Mr. Gordon Fader, executive director of the Wyoming Valley Chapter.

The presentation date has been agreed upon to be September 12.

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being prepared for mailing, with an RSVP of Sept. 1, 1985.

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POLICE BLOTTER

A Dallas youth was charged with Underage Drinking early Monday morning after a van he was driving was backed over an embankment along Terrace Ave, Trucksville, Kingston Township police reported.

Charged with Underage Drinking by Kingston Township police was Leonard Karasek of 149 Pinecrest Drive, Dallas.

Kingston Township patrolman Joseph Bren reported that he was called to Terrace Avenue to investigate the possibility of a vehicle being stuck on an embankment.

Upon arriving on the scene, Bren noticed a van hanging over an embankment along Terrace Avenue. Karasek reportedly was spinning his rear wheels in an attempt to free the vehicle. Karasek was later determined to be under the influence of alcohol.

after both drivers veered to the right of Mount Olivet Road to avoid a head-on collision.

Yazinsky told police she had just turned onto Mount Olivet Road and was heading East when she noticed a vehicle traveling at a high speed heading toward her from the opposite direction. Yazinsky said she veered off the road to avoid the speeding car and then was hit from behind by the Luke car.

Luke told police she also saw the speeding car and also veered off the road to the right in order to avoid a head-on accident. Luke said she was distracted by the speeding car and then ran into the rear of Yazinsky's car.

No injuries were reported and Kingston Township patrolmen Walter Davis and Joseph Bren investigated.

An Exeter woman suffering from bleeding cuts on her face was taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Friday Morning after she lost con-

trol of her car on Carverton Road and slid side-ways smashing a utility pole in half, Kingston Township police said.

According to eyewitness Carol Doknovitch of 531 Carverton Road, Trucksville, Cathrine Balara of 965 Exeter Avenue, Exeter had just finished passing a car from the eastbound lane of Carverton Road and was heading directly toward her (Doknovitch), who was traveling in the Westbound lane.

Doknovitch said Balara then swerved to the right in order to avoid a head-on collision with the Doknovitch vehicle and Balara lost control of her vehicle. Doknovitch said Balara then began sliding sideways and smashed into a utility pole, breaking it into two approximately four feet from the base.

Balara was taken to Nesbitt Memorial hospital by Kingston Township ambulance attendants, suffering from cuts and bruises. Patrolman Michael Moravec investigated.

Two Wyoming residents were involved in a rear-end collision along Mount Olivet Road Friday evening after attempting to avoid hitting a speeding vehicle passing in the opposite direction, Kingston Township police said.

Involved in the collision were Judith Luke of 19 Valley Drive, Wyoming and Loretta Ann Yazinsky of RD 3, Wyoming. According to police reports, Luke smashed into the rear of the Yazinsky vehicle

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LEON C. SIDOREK, D.P.M. JOINS DR. CATHERINE WILSON IN PRACTICE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE



LEON C. SIDOREK, D.P.M.

Dr. Catherine J. Wilson has announced the association of Leon C. Sidorek, D.P.M., who joined her in the practice of podiatry July 29, at 165 North Main Street, Shavertown, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sidorek, the son of Edward and Minnie Sidorek, Beaumont, graduated from Tunkhannock High School and completed his undergraduate studies at College Misericordia. He received his degree in podiatry from the William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago, Ill. While in Chicago, he did an externship at the Hines Veterans Administration Hospital, where he dealt extensively in the training of diabetic foot care.

Dr. Sidorek is a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association and the Pennsylvania Podiatry Association. He is associated with Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

The office is located at 165 North Main St., Shavertown, with office hours weekdays and Saturdays. For appointments please call 287-1191. The office is accepting new patients and is participating with major insurances.



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