

Commentary

Opinion

Is the press fair when it blasts Meese's report?

By EDWIN FEULNER
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Reading the editorial comments on the new report from the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, I wonder just how many editorial writers have ever seen an XXX-rated movie, the kind of hard-core stuff the porno industry is turning out these days.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, for example, in a slap at the commission, called "the work of (Attorney General Edwin) Meese's porn-busters...so lacking in credibility that it cannot be put to any serious use."

Not to be accused of pandering to pornographers, the Plain Dealer acknowledged that pornography "may be" a problem, but said the commission report will only stir the Puritan juices of "anti-pornography vigilantes" and be "used to justify their crusades." Indeed, the editorial said, the report will probably encourage "watch groups" to "picket, protest and act in other ways to disrupt the sale of material they find objectionable."

"Librarians, publishers, bookshop owners and movie theater operators - prepare for battle," the Plain Dealer said.

So there you have it. It's the know-nothings against the forces of enlightenment: librarians, publishers, bookshop owners, movie theater operators.

Or is there more to the story? The "more" to this story is the element neither side in the debate seems willing to concede - on the one hand that not all adult movies and publications are anti-social; and on the other that some of the films and publications readily available in most cities, or through the mail, are as vile they have no place in a civilized society.

Those who feel threatened by the pornography commission report

warn of an army of censors ready to throw bricks at any newsstand operator selling *Playboy* magazine or, Heaven forbid, *Penthouse*, or even some of their raunchier imitators.

Come on now. *Playboy* is not the issue. It wasn't "skin mags" such as *Playboy* that the porn commission report was really about.

It was about those movies and magazines that give sex a bad name - that pretend American women all fantasize about sex with donkeys; that rape is fun; that white slavery is every woman's dream; that beach houses are built only for orgies; that the primary purpose of lovemaking is to give the guy next door an opportunity to test the slo-mo mechanism on his home video camera.

There is a world of difference between *Playboy* and *Babes in Bondage* and *Teenage Lust*, a difference that the pornography commission's critics can't eliminate with their censorship warnings and sarcasm.

Instead of attacking its methods and motives, the commission's critics should recognize that a society has a right to draw limits on certain types of behavior. They should then provide some thoughtful ideas on what those limits should be.

The pornography commission may not have shown a direct casual relationship between hard-core pornography and sex crimes. Is it necessary?

If something looks like garbage and smells like garbage, one doesn't need a study commission to know enough to get a shovel.

The pornography commission found an America piled high with garbage. It's time now to start the difficult job of cleaning things up.

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Breakdown of families is big problem of today

By CLYDE DUPIN
Special to The Dallas Post

The greatest social problem in America is the breakdown of the family. It is one of the greatest tragedies of this generation.

When a marriage falls apart, everyone gets hurt. Almost everyone weeps during and often after the divorce. When there are precious little children, they probably hurt the most.

All the talk and explaining will never make up for the lost parent. Recent studies show that the breakdown of the traditional family is the biggest social factor affect in the climbing suicide rate today.

I sometimes wonder if the church is spending too much time on minor social problems and neglecting the major one. The major social problem tearing our society apart is the breakdown in our families. The church must teach the sacredness of the traditional family.

It is still a fact that families who

pray together stay together. The "Chicago Catholic" recently did a survey on divorce. The national figures are one divorce for every two marriages.

However, among couples married in the church and who continue to attend church regularly, the rate is one divorce for every 50 marriages. The survey showed that when families regularly attend church together and have daily prayer in the home, the rate is one divorce in 1,105 marriages.

There are many enemies of the home. Many organizations like Planned Parenthood, People for the American Way, Women's Lib Movement, and similar organizations help to undermine the traditional values which build strong families. When we save our families, we save our future and stabilize a deteriorating society.

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Laughing all the way

Raub's Hotel was famous in the winter for the sleighing parties that come for its famous chicken dinners. In the summer, the hotel housed vacationing tourists. Thousands of people throughout the country still remember Raub's Hotel with fondness.

Only yesterday

Dallas folks support Landon; sugar costs 5 cents a pound

50 Years Ago - Aug. 28, 1936

Governor Alf Landon was assured heavy support in the Dallas section as first returns rolled in in the local straw vote. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the incumbent.

Two local boys Irving Roe Jr., Dallas and Elwood Davis, Harveys Lake participated in the annual three-mile race at Washington, D.C. for the President's Cup. Senator S.J. Sordani provided finances for the trip.

Engaged—Marjorie Degraw and Harry Waters. You could get—Sugar 10 lb. 49c; oranges 29c doz.; med. size cake Ivory soap 5c; Campbell tomato soup 3 cans 20c; cantaloupes 2-15c; Geisha crab meat 25c can; milk 4 cans 29c; 5 lb. bag flour 29c; baking powder 6 oz. can 14c.

40 Years Ago - Aug. 30, 1946

Lehman Schools had a record enrollment of 500 students. Supervising principal was Howard Hendricks.

The First National Bank of Dallas celebrated its 40th Anniversary.

Pennsylvania State Game Commission announced that applications for permits to hunt antlerless deer would not be accepted before October 1. Approximately 1600 permits would be issued.

Married—Natalie Louise Kresge and Lawrence Isaacs; Betty Jean Crich and Charles Gordon.

Deaths—Elizabeth Klinetob, Sweet Valley.

You could get—Onions 5 lb. 12c; white California grapes 25c lb.; Bartlett pears 2 lb. 29c; sweet potatoes 3 lb. 23c; Realemon juice 16 oz. bottle 28c; raisins 11 oz. 10c; ravioli 17 lb. jar; tea balls 16-14c; Bre Rabbit Molasses 22c lb.

30 Years Ago - Aug. 31, 1956

Machell Avenue was a beehive as work started on the \$200,000 addition to Gate of Heaven School. A school bus storage garage was nearing completion at the rear of the church. The school addition was expected to be completed early next year.

The Dallas Branch of Miners National Bank celebrated its 50th anniversary. According to Ralph Road, first teller, the bank opened Monday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. George R. Wright was the first bank president.

Engaged Betty Marie Montross and Robert C. Statnick; Charlotte R. Dymond to Richard G. Parry.

Married—Doris Bush and Carl G. Henning.

Deaths—Josiah Kocher, Harveys Lake; William Llewellyn, Miles Corners.

You could get—Corn beef 12 oz. can 45c; girls dresses 99c; children's school shoes \$2.49; boys pants \$1.59; chickens 39c lb.; hot dogs 49c lb.; charcoal 10 lb. 75c; watermelons 79c; paper plates 96c 100 plates.

20 Years Ago - Sept. 1, 1966

St. Andrew's Orthodox Church was founded. The

congregation met temporarily at Hayfield House. Rev. Gerald Sudick was pastor. James Kozemchak was elected president; Mrs. Anton Humnick was president of the women's guild.

Two hundred and sixty employees remained out of work as employees at Linear made no progress in labor disputes. George Marsden was president of Local 204, United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America.

Engaged—Celia Nakoski and Albert F. Dendler.

Married—Doris Olenick Nafus and Herbert L. Sorenson.

Anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. Paul White, 49 years; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Elston, 51 years; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dorosky, 24 years; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ginocchetti, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Felix Witkoski, 45 years; Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Mendelsohn, 23 years.

Birthdays—Annie Winter, 89 years old; Fred Dymond, Sr., 80 years.

Deaths—Alva Case Sweet Valley; Louise Cummins, Dallas; Charlotte Jean Marks, formerly of Noxen; Levi Sutliff, Fairmont Springs; Lila Obitz, Hunlock Township; Mrs. Willard Puterbaugh, Shavertown.

You could get—Smoked hams 55c lb.; chuck roasts 79c lb.; cantaloupes 3-79c; Italian Prunes 2 lb. 39c; flour 10 lb. bag \$1.19; 1 lb. can Maxwell House coffee 81c; Beech-Nut baby food 10 jars 89c; clams 4c ea.; shirmp \$1.39 lb.

10 Years Ago - Sept. 2, 1976

Harveys Lake Borough Councilmen met to discuss the proposed purchase of some lakefront property for use as a park. Council President Robert Wintersteen proposed the purchase of 6.8 acres of Sandy Beach owned by Helen Sgarlet. The price was \$130,000.

New faculty members at Lake-Lehman attended teacher orientation. New staff members were Marilyn Cigarski, Georgeann Adams, Carol Pilger, Lidda Adams, Susan Reese, Dolores Casilli, Deborah Deluca, Denis Witek and Richard Hohenwarter.

Married—Mona Lee Rice and David Hoadley; Patricia Lewis and Robin Arthur Miller.

Engaged—Donna Weaver and Joseph Kruppo.

Anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. C. Warren Koehl, Sr. 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hicks, 25 years; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ellsworth, Kunkle, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Bertram, 50 years.

Deaths—Darrell Weisley, Harrisburg; Jacob Rau, Shavertown; Jane DeReemer, Swoyersville; Susan Kosch, East Dallas.

You could get—Ground round \$1.19 lb.; bottom round roast \$1.29; Kohlbassi \$1.49 lb.; Minute Maid orange juice 64 oz. 79c; Hi-C Fruit Drinks 46 oz. 2-99c; Scott towels 2-1; potatoes 20lb. bag \$1.19; green peppers 3 lb. \$1; plums 4 lb. \$1.

Library news

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Are you looking for a birthday present? a special Fall gift? an early Christmas gift? We may have just what you are looking for. We will have available for sale, as an on-going item, library shirts. In stock are Staff shirts with the library logo, "The Next Chapter"; yellow tee shirts and navy crew and hooded sweatshirts with the library auction logo. The tee shirts are \$7.00; staff shirts, \$12.00; crew sweats, \$15.00 and hooded sweats, \$20.00. The sweatshirts will be especially welcome for the upcoming cooler weather. These shirts are in stock and may be purchased at the main circulation desk in the library.

My son Glen is now affiliated with Merrill Lynch in Corpus Christi, Texas, and was attending the conference and training center in Plainsboro, New Jersey, for 3 weeks of specialized training. This center is close to Princeton and I decided to take a trip down to see him. I received some very detailed directions as to what routes to take to get there from a good friend who is familiar with the Jersey district. Thanks to those directions, I arrived at the training center in three and one half hours with no wrong turns. It is a fabulous complex of buildings and Glen was able to give us an inspection of the entire center. Cliff, my son who lives in Philadelphia, joined us for the tour and we three had brunch at a lovely restaurant in Princeton. It was great to be with the two boys again and the weather was just perfect. There are two special reasons why I'm happy to be called Mother and their names are Cliff and Glen. Now, for my return trip. Unfortunately I was in the wrong lane trying to get off 178 and onto 78 and went 30 miles before turning around and starting over; everything then went fine until I tried to find 22 West; I again lost time and went 25 miles before turning around, inquiring at a Holiday Inn only to find out I was going the right way. I was very happy to finally see the sign Easton, 36 miles; then the Penna. Turnpike and eventually Exit 36, Wilkes-Barre, Bear Creek, 2 miles. The next thing I knew I was passing Exit 36 and decided that wasn't the exit I wanted because I couldn't see one 2 miles. I had and I must have taken a short nap; continued on to Exit 37, got off the turnpike, took 315, south to Wilkes-Barre and finally arrived home at 1:00 in the morning. A five hour trip from New Jersey! I reversed my directions and got lost some how. However, I did arrive home, safe and sound.

The Children's Room Fall Story Hours will begin October 1 for 3-5 year olds and Sept. 30 for Toddler 2 years old. Registration will take place after 1:00 on September 8, 9, 10 and 12 at the library on a first come first serve basis with Mrs. Rudolph as director.

(Nancy Kozemchak is the assistant librarian of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Her column appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

Checking accounts can be expensive

Pennsylvania's consumers may be in for a shock when they learn how much their basic checking accounts could be costing them. Even interest-bearing checking or NOW accounts may not be much of a bargain, according to an official at one of Pennsylvania's thrift associations.

Citing recent survey findings, Michael J. Judge, president of the Pennsylvania Credit Union League, noted costs to consumers for routine bank services continue to increase. Some NOW accounts with small balances may cost more in yearly fees than they earn.

The findings are from the Third Annual National Survey of bank account fees, conducted in April by the Consumer Federation of America (CFA). The survey of 225 banks and thrifts in every region of the country revealed that consumers with small NOW accounts pay an average of \$83 (even allowing for interest income) and can pay as much as \$210. Service fees can include check writing and access to automatic teller machines.

"The report shows that the cost to consumers of interest-bearing checking accounts has jumped 25 percent over two years," said Judge. "That means many American families are unable to make use of NOW accounts."

Credit unions were not included in the current study. Last year, however, the CFA and the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) conducted a comparison study of the costs of NOW accounts and the credit union equivalent-share drafts. The study included 1,600 credit unions and found the average small NOW account cost \$75 more per year in fees than it earned in interest. In contrast, the average small share draft account \$2 more than it earned.

The study defined a small account as one with an average balance of \$500, in which the balance fell below \$300 once a month. In both cases, it was assumed the consumer wrote 10 checks or share drafts and made four automated teller withdrawals per month. The average monthly cost also assumed two bounced checks or share drafts per year.

Entertainment

60s shows introduced some of today's stars

By DEBBEY WYSOCKI
For The Dallas Post

Regular series television programming during the 1960s reflected the general interests of the decade. Those interests included space, war, and espionage themes. Other new shows were based on physicians and lawyers. Variety shows, animal programs, crime drama, and sitcoms

prospered.

Western dramas began to fade, but some Westerns did leave their marks on 1960s television, "Wagon Train," "Rawhide," and "The Richard Boone Show."

The most promising new situation comedy to appear on TV was "The Andy Griffith Show." The show helped launch the careers of Andy Griffith, Don Knotts, Jim Nabors, and Ron Howard. Other situation

comedies of the era included "The Beverly Hillbillies," "Green Acres," "Bewitched," "The Flying Nun," and "Gilligan's Island."

The most important new comedy-variety show of the period was "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In," a show that influenced almost every comedy show that followed.

"The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" was another popular show of a similar format, but was cancelled in 1969 because of a script conflict and was replaced by "Hee Haw," a country replica of "Laugh-In" produced in Nashville.

Several musical variety programs were favorites in the 1960s, including "The Dean Martin Show" (1965-1974), "The Andy Williams Show" (1958-1971), "Sing Along with Mitch" (1961-1966), and "The Carol Burnett Show" (1967-1978), the last major variety show on regular network television.

The scheduling of full-length feature movies in nighttime network

schedules became a new trend. NBC began it with its weekly "Saturday Night at the Movies." When it became obvious that TV soon might have a shortage of Hollywood movies, the networks began contracting for the production of their own to supplement the dwindling supply.

A new wave of spy shows emerged in the mid-1960s inspired by the success of James Bond movies. The first was "The Man from U.N.C.L.E.," starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum. "I Spy" was a more believable series, featuring Bill Cosby as the first black performer in a starring role in a regular dramatic program on network TV. Another series was "Mission: Impossible" (1966-1973), starring the husband-wife team of Martin Landau and Barbara Bain.

The most enduring of space-oriented dramas was "Star Trek," a Gene Roddenberry creation. Other science fiction-space series included "The Invaders," "Outer Limits," "Lost in Space," and the animated "The Jetsons."

For fans of the military genre, television offered "Combat," "Twelve O'Clock High," "Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.," "Hogan's Heroes," and "McHale's Navy."

Two early medical shows on TV were "Ben Casey" and "Dr. Kildare," which starred Richard Chamberlain. (Mr. Chamberlain, by the way, enjoys vacationing in the Pocono Mt.) CBS also introduced "Medical Center," which featured Chad Everett and James Daly (father of Tyne Daly, "Cagney & Lacey"). In 1969, ABC launched probably the most successful medical show of all time in "Marcus Welby, M.D.," a David Victor production. (Although presently living in Beverly Hills, Mr. Victor has been a frequent visitor to the Wyoming Valley area.)

Animal series hit the television screen during this time with such shows as "Lassie" (about a collie), "Flipper" (about a pet dolphin), "Mr. Ed" (about a talking horse), and "Gentle Ben" (about a black bear).

In 1967, Congress passed the Public Broadcasting Act. PBS has come to offer quality programs as "Civilization," "Masterpiece Theater," "Forsythe Saga," and "Elizabeth R."

The most important children's program also was introduced by PBS in 1969. "Sesame Street" made celebrities of Big Bird, Bert and Ernie, and the Cookie Monster.



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