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White House economics adviser Larry Summers
successfully prevailed upon Congress to remove
a provision from the stimulus bill that would
have sharply and retroactively limited bonuses
to top executives of firms receiving bailout cash.
This effectively approved the AIG bonuses the
same payouts that an embarrassed Obama pub-
licly instructed Geithner to try to recoup once
the public hit the roof.

The White House now says Geithner didn't
know about the AIG bonuses until it was too
late. Even if true, shouldn't he have known? The
big political blow-up over Merrill Lynch's bonus-

but he won't retain the confidence of the
American people if his economic brain trust
keeps acting with such political stupidity.

In relative terms, the \$165 million in AIG
bonus money is chump change. But what those
dollars symbolize to ordinary Americans is a
corrupt system in which rich, well-connected
schemers profit at the expense of the many.

Note well, Washington: In November,
Americans voted for change, not for you to make
them feel like chumps.

— Dallas Morning News

YOUR VIEWS

3-20-09

Legitimate resources on sex

Certain books in the young adult section of
West Bend's public library have raised concern,
particularly in regards to some of them deemed
as "pornographic" in nature. Pornography is
defined as "material whose primary purpose is to
cause sexual arousal."

I have enough respect for the public library sys-
tem to entrust they they would never make avail-
able books directed toward teenagers that's "pri-
mary purpose" is to "cause sexual arousal." This
appears to be a gross misunderstanding by an
uninformed citizen who believes that individuals
actually stand to benefit from the restriction of
information.

"If we do not provide young individuals with a
safe environment with documented resources for
them to investigate these topics, where are they to
turn to? The media has done enough to distort the
perception of gender and sexuality for the up-and-
coming generations in America.

We need to come to terms with the fact that just
because we may not understand why someone
may be interested in a topic does not give us the
right to restrict their access to information on it.
Do we really want to entrust our teens' knowledge
of such topics strictly to a Google search? We
should applaud individuals seeking more legiti-
mate resources to answer questions.

If others are uncomfortable with these topics, I
suggest that they explore other sections of the
library. Please do not let fear and misunder-
standing guide your decision on this matter.

This type of literature saves lives by letting peo-
ple know that they are not alone in their feelings,
and if this issue has raised as much of a fuss as it
has appeared to, that message is more important
to convey now than ever!

Rebecca Chase
Colgate

Today's Inspiration

*"All the goodness, beauty and
perfection of a human being belongs
to the one who knows how to
recognize these qualities."*

— Georgette LeBlancX

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