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# It isn't too hard to grasp

### Nobody's Fool's goal is to prevent chances for abortion

I am a Republican who supports George Bush. I listen to conservative talk radio.

I also think that Nobody's Fool is a good idea.

I am so frustrated at narrow-minded people like John Piscotta that I'm ready to engage in primal scream therapy.

One of the primary purposes of Nobody's Fool is to provide education and information so that kids aren't put in the position of being faced with whether or not to have an abortion.

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Guest  
column

Hence, the name. That's not a real hard concept, people. I, like many parents of my age group, remember being in high school when the main unmentionable STD was gonorrhea. We didn't have AIDS, HPV, chlamydia, genital herpes, etc.

If we did have it, we didn't know about it until it was too late.

I am all for abstinence-based programs. I am for any program that informs and educates our young people as to the dangers of premarital or irresponsible sexual behavior.

Of course, there are parts of Nobody's Fool that make me uncomfortable. There are parts of any responsible sexual education program like that. But I am so very grateful that there is someone who will discuss those things with our children because perhaps the words "uncomfortable" and "embarrassed" are interchangeable.

As for denouncing Nobody's Fool for addressing oral sex [Glenda Jones, guest column, July 11], thank Bill Clinton for that. Since our former president defined it as not being real sex, we are now forced to talk about it, and let our kids know

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you can still get nasty diseases that if left untreated, can kill you.

Unfortunately, there are some children in this community who do not know that incest is wrong. There are girls who do not know that they can say "no" and it's OK. Any program that teaches these kids what to do to avoid these situations is OK with me, be it Nobody's Fool, True Love Waits, Worth the Wait, or McCAP.

Something else about Planned Parenthood: Look in the phone book in any major city. You will find that the vast majority of clinics offering abortion services are private, for-profit businesses. For Planned Parenthood, abortion accounts for a very small percentage of what it does.

Something I find truly reprehensible are those protesters who post their 4-year-olds in front of the Convention Center during Nobody's Fool with posters of an aborted fetus. That is truly irresponsible parenting and, dare I say it, morally deficient. Shame on you.

I support John Piscotta's right to an opinion and to voice it. He cannot say the same of the people who run and support Nobody's Fool. If he and those like him have their way, we would only be allowed to think the way they think and support products they deem morally fit. How selfish.

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