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Since people are getting upset about the issues of freedom of the press and censorship, with Leland Hawes, Jr. pointing out (among other things) that religious and racial slurs would "draw unfavorable scrutiny" from the board, I would like to make three non-parallel points:

¶ The notion of a 'family' standard is useless. Different people raise their children to different standards; whose 'family' sets the standard?

¶ Blatant and offensive sexism, for example, is hardly unknown in the bundles, yet it fails to "draw the scrutiny" which other material attracts.

¶ Language is indeed like morality: it is an evolving thing, never static or homogeneous except at the most general and trivial level.

I remain in favor of debate, opposed to censorship in any form, and troubled by sanctimony.

