

MANAGER'S DESK FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

Can it really be true that you are getting rid of Ranger Bill? It seems dated and a little crazy sometimes, but sad to see the decision over Grey Wolf. Modern Native Americans do style themselves like him. And he is totally a respected person in the show. He's super competent. He isn't Bill's flunky or dumb, savage or primitive. What is there to object to? **Get any complaints about Stumpy because he is the iconic old timer?** What about Eugene on Adventures in Odessy as the stereotypic intellectual? What about Ole on Sailor Sam as the iconic old Swede... or Hazel, for that matter as the womanly ma type?

Don't people realize that this is drama for kids with intentionally exaggerated character types?

SO BEGAN A RECENT EMAIL FROM A LISTENER. I FORWARDED THE EMAIL TO MOODY RADIO AND LET THE LISTENER KNOW THAT THE DECISION TO RETIRE RANGER BILL WAS NOT OURS BUT MOODY RADIO'S. HE WENT ON IN HIS EMAIL WITH SOME THOUGHT PROVOKING THOUGHTS IN REGARDS TO PROGRAMMING THAT THE WORLD MIGHT FIND OFFENSIVE. CONSIDER THESE POINTS:

If WRVM is going to teeter to offended listeners, your biggest problem isn't Grey Wolf. It is the fact that every day, all day, you broadcast the tacit message that Christians are evangelical snobs. You assume your audience expects you to be biblical. No gay characters on any of the kid's drama, I've noticed. No calling God "she" now and then to avoid offending the feminists. Wow, you even have this guy Ravi Zacharias who outright says that a Christian *has to be exclusive* to make any sense when our leader said, "I am the way, truth, life, no man comes to the Father but through me". What an offense that must be to listeners who affirm the "both and" illusion.

SOME LISTENERS ARE SENDING THEIR COMMENTS DIRECTLY TO MOODY RADIO IN REGARDS TO TAKING RANGER BILL OFF THE AIR. THIS LISTENER INCLUDED THIS SHORT NOTE INSIDE THEIR CHRISTMAS CARD TO US:

I SENT MY LETTER ON THE PROGRAMMING DIRECTLY TO MOODY. I WORDED IT "QUITE STRONGLY." THANK YOU FOR INVOLVING US IN THE EFFORT TO SAVE THE PROGRAMMING.

WHEN MOODY RADIO GAVE ME PERMISSION TO INVITE OUR LISTENERS TO CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY, I'M NOT SURE THEY KNEW WHAT RESPONSE THEY WOULD GET. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON MOODY 'RETIRING' RANGER BILL AT THE END OF THE YEAR, YOU CAN CALL THEM AT 312.329.4300 or EMAIL moodyradio@moody.edu.

THEY SAY CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR GIVING. AND WE ARE CERTAINLY ENCOURAGED BY YOUR GIVING THIS MONTH AS WE SEEK TO FINISH OUR FISCAL YEAR IN THE BLACK!

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.