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cess stress and then discard; add scoops of delight; measure just a pinch of order; sift out intolerance; try a little tenderness; grate in gratitude; stir in joy ('til just the point of overflowing). Reduce portions — delegate those extra helpings of dishes. Blend all ingredients together and spread evenly by *giving*. If overdone — chill.

Serve it up with style and a smile. Wrap it up with grace. If you have leftovers — of course, recycle and reuse. May all of ya'll enjoy the bounty that is ... Chow!

Oh yes — to prevent a sluggish feeling after consuming — not that there's anything wrong with feeling sluggish — oops, that's another recipe. Oh fiddle dee dee, I'll think about that tomorrow.

*Queen Scarlett O' Slimera
Eugene*

ADJUST THE COLOR

I would like to respond to Frank M. Price's Letter in the *Weekly* (12/2) titled "Raunchy Cable." After reading his concerns, I both agreed and disagreed. A few years ago I was attending a conference on the effects of the media. One of the speakers was Ted Turner, who charmed and invited us get involved to effect change. When he agreed to take questions, a student asked what gave Turner the right to colorize certain black and white classic films from the MGM catalog. Turner asked the student if he had color controls on his TV. He answered that he did. Turner's response was that if he was upset he could

simply adjust the color.

Mr. Price, I understand your concerns. In addition, I don't understand why you seem think that the cable company needs to cater to your needs. Instead of demanding change, why didn't you cancel your subscription, incorporate signal filters that are password activated, watch only videos or DVDs, switch to a disk service and finally, stop watching TV altogether.

I have expanded basic cable and having no young children at home, I watch what I want and restrict what I see. You also write that you should not have "that sewage" in your home just to watch the Food Network or the Disney Channel. While your concerns are valid, they have to be put aside in favor of our protected First Amendment right. I may not agree with you, but I will defend your right to have those thoughts/feelings.

As a strong believer in the absolute separation of church and state, I cannot hold with the moral belief that infringes on my rights. You desire to pick and choose what you watch and only watch what you wish is not in the best interest of your cable provider. You have the power you seek and the will to clean up the cable industry. The same privilege has to apply to everyone equally. Saying that your way is righteous doesn't make it so.

In closing, I would suggest that you look at what and how you believe. No moral imperative has value when it denigrates the greater good. We have the capacity for both good and evil. The truth is rarely pure and almost never simple. Do

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