Scenario 1:

A student was cited for alcohol consumption at a football game. You have a photo of him being driven away by his mother. In the photo, his mom is obviously irritated, and he holds up his citation.

Scenario 2:

A teacher’s assistant for one of the physical education teachers walked into the wrestling room to get something for another teacher, and found one of the married physical education teachers having sex with another married woman.

Scenario 3:

The quarterback of your team has not played the last three games. You found out and verified through several reliable sources, including some of his friends, that he was benched for stealing from teammates’ athletic lockers.

Scenario 4:

One of your friends has tried to connect with administrators in your building after school, and has discovered each of them leave within the first 15 minutes after the bell rings.

Scenario 5:

Two 15 year-old boys in your school were cited during winter break for blowing up mailboxes. You are shocked to find out they are being charged with a felony, which will have implications for them beyond high school. You want to run a story about the charges and interview the boys, while withholding their names. One of the mothers calls and threatens to withdraw her students from the District if anything runs at all in the paper. How do you decide what is fair, while balancing your right to print.

Scenario 6:

The coach of the football team (a teacher in your building) has just named his son (a junior) as the quarterback over last year’s backup, who is a senior this year. Several parents have voiced frustration, and several students have quit the team as a result. How do you enter into the discussion?