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Foreigner's 'donation' to high school choir doesn't hold up to examination

A group named "Foreigner" (are you already suspicious?) has offered, according to the Aug. 31 edition, to donate \$1,000 to the Canyon Lake High School choir during the group's appearance Thursday.

The choir will sing one song with the group when it comes here.

Apparently, that is a good thing.

Until the details are examined.

Let's do the numbers:

We can be sure all the relatives of the choir members within traveling distance will attend. They will pay the \$23 admission charge. Plus parking. Those numbers will be substantial. It is likely few of them would have attended except to see their special youngster.

But then look deep into the article where it says the choir will be selling CDs both before and after the performance.

Those are CDs of the group, not of our choir. Guess where that money goes. It won't stay here at the lake.

And, of course, attendees are more likely to buy those CDs from our adorable teenagers than some outsider. Sales will skyrocket.

That skimpy \$1,000 is not a donation. It is an investment, which will pay a handsome return.

If those foreigners were serious about helping our kids the dollar amount donated would be commiserate with the value added by our talented choir.

Start at three grand. And work up.

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