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## NAACP Leaders Protest Racist Cartoon

The Portland Branch of the NAACP stood up against a racist cartoon seen as advocating the assassination of President Obama and promoting dehumanizing racial stereotypes in a NAACP Nationwide Day of Action.

"Make Murdoch Fix it," was the rallying cry of NAACP members and other community leaders in cities across the county demanding that NewsCorp Chairman and owner Rupert Murdoch make changes immediately to his New York Post and Fox News outlets.

The New York Post cartoon showed police shooting a chimpanzee with a caption saying, "I guess they've have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill," juxtaposed against a photo of President Obama singing the stimulus package.

The local protest took place Thursday at Reflections Bookstore in northeast Portland, drawing several local leaders and supporters.

Portland NAACP President Bishop H. L. Hodge distributed a letter the group sent to the Patrick McCreery, the general manager of KPTV, Channel 12, asking the local FOX-TV affil-



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A Nationwide Day of Action to protest a racist New York Post cartoon draws the support of the Portland Branch of the NAACP. Pictured are Helen Sherman (from left), Bishop H. L. Hodge, Lurene P. Campbell, Barbara Brady, Bishop Lamont Tellis and Earlean P. Hodge.

ate to lend its voice to a call to change the pattern of racially insensitive and incendiary news coverage, and demand

greater diversity at news outlets nationwide.

McCreery did not return a photo call from the Portland

Observer asking for comment.

KPTV is owned by the Meredith Corp. of Des Moines, Iowa.

## Cross Burning Guilty Pleas

Two men from Medford have pleaded guilty to a hate crime after pouring flammable liquid on the front lawn of a residence in the shape of a cross and the letters KKK and igniting the material with a small explosive device.

Gary Moss and Devan Klausegger admitted that this

was done with the intent to interfere with the victims' civil rights under the Fair Housing Act because one of the victims was African-American, federal prosecutors said.

"Bias-motivated acts of violence are offensive to our nation's fundamental values," said

Loretta King, acting assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division. "The Justice

Department is committed to vigorously prosecuting the federal laws prohibiting violent acts motivated by hate."

"Crimes committed in the name of racial hatred tear at the very fabric of our society," said

U.S. Attorney Karin J. Immergut. "All members of our society must be free to live without fear that they will be targeted because of their race."

Moss and Klausegger face a maximum punishment of 10 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000.

### Dear Deanna!

My mother-in-law is causing tension in my marriage. She's sexy, youthful and has implants but I'm not attracted to her. I am happy with my wife. My wife has self-esteem issues because of her weight and sees her mom as competition. I often tell her that her mother is fake because of the plastic surgery. Our marriage is suffering because my wife has it in her mind that I want her mother. Is there anything I can do in order to boost her self-esteem? --James; Topeka, Kan.

### Dear James:

You have no business commenting on your mother-in-laws implants nor calling her sexy. This makes it look as if you've spent time looking at her and sizing her up. You wife has been observing your behavior and actions in the presence of her mother and it has made her insecure. If your wife sees her mom as competition, she needs to lose weight, im-

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prove her appearance and work on her own happiness. Your encouragement, coupled with her self-improvement is the solution to bringing the happiness back and saving your marriage.

### Dear Deanna!

My spouse is trying to force me to quit my stable job of 10 years. I've never had problems and the benefits are great. The issue is a new department secretary. I have no interest in this woman but my wife only sees her as a young, energetic woman climbing the ladder. I've done nothing to make my wife insecure and she's going crazy listening to office gossip. I'm not quitting my job

and my wife still insists that I should. What do I do? --Paul R.; Jacksonville, Fla.

### Dear Paul:

If you've had the same job and same spouse with no issues, then something has been triggered with the arrival your new employee. If you've winked or wagged then you've given the office hens something to talk about. Office gossip is 99 percent gossip with a one percent smell of truth. Your wife has an insecurity issue that started before now and this is simply an excuse. You have a choice to fix your marriage, fix your job or fix yourself.

### Dear Deanna!

I ended my relationship with my boyfriend because I thought I wanted someone more active, exciting and could give me thrills. I now realize I had everything I needed in the man I was with. My ex-boyfriend has a good job, making a lot of money and he's dating someone else. I want him back

and it hurts me looking at this woman living the life I was supposed to have. How do I approach him and let him know that I want another chance? --Anonymous; Charleston, S.C.

### Dear Anonymous:

You didn't miss the water until the well ran dry and now you have to look at the life you missed out on. You got what you deserved because you were selfish and only thought about yourself and your agenda. It appears he's happy in his new relationship. You can call him on the phone or talk to him direct. However, you must remember that you left him for another man. If he rejects you, or hurts your feelings, get over it because the pendulum of karma just swung back.

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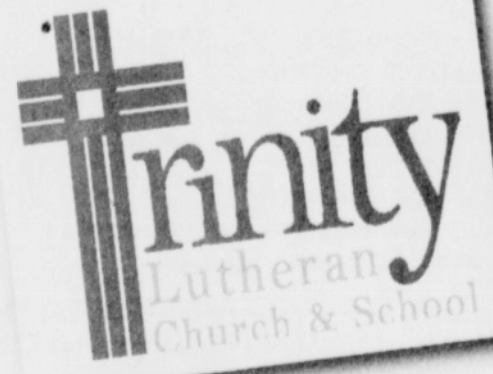
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