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Montana Judge Sends Vulgar, Racist Email

'Joke' labels Obama as product of mother's liaison with a dog

If you've ever wondered how low Obama haters can go with their racism, the answer is there is no bottom.

"That was pretty much proved in the revelation of an email forwarded by a federal judge. The email basically says President Obama's mother had sex with a dog, and he's the result. But of course the judge in question denied circulating the note because it was racist, but because it was anti-Obama," reports Politico.

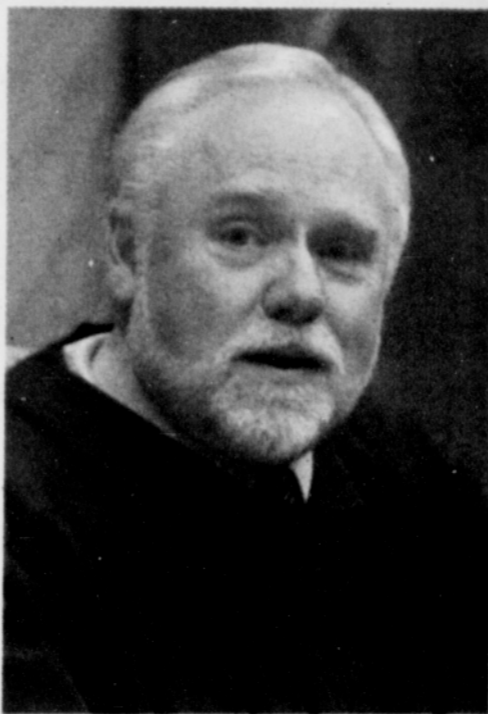
Judge Richard Cebull of Billings, Mont. forwarded the email from his

chambers to six other people on Feb. 20, The Great Falls Tribune reported.

"A little boy said to his mother; 'Mommy, how come I'm black and you're white?'" the e-mail joke reads. "His mother replied, 'Don't even go there Barack! From what I can remember about that party, you're lucky you don't bark!'"

Cebull told the newspaper that his brother sent him the email, which he forwarded to six "old buddies" and acquaintances.

The judge apologized and ac-



Richard Cebull

knowledgeed that the content of the email was racist, but said he does not consider himself racist, the newspaper reported. He said he has treated all people in his courtroom fairly, and he has not heard any complaints otherwise.

"The only reason I can explain it to you is I am not a fan of our president, but this goes beyond not being a fan," Cebull said. "I didn't send it as racist, although that's what it is. I sent it out because it's anti-Obama."

Cebull was nominated by former President George W. Bush and received his commission in 2001. He has served as chief judge of the

District of Montana since 2008.

Travis McAdam, executive director for the Montana Human Rights Network, said the email's content was unbecoming of a federal judge.

"It's one thing if the judge is not a fan of President Barack Obama, but you would think someone in his position would articulate that in a way that criticizes his policy decisions or his position on issues," McAdam said. "We have a hard time believing that a legitimate criticism of the president involves distributing a joke that basically compares African Americans with animals."

Advocate Joins Civil Rights Panel

Sunny Petit, chair of the Oregon Commission for Women, has been named to the Oregon Council on Civil Rights.

In making the appointment, Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, said Petit's advocacy on equal pay issues will be crucial in the effort to lay out an action plan to en-



Sunny Petit

sure equal pay for equal work in the state of Oregon.

Petit is the associate director of Portland State University's Center for Women, Politics and Policy. She has also studied and worked on issues such as human trafficking and women's political development in the United States and abroad.

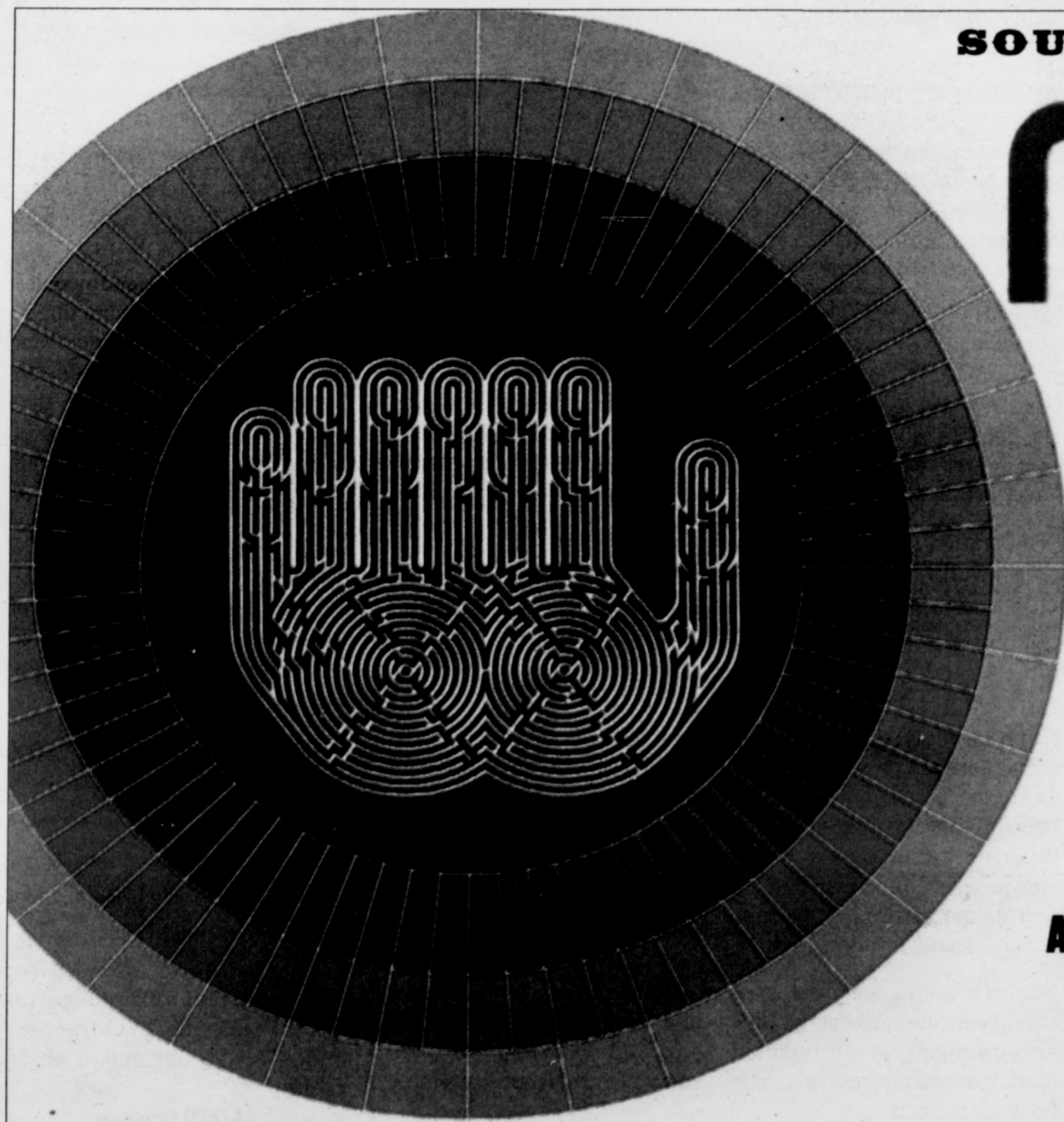
Hidden Black History Unveiled

A free discussion about the real history of African Americans in Oregon at the North Portland Multnomah County Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St., will be held Sunday, March 11 at 3:30 p.m.

"Why Aren't There More Black People in Oregon? A Hidden History," is the topic of the discussion to be led by Portland State University author and adjunct professor Walidah Imarisha.

Oregon has a history of not only black exclusion and discrimination, but also of a vibrant Black culture that helped sustain many communities throughout the state — a history that is not taught in schools. This program is hosted by Multnomah County Library and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Imarisha has taught in PSU's Black studies department, where she has created classes about topics as diverse as the history of the Black Panther Party; race and the history of prisons; Hurricane Katrina; and hip hop as literature. She has facilitated writing workshops for students in grades 3-12 and in community centers, youth detention facilities, and women's prisons.



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