

Past resurfaces with vulgar cartoon

Racist cartoon in major New York paper targets President



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Sixty years ago Americans would have never thought of electing an African American president. Now, we as Americans have stepped forward and broken the color barrier one more time by electing President Barack Obama.

Over and over again, we have heard that this is a monumental change and I agree that it is a great step forward. By electing Barack Obama, we as Americans have made a statement saying that everyone is equal or at least this is what I thought until a couple of weeks ago. Some Americans obviously do not think that.

I was shown a cartoon that was published in the New York Post. This cartoon could have different meanings, but to me and many other Americans, it is a racist and horrible cartoon. It shows a rabid monkey being shot to death by police officers. The caption reads "They'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill." This is, in my opinion referring to our President.

Reverend Al Sharpton was horrified and called the cartoon "troubling at best given the historic racist attacks of African-Americans as being synonymous with monkeys." So, sixty years later, these troubling racist attacks are still surfacing.

It is unbelievable that a professional newspaper would publish this cartoon for the world to see. If this is truly a monumental step like I and many others think, then why are Americans still doing things like this.

Along with many others that were picketing outside of the Post's building, I think that the New York Post should be shut down. Yes, this is a drastic measure, but what the Post printed was a drastic mistake.

America needs to think about what this might do and they need to take the necessary actions. It took years for African Americans to be seen as equal and those years will not be erased by some Americans stuck in the past.

Return of dodgeball sparks excitement

BHS decides to allow dodgeball in PE



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Dodgeball is a game that has been a part of the school PE experience for many years. In recent years however, many schools such as our own have banned the game. Despite the pleas of many students, the PE department would still not allow the students to play the game until recently, when it was reintroduced the game as an option in class. This means that students are allowed to play dodgeball, but it is only an option.

Why has it taken so long to get dodgeball back into the curriculum? It is a change in mentality among everyone. Twenty years ago, dodgeball was a regular part of the PE class. The game is obviously a game that only lets the strongest and fastest survive. So usually, only the athletes would ever even have a chance at winning the game.

Many people found it unfair that they could not win. It can be seen that in recent years, most things in the PE class have been created to make it fair for all students. They have created neutral games that give everyone a chance to be a winner. What happened to the days when there was real competition? Well, I am happy to say that it is back. We, as students, have waited long enough for the game to return.

I feel that dodgeball brings students together for a common goal. It is a unifying game that promotes teamwork. I am not the fastest or strongest person in the world, but I greatly enjoy a good game of dodgeball. Someone could be opposed to the aggressive nature of the game, but I say that it is a good way to relieve tension in school. There is no better way to relieve some stress than to throw a ball at someone else.

Even though dodgeball has just returned to the list of PE activities, all who truly enjoy the game celebrate its awaited return. I hope that dodgeball is here to stay. I may be in my last year of high school, but I am happy to know that future generations of Bloomington High School students can now dip, duck, dive, and dodge.

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