

JUST DESERTS

It's not the first time we've read about trouble coming to those who have previously offended us, but this time it's big news: both Disney/Miramax and WNEW are experiencing their share of difficulties these days. We say it's just deserts.

Miramax, a Disney subsidiary, has produced several anti-Catholic movies over the years— so much so that we've pressed Disney chief Michael Eisner to dump Miramax head Harvey Weinstein. Now it seems it's Weinstein who wants to dump Eisner.

Miramax is in its glory these days as one movie after another has done extremely well at the box office. Weinstein's operation is said to be worth \$3 billion. On the other hand, Disney has been going through some rough times for years. Weinstein has brought in 40 of Disney's 44 Oscar nominations this year and he wants out. He says Eisner is gypping him out of his fair share of the profits. An attempt by Weinstein to buy out Disney's Miramax share was rejected by Eisner.

WNEW is the New York radio station that made national news when it broadcast a live sex romp from St. Patrick's Cathedral last summer. The Catholic League led a major protest and the result was that the show's hosts, Opie and Anthony, were fired. This, however, was only the beginning: the station has been floundering ever since.

The station was once known as the nation's number-one carrier of rock music. According to an article in posted on CNN.com, "The venerable station has gone from free-form to free fall, barely registering an Arbitron rating and dumping its most recent format—talk—last month." In short, with Opie and Anthony off the air, WNEW hasn't figured out a way to keep what's left of its audience.

Disney/Miramax and WNEW both tangled with the Catholic League

and lost. Maybe that's because we're getting a little help from a source unknown to these guys.