

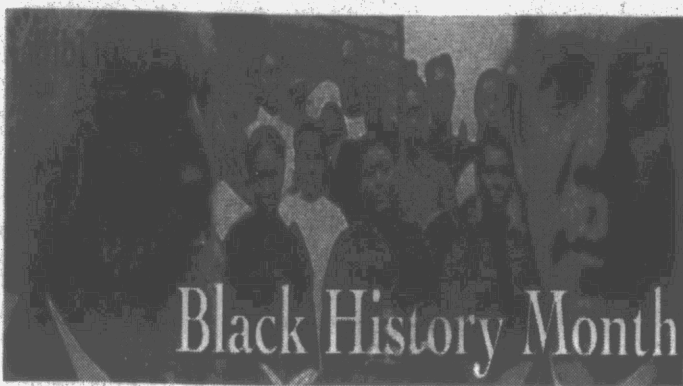
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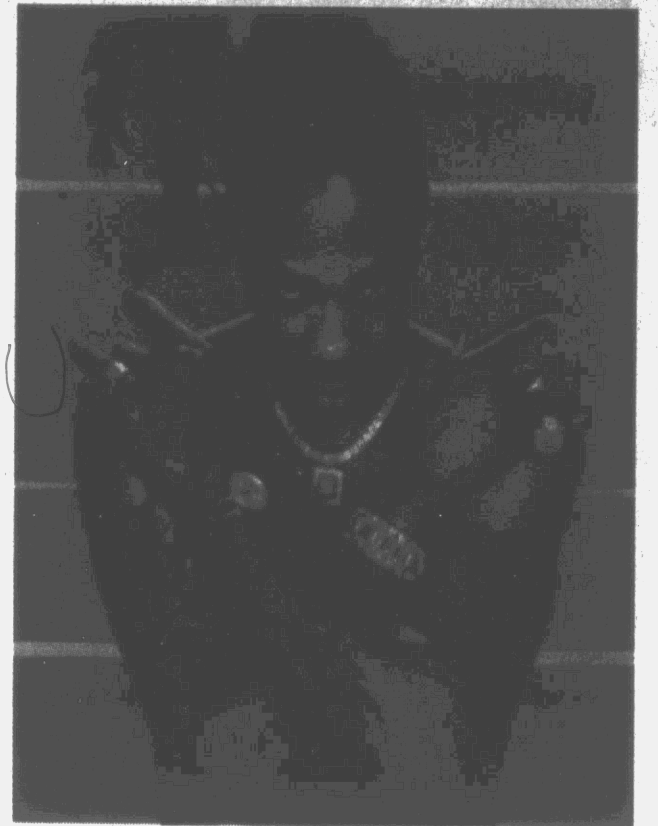
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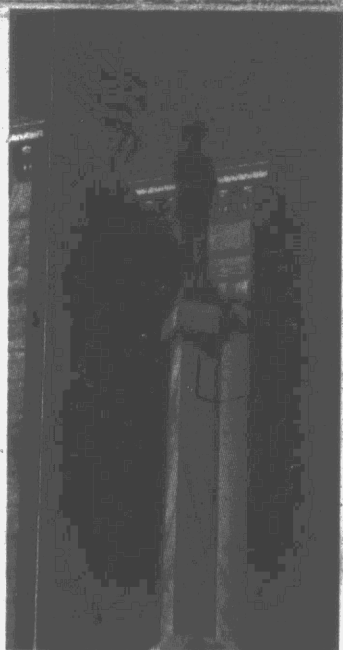
**SNOOP DOGG: AKA The Dogfather**  
**Local Leader Calls for Removal of Confederate Monument**



**IRV GOTTI: Born Irving Lorenzo**



**BUSTA RHYMES: Keeping a vow of silence**



Local community leader, Reverend Ozie Hall, has ignited what could become a dividing issue for Pitt County Board of Commissioners and other area leaders, in his bid to have a confederate soldier monument, adjacent to the entrance of the Pitt County Court House, removed.

Reverend Hall maintains that he has received numerous complaints about the presence of the confederate monument from local African Americans and Whites alike, whose ancestors refused to

participate in the rebellion against the United States.

In an earlier release Hall is quoted as saying, "the presence of the monument sends the wrong message to the public. Furthermore, we recognize that some will say it is only history; without a doubt it, the monument should be removed from the entrance of the halls of Justice and sent to a museum where it can truly be admired and appreciated by confederacy followers.

The following is a draft of the proposed ordinance sent to the Pitt County Board of Commissioners:

PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Proposed Ordinance

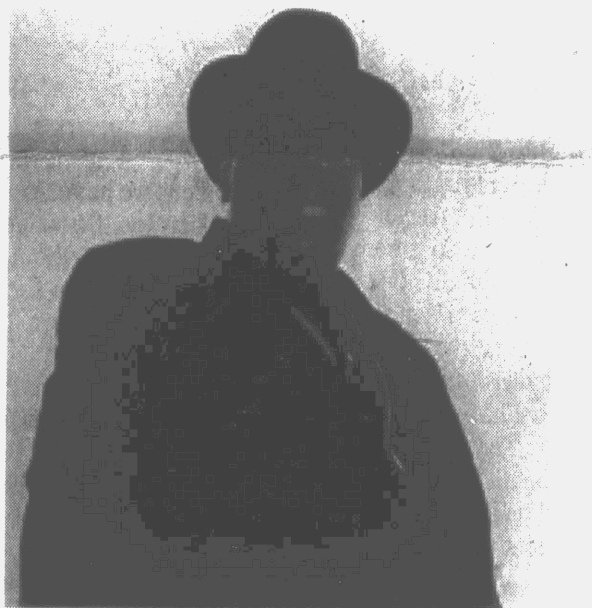
**AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE PITT COUNTY COURT HOUSE.**

WHEREAS, a monument was erected on the grounds of the Pitt County Court House in 1914 dedicated to the County's Confederate Dead; and

WHEREAS, said monument is located on the grounds of the present Pitt County Court House and located on the corner of 3rd Street and Evans Street in Greenville; and

WHEREAS, the monument displays at its top a statue of an armed Confederate Soldier; and

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**BIGGIE SMALLS: Launched the Junior Mafia**

THE RAP SHEETS say it all. They've got the body count and the prison cred, the bootlicking posses and the adoring wanna-bes. They drive luxurious cars and flash wads of cash.

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## Ex-aide: I passed money to Campbell

By JEFFRY SCOTT, BETH WARREN

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Published on: 01/31/06

A trusted aide who lived in Bill Campbell's basement apartment testified Monday that he funneled money to the former Atlanta mayor to be used for gambling and taking girlfriends on trips. Dewey Clark sobbed repeatedly as he described his relationship with Campbell and how he bonded with the ex-mayor's family. He was the first witness in the federal corruption trial against Campbell to say that he saw a contractor pass money to him.

Clark's weeping started barely 10 minutes after he began testifying Monday afternoon. Later, he described his relationship with Campbell after being hired when Campbell became mayor in 1994.

"I said, 'Just trust me; we're friends,'" the silky-voiced Clark said, burying his face

in a wad of tissue. "He said, 'I want you to go wherever I go.' He said, 'Just be loyal. Don't embarrass me.'" Clark's testimony fired

emotions and caused audible reactions from Campbell supporters, enough for U.S. District Judge Richard Story to admonish the gallery. The

judge paused testimony after a male spectator said, "This is [expletive]" and stalked from

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**Birthday Celebration . . . the brothers got together for an evening or reminiscing on Lawyer white's birthday at the bachelor benedict. On hand was James "Jimmy" Streeter, Rufus Huggins, John B. Smith, Zack Reddick, Tommy Harris, Robert White, "the birthday boy", Ben Dudley and Garland Allen.**

photo Jim Rouse



Whatever Happens In America,  
Happens To Black America First.

Editorials/Opinions



Pulling a "Reverse Robin Hood" on the poor

GEORGE E. CURRY:

Both Congress and President Bush have come up with their budget proposals and both sets of figures do the same thing: cut domestic programs that would assist the poor while extending tax cuts to rich people who need them the least. In other words, they are pulling a reverse Robin Hood by taking from the needy and giving to the greedy.

This is done under the guise that the federal government has gone on a spending spree and that domestic programs are the culprit. That might make for good propaganda, but it is far from the truth.

Overall funding for defense, homeland security, and international affairs (which includes funding for post-war operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan) rose from 3.4 percent of the GDP [Gross Domestic Product] in 2001 to 4.2 of GDP in 2006, an analysis by the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities notes. By contrast funding for domestic discretionary programs shrank during this period, declining from 3.4 percent of GDP in 2002 to 3.1 percent in 2006. Bush is taking from

heat, even from some moderate Republicans, for mismanaging the federal deficit.

When he took office, Bush inherited a record \$236 billion surplus. By 2000, a \$158 billion deficit had developed and the White House estimates that this year, the figure will reach \$400 billion.

Some of the deficits can be attributed to Bush's decision to wage war in Iraq and Afghanistan. To a much lesser degree, there was also the unexpected federal expenditures associated with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. But a large and avoidable reason the

federal government is sinking deeper into the hole is because Congress and the Bush administration have enacted a series of tax cuts that favor the wealthy.

The president defends the tax cuts, the first to be enacted by a U.S. president during wartime.

American families all across this country have benefited from the tax cuts on dividends and capital gains, he said in a Jan. 6 speech to the Economic Club of Chicago. Half of American households that's more than 50 million households do not have some investment in the stock market.

As is often the case with politicians, it's what is not

said that you'd better examine.

What this statistic ignores, however, is that nearly two-fifths of this stock is held in retirement accounts, such as 401 (k)s and IRAs, the Center on Budget and Priorities points out. This distinction is crucial, because capital gains and dividend income accruing inside these retirement accounts are not subject to taxation, and thus would not receive a tax benefit from the reduction in the tax rates on capital gains and dividend income.

So what's the real deal?

More than half 54 percent of all capital gains and dividend income go to the 0.2 percent of households with annual incomes of more than \$1 million. By contrast, only 4 percent of this income reaches the 64 percent of households that have annual incomes of less than \$50,000, according to the Center.

An analysis by the Urban Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center shows that tax legislation that has gone in effect since 2001 has exacerbated the gap between rich and poor. The middle fifth of households received an average after-tax reduction of \$742 or 2.6 percent. Households with annual incomes of more than \$1 million received an average reduction of \$103,000 or 5.4

percent, more than double the rate for middle-class families. Yet, Bush brags that tax cuts are working by reinvigorating the economy.

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office disagrees. It observes: increases [in the revenue projections] occur mainly because of a rise in projected GDP, which derives from higher prices in the economy, not real economic activity.

Finally, the wealthiest sector of the U.S. population is being showered with favoritism.

Some of the tax cuts that were enacted in 2001 are still being phased in, stated the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. These taxes are heavily tilted to those at the top of the income scale. These tax cuts include the elimination of the tax on the nation's largest estates, as well as two tax cuts that started to take effect on January 1, 2006 and will go almost entirely to high-income households.

The Tax Policy Center reports that 97 percent of the tax cuts from these two measures will go to people with incomes above \$200,000. As a result, the tax cuts ultimately will be even more skewed toward high-income households than they were in 2005. As usual, that leaves poor and middle-class citizens out in the cold.



JAMES CLINGMAN "EXXON'S EXCESSIVE EXCESS", The Wilmington Journal

The oil barons' billion dollar "excessive excess"

Out Weeks, and other campaigns to deal with these oil thieves, the ones who met with the "vice" president and wrote the nation's energy policy, the ones who named an oil tanker after Condoleezza Rice, and the ones who lie to us on their way to the bank. None of those tactics has worked. So what can we do besides complaining about the high prices at the pump and the excessive profits of the oil barons? Probably nothing that will cause them to hurt at all; so let's just have some fun.

From this day forward, let's stop patronizing Exxon Mobil gas stations. Let's stop patronizing all stations that purchase their gas from Exxon Mobil. I'm sure they'll get a kick out of our meager, insignificant, silly little Davidian plan to bring Goliath to his knees. They'll probably sit back and laugh their heads off at us, just like the Philistine did.

After all, we're just lowly consumers, millions of customers who need what they're selling. What could we do to possibly hurt them? Maybe the reality of the situation is that we cannot hurt them. But let's just keep our money away from them anyway, and spend it elsewhere.

Watch your gas tank and buy some gas, not when it's nearly empty, but when you see a gas station that is not ExxonMobil; buy a few dollars worth. I know the other gas companies are ripping us off too, but we have to start somewhere. Unless you are willing to give up your expeditin', escaladin', hummin', and navigatin' ways, and drive something a little smaller and easier on gas, you will be buying gas from one of these crooks - just don't let Exxon be your gas of choice. It is shameful that some companies, such as pharma-

ceutical, banking, tobacco, energy, health insurance, and others are so greedy, excessive, and dishonest in their business practices that it would lead their executives to do some of the things we have witnessed in the recent past. A few have gone to jail, but many more are still walking the streets and sitting in the

every cent we have. You know that too. So what are you willing to do about it?

That's the question for those of us who suffer from their acts of piracy.

That's my take on it. That will be my little insignificant way of fighting back. But you know what? It may be insignificant to them, but to me it's

The ball is in your court. Why would you stand still and do nothing when someone is picking your pocket and you know it?

boardrooms not having paid a price for their mistreatment of their consumers - not yet, at least.

Remember: When oil execs did testify in 2005, the Senate Commerce Chairman, Ted Stevens (The guy from Alaska with the bridge to nowhere. Don't they also have some oil up there under the frozen tundra too?), rejected calls by some Democrats to have the executives sworn in, saying the law already required them to tell the truth. Are you kidding me? Since when did the law have anything to do with these crooks and what they do?

But let's concentrate on Exxon for now. We cannot continue to complain about their billions in excessive profits without doing something, whatever we can do, to reflect our outrage. I know they have no conscience; I know they have no compassion; I know they are unethical; I know they are liars; I know they are gouging us for

a tremendous step; it's great for my psyche; it's more than just complaining. And if more of us take a similar action against this behemoth, our collective act of slinging

and others, and they are doing it to you. Don't stand still and act as though their picking your pocket is all right. Do something! I know what I am going to do. No more Exxon Mobil

millions of small stones at this giant will have the same effect that David's one small stone had on Goliath.

The ball is in your court. Why would you stand still and do nothing when someone is picking your pocket and you know it? That's what's going on with Exxon

fill-ups for me. I will give my few dollars to one of the other thieves. We do have choices you know.

Try it; it should be a lot of fun, if nothing else. Use excessive restraint to decrease Exxon's excessive profits.

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for a speech or purchase his books, go to his Website, www.blackonomics.com or call him at 513/ 489-4132.

DID YOU KNOW

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides a variety of memorial benefits to veterans, including burial space. Presidential Memorial Certificates, A burial flag and a headstone or marker. VA operates a system of 122 cemeteries throughout the country and also helps states build state cemeteries.



GOING FOR THE GOLD

I'll cut right to the chase. We have seen all sorts of Gas Out days, Gas



# Community Voice

From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye

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*"Whatever Happens In America,  
Happens To Black America First"*

## Editorials/Opinions



Mrs. Beatrice Maye

Dear Editor:

According to a study released Tuesday, May 11, 2004, based on a mail survey of 725 public middle and high school teachers and a telephone survey of 600 parents of public school students in grades 5 - 12, the way teachers see it, today's classroom environment often deserves a D-as in disrespect, distracting and disheartening enough to drive many of them away.

Most teachers in middle and high schools say misbehavior by a handful of children is such a disruptive, pervasive force that a majority of students suffer from it, according to this study which was financed by Common Good, a bipartisan legal reform coalition. "If you start

totaling up the hours that teachers could be teaching and students could be learning, it's just staggering," said Public Agenda President Ruth Wooden.

More than three in four teachers said they could do their job more effectively if not for discipline problems. More than eight in ten said most students suffer because of a few troublemakers.

The challenge, the study found, is complicated. Education colleges don't prepare teachers to deal with rowdy students. Schools back down from discipline when parents threaten lawsuits and children in special education are treated too lightly even when their misbehavior has nothing to do with their disabilities. The biggest cause of student behavior problems, according to teachers and parents, is that too many parents fail to teach their kids discipline.

"Celebrating Community: A Tribute too Black Fraternal, Social, and Civic Institutions"

To the Editor:

February 2006 African American History Month is observed annually. The theme, "Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social, and Civic Institutions," is the 80<sup>th</sup> celebration. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder, is nationally known, "the Father of Black History Week."

Can we as a people be neatly packaged in one month of the year and that nonblacks are only interested in our culture for 28 (29, if it's leap year) out of 365 days? We are the achievers, the dreamers, inventors, and wallbreakers, the movers, the shakers, and the bringers of the first successful heart transplant. We are the burden of motherhood and the dream of fathers, the bricklayers, the runners, and the flyers, the marchers, the dancers, and the scholars, — the preachers, teachers, and the doers.

Yes, we are unique. Our skin is the color of strength, sweetness, and earth. Our music makes us cry and shout. We are the beacon of style and expression. Whatever we touch moves. We do not just talk, we rap. We do not just run, we fake, double take. We're not just smart, we've got game! We do not put inventions to waste; we give them sound and vibration, harmony, and soul. Who can do it like we do it? Yes, every accomplishment, African American throughout American history, continue to enrich the lives of present and future generations.

Hints that a Black woman will possibly make a Good Wife to the Blackman.....

1. She is attentive and a good listener.
2. She enjoys going partying but has an equally good time at home.
3. She will have a strong spiritual commitment that helps her

- distinguish between right and wrong.
4. She will be partially - modest in her style of dress.
5. She will like babies and children and include them in her life.
6. She enjoys cooking and preparing special meals or treats for the Blackman.
7. She will respect her parents, his parents, and older people.
8. She has good personal hygiene.
9. She does not wear a ton of make-up.
10. She is proud of her man and claims him no matter who is present.
11. She keeps her house at least half-way clean.
12. She is not a flagrant spender and almost manages her money.
13. She is truthful and freely expresses her sexuality and desires when in private with her man.

14. She shares voluntarily and offers help when she can.
15. She does not hold grudges too long and will apologize when wrong.
16. She will go out of her way to do special things for the Blackman.
17. She will speak well of him when he is not around.
18. She will defend him against verbal attacks from others.
19. She does not show out or curse loudly in public.
20. She smile when she meets him.
21. She controls her anger and does not go wild when angry.
22. She will take instructions on some things without being combative.
23. She is respectful of Black men in general.

## AL BAYYINAH THE CLEAR EVIDENCE



By Noria Namaz

I was wandering, looking for a purpose for my life. At eighteen years old I voluntarily excommunicated myself from the church of my childhood and from Christianity all together. Now I walked towards a distant light hoping to relieve the restlessness in my soul.

The stirrings said I made a promise I had to keep. But I could not remember what the promise was. On my spiritual search I saw many doors, I remembered in the Gospel Jesus saying "Knock and it shall open up to you", so I knocked and many doors opened. This journey was like riding on a magic carpet. I visited many religious viewpoints from atheism to the mystical religions of the Near and Far East. I was impressed with their similarities. In fact in Hinduism I found Krishna, a Hindu incarnation of god two hundred years older than Christ. The Hindus believe god incarnated many times. From this I came to understand why Christianity emphasizes the one incarnation. I argued with my intellect the existence of a god. Amidst all this religious confusion, how could I know with certainty His true

religion? Again from the Gospel of Jesus I knew I had to search this out, I was required to find the truth to have a chance at salvation.

The Christian theology of my childhood taught that Jesus was an incarnation of god and as Jesus god died for my sins. I could not reconcile this theology with the stirrings of my soul. My soul asked if God is merciful and just, can he be unjust to his own self. If god is not created, how can he incarnate. What form of creation could hold him? In this form my spirit and my intellect wrangled. One wanted to deny God altogether and other wanting to rid itself of a persistent itch. We made a promise we must keep. Instinctively I knew the promise was spiritual and I knew the promise must be fulfilled before I die. I knew I would be very sorry if I did not keep this promise. My soul cried, we must search for the truth or we will be lost forever.

My search took me on a global spiritual journey. I followed the command Jesus gave, seeking, asking and knocking. Finally when the haze cleared, the distant light was closer and under it I could see a clear inscription that read, "There is no deity worthy of worship except Allah".

Allah, I had heard that name in my childhood. I recognized it as the God of the Islamic religion. The

inscription spoke the truth. It implied that in this world we have many deities. I was taught to worship Jesus, saints and holy people. Others worshipped other incarnations and the sun, moon and the stars as well. Yet Jesus in the Lords Prayer taught us to worship the God he worshiped. My soul did not like Christian theology, nor did it prefer any of the others. But upon reading this inscription I could feel a calmness covering my soul. Is Islam the religion of my search?

At first this leg of my journey was also difficult. In this country Islam took many forms. However, my soul said, "We are close." Finally I sat down to read a book. A book revealed over fourteen hundred years ago to a man named Muhammad, the Qur'an.

It is there I found the source of my promise. A promise to the Lord of Lords, my Creator and Sustainer, that Him and Him alone would I worship. I made that promise after the creation of Adam—when Allah pulled me along with all of Adam's descendants from his groin. Together would we stood before our Glorious Lord and bore witness that He is our God and He is Who we will worship. With this the restless stirrings of my soul ended and it became at peace. I said, "Rest my beloved soul" and declared, "There is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad is His Prophet and Last Messenger to the world".

## America's Return to the Wild' Wild' West



By: Susie Clemons

A.M. talk radio Pontiff, televisions' noted Hannity and Colmes other spin doctor, Ms. Laura Ingram, recently ranted that a certain people outside of America are trying to destroy what her great symbol stands for. Wonder how she came up with that one; moreover, who was she talking about?

Clearly, she need look no further than the Clanton's of the O.K. Corral reincarnated cowboy boot, ten gallon hat, red bandana wearing bandit sons; in particular, gun slinger' Cheney, bullet proof Bush, card shark Abramoff, lyin' California Cunningham, cattle rustling outlaw Delay and sneaky sneak Specter. They've not only seized the White House and 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, but they have single handedly returned America to the outrageous ride 'em hard lore of the Wild' Wild' West.

And to prove that they're serious, they've blown up every covered wagon they've encountered, from health benefits for the elderly to student loans for college and Smart Start funding to name a few.

Back in 2000, when the Republicans wrestled power from the Dems, who would have thought illegal wire tapping, congressional kick-backs and money laundering, blatant thievery and abuse of power would become the norm for American politics.

Add to that Cheney's recent gun slinging battle.

Most everyone wants to know why 78 year old Whittington was playing cowboys and Indians with Mr. 65 year old - suppose to have a weak heart- Cheney while at republican lobbyist Katherine Armstrong's 50,000 acre Texan ranch, while she and her sister watched the sporting horror unfold? The question is who in the tarnation would want to watch Cheney shoot a gun? Is he that good?

Of the near fatal accident, Cheney is quoted as saying "the image of him, Whittington, falling is something I'll never be able to get out of my mind."

Cheney, admits he had a beer before the shooting incident— but no one bothered to ask him how many. Was he drunk when he shot his friend in the face?

Furthermore, if Cheney could see that big burly guy going down for the count, as he is quoted as saying, how could he miss the girth of Whittington's head before firing? Was this a failed attempt at euthanasia?

If not, the rest of us don't stand a chance. Besides, Cheney has never completely explained how he got priority status to make millions off Halliburton contracts not only in Iraq but also New Orleans. Remember anything is possible with this bunch of cowboys.

Ironically, Whittington's shooting happened on the eve of what sneaky sneak Senator Arlen Specter and others had know was about to become his "Earmark" spending coming out party.

Specter has, over the past four years, paid the firm of lobbyist Michael Herson, the husband of Specter's long time legislative aide, Vicki Siegel Herson, 48.5 million dollars of Earmark money—clearly a conflict of interest.

That's money Herson's husband alleges not lobbying Specter for, and money that Specter says he did not know was being paid to Herson's

Defense firm— which Herson in turn directed to six clients.

Albeit, Specter is trying to come across like the absent minded professor, and that may be the case considering that he has not been in the best health lately.

He has since said he will ask all of his legislative aids if they have family members who are lobbyist.

Okay so maybe Specter didn't know, but Siegels husband, Michael Herson knew where the cash windfall originated.

Sad to think however that Mr. Herson's unethical business practices out-weighed his duty to protect his beloved from scandal, or himself for that matter.

Maybe it true that when one occupies a seat of hidden unregulated power for as long as Specter, and some of others in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, corruption, forgetfulness and looking the other way is a most jealous mistress.

Arlene Specter, Delay, Abramoff, Cheney, Bush, Cunningham and a heap of others have made it quite clear they have no desire to play fair, or to be held as trust worthy agents for the people.

Therefore, they, having demonstrated with regularity that their way is the "New American Wild, Wild West" - the vote is in on the real liberty destroying culprits.

On that note, let the real rush for Gold begin, cause land squatting is once again en' vogue.

Send Comments to Susie Clemons at: [opinionsandtalk@yahoo.com](mailto:opinionsandtalk@yahoo.com)



# Reflections, Expressions, & Views

## Keeping the Tradition of the Negro Spiritual Alive



Suejette A. Jones

They speak of sorrow, oppression and strength. They cry for freedom and faith, many of the words familiar even to the littlest ones: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." But beyond the simple melodies and easy-to-remember lyrics that helped make them staples of American popular music, Negro spirituals are an enduring legacy of the slaves who relied on them for both solace and hope. More than a century later, the message is no less powerful or inspiring.

The founder of The Spirituals Project, a Denver-based nonprofit group whose mission is to preserve and promote spirituals like "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Wade in the Water" remarked, "People all around

the world can relate to it — that's one of the reasons the songs are still alive."

W.E.B. DuBois called spirituals "the articulate message of the slave to the world." Negro spirituals link the suffering and hope of salvation of the slaves with the suffering and salvation of the Gospel — universal elements that transcend race and culture. Many credit the Fisk Jubilee Singers, who toured the United States and Europe in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century with helping bring the Negro spiritual to a broader audience. (See Personal Note at the end of the article.)

Over the years, the spiritual, which experienced a reawakening during the civil rights movement of the 1960s, has become more entwined with gospel music, a more formal style that arose in the urban North in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and is characterized by arrangements and instrumentation. Originally accompanied only by hand-clapping and foot-stomping,

spirituals now often are composed and arranged, and sung in a concert environment

(A debate continues over the use of dialect, or traditional phrasing, in which words like heaven and children become "heb 'n" and "chillum". That brings authenticity to it, but it makes some people uncomfortable. Some say the reluctance by some blacks to embrace spirituals may be attributable to the painful thoughts they can conjure. Blacks don't like to remember slavery, and there is a danger of appreciating spirituals simply for their entertainment value. They cannot be properly understood unless there is a powerful empathy with what it's like to be a slave. You have to have the capacity to identify in order to understand.

If our ancestors could get through two and a half centuries of chattel slavery, present-day black people ought to be able to cope with whatever they're going through in the inner city, according to James Cone,

who teaches black theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Extracted from the Associated Press

### Coda

A Tribute to Walter Plemmer"

The Tarboro Jubilee Singers was founded and organized in the Spring of the Bicentennial year, 1976, by the late Walter Plemmer of Tarboro, NC. Plemmer was an accomplished musician, having served as band director, choral director, as well as director of drama and cultural arts in the Tarboro Schools system. His great desire was to have a community musical group that would express themselves creatively, to sing songs of intellectual and aesthetic value, to perform monuments written by the world's outstanding masters of composition and most of all to keep alive in the hearts of people the

wealth of Black spirituals that represent a major segment of American music.

The group presented many concerts since it was organized. One of its major 'Messiah during the Christmas season accompanied by the String Quartet of East Carolina University. It was performed at the 1982 World's Fair at Knoxville, TN; a Goodwill performance in Nassau, Bahamas, (that was arranged by the then Representative L. H. Fountain of Tarboro); several concerts aired on WNCT-TV; appearances at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Tabernacle Center of Deliverance (Dr. George A. Hawkins - Pastor) and other presentations at churches throughout North Carolina and Virginia too numerous to mention.

Plemmer's arrangements of Negro spirituals and his own compositions were beautifully rendered and kept the

audiences spellbound. Many of the renditions were sung Capella (that is, without instrumental accompaniment) and the blend of 4-part and sometime 8-part voices was melodies.

The Tarboro Jubilee Singers is still in existence today — but not of the magnitude and renown that it had under the late Walter Plemmer. Some of the Greenville natives who sang with the group were: Selena Davenport Forbes, Gracie Mebane Vines, Miriam Carraway, Rev. Anton Wesley and wife, and Suejette Jones. The memories of Walter Plemmer still live on in our hearts.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Suejette A. Jones

### Personal Note:

Johnella Frazer, my piano teacher during my years at Virginia State University, had been a member of the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

**JACKIE ROBINSON BASEBALL LEAGUE**

The JRBLL Registration begins February 13, 2006 and runs through March 23, 2006

Those interested can register at the:  
South Greenville Recreation Center - (Howell Street)  
Eggs Recreation Center, at Thomas Foreman Park (100 West Elm Street Gym) (1058 Elm Street)

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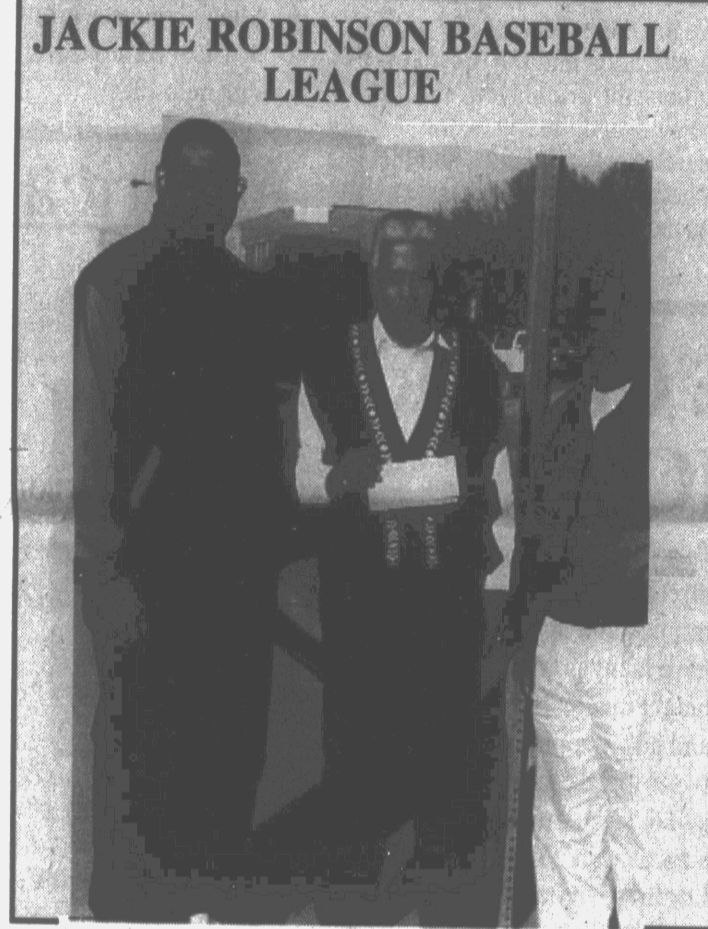
Physicals: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, Saturday, March 10, 2006 (FREE)  
South Greenville Recreation Center  
Howell St.  
Greenville, NC 27834

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Baseball Award . . . pictured above is Michael Jordan, Rufus Huggins and Clifton Hickman caught by the Minority Voice Newspaper as then Councilman Huggins presents one of the first checks of \$25000 given to the Jackie Robinson Baseball League  
photo Jim Rouse

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