

WHY ARE WE AT SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE?

WE ARE NEAR THE BIRTHPLACE OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, A GREAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN EDUCATOR. HE WAS BORN A SLAVE ON A PLANTATION NEAR HERE IN 1856.

I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE COAL MINES AROUND HERE.

THIS IS WEST VIRGINIA, THE STATE BOOKER MOVED TO ONCE THE CIVIL WAR AND SLAVERY ENDED. WHILE THERE, HE WORKED IN COAL MINES AND ATTENDED SCHOOL. EDUCATION WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM.

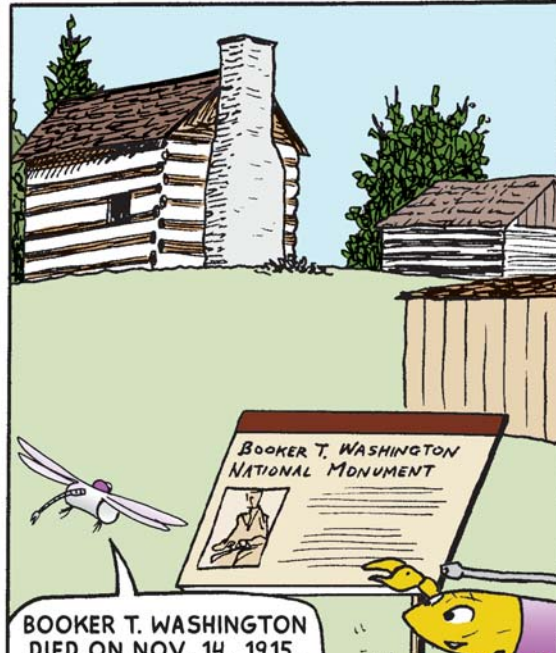


BOOKER ATTENDED HAMPTON NORMAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE, WHICH IS NOW KNOWN AS HAMPTON UNIVERSITY IN HAMPTON, VA. HE LATER TAUGHT AT THE SCHOOL.



DID HE STAY AT HAMPTON?

NO, SCORPY. HE WAS APPOINTED ORGANIZER AND PRINCIPAL OF AN ALL-BLACK SCHOOL IN TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA. UNDER BOOKER'S LEADERSHIP, THE TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE BECAME A MAJOR CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL TRAINING.



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON DIED ON NOV. 14, 1915, IN TUSKEGEE. THIS SITE HERE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, WHERE HE WAS BORN IS NOW A NATIONAL MONUMENT.

WOW, HE SURE DID MONUMENTAL THINGS.





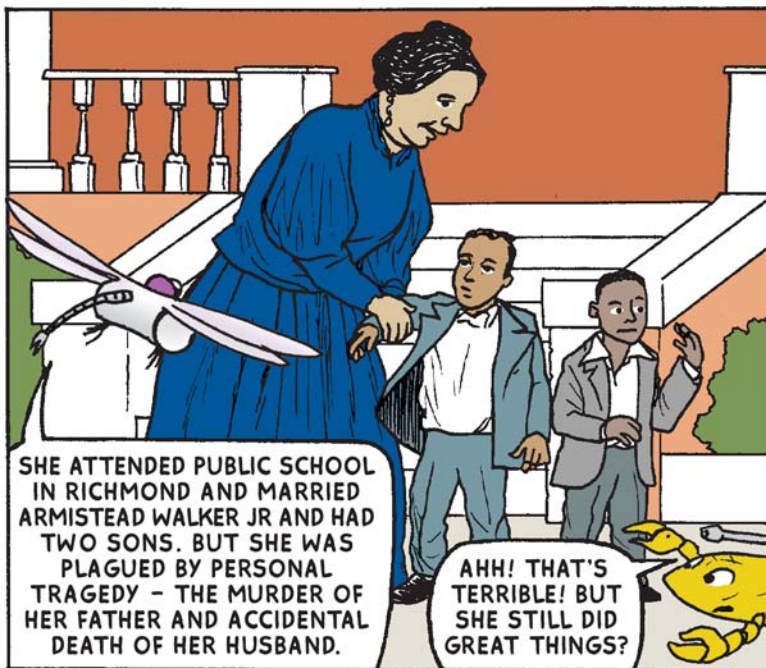
WHY ARE WE IN RICHMOND NOW, DRAGONFLY?

WE ARE IN THE JACKSON WARD NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WAS HOME TO MAGGIE WALKER, AN IMPORTANT AFRICAN-AMERICAN BUSINESSWOMAN AND LEADER.



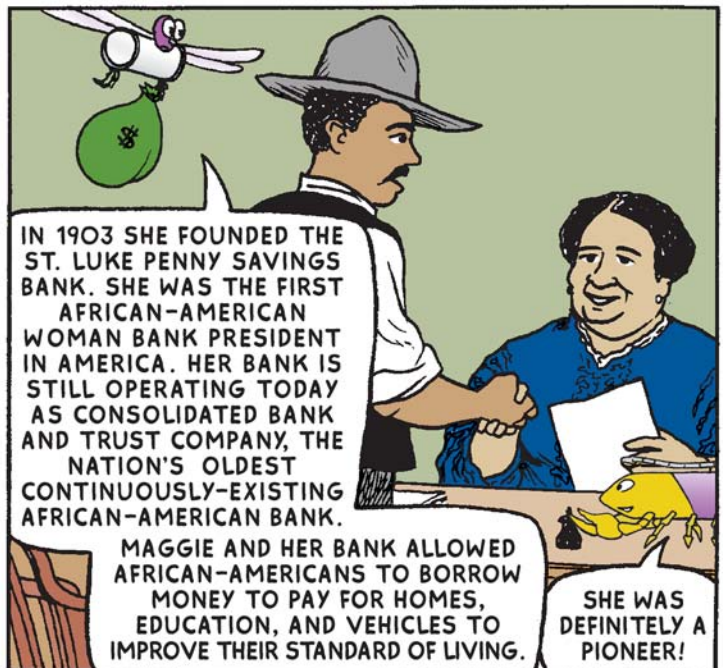
SHE WAS BORN MAGGIE LENA MITCHELL IN RICHMOND IN 1867 TO A WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN A SLAVE. MAGGIE'S FAMILY DID LAUNDRY TO EARN EXTRA MONEY.

SOME PEOPLE ARE BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN THEIR MOUTH; I WAS BORN WITH A LAUNDRY BASKET IN MY HANDS.



SHE ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOL IN RICHMOND AND MARRIED ARMISTEAD WALKER JR AND HAD TWO SONS. BUT SHE WAS PLAGUED BY PERSONAL TRAGEDY - THE MURDER OF HER FATHER AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF HER HUSBAND.

AHH! THAT'S TERRIBLE! BUT SHE STILL DID GREAT THINGS?

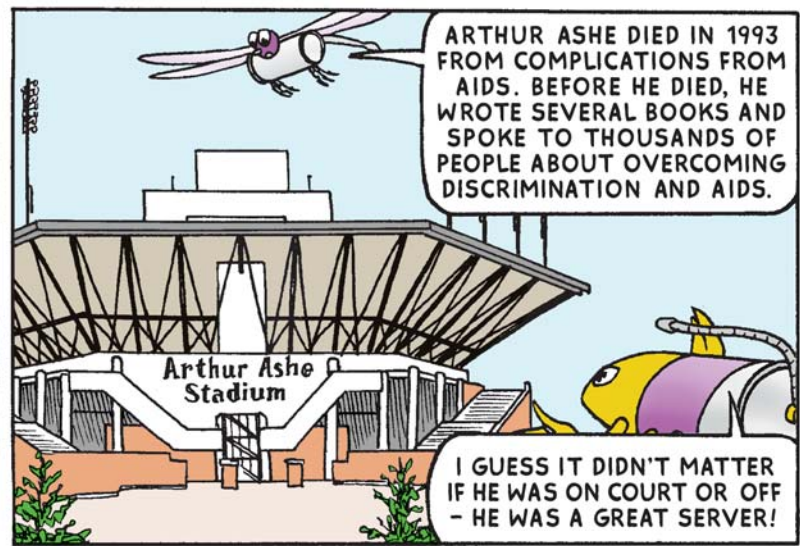
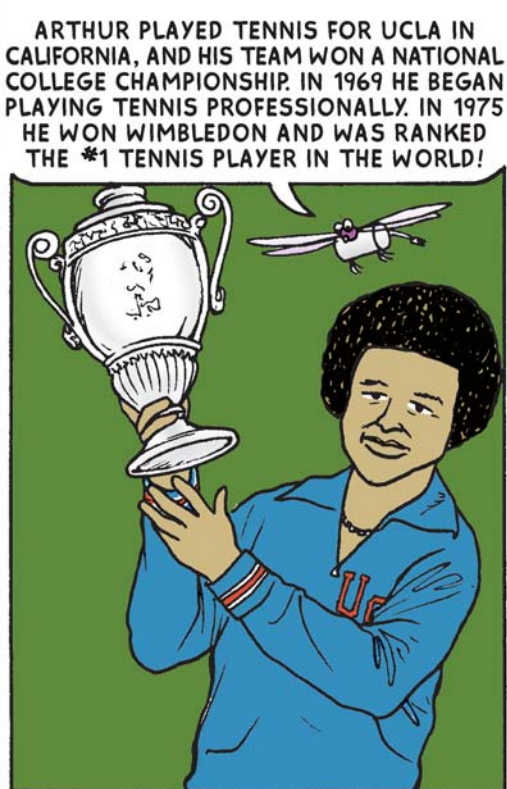
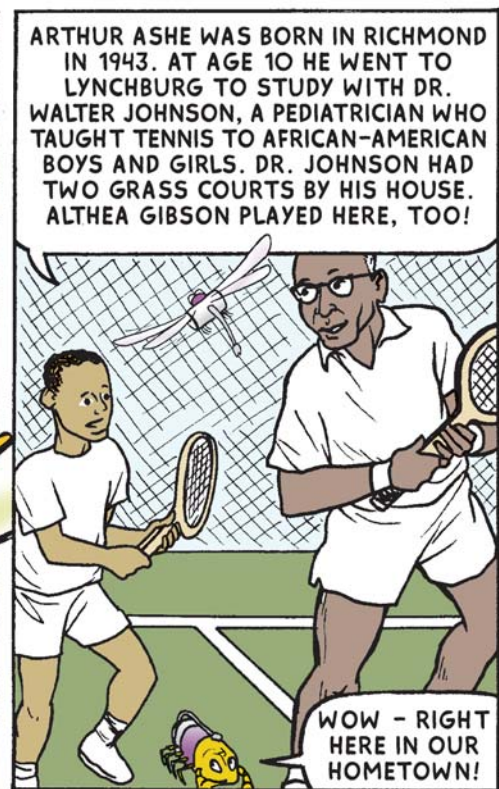


IN 1903 SHE FOUNDED THE ST. LUKE PENNY SAVINGS BANK. SHE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN BANK PRESIDENT IN AMERICA. HER BANK IS STILL OPERATING TODAY AS CONSOLIDATED BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, THE NATION'S OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY-EXISTING AFRICAN-AMERICAN BANK.

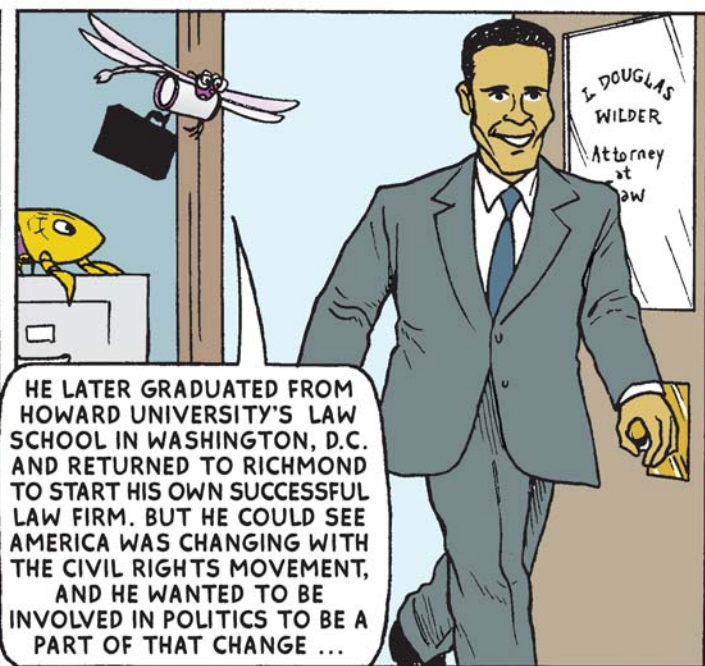
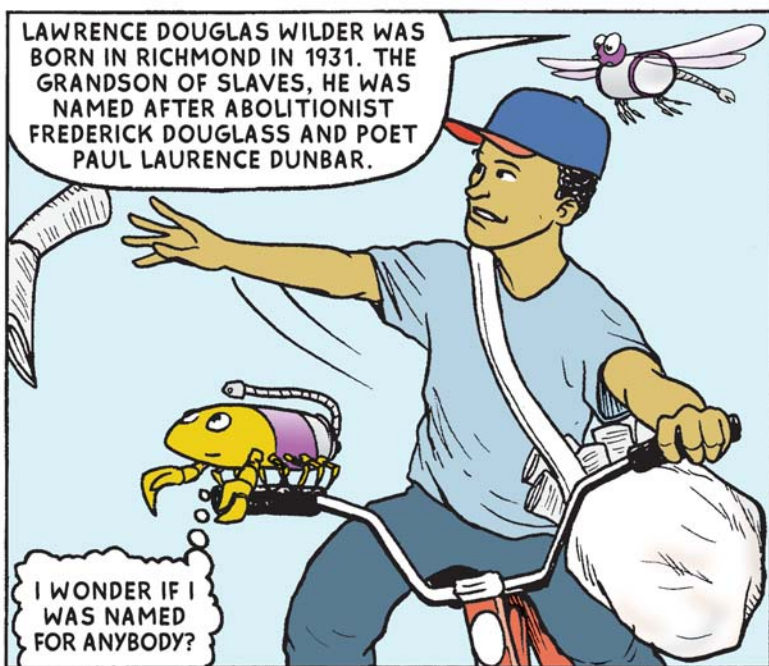
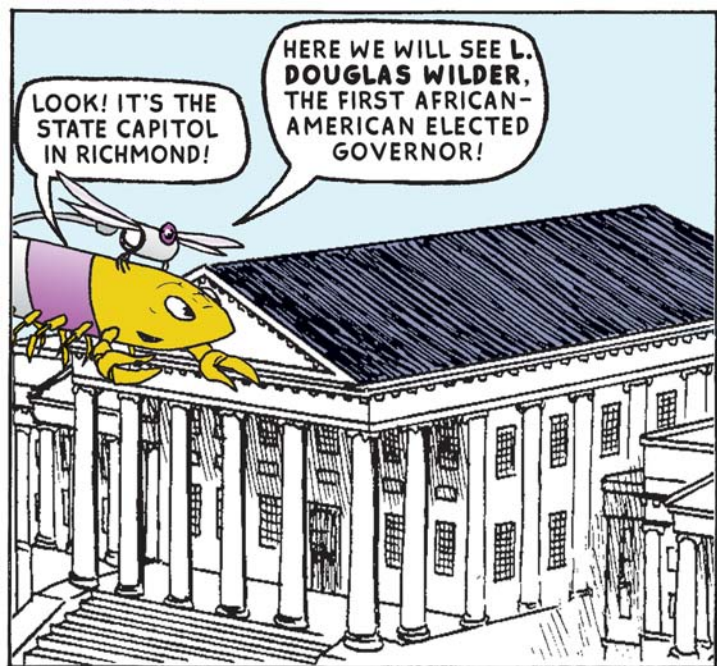
MAGGIE AND HER BANK ALLOWED AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO BORROW MONEY TO PAY FOR HOMES, EDUCATION, AND VEHICLES TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING.

SHE WAS DEFINITELY A PIONEER!









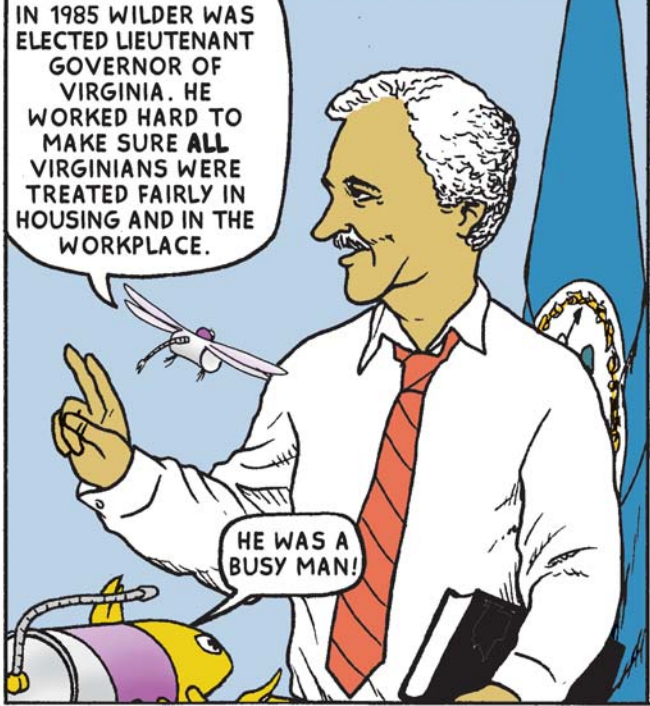


IN 1969 L. DOUGLAS WILDER WAS ELECTED TO BE A STATE SENATOR IN THE VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE — THE **FIRST** AFRICAN-AMERICAN ELECTED TO VIRGINIA'S SENATE SINCE THE RECONSTRUCTION ERA RIGHT AFTER THE CIVIL WAR.

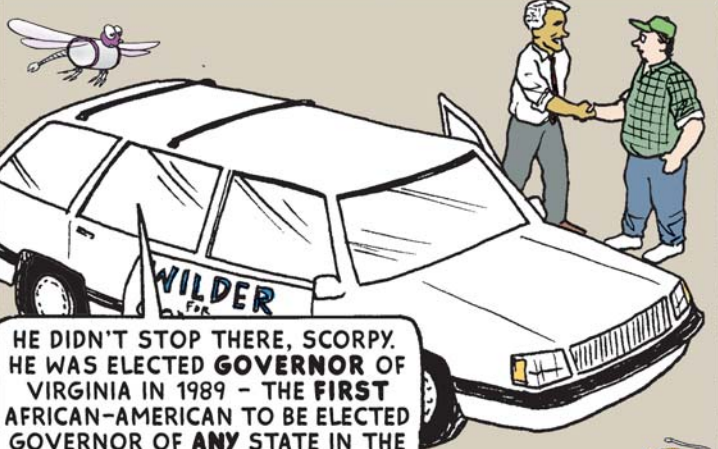


WOW - THAT WAS OVER A HUNDRED YEARS!

IN 1985 WILDER WAS ELECTED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. HE WORKED HARD TO MAKE SURE **ALL** VIRGINIANS WERE TREATED FAIRLY IN HOUSING AND IN THE WORKPLACE.

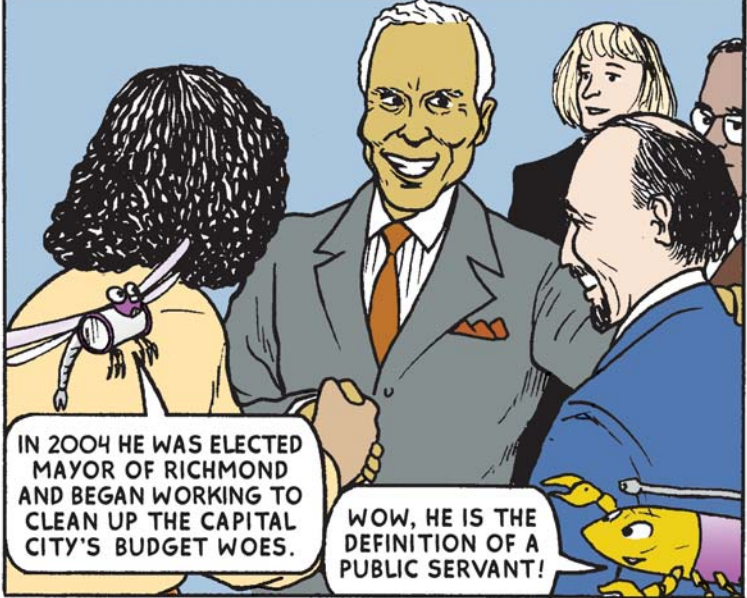


HE WAS A BUSY MAN!



HE DIDN'T STOP THERE, SCORPY. HE WAS ELECTED **GOVERNOR** OF VIRGINIA IN 1989 — THE **FIRST** AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO BE ELECTED GOVERNOR OF **ANY** STATE IN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY! DURING HIS TIME AS GOVERNOR, HE ATTRACTED NATIONAL ATTENTION FOR SOLVING THE BUDGET PROBLEMS VIRGINIA HAD WHEN HE WAS ELECTED.

HE MADE HISTORY — AND MADE THE NUMBERS WORK!



IN 2004 HE WAS ELECTED MAYOR OF RICHMOND AND BEGAN WORKING TO CLEAN UP THE CAPITAL CITY'S BUDGET WOES.

WOW, HE IS THE DEFINITION OF A PUBLIC SERVANT!