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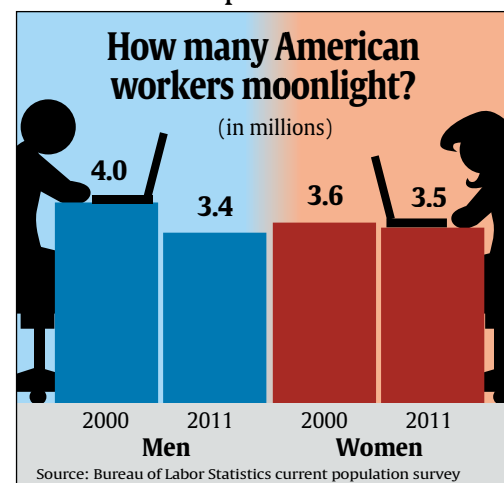
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'Soul Train' laid the rails of a cultural revolution

And Don Cornelius was the hip trip's engineer

By Marco R. della Cava and Steve Jones
USA TODAY

Armed with sharp suits and a mesmerizing voice, Don Cornelius set out in 1970 to entertain viewers of Chicago's WCIU with a song-and-dance TV show called *Soul Train*. Turns out, America wanted in on the party.

Cornelius, 75, died Wednesday at his home in Sherman Oaks, Calif., from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, the Los Angeles County coroner's office said. The music maverick struck financial

and cultural gold with *Soul Train*, whose 35 years on the air made it the longest first-run syndicated show in history, with an effect that crossed generations and races.

"*Soul Train* gave the black community reason to be proud," says Kenneth Gamble, half of the famed songwriting team Gamble & Huff, who wrote the show's chugging theme song, known as *T.S.O.P. (The Sound of Philadelphia)*. "It was so rare at the time to see someone black doing anything like that."

If Dick Clark's *American Bandstand* was Saturday morning's placid place to play, *Soul Train*, with its driving music and innovative dancers rooted in the urban scene, was the coolest party

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Feds spend \$1.8 million to defend prosecutors in Sen. Stevens case

By Brad Heath
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WASHINGTON — The U.S. government has spent nearly \$1.8 million defending prosecutors from allegations they broke the law in the botched corruption case against former Alaska senator Ted Stevens, Justice Department records show.

The case against Stevens fell apart three years ago when the Justice Department admitted its attorneys had improperly concealed evidence that could have helped his defense. A court-ordered investigation concluded in November that prosecutors had engaged in "significant, widespread, and at times intentional misconduct," but that they should not face criminal contempt-of-court charges.

Records obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show that the department has paid about \$1.6 million since 2009 to private lawyers representing the six prosecutors targeted by that court investigation. It also paid \$208,000 to defend three prosecutors from a separate finding that they had committed civil contempt of court.

"Unfortunately, it's the taxpayers who are losing twice," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee. "First, the Justice Department committed serious legal errors and ethical missteps in its taxpayer-funded investigation and trial against Sen. Stevens. And second, this is an unseemly high amount of money being spent by the taxpayers to defend what

appears to be egregious misconduct."

The department spent the money while its internal watchdog, the Office of Professional Responsibility, is investigating the prosecutors' handling of the case. The department did not pay the outside lawyers representing its prosecutors in that probe, which is ongoing.

A 2010 USA TODAY investigation found that the department's internal investigations frequently took a long time and that prosecutors faced little risk of losing their jobs even when officials documented serious misconduct. Court records show that most of the attorneys named in the Stevens case continue to be assigned to criminal cases.

By law, the Justice Department can spend taxpayer money to defend its lawyers from possible criminal charges only when officials determine that doing so is "in the interest of the United States." Department spokeswoman Laura Sweeney said the "government's long-standing practice has been to provide or make representation available to federal employees for legal proceedings arising out of the performance of their official duties."

In the past, records show that the Justice Department has hired outside lawyers to represent its attorneys when they faced civil lawsuits and charges before state panels that regulate lawyers. Stevens, a Republican who died in a 2010 plane crash, was charged with violating federal ethics laws by failing to disclose \$250,000 in gifts.

Military finds troops ailing

Problems create health care backlog

By Gregg Zoroya and Paul Overberg
USA TODAY

Tens of thousands of combat troops who undergo routine health checks before returning home need treatment for ailments ranging from bad backs to mental illness, helping to drive a backlog of troops waiting for medical retirements, new Pentagon data show.

Last year, doctors referred 74,813 returning soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen for treatment of issues such as strained muscles, mental health and mild concussions following health screenings done as they left war zones, data show.

Of those, 14,226 troops had conditions that required treatment within 24 hours, the Pentagon says. The rate of such emergency issues was highest in the Army, going from 6% of returning GIs in 2009 to 8% in 2011.

"These are people coming back from theater, not on a Medevac, not because they've been wounded, (but) just coming back with their units," said physician Michael Kilpatrick, a Pentagon health official. "When you look at the numbers, about a third — one in three soldiers — are being told, 'I think you need some medical attention.'"

The Pentagon's official casualty figures only account for troops killed or wounded in action. In 2011, 469 troops were killed in Iraq and Afghanistan and 5,159 wounded in action.

The problems of returning troops help explain the growing backlog among those seeking medical retirements from the military and disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs that now take a year or longer, Kilpatrick said.

"There are post-deployment health-related issues that we see in the population returning that go beyond the casualty numbers," RAND Corp. senior research analyst Terri Tanielian said.

Other findings from the data:
▶ The percentage of soldiers needing medical referrals after returning home increased from about a quarter of all GIs to a third. Marines increased from about 10% to more than 20%.

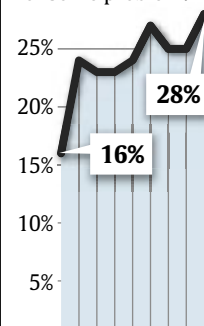
▶ More than 15,000 to 16,000 soldiers and 2,000 or more Marines annually in recent years have returned home reporting post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms (PTSD).

▶ After three-to-six months at home, the rate of active-duty soldiers and Marines reporting PTSD symptoms increased significantly: going from 8% to 12% in the Army and from 7% to 14% among Marines.

▶ Guard members and reservists show a greater willingness than active-duty troops to cite health problems. One result is far higher referrals for medical care, particularly after the second health survey three-to-six months after they return home. Forty-five percent of Army National Guard and reservists were sent to a doctor at that point.

Medical complaints on the rise

Share of troops who are judged upon return from a deployment to need a medical referral for some problem:



Source: Department of Defense
By Julie Snider, USA TODAY