letters

Letters the week of 6/24/04

Southern men respond

(Re: "Southern man," cover story, June 10.) Your article states: "Someday the Confederate flag might come down for good in this Louisville suburb."

Yes, and someday it might go up all over that street, all over that suburb, and all over America and the Republic of our forefathers restored! I hope the day is soon.

David A. Gass/Atlanta, Ga.

Great article about America's very, very messy history. I commend you for letting all the dramatis personae speak for themselves. That's very rare in journalism these days. A good read!

Michael Arrowood/Hendersonville, N.C.

I just read your article about MacDonald Aston with some interest. I have to say that I also agree with many of his views. I was born in Rhode Island and grew up in Massachusetts and have no Confederate ancestors that I am aware of, but those things Mr. Aston is in favor of are things I am in favor of.

Few people realize, thanks to what passes for education in our government schools, that the America the Founding Fathers gave us really died in 1865. It was replaced by the bureaucratic monstrosity we now suffer under. The War Between the States was, in effect, our French Revolution, and we have never recovered from the effects of it any more than France recovered from the effects of her revolution.

There was nothing in the Constitution forbidding secession–as Mr. Aston said, that is what the 10th Amendment was all about, an amendment virtually ignored

today because of its implications. I think that if we want to truly educate our children and grandchildren as to what our history was really all about we need to take them and secede from the government school system and begin to teach them at home.

Al Benson Jr./Sterlington, La.

I enjoyed the article by Joel Warner, "Southern Man," on MacDonald King-Aston and the Colorado League of the South. Being fortunate enough to call Mr. Aston a friend and having spent time with him and his lovely wife, Nancy, this spring while they vacationed in Florida, I agree with many of the points and quotes that Joel Warner attributed to MacDonald.

I do however take exception with the inclusion of hateful accusations from the likes of the Southern Poverty Law Center and its founder Morris Dees. This is a discredited organisation (sic) and makes its business at picking at wounds and stirring up hatred among people, and having the SPLC counter statements and positions of Mr. Aston in this write-up is a bit unfair. If you want to do an article on the SPLC, then go ahead and do it. But Mr. Aston has a right to his opinions, too, and many people in this country and many Christian Americans would agree with his positions, and they should be stated clearly and without constant rebuttal from a far-left-liberal establishment.

What appears to be a problem in this country is that those in power are scared of what Mr. Aston has to say, as he possibly could have the backing of common and God-fearing Americans. In the future, could we just have an article on someone without all the leftist hatred included at extra no charge? Please, we don’t need this, and Mr. Aston does not need to be placed in the position of throwing pearls to swine. He only needs to be heard like anyone else.

Robert Lloyd/Ft Myers, Fla.

I basically liked the article and felt you were fair. I am sick of all this PC crap these days. White Southerners can feel just as good about themselves as any group without being subjected to PC ridicule and criticism. The SPLC are a bunch of self-appointed, rich, PC thought-police.

Edward Dyer/via Internet