

SEVENTH WARD SPEAKS

I'M BIG CHIEF VICTOR HARRIS OF THE MANDINGO Warriors. I always had my own mind to decide what I want to do. I lived through segregation. I saw a lot happen to Black people and it made me challenge when something is not right.

I started masking as a Mardi Gras Indian with the Yellow Pochahantas, and it was a beautiful thing. The place on Annette Street is where the spirit of Fi Yi Yi was born. At first people asked me, "Why do you mask like that?" I want to identify with the African culture. All of this is about the ancestors. When I mask, a transformation takes place. I become the spirit and I truly believe I'm protected. If there are problems out there, I can solve it. I'm a peacekeeper.



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