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**New Prices** Effective May 1, 2010 Martin Cleaning Service

**Carpet & Upholstery** Cleaning **Residential & Commercial Services Minimum Service CHG.** \$45.00 A small distance/travel charge may be applied

### CARPET CLEANING

2 Cleaning Areas or more \$30.00 Each Area

**Pre-Spray Traffic Areas** (Includes: 1 small Hallway)

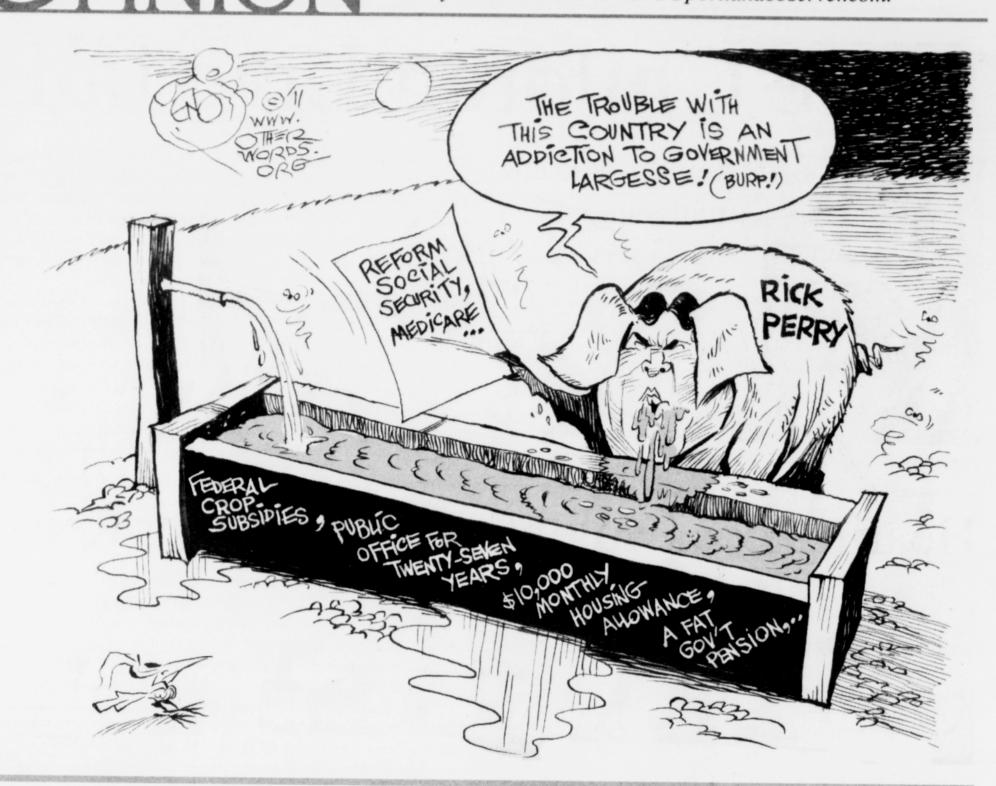
1 Cleaning Area (only) \$40.00 Includes Pre-Spray Traffic Area (Hallway Extra)

Stairs (12-16 stairs - With Other Services): \$25.00

Area/Oriental Rugs: \$25.00 Minimum Area/Oriental Rugs(Wool): \$40.00 Minimum

**Heavily Soiled Area:** Additional \$10.00 each area (Requiring Extensive Pre-Spraying)

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# Lost Hopes for the Miracle of Justice

Death penalty case was not

cence. Over the last 22 years, his legal team fought tirelessly to win a new trial, presenting affidavits from seven of those nine dramatically changed their original testimony.

ficer. According to reports, nine had not been proven beyond a rea- ban on the death penalty. One eyewitnesses identified Davis as sonable doubt. Former FBI chief innocent man put to death is one the shooter. Up until he took his last William Sessions also weighed in too many. If we can't be certain of breath, Davis maintained his inno- on the Davis case saying, Davis the legitimacy of the convictions, deserved clemency because the the practice must be halted. We case built against him was not strong enough. witnesses who recanted or ment and government experts - as well as the pleas from millions around the world - fell on deaf ears. The I don't want to contradict prosecutors and parole board refused to admit they were wrong. the case, but it's unthinkable And now Troy Davis is dead. America must revamp its legal original witnesses recanted, Davis system-beginning with the way we investigate and arrest suspects and we do have an opportunity to corcontinuing to the way we prosecute rect the legal system so that we no I'm not the only authority who them and the way we handle ap- · longer have to worry about whether peals. We must not allow prosecu- or not our legal system has contors to convict an individual based solely on eyewitness testimony. When new evidence is introduced vocate for equal justice. His life or witnesses recant, a new trial should automatically be granted. Lastly, we need a nationwide

need to follow the lead of states like Illinois where, in July 2011, The pleas from these law enforce- the death penalty was abolished and the state's death row cleared. after widely reported - and proven - claims that police tortured nearly a dozen of the inmates waiting to be executed and forced them to confess to the crimes. We may never learn the truth about Davis' innocence or guilt, but demned an innocent man to death. Judge Mathis is a longtime adstory of a street youth who rose from jail to judge has provided hope to millions.

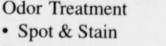
### <u>UPHOLSTERY</u> **CLEANING**

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## strong enough

BY JUDGE MATHIS

The world waited with bated breath as the Supreme Court of the United States decided the fate of Troy Davis, a 42-year old black man sitting on Georgia's death row.

With so much doubt surrounding Davis' guilt, his supporters hoped he'd be granted a new trial and the opportunity to prove his innocence. Unfortunately, the Court decided not to intervene and the miracle of justice we all hoped for never came - Davis was executed.

Davis was convicted of the 1989 murder of Mark MacPhail, an offduty Savannah, Georgia police of-

the various judges who heard that, after the majority of the

was not granted a new trial so that he could prove his innocence.

feels this way. Bob Barr, a former federal prosecutor and former Republican Congressman from Georgia publicly stated he believed there was too much doubt surrounding Davis' guilt. Barr, a supporter of the death penalty, felt that Davis' guilt

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