

Editorial and Opinion Page

NCAI Convention to be held at Myrtle Beach

Dear Brothers and Sisters, This is my first letter to the Carolina Indian Voice. My name is Arvis Boughman (not your everyday/run of the mill Lumbee name). My mother's maiden name is Adelaide Locklear (sister to the late Quentin, John, Bracey, Marshall, and Sanford Locklear. My father is Charles Boughman, and he was born in the mountains of N.C. I was born in Robeson County, but lived most of my life away (up in the hills). Well, I am back home now, and I wanted to tell the Lumbee people of Robeson County how fortunate our people are and have been to have such close ties to each (family and friends) other. Living four hours away, until recently, I really missed my family and all my real and adopted cousins. That's one reason that anyone who knew me knew I kept the roads hot many a weekend between here and Burke County, N.C. until I moved back.

In keeping these roads hot for so long, and being back home for about 9 months I have kept track of my people. I've experienced the ups and downs of developing high hopes for federal recognition only to be dashed by the one time proponent of Lumbee federal recognition, Jesse Helms. I've moaned when I've heard the latest of the prideful/senseless/immature squabbling of LRDA and the Lumbee/Cheraw tribal council which brings me to the reason I decided to write to the Carolina Indian Voice.

Due partly to the dispute and other unknown factors, the Lumbee tribal

Council and LRDA (I'm glad elections are coming up) have failed to get out the word of one of the most exciting events to come to our region in decades. From October 18-23 (Sunday - Friday) the National Congress of American Indians will be holding in annual convention in the Myrtle Beach Civic Center. Thousands of Native Americans from all parts of the country will be descending on Myrtle Beach during this time. Hey Powwow crowd, on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm, NCAI will be having their cultural celebration (Powwow) that I hear makes the regional powwows look small. Do you like Native American jewelry and artwork? A great number of Native American Artisans will be exhibiting their wares throughout the week. Hey players/ex-Pedro's crowd, after the Gala Banquet which is 8:00 p.m. on Thurs-

day October 22 they will be having a free dance. Who knows? You may even meet your Pochahontas or Wind In His Hair here. Also, many of you may be interested in the Miss NCAI (all of you aspiring Miss Lumbee, Miss Indian North America, or Miss Indian World) pageant which will be held Monday, October 19 at 7:00pm. The lady I spoke with at NCAI assured me you do not need to register for the conference or join NCAI to buy tickets for the banquet (\$50.00) or attend the free beauty pageant, dance, and powwow. NCAI is one of the biggest Native American organizations in the entire country and the entire conference will be something to behold.

Being the biggest and one of the most powerful Native American organizations in the entire country, NCAI has been supportive of Lumbee Federal Recognition. Why do I sound like a pitchman at a snake oil show? I'm not getting any kickbacks. I simply want our people to be represented at NCAI in large numbers. For some unknown reason, LRDA and the Lumbee Cheraw tribal council has been reluctant to get the word out (you can draw your own conclusions). All I know is since we are the largest tribe east of the Mississippi and only minutes away from this conference, I think our tribe should be present/represented in force. I believe one day we will achieve the federal recognition we deserve and until and after that day we can learn so much from other tribes seeing how they have structured their tribal governments and constitutions with checks and balances. I'm not putting the blame on anyone, but we have tens of millions of dollars coming into our tribe every year and I would like to know where its going. Furthermore, gaming might be our future, but we can learn a great deal about how to deal with the federal government in this issues (pitfalls and boons). We can also gain a great deal of information about the housing funds we received and came close (if not) to losing because of individuals that put their own pride and tender ego's in front of what is best for the people.

Finally, I think it would be a wonderful idea if we could offer a few buses or church vans to bring some of these of the conference attendees to Pembroke to see the university, meet our people, experience some exquisite Lumbee cuisine, and visit our Old

Main/museum or at the very least set up a reception room to let folks know we are in close proximity. By the way, another important event is happening not quite as close. The NIEA (National Indian Education Association) will be holding an annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee, October 11-14. My friend Kerry Bid, a fellow alumni sits on the board. In addition to valuable Education information, Native American educational recruiters will be there in large numbers looking for qualified native Americans for teaching and administrative positions all over the country. Contact your Tribal Council, NCAI (202) 466-7767, LRDA, or Myrtle Beach Convention Center for more details. By supporting these events with our numbers, we would, in my opinion, solidify our support with NCAI and strengthen our ties with other Indian nations. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
Arvis Boughman

Warns of impending danger

We agencies that warn us of impending danger from hurricanes, earthquakes and other "natural disasters. Thousands of live and billions of property damage dollars are saved each year by these warning systems. Ignoring these warnings can result in physical injury or even the loss of life. This penalty, however, may be much less severe than the penalty or consequences of ignoring the guidance and warnings in our Creator's "Book of Living Word." Let us now consider one warning that has a very broad application potential and the possible penalty of one losing both the physical and spiritual life. It is found in Galatians 6:7 "Do not be deceived! God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the spirit will, from the spirit reap eternal life."

I will not apply this scriptural warning and instruction guidelines to four serious contributing causes of our plunge into almost total apostasy.

(A) Is a minister sowing to the spirit when he does not warm his audience of the wolves in today's world such as commercial TV, radio, movies, and many others that are "herding" many Christians through the wide



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gate to destruction. (B) Is a minister sowing to the Spirit when he uses lies and deception to convince blind followers that they are "robbing God" if they do not give the church 10% of their income? Is he not more sinful than each of the "den of thieves" our Lord rebuked? For he is also contributing to the nullifying of the benefits of grace under the New Covenant.

(C) Is a minister sowing to the Spirit when he uses deception - which can only be of Satan, to convince his audience that Christmas and Easter are Christian

holy days and that they should observe or celebrate them as much as such? Can he claim to be a "preacher of righteousness" when Apostle Paul instructed his pastoral student Timothy "to have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives tales"? (D) Is a parent sowing in the spirit when he trains a child in the way he should not go? An absurd question? Yes, but tens of millions of parents are blindly following the blind leaders in most of the churches today. They are making themselves and their children into victims in one of the most destructive snares that Satan ever devised - see our Lord's warning in Mat. 15:13 - "If a blind man leads a man, both will fall into a pit."

Can I lend this "hard message" with a message of hope? Yes! but much scripture study, meditation, and prayer must precede and accompany the journey to reach this blessing of hope. Across our nation a modern "exodus" is occurring. True children of God are seeking to escape from the bondage of deep apostasy of many churches and are establishing home churches that exclude "hiring shepherds", tithing and other doctrines and practices not practiced in the First Church Generation. Purity, love and holiness are emphasized. The doctrines of the New Covenant Scriptures along with the divine guidance of the New Covenant Scriptures along with the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit is totally sufficient for one to return to God's perfect way to being one of the wise virgins with ample oil in her lamp. I pray that our Lord's love, peace, and grace be your companion until we meet him in the sky!

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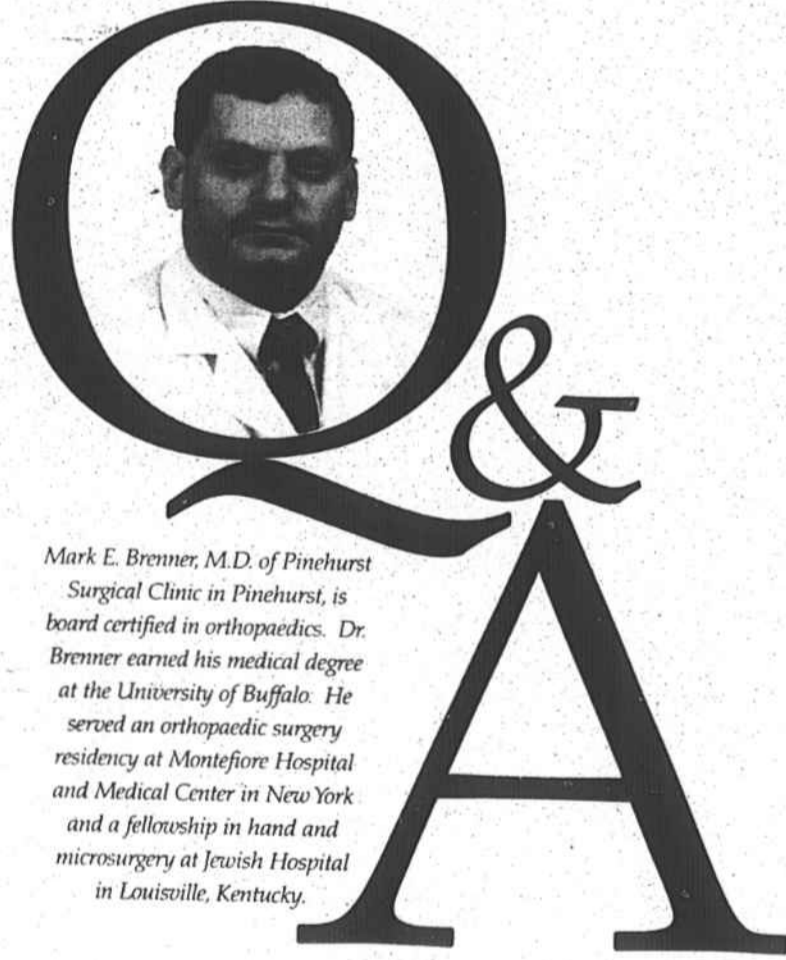
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Hand Surgery

What should I do if I sprain or strain my wrist?

Wrist injuries can range from very benign to very complex. If one sprains a wrist, a short course of ice and immobilization is appropriate. However, if the pain does not decrease within one or two days, further evaluation might be considered.

The wrist injury can involve the soft tissues of ligaments or could involve the bone. Often, these injuries are difficult to diagnose and may not show up on routine x-rays. Further diagnostic studies, such as a bone scan or MRI scan, might be necessary to accurately make a diagnosis and to generate a correct plan of treatment.

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