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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

## Tribal Council -vs- LRDA suit continues in Superior Court

There has been much ado in Lumbee land as a result of the battle between the Lumbee Tribal Government and Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA). Monday, Nov. 9, began the tribal council's suit against LRDA seeking to resolve the issue of right to tribal representation. The Lumbee Tribal Government contends that LRDA misrepresents itself as the tribal government in lieu of the 1994 constitutional and governmental elections. LRDA contends that the elections were not legal and therefore, they are the legal representative of the tribe.

In Monday's proceedings Superior Court Judge Howard E. Manning, Jr. began by stating, "I don't have any dogs in this fight. That's why I'm here". Courtroom expressions ranged from humorous to humiliated, at the judge's statement. Paul Brooks, Chairman of the North Carolina Indian Commission, was the first witness called by the Plaintiffs, the Lumbee Tribal Government. Mr. Brooks' line of questioning revolved around his

position as LRDA Board Chairman during the 1984 Referendum, and his knowledge of the constitutional process initiated by LRDA in 1993.

The second witness called to the stand was Rev. Earney Hammonds, chairman of the 1994 Lumbee Constitution Assembly. His testimony centered around his knowledge of the constitutional process and the intent of the constitution assembly. Rev. Hammonds' cross examination comprised a portion of Monday's proceedings and Tuesday's entirety.

Judge Manning ended Tuesday by stating that the two groups should meet and try to come to some agreement on behalf of those who would be the real losers in this battle -- the children and the poor. He stated that he would be very limited, due to the issue of sovereignty, to give any real solution for the Lumbee Tribe, but he did elude that as far as LRDA was concerned, he had authority over them in that they are incorporated under state law.

In cases such as these there can be no real winners.  
by Wendy Moore-Cummings

## Annual Wild Game Festival to be held at Indian Cultural Center

Support your North Carolina Indian Cultural Center. November is Indian Heritage Month in North Carolina. As part of the celebration, the N.C. Indian Cultural Center is sponsoring the 8th Annual Wild Game Festival on Friday and Saturday, November 20 & 21 at the Center's Festival Grounds.

Friday, November 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. is school day for school children, teachers and parents from Robeson County Schools and other school systems in surrounding areas who would like to attend. The public is invited to attend as well on Friday along with the school children. Admission to the Wild Game Festival is free on Friday and Saturday.

There will be Native American traditional and regular foods for sale. Native American arts and crafts for sale and dancing, drumming and various exhibitions for the children and the public to see and participate. There will also be storytelling, tools and weapons demonstrations, and basket making demonstrations. There will be demonstrations of pottery making with an opportunity for the children to make a piece of pottery to take home. We are planning other types of demonstrations such as quilting, soap

making, corn shelling, tobacco tying and broom making. We need people to help demonstrate these traditions for us. If anyone is interested in demonstrating any of the items listed above or other "ways of living" of our Indian people - traditional or contemporary (last 100 years), please call and let us know. We would love to have one or more representatives from every tribe and organization and every community in North Carolina present to share your traditions during this Festival.

A special part of the Wild Game Festival will be performances by the Seventh Generation Dancers and Red Snake Drum, a program of the N.C. Indian Cultural Center, directed by Lumbee artist, Karl Hunt. These young people performed this weekend in concert with a national touring and presenting Native American Group, Ulali, for the Pequot Tribe in Connecticut.

If anyone would be willing to commit your time and talents to participate in any way during the Festival - even as a volunteer - please call Barbara Locklear, coordinator of the festival, at (704) 392-1137 or Ernestine Bullifant, Tribal Administrator, at (910) 521-2433. Also, please call your local tribal office or organization to volunteer or get information.

## Pembroke native receives honor at Navy recruit training graduation

For most of the 1,000 recruits who graduate from the Navy's Recruit Training Command (RTC) Great Lakes each week, just getting through the rigors of Navy basic training is a major accomplishment. Pembroke native Lowery Keevin, however, completed the arduous, 9-week basic training course and was awarded the prestigious Retired Officers Association Award. Keevin said the award gives him "a sense of accomplishment in overcoming the challenges of basic training."

Keevin, son of Ernie and Brenda Lowery, received the award for being the recruit who "best demonstrates exceptionalism, maturity, integrity and leadership." A 1993 graduate of Purnell Sweet High School, Keevin is set to begin training at the Navy's Nuclear Power School in Charleston, South Carolina. Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, the Navy's only remaining basic training facility, conducts basic military orientation for approximately 50,000 recruits annually. Through the years, significant changes have occurred in the curriculum and facilities at RTC but its primary goal has remained unchanged: "To provide competent young men and women to serve the Navy with honor."

Visit Recruit Training Command Great Lakes on the world wide web at [www.nctpao.com/rtc.htm](http://www.nctpao.com/rtc.htm). To find out about the 50,000 job opportunities in the Navy go to [www.navyjobs.com](http://www.navyjobs.com).

## UNCP plans Open House

Pembroke -- The Admissions Office of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP) will host an open house for high school seniors on Saturday, November 21 from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Registration will be held in the Chavis University Center on Campus. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 910-521-6262 or 1-800-949-UNCP.

## Croatan Nation In Legal Exile Officially Unseals LoveKnot

(Submitted by Croatan Foundation)

At exactly November 3, 1998:13:11 p.m. the Croatan Nation will official acclaim that the LOVE KNOT is unsealed and monitored as it prepares to begin the second year of this cycle in 1999. This is the official silhouette or shadow of the Loveknot:



Croatan Nation  
LoveKnot  
Croatan Foundation  
(c) 8-17-98  
Shaman Yellow Owl 3<sup>o</sup> (c)

The design is based on the #1 rule of art known as "KISS" ("Keep It Simple STUPID!") Now that I have your attention, what is it?

Number one: It is a house with two doors, two archways, four windows and four gates to control access to the yard, world and universe; plus, it is your history (Past), mystery (future), and gift (present). All these things are metaphysical and rooted in the Legal Exile of Adam and Eve for Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Physically, it is the ultimate game regulated by a universe of balances, scales and pulleys influenced by gravitation. It will assist you with an Atlas of Earth, astrological chart, calendar, clock, compass, mileage chart and degrees to verify calculations.

The LOVEKNOT was probably organized and created in the Elam Providence of Persia during the 6th Century B.C. after the Vision of Daniel; as it related to Legal Exiles and the Tree of Life.

It was probably brought to the new world (Americas) in the 5th Century B.C. by Legal Exiles after the Vision of Zechariah; as it related to the BRANCH.

It is the symbol to remind all we Legal Exiles that changing names and carrying numbered cards for profit or pleasure, at the expense of others, is malfeasance, misfeasance and non-feasance in this the 13th day of Creation, 6th day of Mankind, and the 13th Tribe Rule of the World by the man whose name is "The BRANCH."

The second Aointed one is empowered, in motion and armed with the Book of the Seven Seals. He shall not fail or be discouraged."

To verify these things with the LOVEKNOT, here is what you do. First, you take the Legend of the Four Winds, as it related to the Croatan people. Second, you take the Bible codes and keys that relate to the Horn-Power of the Four Winds.

Third, you synchronize all these things with space, place and pace (time) to equal FLOW (Life and Death as it relates to the Christian Triad and mankind). At this point the LOVEKNOT is unsealed to reveal a new day and a new way.

Justice to you,  
Shaman Yellow Owl 3<sup>o</sup>  
For more information and a 8 1/2"x 11" signed and dated copy of the LOVEKNOT, mail \$5 to:

Dr. Plummer Locklear, Jr., Ph.D.  
Croatan Foundation  
P.O. Box 758  
Pembroke, NC 28372

## Committee hire firm for nation wide search for chancellor

Pembroke, N.C. -- The Chancellor Search Committee unanimously voted to hire a Virginia company to conduct a nationwide search for candidates to become the next leader at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

A.T. Kearney, Inc., the same company that helped bring Molly Broad to lead North Carolina's university system, will assist the search committee in locating highly qualified candidates for the job held by Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine the past 10 years.

A.T. Kearney, which specializes in filling top jobs in academia, was represented at the meeting by Shelly Storbeck, a vice president and managing director of the firm.

"We understand the marketplace when it comes to regionally placed universities," Ms. Storbeck said. "The days of posting an ad and waiting for candidates to come in over."

"It is the only way you will get a diverse field of candidates," she said. "Your ideal candidate may be somebody who does not imagine leaving his present post at another university."

A.T. Kearney has assisted universities, large and small from coast to coast, including UNC-Chapel Hill and Davidson College. The company has an excellent for placing women and minorities she said.

The search committee has a budget of \$80,000, and A.T. Kearney will charge about one-third of the new chancellor salary plus expenses. Ms. Storbeck estimated it will take 6-8 weeks to assemble a field of candidates, and the entire process will take four to six months of "very taxing" work.

A.T. Kearney will assist the committee in screening applicants for

criminal and credential checks. The company will help the committee maintain confidentiality of applicants, which is critical in attracting the best candidates who may already have positions, Ms. Storbeck said.

The search committee is responsible for recommending two to three candidates to the UNCP Board of Governors. The search committee may, at its pleasure, review all applicants or a narrower field of finalists selected by the search company.

"I encourage you to stretch and stay open to non-traditional candidates," Ms. Storbeck said referring to candidates without experience in higher education. "Don't you owe it to yourselves to throw in a wild card in this process and see what happens?"

Two executive search firms made presentations including The Stratford Group, located in the Research Triangle Park. After the presentations, the search committee first voted to enlist the aid of a firm and then chose A.T. Kearney.

Only UNCP Trustee McDuffie Cummings voted against the use of a search firm, saying that he could not justify spending more than \$50,000 at a university that serves a poor region. Others said the money was small insurance to assure the highest quality leader is hired for UNCP.

"I'm like Mac (McDuffie Cummings) as far as the money goes," said search committee Chair Roger Oxendine. "But, Molly Broad has charged us with the responsibility to exhaust every means to come up with the best candidate possible."

The next step for the committee is to advertise the position nationally. The committee will meet again Friday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. in the board room of Lumbee Hall.

## Cherokee Author-Poet to be part of local Indian Heritage festivities



Cherokee author and poet, MarJo Moore will be performing at UNCP's Native American Resource Center,

Thursday, November 19 at 7 p.m. as recognition of Indian Heritage month. Ms. Moore, the author of such works as Spirit Voices of Bones, Crow Quotes and Stars Are Birds and Other Writings will speak in an open readings forum with other accompanying speakers. The recipient of numerous literary awards, Ms. Moore will also hold a creative writing workshop for 7th and 8th graders at Prospect Middle School earlier that morning.

Ms. Moore's keen awareness of Indian pride and spirituality is evoked through the spoken word. Her connection to Spirit/Creator will give voice to all that are forgotten and bring healing to all who listen. Everyone is cordially invited.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF PEMBROKE FIRST CHURCH will sponsor the CHRISTMAS BAZZAR November 20th and 21st, 1998 Friday, 20, from 5-8pm Saturday 21, from 8 am till 1pm. Crafts, wreaths, bake goods, preserves, jellies, relishes, etc. "Come Join the Fun" HOT DOGS FOR SALE

## Boy Scout tournament at Pinecrest big success

The Annual Invitational Tournament was on Thursday the 5th of November, 1998. The tournament raised \$6,000. The goals went beyond the \$1,000 expectation of money to be raised. The team of local men who won were Monroe Lowry, Murphy Woods, Jason Lowry Jr. and Jamie Locklear. The winning score of "61" was a one shot deal on the No. 5, with a record eagle two on their final hole. !! Great Job!!

## FY99 HUD FUNDING INCREASES

John TallBird Marshall, Lumbee Particularly everyone is satisfied with the Public Housing Reform Legislation (HR 4194) recently enacted by President Clinton. This is encouraging news especially after the past two years efforts of certain politicians trying to annihilate HUD and public housing. This bill will improve the economic and physical viability of public housing, while better serving low-income families.

A total of \$24.3 billion for HUD in fiscal year 1999 was approved reflecting more than a 13% increase over FY 1998. Some 38 programs were funded of which a few of interest are: CDBG \$ 4.75 billion, Economic Development Grants \$225 million, Drug Elimination Grants \$310 million, Indian Housing Block Grant \$600 million, and Housing Opportunities for persons with AIDS (hopwa) increased by \$11 million, to \$215 million.

These increases brings about a renewal of HUD, and public housing while acknowledging the real need to provide assistance not only to the homeless and low-income families, but to our communities as well.

## Scouting For Food Begins Saturday

This coming Saturday, November 14th, the Robeson County Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Explorers will spend their Saturday helping feed the community's hungry.

As part of this effort, the boys will visit neighborhoods in Robeson County to distribute food bags door-to-door.

The following Saturday, November 21st, Scouts will be returning to pick up those bags filled with non-perishable food. Please have your bag outside of your front door on Saturday morning by 9:00 a.m.

If any troops or packs need bags call Jim Blake 739-7146 or Brian Taylor, District Executive, at 738-3743.

There are not enough scouts to cover all the County, so if you would like to contribute, take your food to the Robeson County Church and Community Center where it will be distributed to those in need or call a local troop or pack.

## Christmas Craft Show and Sale

A Christmas Craft Show and Sale, sponsored by the Robeson County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and the Robeson County Extension Homemakers, will be held at the O.P. Owens Agriculture Center, Highway 72 West (west of exit 17 off I-95), Lumberton. According to Tammy Tanner, family and consumer educator with Robeson County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, ADMISSION WILL BE FREE.

Crafters from Robeson and neighboring counties will offer quality hand-crafted items for sale. Lunch and baked goods will also be available.

For more information contact the Cooperative Extension Service at (910) 671-3276. Employment and program opportunities are offered to all people regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

## PEMBROKE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS HOURS

STARTING MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 1998

MONDAY \*\*\*\* 9:00 - 5:30 P.M.  
TUESDAY \*\*\*\* 1:30 - 5:30 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY \*\*\*\* 9:00 - 5:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY \*\*\*\* 2:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
FRIDAY \*\*\*\* 1:30 - 5:30 P.M.