

WHAT NEXT???

There was an interesting item that caught our attention this past week. Let us introduce it to you through a question: What do Marlin Fritzwater, President Reagan's press secretary, and Dr. Paul Givens, chancellor of Pembroke State University, have in common?.... Give up.... They both make over \$80,000 per year. Fritzwater makes \$89,000 and Givens makes \$85,200 after his recent pay raise of 6 1/2 percent. Dr. Givens' salary is above and beyond the "perks" he receives as chancellor of PSU.

Wouldn't it be nice to see a list of all those "perks" and the cost of each? But, to be fair to Dr. Givens, all of North Carolina's chancellors receive pay in the same range. As long as competent individuals lead our educational institutions, then perhaps they deserve such salaries and maybe (we are not too sure) "the perks".

Given the pay and perks received in the academic world, (chancellor's only?!), perhaps that's why we can not seem to find or keep honest men in government. People seem to enter government with the understanding that the pay might be low, but they have the right to all they can steal so long as they do not get caught.

With recent attention focused on defense contractors, overcharges, and the "assistance" contractors received from government employees, it would seem a few government workers forgot the last part of their contract, "do not get caught"! On the local level, it seems "your" outgoing county commissioners have decided they have the right to get what they want regardless of what the citizens think or the law says. Apparently the county commissioners most recently decided they wanted free insurance. How is that for leadership and vision!

We did think it was interesting that the chancellor of PSU is paid better than the President of the United States' press secretary, if you include the chancellor's perks. Must be nice "work" if you can get it!

Judge Terrence Boyle attempted to run roughshod over justice, in our opinion, by trying to force the beginning of the Hatcher/Jacobs trial even though the lead attorney, William Kunstler, could not be present to represent his client. Seems like Boyle needs to heed the words of George Santayana; "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it".

To refresh Boyle's memory, let's very briefly review the past: Mr. Kunstler assisted in the defense of the Chicago 7 back in the late 1960s, early 1970s. The judge, Julius Hoffman, came across as an incompetent fool because of the numerous errors he made during the trial. No one truly believed justice would come in Judge Hoffman's courtroom and the trial reminded one of the so-called "trials" held in third-world countries where individuals do not have constitutional rights and are guilty until proven innocent. We would caution Judge Boyle to remember the past. Additionally, we ask he also remember the Constitution. We do not wish this trial to become a "show" whereby the citizens lose faith in those who are supposed to represent fairness and justice. In our

opinion, Boyle needs to "get on the ball" or "get off the bench"!

We feel kind of sorry for John Bruce, the U.S. Attorney who is responsible for prosecuting Hatcher and Jacobs. He obviously wished for the trial to begin on August 1st. Apparently he did not relish facing William Kunstler. We feel sure Bruce would have liked for the judge to have appointed an attorney for Hatcher. Then Bruce would have had the advantage.

Mr. Bruce, you have been trained in the law. You have some experience in the courtroom. Why play games? The idea is for justice to prevail and regardless of the outcome, that should be your primary concern. Do not make some careless errors which will force everyone to go through this whole process again. You can make a positive contribution to this process rather than become a roadblock so as to further your political career.

Perhaps you remember the brilliant performance before Congress several months ago. Seems like the American people and the Commander and Chief of the United States, that's President Ronald Reagan, learned that some characters in government and on the fringes of government (CIA or such front-groups) decided to sell missiles and spare parts to Iran in the hope of getting back some hostages. This has been a long, involved, and ongoing story.

The performance was delivered by Oliver North. And he was good! Many Americans gushed forth to support North and his illegal acts. Seems North was quite proud of what he had accomplished. He did not need the support of the Commander and Chief; he did not need the support of the American people. He held the vision of what America was and what America needed to do. He had the opportunity to take action. Heck, he didn't need to get elected and follow the constitutional procedures that were set up to govern our country. In North's mind, he was right. So he acted! And now, in our opinion, he has wrapped himself in the American flag in an attempt to escape punishment.

Perhaps you saw the report on the CBS Evening News a couple of nights ago. Seems we have some American pilots and other military personnel who are worrying about those missiles and spare parts that North provided to Iran. The pilots are now training and discovering how they can evade America missiles which are in Iranian hands. How's that for irony? If we are not careful in the Persian gulf, especially since our enemies now have our missiles and replacement parts, we might wrap many Americans in the flag.

Perhaps an old song title would best suggest our idea for Oliver North's future. *North, to Alaska*. Nah, we would not wish that on Alaska. Maybe North will take General Douglas McArthur's observation to heart and, "just fade away"!

Three N. C. Indians were selected to represent North Carolina at the National Conference of Governor's Interstate Indian Council. The meeting will take place in Nashville, August 9-13, with Mr. Lonnie Revels, Mr. Bruce Jones, and Ms. Ruth Revels as our representatives.

READERS' FORUM

VIEWS ON INDIAN STATE & FEDERAL RECOGNITION

To the Editor:

I would like to voice my views on Indian federal and state recognition acts and the carrying of cards by tribes for proof of being an Indian. First, I would like to state that I am a Lumbee because my mother is a Lumbee and this is who I have chosen to identify with. Not because my mother or myself carry a card or do not carry a card, but because it is our blood lines and we have chosen to take on the name, and proudly so. There have been times when I have been asked for proof of Indian ancestry to be included in certain activities. I was asked to get written proof from one of my parents by written note from the, or belonging to an Indian organization. I was asked this even though my appearance is well within the physical range of Indian appearance. But even if I were not within that physical range, I consider such questioning extremely vile. It is no wonder that the bulk of the Indian population does not get involved in a lot of community affairs. You must first prove you are Indian to all.

By doing this the card carriers are saying you may be a liar. Apparently, these card carrying Indians are only real Indians as long as they have the card or their names are on the roll books. God forbid! What would you do if you lost the card and your name got taken off the books by mistake. You would no longer be a real Indian. After all, only real Indians carry cards that state the name of their tribe.

My father is of a group of people of Indian descent from Hancock County, Tennessee and surrounding counties. Most of the people there claim a Cherokee background, although some also claim Shawnee background. But no one knows for sure. There is one thing that they do know for sure, and that is that they are Indian. The local whites there refer to them as Melungeons which to the Indians is an insult. My father's people are not organized into a tribe the way Lumbees and other Indian groups are. But that does not make them any less Indian. They do not carry a card that identifies them as Indians or belonging to any tribe, nor do they have federal or state recognition even though they have always lived there. So because they do not have any of this status, does that mean that they are not real Indians or official Indians? Does that mean they cannot participate in any Indian activities because they don't have proof?

Blacks, before they were stolen off their land and brought over here, knew of their tribal heritage. It is now lost because of acts by the white man. But do whites treat Blacks as if they are not really Black because they have lost their original tribal heritage and have become mixed to many different degrees the same as we have? No, they do not and all Blacks, regardless of skin tone or physical appearance are classed as Black with no one being treated as less Black than the next from whites. Programs for minorities include all Blacks, not just the ones who are the dark ones, the card carrying ones. No, to my knowledge they don't have to go through a racial screening process before they can participate with their own people. They are not asked to bring a note from their mother saying they are Black. So, why should Indians have to put up with such vile behavior when no one else in their normal mind of any other race would?

Some of us Indians don't need to carry a tribal card or have federal or state recognition in order to feel that we are real Indians. Some Indians are using every ounce of strength to better conditions of card carrying Indians, so called official Indians, while the rest are left out. They

only see one thing, if they can get whites to say that we are Indians, especially whites in power, only then are we really Indians. Well, we finally got it made. When Martin Luther King marched for the rights of Blacks and others for fair treatment and Civil rights, he did not just march for Blacks of one state or one small locality, but for the betterment of all his people and others. Not just the official Blacks, but all.

I think Indians should band together and work for the uplifting of all Indians whether recognized, non recognized, mixed, unmixed, light-skinned, blond hair and blue eyes, dark skinned, kinky haired and dark eyes and all in between. We are all Indians because we will have the last word, because we say so. Not because the white man says so. We are all Indians because our ancestry goes back before anyone else in this land. We are the original people. We are not immigrants who are issued green cards before we can participate. We don't have to prove our race to anyone. We are what we are, regardless of any white or Black blood that may flow in our veins. I believe we must be proud of any white or Black ancestry we may have because these white ancestors were good people who did not hate us because we were Indians and lived with us. And our Black ancestors are proud Black ancestors who refused to be the slave of the white man and ran away and they found that many tribes everywhere would open their arms to them in the Indian's original caring way. But despite all that we have been through and all the varying degrees other cultures have found their way in our ancestry, even though most of us have lost our original traditions, we know we are Indians and we have not vanished. We know that we are Indians and 500 years from now we will still say we are Indians.

I think that one of the most important things is to get a third category established all across the land. Established so where ever we live in this country, we have a box to check off in all the various situations so that we can feel like we are not invisible or have to go as something else we are not or be another. It should be legal for all Indians to check the box Indians, not just those who live on or come from a reservation, are federally or state recognized, or carry some sort of tribal i.d. card. All Blacks check the Black box, not just the darker ones, or the ones who belong to the NAACP, I have no desire in any way to be a ward of the government. To be an Indian is not to belong to an organization or tribe, or have federal or state recognition, or to live on or come from a reservation. For this is a white man's criteria of what makes an Indian. But pitifully, this seems to be what a good many Indians seem to be aspiring to, and that is a stereotypical white view of what we are supposed to act like, look like, talk like, think like, sit like, and every other like. It is beginning to look to me like the regime of Apartheid in South Africa. Only those with the racial pass cards may come in, the rest stay out. That is just what the tribal i.d. cards are, racial passes. I am an Indian who knows, feels, genetically, traditionally, is an Indian. Plus, I am an Indian. I am Indian. I am Indian. And 500 years from now, I am Indian.

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Ranting N' Raving

By Garry Lewis Barton

I'm a Native American. My forefathers were inhabiting this fair continent in 1492 when a wayward sailor by the name of Christopher Columbus supposedly discovered it. Our young'uns are taught that this no-sailing yokel thought he had found a shortcut to the Indies. He therefore called my ancestors "Indians." I, nor any of my ancestors to my knowledge, have never set foot upon the scorching soils of India. That's why I call myself a Native American instead of an "Indian." Sorry Columbus.

Needless to say, eventually English settlers colonized the "New World." Yet, they were appalled at the uncivilized "savages" (my forefathers) who they were forced to coexist with; the settlers were especially appalled at the "savages" contention that they owned the land just because they and their forebears had owned it for centuries.

Now, the "savages" were copper-skinned. The settlers were white. It was only a matter of time before the white folk decided the "savages" needed to be civilized.

By civilizing, I mean the "Indians" were taught that their way of life was wrong and the white folk's way was right. Never mind the fact that the Indians had fared well with their way of life long before the arrival of the white settlers.

So, in essence, the "Indians" were taught to forget about their

heritage, traditions, and such. They had to change their way of life to conform with the dominant white settlers' desires.

The primary change the "Indians" had to undergo was the ludicrous notion that they owned the land. Indeed, it didn't take the "savages" long to realize that evidently in a civilized society ever who possessed the best weapons also possessed the best land.

As ol' Chief Joseph put it so eloquently, the whites made many promises. But the only one they kept was when they promised to take the "Indians" land. And they did.

Now folk, don't get me wrong. I'm proud to be an American... I'm proud to be a Native American, despite the deplorable way, as I see it, the government treated my ancestors. You might say I'm a civilized Native American; though I'm sure there are some out there who would dispute that contention.

Anyway, because of the American government's track record, I'm sort of leery when they start spouting all this gibberish about it being in the best interest of these little rinky dinky countries for America to force-feed them democracy.

Now I'd like to believe that our fair leaders only want our democratic government to serve as a beacon of freedom to the rest of the world, in hopes that other governments might want to bask in its illuminating glow. But history tells

me otherwise. You see, back when the effort to civilize my ancestors was undertaken, certain among the country's founding fathers spouted the same gibberish about it being in the "Indians" best interest for them to become civilized. I don't believe the Indians could have stood much more help. They, literally speaking, almost killed the "Indians" with their so-said-to-be kindness. And by the time the dust settled, the situation was much like Jerry Reed's song: the government had the goldmine and the Indians got the shaft.

So if the shoddy manner in which the government dealt with Native Americans is any indication of America's intent, I'd offer a wee bit of advice to these rinky dinky countries Reagan keeps talking about helping: folk, lock your land deeds in a safe and throw away the key. Sad to say, the good ol' U.S. of A. has bigger weapons now than she did when my ancestors roamed their "New World."

We'll talk again folk. Meanwhile, let's pray that our government will eventually learn from its mistakes and begin treating others fairly. Perhaps then the rest of the world will learn to look up at us instead of looking down their noses at us with contempt.

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CLASS REUNION PLANNED

The 1973 graduating class of Magnolia High School is planning a class reunion. The setting for the reunion will be the Ramada Inn, Lumberton at 7:30 p.m. October 22, 1988. Entertainment will be provided. Dress code will be casual. The cost per person is \$15.00 and \$30 per couple. All interested parties are encouraged to come to the reunion.

The deadline is September 25. For further information, call Johnny Bell at 739-9800, Jimmy Hammonds at 738-3440, Anita Blanks at 738-3672 or Margaret Locklear at 738-1841.

Barnes & Worriax Exchange Vows In Double-Ring Ceremony



Mrs. Mark Worriax

Vickie Lynn Barnes and Mark Worriax exchanged vows in a double-ring ceremony at the Gospel of Grace Baptist Church, Maxton, NC on Saturday, June 25, at 3:30 p.m. Officiating was the Rev. Buck Bowen, pastor of the Gospel of Grace Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes of Red Springs. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Worriax, Jr. of the Philadelphus area. He is the grandson of George and Vonellen Worriax of Route 1, Pembroke.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father, William Barnes. The groom's father, George Worriax, served as best man. Maid of honor was Jennifer Lane of Red Springs, cousin of the bride. Tori Worriax, sister of the groom, served as junior bridesmaid. Flower girls were Cecilia Brayboy of Pembroke and Amber Collins of Red Springs. Ring bearer was Ryan Locklear, cousin of the groom. Ushers were Bryan Worriax, brother of the groom, and Ray Brewer of Lumberton. Nuptial music was performed by Judy Locklear of Hamlet, NC. Peggy Caulder, aunt of the bride, registered the guests.

A reception followed the ceremony in the fellowship hall. The event was hosted by the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes. Darlene Locklear of Pembroke served the wedding cake. Lillian Lane, aunt of the bride, served the punch.

A rehearsal dinner was held Friday night, June 24, at Kiddie World Day Care Center in the Prospect community. The dinner was hosted by the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. George Worriax, Jr.

PUBLIC NOTICE-TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REGULATIONS

For Fiscal Year 1989, the Town of Chapel Hill has established a goal of 12% participation for disadvantaged business enterprises (which includes women-owned business) in contracts financed by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

A copy of the goals and a description of the methodology used to establish the goals is available for inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday until August 31, 1988 in the office of:

Robert J. Godding
Director of Transportation
Transportation Department
1089 Airport Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the Town of Chapel Hill will accept comments for informational purposes on the goals until September 16, 1988. Comments may be sent to the Town of Chapel Hill at the following address:

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