

WHAT NEXT???

Jonathan Lowry was sentenced to life in prison without parole for his part in operating a major drug enterprise. While we agree drug dealers must be dealt with severely, we are somewhat skeptical of the image and public relations gimmicks by the presiding judge, Malcolm Howard, and the U.S. Assistant District Attorney. For example:

"While [Lowry] may not have the notoriety of Noriega, he certainly is as powerful in Robeson County." *Christine Dean, Assistant U.S. Attorney*

Ms. Dean is quick to compare Lowry to Noriega, but she conveniently forgets the assistance Sheriff Hubert Stone provided. How would she characterize Stone? Wonder if Dean ever pondered how Lowry could operate in Robeson County for 10 years-wonder if she ever considered Stone's tenure as sheriff (approximately 12 years) as one possible explanation for Lowry's "success" in Robeson County?

So while Judge Howard chooses to make comparisons as to whether Lowry caused greater harm than America's "enemies" and the Assistant U.S. Attorney rants about Lowry's "power", let's not be deceived!

Jonathan Lowry is but one dealer and to mislead the public into thinking anything else is not only dangerous; it is also dishonest!

Another Indian winds up pulling serious jail time while the other obvious "targets" are systematically and conveniently ignored. What price is equal justice? We may never know.

Well, Robeson County received its report from PHH Fantas Corp. The corporation offered Robeson County a \$32,000 report card on the county's assets and liabilities in regard to industrial recruitment. The same report could have been generated by any of our local chambers of commerce. In fact, several PSU students would probably have been glad to do something similar just for college credit.

Since Hunter Poole recommended this extravagant "report," let's see what he plans to do with it, especially since the report tells us what we already knew.

Seems to us that Hunter Poole is a little too generous.

with taxpayers' money and he appears to be very satisfied with this report. So remember this wisdom from Bailean-Despeaux:

"Greatest fools are oft most satisfied."
Who are America's heroes today? It's hard to find someone you would like for your child to look up to....Donald Trump, Richard Nixon, Pete Rose, Dan Quayle, George Steinbrenner... We've got to keep looking and remember the advice of Graham Greene:
"Our worst enemies here are not the ignorant and the simple, however cruel; our worst enemies are the intelligent and corrupt."

Robeson Defense sponsored a fun day in Pembroke Park on Saturday. It was a refreshing change. People gathered in the park to hear gospel music and be entertained by other local talent. Carnell Locklear, organizer for Robeson Defense, served as master of ceremonies. He was, as always, lots of fun. We commend Robeson Defense for allowing people the opportunity to stop the hustle and bustle and just relax for a few hours.

For those of you who have not seen "Strike at the Wind" this season, we urge you to attend. As in all drama, there are strengths and weaknesses, but the strengths in this year's performance outweigh the weaknesses. The special effects are a credit to the many talents of David Oxendine, artistic director.

Among the truly outstanding performances are: Carol Oxendine as the leader; Kelvin Lowry as McGregor; and Willie Harris as Jack Harris. There are of course many others who give of their time and talent to make the drama successful... We encourage you to visit the drama and decide for yourself. We believe it to be one of the best things going....

The membership of Indian Solidarity will visit the drama as a group on Friday, August 24. Sam Kerns and Bobby Griffin are co-chairing the event. Those persons who wish to attend are urged to call Kerns at 521-2339 or Griffin at 521-8602.

Reflections By Alta Nye Oxendine

MY HEART GOES OUT

It's a long time since I've said: "My heart goes out to all who have lost loved ones."---But I still do care!
One family who lost both parents within a couple of years are the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Lloyd. Through years they have been our friends. To them and all others in such a situation of loss "my heart goes out!"

Right now my heart goes out to the families of the little boy who died on Sunday after being accidentally struck by a car, and to the driver who, I know, did not want that to happen.

BACK IN 1980

How I wished, back in 1980, that I could talk with the driver of the truck which collided with the van on Highway 74. I wanted to let him know that we were not holding him responsible for what happened. But, in a case like ours, I learned, we were supposed to just wait until everything was settled.

I did wait. In fact, I waited until after Wanda Kay and I returned from our Christmas visit with my mother and brother's family during the famous 1982 snowstorm in Denver.

On New Year's night I called Mr. Jones. The moment I told him that we had no malice, I could hear the relief in his voice. I learned that his family are Baptist Christians. And I still hope to meet them some day.

TURN YOUR HEART ACHES OVER TO GOD

As I so often say to those who are hurting:
"Just turn your tragedies over to our wonderful Lord. He understands. And He can bring something GOOD and BEAUTIFUL of them---if we will only let Him.

Along The Robeson Trail

By Dr. Stan Knick, Director of the PSU Native American Resource Center

In The Long-Ago-Time, the Animals and Plants could all talk, and they lived in peace with the human beings. But as time passed, the human beings grew in numbers, and spread their settlements all over the earth. As this happened, the Animals became crowded more and more into smaller areas, and they did not like this. But it wasn't just that the human beings were spreading. They were also inventing all kinds of new weapons, like bows and arrows, blowguns, and fishing hooks, with which to kill the Animals. So the Animals felt that they had to do something about this, and decided to have a big council meeting to discuss what they might do about the human beings.

The Bears met first, and the old chief, White Bear, was in charge of the meeting. Each Bear in turn came forward to tell how the human beings had mistreated the Bears, killing them and taking their hides. So the Bears decided they would fight the human beings. One suggested that they use the same weapons the human beings had been using, the bow and arrow. So the Bear found some good wood, and another one gave up his life for the good of the others so that this entrails could be used to make the best bowstring, and with these things the Bears made a bow and some arrows. But when they got ready to try their new weapon, they found that their claws were too long, and got in the way of the string, so the arrow would not fly properly. So one Bear suggested that they trim the claws of that Bear, and this being done, they found that the arrow now flew straight to its target. But White Bear stepped in and objected, because Bears need their claws to climb trees. He said "One of us died to make the bowstring, and now if we cut off our claws we will all be in trouble. We ought to use the weapons we were born with, because it is clear that the weapons of the human beings were not meant for Bears." So the Bears gave up, and went back home. If the outcome of their council had been different, the human beings would still be at war with the Bears. But as it is, now the hunter doesn't even ask for the pardon of the Bear when he kills one.

Then the Deer met in council, and their chief, Little Deer, was in charge. After talking for a while about the human beings, they decided that they would send the disease rheumatism to every hunter who killed one of them, unless he was careful to ask the pardon of the Deer. They sent word of their decision to the nearest village of the human beings, and along with it they told what the human beings should do in order to prevent the disease from troubling them. And now when a hunter kills a Deer, Little Deer, who is faster than the wind and cannot be caught, goes to the side of the fallen Deer to find out if the hunter asked pardon for killing the Deer. And if the answer is no, then Little Deer follows the hunter home and strikes him with rheumatism so that he suffers

immediately. No hunter with regard for his health would dare kill a Deer without asking pardon.

And one by one the other tribes of Animals met, and finally they decided to invent more diseases to keep the human beings straight. And if their creativity had not run out, they would have kept on inventing diseases until none of the human beings would have been able to survive.

But when the Plants, who were friendly toward the human beings, heard what the vengeful Animals had been up to, they decided to do something about it themselves. Each plant, the Trees, Shrubs, and Herbs, and even the Grasses and Mosses, agreed to provide a cure for each of the diseases sent by the Animals. Thus medicine was invented, and everyone of the Plants had its use, if the human beings can only discover it. And when the doctor does not know which Plant to use, the spirit of the plant will tell him, if he will only listen.

This is one version of the legend recorded by James Mooney almost 100 years ago. It shows us several things about the traditional culture of Southeastern Native Americans, and about the uses of myths and legends.

One thing reflected in this legend is the traditional view of a balanced universe in Native American culture. For everything there was an opposite. For every disease there was a treatment. For everything that needed to be learned, there was someone, or something, to teach it. Everything was balanced.

Another thing this legend shows is a different way of viewing other forms of life, both plant and animal. Rather than a relationship based on man having dominion over plants and animals, they were treated on more equal terms. Plants and animals were meant to be used, but they were also meant to be learned from, for they had valuable lessons to teach. They had more to offer the human beings than just food and clothing. They were, in a way, more like kin, or relations, of man than like mere objects. The relationship was more one of respect than of exploitation.

This legend also shows us how culture maintained itself in the many centuries before written language was introduced. Oral history, told again and again, generation after generation, kept the old ways of the culture alive. Oral traditions such as this legend were both instruction and entertainment, both serious and humorous. Unlike much of modern culture, it taught its lessons in a "storyteller" fashion, in a way in which everyone wanted to listen and learn. In some ways, it was quite superior to modern, written, culture.

In the next segment of *Along The Robeson Trail*, find out more about the myths and legends of Native American culture. For more details, call or visit the Native American Resource Center in Old Main Building, on the campus of Pembroke State University.

Say you read it in
The Carolina
Indian Voice

THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX \$
by j. riley emanuel

SAY YOU READ IT IN
CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

To Subscribe Call:
(919) 521-2826

NOW OPEN
Pembroke Mattress Co.
LOWEST PRICES IN ROBESON COUNTY WE DELIVER!
ALL NAME BRAND - 1ST QUALITY
TWIN SET \$129.95 FULL SET \$149.95 QUEEN SET \$179.95 KING SET \$299.95
OPEN MONDAY THRU SATURDAY
9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.
Pembroke Mattress Company
106 W. 2nd St. Pembroke 521-3335

The True Way To Get Rich. At last your nest egg is growing. Now that you have disciplined yourself to deposit 10% of your earnings, controlling your spending and taking pride in your home we will now go on to Step #4, Step #4 will teach us to put our savings to work for us. For 10% that we have been putting aside is only a beginning. The 10% must grow and the growth comes from the interest and dividends that are produced by wise investments. Put your money to work! Once your passbook savings account has reached 3 1/2 times your monthly income you should take the excess savings and invest the difference into higher paying safe investments. The Safe Deposit Box suggests that your first real investment should be a bank certificate of deposit (CD). A CD will pay a higher interest rate than your passbook in most cases twice as much. But remember a CD cannot be cashed in anytime unless you pay a heavy penalty. This is a nice forced savings plan. Once your CDs total a year's income it is time to talk to your banker, accountant or attorney about other investments. This is how fortunes are made...invest your 10% and let it grow. Time times money plus interest equals wealth.

THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE
College Plaza P.O. Box 1075
Pembroke, North Carolina 28372

NAVY.
IT'S NOT JUST A SNUFF, IT'S AN ADVENTURE.

Helme Tobacco Company

FOR SNUFF THAT'S SWEET AS HONEY, GIVE HONEY BEE A TRY.

Helme Tobacco Company

We're in touch with someone special.


You. your money, the best ways to make your money grow - now and in the years to come. We believe there's a difference between account numbers and customers. With account numbers, it's out-of-sight, out-of-mind, customers we keep in touch with. And we do... by sharing the good news of our up-to-date financial services with someone special. You. Come in and get acquainted today!
In Touch with You.
LUMBEE BANK
205 W. 3rd St. Pembroke, N.C.
111 North Court Square Lumberton, N.C.

Check Out Our Special On Page 3
OXENDINE TIRE CENTER

SOUTHERN INTERIORS
WIDE SELECTION OF CARPET
Expert Installation & Financing Available
SOUTHERN INTERIORS
1111 Chapel Road
521-8111 Pembroke

FAMILY INDEPENDENT PHARMACY
OUR BUSINESS IS YOUR HEALTH AND PEACE OF MIND
Pembroke Drug Center, Odum and W. 3rd, Pembroke, NC. Dial 521-4805
Pharmacist Howard Brooks
PEMBROKE DRUG CENTER
Dial 521-4805

Hope for hair pullers
The irresistible impulse to pull out one's own hair, including eyelashes and eyebrows, has been recognized as an obsessive-compulsive disorder called trichotillomania. This is caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain, often beginning with the hormonal changes at puberty.
The anti-OCD drug clomipramine is effective in controlling this condition - good news for those suffering from self-inflicted semi-baldness.
For further information contact: Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation, P.O. Box 9573, New Haven, Conn. 06535. We care about your health.
Read Our WEEKLY PHARMACY EDITORIAL
Your Pharmacy

H. Mitchell Baker, III, P.A.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Fighting for victims' rights is what we do...and it's all we do.

■ Wrongful Death
■ Serious Auto Accidents
No Charge For Reviewing Your Case
1-800-542-2664
919-739-7518
4904 Fayetteville Rd. Lumberton, N.C.