

# WHAT NEXT???

Cities are experiencing a variety of problems with increasing acts of violence, various crimes, and increasing drug activity. Perhaps these problems are interrelated, but it seems to us that one solution being offered to combat such problems, is, not only dangerous, but a little extreme. We would even go so far as to characterize this action as anti-democratic!

Several cities across our nation have already enacted curfews to control the teenage population which apparently many have decided is the catalyst and perpetrator of the problems we all now face. While some cities state they achieved a partial reduction in crime by using curfews, we are reminded of the historical and legal basis upon which this country was founded. Too often we, especially if not well-traveled in the world, forget curfews are widely used in countries in which dictators are in power. It is a common method of controlling the population and preventing demonstrations against the government in power. Marcos used it in the Philippines. Franco used it in Spain. It has been used in Iran, Turkey, Poland, the Soviet Union, China, Argentina, Chile, and even South Vietnam before it fell to the communists. Nearly every dictatorial country in history has first attempted to impede the freedom of movement of its citizens.

While our teenagers might not be demonstrating against the current government, if they are in fact engaging in crimes of violence, they are sending us a very powerful, plain, and visible signal that something is wrong in our society. To impose a curfew, in our opinion, is a lame attempt to cover up the problems that exist today. Curfews offer no solution to society's problems. When you limit basic freedoms, the outcome should be more beneficial than the loss. In the case of across the board curfews, we all take a basic step away from the fundamental freedoms we have taken for granted. Not all teenagers need to be judged and sentenced for the actions of a few. Fairness, justice, and freedom demand a healthy respect for the principles upon which this great country was founded. To do less is to slide head first into the morass of an anti-democratic society. First the teenagers...next it could be you!

Recently a photograph was released which purportedly showed three Americans held captive in Southeast Asia. The circumstances surrounding the release of this photograph is highly circumspect. But, the U.S. Government is checking out the story and attempting to verify the authenticity of the photograph.

While several families have come forward and "positively" identified the individuals in the photograph, we simply do not believe any Americans are currently being held against their will in Southeast Asia. First, there is no reason to continue to hold Americans. North Vietnam needs and wants to renew contact with the United States. If Americans are still alive and held against their will, then North Vietnam loses. Secondly, Americans have been known to adapt so well to their hostile environment that they freely chose to remain in the country which captured them. Several such cases are well documented during our conflict in Korea.

North Vietnam nor the United States stands to gain by either keeping Americans against their will or by ignoring the possibility of such action. The U.S. Government stands to lose the most if positive proof is presented which documents Americans are now being held against their

will in Southeast Asia. Knowing this, North Vietnam could greatly undermine the credibility of the U.S. Government by verifying the existence of prisoners of war, but at the same time they would forever cut off their chances of restoring normal relations with the United States.

We will not buy into the pipe dream that Americans are still alive in Southeast Asia and are being held against their will. If such were true, then the people of the United States would have every right to rise up and overthrow the government which blatantly ignored the most basic and fundamental rights of its citizens.

Some individuals continue to beat a dead horse. The horse is communism.

While it was once fashionable to be anti-communist, where would you look today to find such a true enemy. Nearly every country throughout the world is throwing off the shackles of communism. The foundation of communism is rapidly crumbling as the people of the world are looking to the future. Why? Because communism cannot feed its people. Communism cannot create the great minds which contribute to benefit society. Have you ever read communist literature? It does not appeal to the general populous. It's too stilted and theoretical. It has no heart or foundation. It's a sterile philosophy without hope!

The threat we face today is not communism. It's materialism and the loss of respect for individual rights. Today a person is judged, not on the basis of his ability, knowledge or works, but on the basis of whom they know that can pull the right strings to get things done.

We do not fear communism. The threat to our country now is internal. Conservative values posed against liberal. Black against white. Basic human rights are sacrifice to the state in the name of law and order. The threat is within--fascism is a far more dangerous threat. Fascism is the political philosophy that exalts nation and race above the individual and that stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader with severe economic and social regimentation and forcible suppression of opposition. This is our major threat. The seeds are being planted every day!

Migrant workers are still attracting much attention in North Carolina. But this is not unusual since they have been a known, but invisible factor in our economy for a long time. Abuses continue to attract more and more attention to the never-ending problems these workers face and because of these abuses, we clearly expect some of these problems will be addressed during this farming season. Some local farmers might soon be facing criminal and civil liabilities as investigations continue.

In the meantime, we recommend and commend *The News & Observer* which ran an informative series (Sunday through Tuesday) on migrant workers. We highly recommend it to anyone who wishes to know more about the plight of these individuals. Perhaps the N&O might one day look more closely into the activities of one particular individual who once worked with the Employment Security Commission. While ESC cannot comment on a personnel matter, the public record would adequately inform the public as to certain criminal charges.

While the increase of migrant workers continues in Robeson County, we hold out the sincere hope that, one day, this will not be a seasonal story!

## Along The Robeson Trail

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

One of the first, and perhaps the best, exchanges between Native Americans and European colonists happened when the Indians invited the strangers for a meal. There are countless examples from New England to the Southeast in which colonists would probably have starved had it not been for the generous provision of good food by the Indians. These Eastern Woodland Native Americans were such accomplished farmers, hunters, fishers, and gatherers, that they were able to provide fairly elaborate dinners for themselves and their white brothers, while the colonists were having a rough time getting anything to eat on their own.

One such colonist was John Bartram, who travelled amongst the Iroquois Nations in the 1740's. He recorded what they fed him: "This repast consisted of three great kettles of Indian corn soup...with...fish boiled in it, and one kettle full of young squashes and their flowers boiled in water, and a little meal mixed...last of all was served a great bowl full of Indian dumplings, made of new soft corn, cut or scraped off the ear, then with the addition of some boiled beans, lapped well up in Indian corn leaves, this is a good hearty provision."

If you would like to try something new for supper, but which is really quite old, try this recipe from *The Art of American Indian Cooking*:

### QUOIS SOUP\*

(Makes 4-6 servings)

- 4 large mushrooms, sliced
- 2 1/2 cups of beef broth (or other broth)
- 2 tablespoons corn meal
- 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon basil
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- dash of black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 12 ounces fish
- 1 1/2 cups fresh lima beans (or other fresh beans, or field peas)

Place everything but the fish and beans in a large pot, bring to a boil and then reduce the heat; simmer for 10 minutes. Add fish and beans, simmer 20 more minutes, stirring occasionally and breaking the fish into bite-sized pieces. Serve hot with corn bread. If you like, add fresh greens and/or shelled sunflower seeds to the pot while cooking this delicious soup the Iroquois call 'u'nega'gei'.

For more information visit the Native American Resource Center in Old Main Building, on the campus of Pembroke State University.

## Carolina Eye Associates acquires eye practice in Lumberton

Carolina Eye Associates has announced the acquisition of the Lumberton Eye Clinic, P.A., located at 202 West 28th Street, Lumberton, North Carolina. Dr. Christopher Fleming, founder of the center, will be relocating to Cary, North Carolina in the fall.

According to Dr. Robert Gale Martin, one of Carolina Eye Associates founders, "We are very excited about opening a center in this area. We have quite a few Robeson County patients who travel to Pinehurst/Southern Pines for their specialized eye care. In opening this center, we can offer our patients less travel time. In doing so, we are pleased to have Dr. Price as a member of our team."

Carolina Eye Associates will be moving the practice from West 28th Street to 4850 Fayetteville Road due to construction plans the hospital has for the building Dr. Fleming occu-

pied. The new center, which is located just past the WalMart, will be remodeled and ready for patients on Aug. 12th. "Our new office will be Carolina Eye in every way from participating fully in the Medicare program to offering the best in service and specialized eye care to our patients," said Dr. Martin.

In making the announcement, Dr. Martin said the Lumberton office will follow the same "shared patient care" concept pioneered by Carolina Eye. "Under this approach to medical care," Dr. Martin explained, "the surgeons and staff of the center work closely with the patient's family medical doctor and optometrist. This grouping of doctors enables us to deliver a better and more complete eye care program."

Dr. C. Kent Price of Carolina Eye Associates will assume the responsibility for providing care to the patients. Dr. Price recently moved

from Kansas City, Missouri, where he completed his residency training at the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

"I'm honored to be here in Lumberton and associated with the staff of Carolina Eye Associates," said Dr. Price. "While in medical training, I learned that Carolina Eye Associates is well known as an innovative leader in ophthalmology and small incision cataract surgery. By joining the practice, I have the best of both worlds...an opportunity to practice high quality medicine and live in an area such as Lumberton."

Carolina Eye Associates is one of the largest ophthalmic practices in the country. The Lumberton center is among seven Carolina Eye centers in North Carolina with other locations in Supply, Raleigh, Charlotte, Pinehurst/Southern Pines, Laurinburg, and Sanford.

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### The Coach's Corner

BY KEN JOHNSON

**The Senior Open**  
Jack Nicklaus continues his winning ways by winning the playoff over Chi Chi Rodriguez on Monday. His 65 tied George Archer's record set in the Carling World in 1964. His unparalleled record now includes 18 majors at the age of 51. He will be playing in the PGA in two weeks. You sometimes wish he would quit when he is ahead because his losses disappoint all of us. You just hate to see the world's greatest ever lost. It happens all the time. The peak the champs reach just can't be repeated. Jack and Arnold Palmer have won the U.S. Amateur, the U.S. Open and the U.S. Senior Open. No other players have done this. These old champs-George Foreman, Nicklaus, Palmer, Player, and Navratilova-just don't give up. To feel free and eager and to mount the peak again by beating younger, hungrier players is almost impossible, but this is the challenge these champs of all times accept. They probably feel the game is greater than winning. And so it is. The old saying by Campbell, "It isn't whether you win or lose but how you play the game," is still true with these outstanding seniors.  
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