

# Traditionally Speaking

Loca' E Essiki'kv (Painted Turtle)



## Elders and Traditionalist Corner

### On The Pow Wow Circuit



- The following list of upcoming powwows is not intended to be a complete list. Anyone having information about upcoming powwows not listed is encouraged to send them to: Wild Turkey, P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, NC 28372 or fax to (910) 521-1975.
- \* April 9, Duke University Pow-Wow, Dana Chavis (919) 613-1942
  - \* April 7-9 Raleigh, NC Pow-Wow, (410) 788-0689, (919) 257-1720
  - \* April 15-17 Haliwa-Saponi Pow-Wow, Hollister, NC (919) 586-4017
  - \* April 29-31 Harrisburg, PA (410) 788-0689 or (919) 257-1720
  - \* May 6-8, Metrolina Native American Association, second annual American Indian Festival and Pow Wow, 2601 East Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC. Call Association 704-331-4818.
  - \* May 7- Hoke County Schools Indian Education Pow Wow, South Hoke Elementary School Gym. Info: (910) 875-4106.
  - \* May 13-15 Lumbee Cheraw Spring Pow Wow, Robeson County Fairgrounds, Lumberton, NC. For info, (910) 521-8602
  - \* May 21-22 Richmond Community College (919) 582-7071
  - \* May 21-23 Tuscarora Nation Pow Wow, Tribal Grounds, Maxton, NC. Info: 910-844-3352.
  - \* May 28, Upper Mattaponi Spring Festival, Sharon School, King William, VA. Info: 804-769-2408.
  - \* June 3, 4, 5th 2ND Annual NAI/Loretta Lynn Pow-Wow Waverly, Tennessee, American Indian Vendors/Traders & Dancers Welcomed. For more info, call Native American Indian Asso. Georgia Maggie at 615-726-0806.
  - \* June 4-5, Machapunga Tuscarora Indian Tribal Association First Annual Native American Pow Wow, Moratoc Park on the Roanoke River, Hwy 711 S Business, Williamston, NC. Info: 910-793-6117/910-975-1473 after 6 p.m.
  - \* June 16, 17, 18, & 19, Rebirth of the Traditional Spiritual Gatherings, a Tribute to the Great Spirit, Father of all Indian nations, North Carolina Indian Cultural Center. Call Spotted Turtle (910) 521-4178. Painted Turtle (910) 521-0020 or Wild Turkey (919) 521-2826.
  - \* June 24-25 Allentown, PA. Pow-Wow (410) 788-0689.
  - \* July 15, 16, 17- Charlotte Native American Festival, First Union Atrium and Plaza 301 South Tryon St. Charlotte, NC. Info. 704-588-5870.
  - \* July 15-17 Howard County, MD (410) 788-0689, (919) 257-1720
  - \* July 24, Cherokee of Hoke County and Maxton, NC Tuscaroras, Intertribal Festival, at Rockfish near Davis Bridge, NC. Contact Chief or Mrs. Edgar Bryant. (910) 875-0222.
  - \* July 30-31, Third Annual Pow Wow and Festival, Rising Water and Falling Water, Showplace, Richmond, VA. 804-769-1018. 804-443-4221.
  - \* July 29-31 Virginia Beach, (410) 788-0689 or (919) 257-1720
  - \* August 26-28 Baltimore American Indian Center Pow-Wow (410) 675-3535
  - \* September 15-17 Guilford Native American Association (919) 273-8686
  - \* September 9-10, Coharie Pow Wow, Clinton, NC. Contact 910-564-6909.
  - \* September 23-24, Native American Festival, Durham Technical Community College, 1637 Lawson Street, Durham, NC. Call (919) 598-9188 or (919) 479-8000.
  - \* Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Indian Trail Pow Wow, Indian Trail, NC. Call Metrolina Association: 704-331-4818, Kingston Sanderson, 704-821-6361.
  - \* October 7-8, Cumberland County Native American 13th Annual Pow Wow, Memorial Indoor Arena, Fayetteville, NC 910-483-8442.
  - \* October 14-15, Wacamaw-Siouan Pow Wow, Bolton, NC. For info: (919) 655-8778.
  - \* October 14, 15, 16, 13th Annual NAI/A Pow-Wow & Fall Festival Nashville, Tennessee for more info, call 615-726-0806. American Indian Vendors/Traders & Dancers Welcomed. 211 Union St. Stahman Bldg. Suite 932 Nashville, TN 37201-1505.
  - \* October 21-22, Meherrin Indian Tribe Pow Wow, Winton, NC.
  - \* November 7-13 Great American Indian Expo (410) 788-0689
  - \* November 21-27 Native American Pow-Wow, Baltimore, MD (410) 675-3535

### Native Intelligence: A column by Jack D. Forbes

In Chiapas wealthy landowners today employ "White Guards" private "police" (thugs) to help steal land from Native Americans. In this way huge areas of good land have been taken from the Native People, with the connivance of corrupt judges, governors, and federal officials. For this reason, the indigenous organizers of the EZLN (Zapista Army of National Liberation) began planning secretly 10 years ago. "During these 10 years more than 150,000 of our indigenous fellows have died of curable diseases" due to oppression and poverty. "We are prepared to lose another 150,000 if it is necessary" in order to overcome the present situation of fraud, says an EZLN communique' of January 6.

At the time of the armed action initiated on January 1 the EZLN issued a "Declaration from the Lacandon Forest" which was in fact a declaration of war against the corrupt gangs of thieves which have been oppressing Mexicans for a long time. "We are the product of 500 years of struggle" they said. They announced that in liberated zones they would "suspend the sacking of our national resources." Fundamentally, the indigenous people are seen as those most capable of leading the struggle to liberate Mexico, because they understand most profoundly what is wrong.

The communique' of January 6 announced that "From the first day of January... our Zapatista troops initiated the communique' of January 6 announced that "From the first day of January... our Zapatista troops initiated a series of political-military actions whose deepest objective is to bring to the awareness of the people of Mexico and the world the miserable conditions in which millions of Mexicans live and die, especially us, the indigenous people. With these actions we initiate the awareness also of our decision to fight for our most elementary rights

by means of the only road left to us by the government authorities: the armed struggle."

The communique' went on to deny foreign involvement in the EZLN or any alliance with Catholic religious authorities. "The command and elements of troops of the EZLN are for the most part indigenous people of Chiapas representing the most humiliated and dispossessed sector of Mexico...but also, as is seen, the most worthy." The communique' called for a cease fire and negotiations.

Many rumors circulated through the Mexican press during January and February about what the EZLN really wants. In a communique' of January 11 the "Secret Revolutionary Indigenous Committee" (CCRI) of the EZLN denied that they were supporting any particular party or presidential candidate and stated: "the EZLN seeks justice, liberty, and that there will be democracy..."

On the 13th of January the CCRI wrote President Bill Clinton that the Mexican Army was using economic and military aid from the USA to massacre the indigenous Chiapanecos. "We ask if the United Statesian Congress and the people of the United States of North America approved of this military and economic aid to combat narcotics trafficking or to assassinate indigenous Americans in the Mexican southeast." The EZLN asks that Clinton and others not soil their hands with "our blood" by being the Mexican southeast." The EZLN asks that Clinton and others not soil their hands with "our blood" by being accomplices of the Mexican government.

On February 1 the CCRI responded to a letter of support received from an indigenous coalition of Guerrero (people of the indigenous Amuzgos, Mixtecs, Nahuas and Tlapanecs). They emphasized their struggle for

### WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE ELDERS COUNCIL?

It has been awhile since I last discussed the ELDERS COUNCIL in this column so here goes. I am somewhat disappointed that no one has shown any interest in this important group of individuals. It is through our elders that our oral history has always been preserved, therefore it is imperative that we get moving with regards to this important project.

What can these persons offer our NATIVE AMERICAN community? They can share their wisdom gained from many years of surviving in this society with middle aged and young people alike. They can pass along the oral history of the tribes located in the Robeson county area. They can teach both middle aged and young people crafts and other skills that could very well be lost if action is not taken to preserve them. They can share their spirituality with us and help us realize that we do not need drugs, alcohol and other negative substances and items to lead productive and happy lives. The elders can offer each other support, friendship, and the opportunity to relieve the good times from the past.

What is needed to make this dream a reality? First, we need to make the elders aware that this ELDERS COUNCIL already exists and that their participation is needed for it to be a success. We also need a building or space donated for this purpose temporarily, because we hope to get funding for this enterprise from a grant or contributions from the community at large or both. We envision this space as a gathering place for individuals of all ages to share with each other. It will also afford the opportunity for young people to be counselled by these elders with regards to the problems that they are facing in this world today.

What can you do to help? Encourage all elders that you know to consider being a part of this important function. Help us find a building or space to make this a reality. Offer your special talents to make this project successful.

What Next? Contact the Carolina Indian Voice with your suggestions and to pledge your support of this ELDERS COUNCIL.

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### The Way I See It

by Dr. Dean Chivers, President Native American Scholarship Fund



### DEAD

### Wisdom from the Country

by W. D. "Wiz" Locklear

With all these secret meetings going on, Ol Wiz ain't been able to find out much about what these LRDA boys are up to. But, I do know they've spend about \$2,000.00 in these fancy ads they've got scattered all over the place.

Now, you take Mr. Brant Clifton with that Lumberton paper, Miss Connee. He gave them LRDA boys a front page for free, and probably said more about what was going on than that ad which cost LRDA a whole heap of money. That just goes to show, Miss Connee, that sometimes the best things in life are free.

But, Ol Wiz sure enjoyed that interview with Mr. Ben Jacobs. He's one of their spokesmen at the LRDA that Mr. Clifton talked me. According to Mr. Ben Jacobs, LRDA ain't NO tribal government, Miss Connee. Course, Ol Wiz knew that from the get go, but its good to hear the LRDA boys agreeing with Wiz, even if it was in that Lumberton paper.

Now, I did pick me up a rumor that them LRDA boys are getting mighty scared about some property they're holding. Some one said they were afraid that a Lumbee Tribal Council would want to take their property. But, if I was them, Miss Connee, I'd be more worried about them Musselwhites over there in Lumberton. If they do what Ol Wiz has heard they're planning to do, seems to me that whatever LRDA is owning might be gone from them pretty soon.

You just never know about situations like that, Miss Connee.

As for Wiz, he's more worried about this business of calling our church delegates a bunch of radicals. There's some mighty mad people about this name-calling business, Miss Connee.

Course, I've never believed that these boys had much know-how when it came to gitting along with folks, Miss Connee. But, they tell me our Good Master was considered a radical by the Pharisees in his day and time on this earth. I reckon, Miss Connee, that them LRDA boys are pretty much like those Pharisees were back then. One thing is for sure, you don't hear much about Pharisees today but the name of that radical who walked our earth some 2,000 years ago is known to have toppled evil and corrupt empires. It is a name that we called when we're facing trials and tribulations, and its a name that will carry us through all eternity.

Ol Wiz would rather be associated with that radical than a bunch of Pharisees, Miss Connee. And if I was one of them LRDA boys, I'd be mighty careful about how I talked about church people less the wrath of God descended on me.

But, some people are hard headed, Miss Connee. Ain't nothing you can do but pray for them, then go on about your business.

W.D. Locklear

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to me.

One of the mafia members has alleged to have said that nothing or no one could make him back down. What is to be backed down from is not clear.

Another mafia member has said that he will be a millionaire within 12 months of the time the federal recognition is approved. I don't think the people want gambling, but some of the mafia clearly wants it.

That is the way the New York and other Italian/Sicilian mafia families have made their money--gambling, drugs, and prostitution. I wonder if our churches really want that in Robeson and Scotland Counties.

What I see happening now is not leadership. It is greedship. I wrote the first plan for federal recognition in 1977, at the request of the late Judge Brantley Blue and W.J. Strickland. I did not specifically spell out the need for a constitution, but it was mentioned.

In the 1988 plan I wrote for the Recognition Committee of LRDA, I did specifically call for the development of a constitution. It took another five years for action to start on it, but it has started.

I wonder if the reason it took so

long is that the Indian mafia did not want to get the people involved. But wait, folks. This is a democracy; at least that is what I fought and almost died for in Viet Nam.

It is always messy in a democracy. But I would rather live in the messiest democracy than to live in a communist or fascist country, even if the trains are always on time.

I read the draft constitution while I was in Fayetteville, and it is fine. I made some comments to the pretty lady who gave it to me, and she said they would take them into consideration. It is clearly a wonderful document. It comes from the people, and should be voted by them into life.

The Indian mafia should not, and will not, have the ability to deny the right of self-government to the people. Remember what happened to the KKK when they tried some of their foolishness at Maxton.

I don't know who the Indian mafia members are reporting to. But it is apparently someone in Lumberton. I say to heck with the mafia approach. If they are going to act like petty dictators, we can vote them out of office. Isn't democracy wonderful?

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