

# Traditionally Speaking

Loca' E Essik'kv (Painted Turtle)

## YOU AND YOUR LUMBEE-CHERAW CONSTITUTION

It is your right not it is your duty to provide your personal input on the final draft of the proposed LUMBEE-CHERAW CONSTITUTION. This constitution will only be an instrument of the people and for the people, when the majority of the people express themselves. It will be through the maximum participation achievable that all sides of all the issues are dealt with in a comprehensive manner. Therefore, I encourage all members of the LUMBEE-CHERAW community to come out and express your opinion. Whether you support or do not support the proposed constitution please speak out so that others can consider your personal view points. It is through the discussion of differing opinions that we will develop the best constitution for our people. I feel that it will be extremely helpful to all concerned to participate in discussions about the proposed constitution. We all should remember that the constitution that is adopted by the "we the people" will govern us as legal document in tribal matters. Therefore, this undertaking is

tremendously important to us as a people. Do not take the process that we are struggling through as a minor issue because it is really a major issue. So I encourage all to attend the public hearings and be an active participant. Also, please listen to the comments of your fellow LUMBEE-CHERAW NATIVES so that you can understand their concerns about this important document.

While attending these public forums remember that we should all be respectful of the opinion of others whether we agree with them or not. We can use these public hearings to polarize our people as caring, understanding and political unit that is dedicated to the greater good for all the LUMBEE-CHERAW PEOPLE.

We have the power to make this experience an extremely positive one or a negative one. I think it is a matter of attitude. So let us all have the proper attitude and finalize the constitution in such a manner that others will truly recognize that we are a good and just people.

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*Wisdom from the Country*  
by W. D. "Wiz" Locklear

Dear Miss Connee:  
I hate to see our people throw away money on foolishness. Course, if its their money, ain't too much Ol Wiz can say about it, Miss Connee. But, if its the public's money, than there's a whole lot Wiz can say about it, which is what I intends to do here, Miss Connee. The way Ol Wiz sees it, that money the LRDA throw away on those fancy ads in that Lumberton paper could have help old people pay their light bill or buy medicine. It could have help some family struggling to put food on the table for their younguns, or send a young person to college. I figure they spent about \$2000, not counting probably another \$1000 spent with some other papers. But, some people don't know the value of a dollar, Miss Connee. Instead of taking care of the things that need to be taken care of, they throw their money away. I reckon I wouldn't be minding so much, except this here money sent to the LRDA is for taking care of the people's needs.  
But, I seen this letter in that paper by the Hardin man, and I got the impression, Miss Connee, that he's a little bit mad with those folks over in Lumberton. I reckon he was plum whipped out when he seen that story on the front page, and his ad telling another story on the back page. If Ol Wiz was in his shoes, paying out big money to git his version of the story across to the people and then that paper come along and told another story, I reckon I would be mad, too. But, you know theres a difference between ads and the news, Miss Connee. On an ad, you can say just about anything. But, when a reporter carries the news, most likely he's a dealing with facts. Ol Wiz ain't much on ads, but he enjoys reading the

news.  
Course, the papers ain't the only people he's made with. It looks like, Miss Connee, that he's about felt out with everyone. Now, that's another mistake. Even if you're felt out with everybody, you don't go printing it all over the place. You take on the whole world, and pretty soon, people git to wondering if the problem ain't with you, instead of everyone else. Some people don't think like they should, Miss Connee. Ain't too much Ol Wiz can do about it, but help them understand the error of their ways.  
I've always said, Miss Connee, about the best decision those boys ever made at the LRDA was to hire Miss Arlinda. Now, she's been working on our recognition bill since 1988. And, they tell me she's one of the top lawyers in this country on the Indian business. If the Hardin man is right about how much she's been paid, that's about \$14,000 to \$17,000 a year they've paid her from the LRDA. I reckon the Hardin man draws about \$50,000 a year, Miss Connee, and all we hear from him is a bunch of whining and complaining, and a whole lot of excuses and faults he finds with others. This goes back to the value of the dollar, Miss Connee, but I reckon some folks don't look at things like Ol Wiz.  
Now, I want the people to come out to these public hearings on our constitution. Our delegates don't care whether you come in your work clothes or your Sunday clothes. You can even bring your children, cause they need to be learning as well as their parents. Ol Wiz expects to be there, too, Miss Connee.

W. D. "Wiz" Locklear

# Elders and Traditionalist Corner

## RICK'S PLACE



For the last 500 years, the policy of the folks in power has pretty much remained the same. Early colonist came to the Americas under the guise of freedom and equality for all. Once setting foot on the shores of this land, all pretenses were set aside. Offering christianity, liquor and guns and a way of life that encourages self above others, the white settlers began a long history of rape, murder, and using one group of Indians to control the rest of the Indian population. Unfortunately, for us as an Indian nation, the use of Indians to destroy and hold back others has become a lesson learned only too well.

For the past several months, our Indian community has been in a turmoil regarding The role of LRDA, the tribal constitution and our future as an Indian nation after Federal Recognition. We as a nation, have been fighting among ourselves too long. It is time to work together for the good of the people. Let's keep Indian problems and Indian business where it belongs. In our Indian community.

The local, Lumberton based, daily paper ran a front page article on April 5 that was full of false information regarding the constitution, LRDA and the Federal recognition process. That seems to be par for the course. The daily paper has a long history of not always putting Indian issues and concerns in a positive light. I agree with parts of James Hardins response letter to the Editor, printed in the

Sunday, April 10, 1994 edition of THE ROBESONIAN. LRDA has been a large supporter and a major force behind the push for Federal Recognition, and rightly so. LRDA, an Indian organization, is and should be an advocate for Indian people. If we as a people don't look out for our own future, who will? Of course I take exception to the reference made to this paper as a source of gossip. Our stories have been accurate, based on the information we have and reported because we believe the people have a right to know what their elected officials are doing. Public officials actions should be able to withstand the light of public scrutiny.

As always, we believe the lines of communication should always stay open. Its OK to have differences. Its what makes life interesting. Lets work those difference out among ourselves and not allow others to divide us as a people.

The constitution is complete and area meetings are being scheduled so the people can review the document, give their input and decide if we, as a people, want a tribal constitution. This decision for the form of tribal leadership rest, not with LRDA or The Carolina Indian Voice, but with the people. Take control of your destiny. Exercise your right to vote, not only for the constitution but for the candidate of your choice in the upcoming election.

## 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 15-17 Haliwa-Saponi Pow-Wow, Hollister, NC (919) 586-4017
- \* April 29-5/1 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 Lumbree 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 NAIA/Loretta Lynn Pow-Wow Waverly, Tennessee, American Indian Vendors/Traders & Dancers Welcomed. For more info, call Native American Indian Asso, Georgia Magpie 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, Wacamac-Siouan Pow Wow, Bolton, NC. For info: (919) 655-8778.
- \* October 14, 15, 16, 13th Annual NAIA Pow-Wow & Fall Festival Nashville, Tennessee for more info, call 615-726-0806. American Indian Vendors/Traders & Dancers Welcomed. 211 Union St. Stahlman 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

## Public Notice

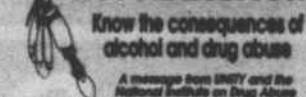
### Ordinance regulating disposal of debris and discarded roofing materials

Following is a summary of an ordinance adopted by the Robeson County Board of Commissioners pertaining to the disposal of debris and discarded roofing materials:

1. Property owners are responsible for the disposition of debris and discarded roofing materials removed from their property, whether removed by them or by a contractor.
2. Debris and discarded roofing materials are to be disposed of in a permitted sanitary or demolition landfill only.
3. A permit issued by the County Building Inspection Department must be obtained prior to the removal of roofing materials. One copy of the permit will be forwarded to the Robeson County Solid Waste Department, one copy retained by the Inspection Department and, a copy given to the property owner and to the contractor. The contractor will bring the roofing material to the Robeson County Landfill and give his copy of permit to the scale operator.
4. If roofing materials are not brought to the County Landfill within thirty (30) days from the date the permit was issued, the property owner will be contacted to determine if the job is completed, and if so, what was the disposition of the discarded materials.
5. If the property owner or the contractor disposed of the roofing materials illegally, they will be indicted.
6. That violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance by any person shall constitute a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction a violator shall be punished by a fine not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS or imprisonment for not more than THIRTY (30) days.

The Robeson County Building Inspections Department will begin to issue permits on and after May 1, 1994. A copy of this Ordinance is on file at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, 701 North Elm St. Lumberton, NC and may be reviewed between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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A message from UNIV and the National Institute on Drug Abuse

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## TAX SALE

Taxes are due and all homes must go- All homes reduced. New vinyl siding, shingle roof doublewides, 3 bedrom, 2 bath-\$16,995.00, Harry Reed Homes, 3601 Elizabethtown Road and Bladenboror Highway (Hwy 211), Lumberton, NC, 910-739-9531 and 910-739-9531.

## SUPER SALE SAVE

3 bedroom 2 bath Only \$11,995.00, 2 bedroom Only \$10,995.00. Used Homes \$500 down and \$150 per month, Handy Man Special \$1,495.00, Harry Reed Homes, 3601 Elizabethtown Rd. and Bladenboror Hwy (Hwy 211) Lumberton, NC, 910-739-9531 and 910-738-5060.

North Carolina Robeson County In the General Court of Justice District Court Division 94 CVD 635

Cindy Lou Gomez, Plaintiff

Vs. Samuel Gomez, Defendant

Notice of Service of Process by Publication

To: Samuel Gomez the above named Defendant:

Take Notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Absolute Divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleadings not later than the 3rd day of May, 1994, said date being 40 days from the publication of this notice, or from the date complaint is required to be filed, whichever is later; and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 24th day of March, 1994.

James Gregory Bell Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 2142 Lumberton, NC 28359 Telephone: (910) 738-5530

## The Way I See It

by Dr. Dean Chavers, President Native American Scholarship Fund Albuquerque, NM



### The Smartest Kid in Class

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When we were in school at Pembroke Graded School, half a dozen of us used to compete for the top spot in class. Sometimes I won, and sometimes someone else won.

The ones I was in class with were Bruce Barton, Governor Barnes, Jr., Dupree Clark, Howard Brooks, Sylvia Sampson, and Carolyn Sampson. My memory is not as good now as it once was, but I believe from that group, and Patsy Maynor before she moved away, one of us took the prize each year.

There were 70 of us who started first grade together in 1947. Some of them knew how to read already, and were placed immediately in the Red Birds. I didn't know how to read, so Miss Edna Lee placed me in the Brown Birds.

Pretty soon, I moved up from the Brown Birds to the Blue Birds, and a few weeks later to the Red Birds. I remember most from the first grade how I loved to read.

Indian students out here in the West do not believe me. I know, when I tell them I used to read 100 to

150 books a year. But I did, and most of the group I mentioned had an armload of library books under their arm when they left school each day. I still read over 100 books a year.

Even though 70 of us started first grade, only about 35 finished high school. And only about six or eight of us went o college. Three or four of us finished college, and Howard and I got doctorates.

Even though we had the competitions each year, it was probably a toss-up as to who was the smartest kid in the class. Bruce Barton claims he bested me several times, and he is probably right. But I bet I gave him a run for his money.

We never had the formal competition I heard about last year, when James Thomas gave his speech at the Unity Conference. Mr. Joe Sampson had a spot in the right front corner of the room for the smartest student from the previous week. James won it and held on to it for most of the year, they said.

I had Miss Edna Lee, Miss Bertie, Miss Phelie, Miss Lucy, Mister Marvin, Mister Newman, Mister Grady and Mister John L. from first to eight grades. They all gave us

plenty of opportunity to compete.

I was so well-prepared in graded school that I thought high school was easy. I made six A's and two B's in my two years at Pembroke High School, and the B's were in Agriculture. I should have had A's there, but goofed off.

When I moved to Dinwiddie, Virginia the next year, though, it was a shock. My grades went from an A minus to a B minus. I managed to pull them back up as a senior, but had to work hard those two years. Instead of leaving my books in the locker at school, I had to take them all home and study at night.

Then when I started to the University of Richmond, I had another shock. After two years there, my GPA was 2.88, a B minus. It took me being out of college for six years, and maturing, to get my college grades back up to a 3.5 at Berkeley when I returned to college.

The best thing that happened to me at Pembroke, besides great teachers, was the reading they encouraged us to do. My feeling now is that reading is what makes an educated person. Thank you, teachers for this gift to me.

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