

## States Stall Indian Gaming

National Indian Gaming Association Chairman Rick Hill today told a Senate committee that tribal negotiations with states to amend the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) were being frustrated by a mere handful of governors.

Hill told the Senate's Indian Affairs Committee that "a small group of governors have been opposing tribes on gaming at all levels," and have prevailed upon the National Governors Association to reject its own negotiators' proposed package of IGRA amendments, thus bringing the tribal-state talks to a virtual standstill.

"Sadly," said Hill, "the first proposal advanced by the states came on May 16, one day before the upcoming critical hearing to be conducted by the Senate Indian Affairs Committee today and nearly two months after the tribes submitted a proposal to the states which the tribes believed reflected a number of concepts upon which the states and tribes agreed. Having disregarded the discourse of five meetings where actual negotiations occurred, having discounted every reasonable recommendation advanced by the professionals, the states after 13 months have come forward with a proposal that could have been written before they met with the tribes."

Hill also said, "this is a clear affront to the tribes, the Senators, and this entire process. We are left again with the observation of Senator McCain who so aptly noted that the states feel what is theirs and what the tribes have is negotiable."

Hill noted that an agreement reached in principle by a broadly representative state/tribal negotiating group closely tracked the Supreme

Court's position in its 1987 Cabazon decision, which held that tribes may undertake gaming on tribal lands if the state public policy permits those activities within its borders. States have used a variety of legal tactics to avoid entering into compacts with tribes as provided in the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act enacted in 1988.

"It appears," said Hill, "that states fear economic competition from tribal gaming." "States cannot, through rhetoric and political arm-twisting, maintain all the advantages of technology to themselves, and seek to keep tribes in the dark ages -- no deal," Hill asserted.

Hill outlined a series of proposals, representing "substantial compromise on the part of tribes" and urged the Committee to consider them when drafting IGRA amendments. These include: A several step test to determine whether a particular game is eligible for inclusion in a tribal state compact; Having tribes negotiate compacts directly with the Secretary of the Interior, unless a state formally requests to enter into negotiations by voluntarily waiving its immunity from suit and negotiating in good faith within a set time frame.

The National Indian Gaming Association, established in 1985, is a non profit organization of 97 tribes engaged in gaming enterprises around the country. NIGA is committed to advancing the lives of Indian people economically, socially and politically. It operates as a clearinghouse, working as an educational, legislative and public policy resource for tribes, policymakers and the public on Indian gaming issues and tribal community development.

## Readers' Forum

### Reader says Christians have a moral obligation to vote for better government

To the Editor:  
I would like to take this opportunity to encourage Indians to get out and vote in the run off election for Sheriff May 31, 1994. I believe the time has come to elect an Indian as Sheriff of Robeson County. In the last forty years, we have been through the McLeod era and the Stone age. Now, let's let the Stone Age rest.

I believe this county needs a change in the sheriff's office. If Lum Edwards is elected, we will continue with the Stone Age. Must we be reminded of how Stone and Company feels about Indians and Blacks. I pray that our memory is not short lived as to how they feel about and have treated Indians over the years. I ask everyone who can vote in this election to go and vote for change.

It is now time for Indians and Blacks to put differences aside and put forth a united effort to elect Glenn Maynor Sheriff for the betterment of all of Robeson County. I say to those who supported Lee Sampson, put aside personalities and think about the future of our children. Glenn Maynor is electable and I believe he will make a good sheriff for two reasons: (1) The whites will keep him under close scrutiny--and (2) the people who elect him will be looking for an expecting a change.

This is a golden opportunity for minorities in this county. I urge everyone of you who can vote to get out and vote for Glenn. Contrary to what many whites seem to think, a minority can handle the job as sheriff

and do a better job than what has been done in the last 16 years.

Think about this: most of the murders in Robeson County that have

### Visitor pleased with Dr. Roberts

To the Editor:  
I had dental problems while spending the night in Lumberton recently. We contacted Dr. Ronnie Roberts of Pembroke.

Dr. Roberts was very kind to meet us at his office at 10 p.m. to do emergency dental work.

You are very fortunate to have such a caring person in your community.

Sincerely,  
Lunell Dominy Claxton  
Hazlehurst, GA

Pastors, encourage your members to go to the polls May 31 and vote. It is our Christian obligation to vote for better government!

John E. Brayboy  
Pembroke

## Has Gift of Anointing

Dear Editor:  
I have been called as a prophet in the last days to warn people that they must return to God. The Lord has shown me that I must warn people that they need to wake up, repent and return to God. If they do not, the wrath of God is going to come down on them.

The days that are spoken about in Revelation are here now. People must step out and begin to live right. God wants people to return to him and be set apart by the Holy Ghost. I have been given the gift of anointing. I will be happy to anoint and pray for anyone who will take this warning from God serious.

I can be reached at 521-8582 or 521-9166. People need the anointing of the Spirit of God. I hope they will call me.

Robert Revels  
Pembroke, NC



## NASA Choose New Officers

The Native American Student Association (NASA) of North Carolina State University has chosen officers for the 1994-95 school year. They are: LaTonya Hammonds, President; Necia Brayboy, vice President; Luciana Hunt, Secretary; NaKina R. Mitchell, Treasurer; Heather Jones, Historian; and Anthony Chavis, Parliamentarian. The faculty advisors are: Dwight Harris, David Oxendine, Reggie Oxendine, and Veronica Ritchie.

The main purposes of the association are: to promote the recruitment, admission and retention of the American Indian student for all degree programs at NCSU at all levels; to promote maximum educational advancement and personal fulfillment for all American Indian students at NCSU, and to promote awareness of the richness of Native American cultures by sponsoring appropriate activities and programs.

NASA members are currently visiting area high schools to recruit prospective students and to inform them of opportunities available at NC State.

## Carla & Redemption's 4th Anniversary Weekend Celebration

Friday, June 3rd & Saturday June 4th  
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\* After Saturday's Concert, All Are Invited To The Wedding Of Carla Oxendine & Earl Monds Of (Carla & Redemption), Reception Will Follow In School Cafeteria All Welcome.



The secretaries of Farnell Sweet High School were honored during Secretaries Week recently. As a token of appreciation, the school presented each secretary with a corsage, food prepared in the teachers' lounge, and meal at Lung Wah's Restaurant.

Shown left to right are: Cindy Lowry, Vanessa Locklear, Cindy Sweet, Kathy Coble, Cynthia Oxendine and Sabrina Dew.

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