



I was present at a recent meeting of concerned folks regarding the Lumbee Bill. I was impressed with the amount of time, energy and money that has gone into the effort in the last few weeks to get the bill voted on in the US Senate.

As in most political situations, things are not what they appear to be. It would appear that all Lumbee Indian groups, organizations and associations would be able to put aside the petty jealousies and grudges to work for the common good of our people. Has this happened? I don't think so.

As an Indian people, we have a duty to ourselves to work together to get this major piece of Indian legislation into law. The Lumbee bill will probably be the most important single event to touch the lives of us as a nation. This bill has the potential to change, for the better, the way we live, the way we educate our children, and the way we look at ourselves.

The Lumbee Bill will not provide an "Indian Check" or "Indian money" for Lumbee Indians individual. The bill will provide services that will be for all Lumbee Indians. Health care service, educational services and community based services to improve the quality of our lives is just the tip of the Federal

Recognition iceberg. It is necessary for the Bill to be voted on before the Senate adjourns this session. The Lumbee bill is in a political now or never (or at least not in our life time) situation. Now is the time to let our illustrations US Senators know where we stand on this issue.

Dr. Joey Bell and I have committed to write letters to Senators Faircloth, Helms and Inouye to let them know how we feel about the Lumbee Bill and to let them know we need and appreciate their support. I encourage you to join us in this commitment. Take a few moments and hand write a short letter to: US Senator Faircloth 702 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC, 20510 and US Senator Helms 403 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC, 20510 also US Senator Inouye 722 Hart Senate Building Washington, DC, 20510

Traditionally, hand written letters are read by the Senators. This is the quickest and most effective means of doing something for the Lumbee Bill.

There is an old saying: "The squeaky wheel gets the oil" Let's make enough noise that the US Senate will give us the "oil" in the form of Federal Recognition. Write today! Rick Barton.



One part of child health we often overlook when discussing health issues is dental care. I was reminded of this after attending an excellent presentation on childhood dentistry at the Association of American Indian Physician's Conference in Portland, Oregon two weeks ago. Today let's discuss some of the problems that can arise in our kids teeth and what can be done to combat these problems.

Dental care has come a long way over the last 10 to 15 years. A survey in 1989 showed that 50% of children ages 5 to 7 were free of dental cavities. This is up from 36% in a survey done 10 years earlier. While this is good progress, we must still remember that approximately 80% of all 15 to 17 year olds have at least one decayed, missing or filled tooth surface.

One of the earliest types of significant tooth cavities is called "bottle cavities". It usually involves the front upper and sometimes front lower teeth. These cavities result from excessive and prolonged nursing in young children with milk or juices.

It is particularly common in infants put to bed with a bottle. These cavities, like all cavities at any age, are caused when the sugar from these liquids is eaten by bacteria in the mouth and acids are formed. The acids eat away at the enamel of the teeth and eventually cause decay. We should discourage excessive use of bottles and especially putting kids to bed with juice or milk.

In the more common cavities of older kids, decay usually begins in the deep pits and crevices of the molar teeth. Once the cavity has progressed past the enamel, it eventually can reach the pulp, where the nerve and blood supply of the tooth lies. Inflammation begins with rapid accumulation of fluid within the tooth, and pain develops. If dental care is not sought, this inflammation and infection may become an abscess and even spread beyond the tooth and gums. Antibiotics are required to help control the infection. The inflammation may have to be drained from the tooth or the tooth may be removed. Having cavities treated early, before they reach the deepest part of the tooth, can prevent those more severe problems.

Gingivitis, an early form of gum disease, is more common than previously thought in children. Gingivitis refers to inflammation of the portion of the gums adjacent to the tooth. All children have a mild form of gingivitis when a tooth begins popping through the gums, but of course this "teething" inflammation goes away once the tooth is through. After tooth eruption, however, the accumulation of plaque (a sticky combination of food debris, bacteria and saliva) on the tooth adjacent to the gums may initiate a more serious form of gingivitis.

At least one medical study has shown that up to 90% of school age children have at least mild to moderate gingivitis. Brushing your teeth regularly and using plaque removing techniques will help eliminate gingivitis.

Next week we'll talk about preventive dentistry and things we can be teaching our kids to do to have healthier teeth and gums. We need everyone's support on our Lumbee federal recognition bill in Washington and don't forget to vote for tribal candidates on August 27th. See Ya!

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ARBITRATION, THE BASIC RULE

Webster's dictionary says, "the hearing and settlement of a dispute between two parties by the decision of a third party or court. This is why the players' strike is to my way of thinking is out of line. They, not a third party is forcing the issue and settling it their way. It is the using of the "slave ethic" that makes it so wrong. The interests of the fans, management interests, the hundreds of other employees are being ignored. It is a very bad example of the freedom of democracy guaranteed by the Constitution. It is too expensive to attend the games, yet there are plenty of people willing to shell-out \$20.00 to \$30.00 to see a game, or more. The players owe plenty to the game and should not strike. We could not have "Private enterprise" or freedom in a democracy if money was not allowed to make a profit.

That is why communism failed, there was no reward for their investment. The players selfishness is spoiling the game. Striking is not the answer. I just hope common sense will come into play and Clinton will enact the Taft Arbitration Law. K.J.

Indian Voice!

Like Father, Like Son



Vote for
Emma Lee Locklear
District 13
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LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL
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Locklear Files for Lumbee Tribal Council Representative

With the passing of the constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians, several candidates within all the districts of Robeson and surrounding counties of Lumbee Indians have filed for a seat for the Lumbee Tribal Council.

J. Garth Locklear, a resident of Pembroke, who represents District 9, has filed as a candidate for the tribal council.

"I feel that I am qualified to serve as a representative to the Lumbee Tribal Council because I have been dealing with people most of my life and serving their needs. My aims are to seek and maintain security and to receive justice for individuals when dealing with governmental agencies and the community," quotes Locklear.

As a graduate of Pembroke State University, he received a B.A. degree in Criminal Justice and received training and education in the area of Drug Enforcement Administration in Washington, D.C. as a career. Locklear has devoted more than twenty years in law enforcement and has been a public defender investigator for Robeson County. He is presently a private investigator and is owner of Garth's Detective Agency.

He is a member of the North Carolina Private Protective Board, and Chairman of the Screening Committee, National Association of Security and Investigative Regulators, Pembroke Housing Authority Commissioner and is chairperson of the Indian Honor Association Robeson County Inc. He is also a member of Pembroke First Baptist Church.

Awards Locklear has received include: Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer by Pembroke Jaycees, Distinguish Service Award, True Detective Magazine, and Kiwanian of the Year.

Mr. Locklear proudly proclaims that Pembroke is the center of the Lumbee Tribe which is mainly made up of people who migrated to the area from all territories of the Lumbee Tribe. Here, they received an education and became leaders of the community building and making all efforts to maintain and restore Lumbee Indian pride. "Most of these are of the very best who have come here to live, however, knowing this as a tribal council representative, I must be sensitive to the needs of the people, not only in my district, but also to the surrounding districts. I must make wise decisions to bring fairness and the best that affects parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and children," quotes Locklear.

Through his work, he has encountered a great deal of low self-esteem among the younger generation, yet Locklear's philosophy is that, "Once we restore the honor that is deserving to our elders, it will become the seed to bring better self-esteem to the young people."

"I have a vision of seeing our people excelling to bountiful heights and receiving the very best in all areas. Of society to the point that all people throughout the United States and beyond will not think of our Tribe in a negative manner, but will use, see, and enhance others about the richness of our heritage and way of life, for we are all brothers," Locklear states.

Voting for Lumbee Tribal Council representatives is scheduled for Saturday, August 27 from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. District 9 voting is scheduled at Pembroke Courthouse.

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