

Editorial and Opinion Page

The Truth Black Elk Speaks

Black Elk Speaks is an epic story of the winning of the west as experienced by the Native American. The story is told by Black Elk, an Oglala Medicine man who witnessed the battle of Little Big Horn and the massacre at Wounded Knee. Black Elk speaks of the attempt of the United States to systematically exterminate the Indian from the plains and southwest territories through military campaigns and starvation.

"Hear me, not for myself but for my people", says Black Elk to the Creator in hopeful prayer for the survival of his people.

The dramatic adaptation of John Neihardt's masterpiece by Christopher Sergel to stage is so moving that anyone cannot remain untouched by bible preaching Colonel Chivington's determination to see every Navajo dead in accordance with God's will. Every Native American who has wondered or questioned their history and identity will leave "Black Elks Speaks" with a new sense of self worth but not without having learned the cost of survival. The very nature of "Black Elks

Speaks" implores the Indian of today to not forget the past. Lest we lose connection with our ancestral spirits. Our ancient parents, including Black Elk, Henry Berry, Crazy Horse, Red Cloud, have long since shed their physical forms and are now in "the real world, the world of the spirit, the world beside this one. Their spirits call to the red heart and say..." "The Hoop that once held our lives is broken, the children do not know their language and tradition, we must teach them". See Custer's slant stand and witness the desperate Lakotas forsake their old ways of fighting to defeat the Seventh Cavalry. See yourself as a Native American for the first time again through eyes of sorrow, pain, loss, hopelessness, and finally annihilation. We guarantee a journey that will enhance your child's self-esteem and leave you as a parent with a greater understanding of who you are. "Black Elk Speaks" is Indian Education in its purest form. Long regarded as the bible of the Native American "Black Elk Speaks" is not just an intense dramatic portrayal of the Indian wars, it is an experience you and your children should not miss.

Awards banquet planned for area youth

Pembroke Housing Authority in conjunction with the University of North Carolina at Pembroke will be sponsoring an awards banquet for the youth that attended the five week Youth Sports Program (YSP). The banquet will be held at UNC-Pembroke Auxiliary Gym on August 9, 1996, at 11:30 a.m.

Housing Development in order to reduce the number of youths between the ages of 8-17 from using alcohol, illegal drugs, and entering the juvenile system of Robeson County.

It is very important for future funding that the public is aware of such programs. We would greatly appreciate your help if your media would do feature story or article on the program at the awards banquet. The youth are excited and we feel that this is a great way to conclude an excellent program.

Thank you, and if you have any questions you may contact, Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear, drug elimination coordinator, at 910-521-1030.

New students should register at Prospect

Any student who has moved into Prospect School District for this school year should come by the school and register before the first day of school. Parents are encouraged to come by and register their child.

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I am holding a hand, a hand whose grip has brought me through the toughest waters, the rockiest roads, and the deepest valleys. This hand has led me through the darkest paths, and kept me through the lightest hours. And although I may lose sight of this faithful hand I know it will never leave me. This hand has been hard when I needed a rock to build my foundation. This hand has been soft when I needed a pillow to rest my weary head. It has been a key for every door I've needed to open. It has given me love, happiness, glory, and pride but most importantly, it gave me life. This hand that I'm holding will always be there and I'll always need it. This hand is no other than the hand of my mother.

By: *Natasha L. Hunt, 13*
8th grade student at Magnolia School

Twelfth Annual Indian Heritage Gala Planned

The Triangle Native American Society will sponsor the Eleventh Annual Indian Heritage Gala on August 24, 1996. The public is invited to attend. This event will be held on Saturday evening at the North Raleigh Hilton. The Hilton is located off Interstate 40, Raleigh 440 Beltline (Exit Number 10 of the 440 beltline—3415 Wake Forest Road).

The Gala is an opportunity for American Indians and non-Indians to come together to support and raise funds for the Mark Ulmer Native American Scholarship Fund. Each year two scholarships are awarded to American Indian students enrolled in an undergraduate degree program leading to a bachelor's degree from one of the state's colleges and universities.

Individuals, groups and organizations wishing to participate in this most important program can do so by being a Gala

sponsor. Sponsor levels receive Gala tickets and special recognition in the Heritage Gala program. General admission to the Gala is \$25 per person. Gala sponsor opportunities are as follows:

Platinum level	\$1,000
Gold level	\$500
Silver	\$250
Bronze	\$100

The primary goal of the Triangle Native American Society is to increase public awareness of the cultural and economic contributions made by North Carolina's Native American citizens. The Society seeks to sensitize the general public to existing needs of Native Americans with emphasis on education and employment.

For more information, contact Gwen Locklear (919) 779-5936 or Darlene Jacobs (919) 779-5044.

Photo, print, and television opportunities will be available.



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McKeithan Jones sings the praises of Rep. Frances Cummings

Dear Editor,

I am not nearly the most educated person in this county (Robeson) or District 87. Neither am I the most outspoken person about my relationship with Almighty God. However, I can say that I have been blessed to have a good brain for business and the ability to work hard to take care of my family and myself. I do recognize people who are educated and represent people as our leaders with compassion and selflessness. State Representative Frances McArthur Cummings has one of the most compassionate hearts that I know. She will help anybody without regard to class, socio-economic conditions, race, political party affiliation or church membership. I know first hand because she helped me tremendously when I needed her assistance.

When I called on Rep. Cummings, she didn't ask any questions relative to race, finance, political party, or religion. The questions she asked helped her and me to get my problems solved. Frances has gone beyond the second mile for me and my friends and

acquaintances. In fact, there has never been a request that was unanswered.

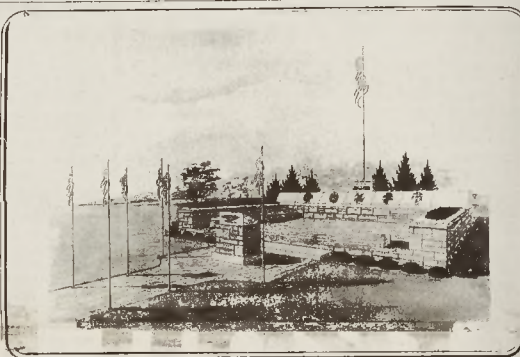
Editor, I just wanted to tell you people that Rep. Cummings is a person of goodness, love, honesty, and is a wonderful person, and consider her a friend of the people. She is wise and the best member of the NC House of Representatives that Robeson County has ever had.

Rep. Cummings doesn't care whether Robeson, Hoke, or Scotland Counties citizens are Democrats, Republicans, Independents, or what church attend. She is satisfied knowing that she did something worthwhile for the human race and Robeson County and District 87.

I hope that people will use their own mind and intelligence when making political decisions, and go to the polls on November 1996 and "Shade the Oval" "Pull the Lever" beside Frances M. Cummings' name. She will continue to do an outstanding job and make us proud to be from great county and District 87.

Thank you, Editor
McKeithan Jones
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