

## Pediatric Pointers

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After the Lumbee Spring Pow Wow a couple of years ago, my family and I had the opportunity to attend a Pediatric Conference in Hilton Head, SC. It was a very good conference and most of the usual medical topics were discussed. There was one topic, however, that was out of the ordinary that I thought was interesting--pets. As I was reminded, there are health issues to consider when there are animals in the house with children.

There are over 110 million domestic cats and dogs in the US and 20 million pet birds and aquariums. It is estimated that as many as 38% of households own dogs and 31% own cats. With all these pets around, there are advantages and disadvantages to be considered. The advantages for a child are that having a pet teaches responsibility, improves social skills and increases confidence, gives companionship, and teaches respect for living creatures. The disadvantages are the cost of pets, pet bites and infection, allergies to pet hair, and that often that parent ends up taking care of the animal. It is estimated that over five billion dollars is spent in veterinary costs alone each year!

Let's talk briefly about pet bites. Over 1 million pet bites occur each year in the US, 85% of these are from

dogs. The common age for bites in children is 5-14 years of age. Luckily most dog bites do not get infected. These bites should be cleaned well and remember the child may need a tetanus booster. Because cat bites are more likely to get infected, your doctor will probably prescribe antibiotics. While some pet bites can not be predicted, the best advice is to keep children away from pets that have a history of being aggressive.

You may have read recently where there has been an increase in the number of rabies cases in this country. Rabies is a germ infection that can be passed to humans by an animal bite. While most cases of rabies are carried by wild animals, they can bite a pet and pass the infection to them. If bitten by a pet, make sure the pet has had its rabies shots. If they have not, see your doctor and report the bite. There are certain precautions, including rabies vaccination for the patient, that may need to be started. The best advice for reducing pet rabies is always vaccinate your own pets and remind your friends and family to do the same.

Next issue we'll talk more about pet related health issues and how best to pick a pet for your young child. Don't forget to send in any topic you want to discuss, and we'll talk again next week!

## PRAISES BE TO REV. JOHN CAMPBELL

To The Editor:

At this Moment of Time which is Created by Almighty God, I have Musical Melodies in my Heart.

Rev. John Campbell should be "Praised" for his Courage to declare "TRUTH" by the "UNSPOKEN WORD." Rev. John Campbell had his Inner-Voice published in The Robesonian dated 2-28-97. Rev. Campbell placed Democrat Donald Bonner #3 in his Political Recognitions. On 3-1-97, a decision was made to include Robeson County Manager Willie Best. Then, Democrat Donald Bonner's name was dropped to 4th position.

Rev. Campbell realized that Democrat Donald Bonner can never Surpass the "Successful Legislative Achievements" of The Honorable Frances McArthur Cummings. Rev. Campbell should be Praised for his method of enlightening people of their Political Suicide they committed on November 5, 1996.

Therefore, Rev. Campbell could not have published Democrat Donald Bonner's name as #1 on his Political Recognitions as a NC State Representative. The "TRUTH" is "the present 'So-Called' State Representative CANNOT Give JUSTICE to the people of Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties--District 87 and is a 'Failure' to Successful Achievements." This True FACT Can No Longer be Concealed in the Heart of Rev. John Campbell.

I have observed also in The Robesonian dated 3-1-97, the name Berlester Campbell, County Commissioner--District 2, above the name E. B. Turner, County Commissioner for District 1. Is this a 'Coming Event' casting its Shadows?

Rev. Eugene B. Turner needs to promote New Creative Ideas for ALL People in spite of Political Party or Denominational Church Membership. Then, he will be 'Loved' by ALL People.

On 2-28-97 at Mt. Sinai Holiness Church, I heard Our Beloved Congressman Mike McIntyre remind us of Hiram Rhodes Revels, the First African-American member of U.S. Congress; Charlotte Hawkins Brown, who founded a school for African-American children.

We can continue to add to our Congressman's names which be The Honorable Frances McArthur Cummings who is the First African-American woman of Robeson County to

Achieve the following and many other "FIRST and ONLY" Accomplishments in the Spiritual, Education, Social, and Political Arenas: 1) Classroom Teacher to Integrate Lumberton Senior High School; 2) President--Lumberton City NC AF-AC I; 3) President, Secretary, and Treasurer--NCAF-AC I; 4) President--Southeastern Region AC I; 5) President--NC Association of Educators; 6) Associate Executive Director--NCAF; 7) President (Southeast Region) Black Methodist for Church Renewal--United Methodist Church; 8) NEA Board of Directors, and

In 1992, Frances Cummings was Elected as a State Representative for Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties--District 87. Cummings Was Not Elected by any Political Party's Name by "Straight Ticket" Voting. All candidates who are Elected during the Primary Elections are Winners. November 5, 1996, Democrat "Straight-Ticket" Voting Caused Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties--District 87 to Lose their Voice in the Majority Leadership.

Being a Member of a Political Party or Denominational Church CANNOT make you a CHRISTIAN and Give you Wisdom to Revise and Write State Laws for a Peaceful Tomorrow. Only the Holy Spirit Can Inspire You.

I agree with Councilman Wyatt Johnson. The Fayetteville Observer-Times 2-26-97, "He did not name names." Wyatt Johnson said, "Some Black Leaders on Local and National Levels are betraying Black People." This is a "TRUE Statement. In 1996, the "So-Called" African-American Leaders, including Pastors, Lay Leaders, etc., promoted and sheltered under a Political Party's name instead of the "Holy Word" which is "TRUTH." They "Misled" the voters of Weak Minds with their "Lying Tongues" and "Money", thus, Causing a Delay for People's Progressive Prosperity.

Democrat Donald Bonner, a Lay Leader for United Methodist Church, also had Election Political Radio Ads with LIES, LIES, LIES. A Shame And Disgrace for him Claiming To Be A Lay Leader for the United Methodist Church. He needs to set aside his "Wicked Ways" and "Be True to the Holy Word." The Scripture says "Let Even Thy Conversion Be Holy."

Thank you Rev. John Campbell and Councilman Wyatt Johnson for being "Truthful" to People through The Robesonian and the Fayetteville Observer-Times. AMEN.

Peace Be Unto You,  
Gloria Marie Lewis  
Yvonne Maria Leow

March 3, 1997

## Along the Robeson Trail

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Many books about Native Americans are specific to a particular tribe or nation. Some books concern themselves with geographical areas such as the Northeast, or with "culture areas" such as the Plains. Other books are about specific topics, such as Indian dance or arts and crafts. Still others concentrate on certain time periods, such as prehistory or the twentieth century.

Here at The Center we have just received a book about many tribes, areas, topics and time periods. It is the *Encyclopedia of North American Indians* (edited by Frederick Hoxie; Houghton Mifflin Co., 1996). This is a particularly useful reference because it allows the reader to scan through an immense body of information or to target one item alphabetically.

The tribes and nations which are

included seem almost endless (as long as one is interested in Indian people north of Mexico; perhaps the title should have mentioned Indians of the U. S. and Canada). From Abenaki to Zuni, most of the people are there. There is even an entry about the Lumbee (co-written by the late Professor Adolph Dial and Dr. Linda Oxendine). But many of the other federally-unrecognized people are omitted (Coharie, Saponi, Waccamaw, etc.). It is good that at least the Lumbee were included.

Where this book really shines is in the topics it includes. Although none of the topical entries goes into extreme detail, enough information is given to get a reader started on the road to research of that topic. Whether one wants to know about dreams or the Dawes Act, mascots or movies,

potlatch or powwows, this book can help. Citations are given with each topic to lead the reader on to other references on the subject.

This encyclopedia also presents information about a great many Native American individuals. From Cochise and Complanter to Joseph and Wovoka, people can learn about who these people were and what contributions they made. Anyone with a general interest in Native America (north of Mexico), and especially anyone with children who are interested in the subject, could benefit from this encyclopedia.

For more information about this encyclopedia, visit the Native American Resource Center in historic Old Main Building, on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

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WHAT TO DO IF A POISONING OCCURS?:  
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Many parents think that if they keep syrup of ipecac in the house they're ready for a poisoning emergency.

But activated charcoal is now recommended by poison control centers around the country as the treatment of choice. When used properly, it can reduce the severity of improperly taken medications and accidentally ingested household products and other toxic chemicals.

While syrup of ipecac can be effective if nothing else is around, studies show that taking activated charcoal is better. Why? When taking a product that induces vomiting, patients risk having stomach contents end up in their lungs, among other complications.

Every home should have a bottle of activated charcoal for poisoning accidents because it needs to be taken immediately after the poison has been ingested. Many times, unfortunately, it is not used until the victim reaches a hospital.

Activated charcoal acts like a sponge. The poison molecules stick to the surface of the

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