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## Sen. Weinstein Appointed to Southern Growth Board

Raleigh- State Sen. David Weinstein, D-Robeson, has been named to the Southern Growth Policies Board by Senate President Pro Tempore Marc Basnight.

"North Carolina is growing and changing, but not by itself- our neighbors in the South are changing too," said Basnight, D-Dare. "David's interest and leadership in growth and regional cooperation will allow him to make a valuable contribution to the commission."

The Southern Growth Policies Board looks for ways to improve the study, analysis, and planning of governmental policy programs- especially by promoting regional cooperation.

Weinstein is cochairman of the Rural Development Committee and vice chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources. He is serving his third term representing Senate District 30, which includes Robeson County and parts of Bladen, Cumberland, Hoke, and Sampson counties.

## Local Students Receive Conservation Scholarships

Two area High School students have been awarded full scholarships to attend this year's resource conservation workshop. The workshop was held at N.C. State University, June 24-29, 2001.

George L. Scott, a Purnell Swett High School student and Lindsay Barnes, a Lumberton Senior High School student, attended the week long workshop with 100 other high school juniors and seniors.

The workshop concentrated on the conservation and management of wildlife, soils, forestry, watersheds and municipal waste. It consists of classes at the university and field trips in Wake County.

Scott is the son of Connie Ransom Scott of Pembroke. Barnes is the daughter of Michael and Linda Barnes of Lumberton.

Both students were selected by the Robeson Soil & Water Conservation District because of their interest in our state natural resources.

All programs and services provided by the Robeson Soil and Water Conservation District are available without regard to race, sex, age, religion, marital status, or national origin.

## A CALL FOR POEMS

Write a poem and win the \$1,000.00 grand prize! Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB126, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028. Or enter online at [www.famouspoets.com](http://www.famouspoets.com). A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

"This is our big contest of the year," says Executive Director Mark Schramm. "We trust our prizes will encourage new poets to share their talent." The deadline for entering is July 26, 2001.

# A Report to the People from Rep. Ron Sutton, District 85

Passage of a budget by both the House and Senate sometimes signals the beginning of the end of a General Assembly session. Negotiators spend a few weeks working out a compromise-spending plan and legislators adjourn several weeks later.

"This year is unique in many ways," said Rep. Ron Sutton, Democrat of Pembroke. "We have many different issues to consider that will have an impact on the length of the Session."

In each of the past two years, the House and Senate reached agreement on a budget bill and adjourned in July, giving legislators, lobbyists and staff a few weeks off before the beginning of the new school year.

A July adjournment is looking unlikely this year.

Before legislators go home for the year, House and Senate negotiators must resolve hundreds of differences over state spending. Some of the disagreements are large, but sometimes the smallest disagreements prove to be the toughest to work out.

The budget is not the only big issue that must be handled. Lawmakers must redraw legislative and U.S. House districts, a complicated and difficult process.

"As the Senior Chair of the House Legislative Redistricting Committee, I can assure you we will be several weeks in producing a final plan," said Sutton. Presently the two parties have not compared their working plans and that must be done and the two plans reconciled into one to take to the Redistricting Committee for consideration. "Hundreds of legislative and staff man hours have already been spent in getting the Democratic and Republican plans to this point," he said. There is still a lot of work to be done.

Other issues on the agenda include a lottery, loophole closings and a local-option sales tax. And issues lurking just below the surface almost always pop up unexpectedly in the closing weeks of a session.

The budget and loophole closings are linked because the Senate-passed budget included \$190 million in revenue from the elimination of several corporate tax loopholes. The House did not include any of those revenue provisions in its budget. Instead, its budget would require some businesses to send tax collections to the state more quickly.

On the spending side, the large differences between the House and Senate include elimination of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and the proposed closing of the Dorothea Dix mental hospital in Raleigh and schools for the deaf in eastern and western North Carolina.

Loophole closings are not the only revenue issue on the agenda. Many legislators are pushing an increase in the sales tax as a way to help hold down local property taxes. In return for receiving the sales tax money, local governments would be asked to give up more than \$300 million they receive from the state each year to reimburse them for local taxes that have been repealed. Lawmakers are far from agreement on the details of any sales tax increase. Some have talked about a one-half to three-quarter percent increase in the tax, which now totals six percent. Some want a referendum required in counties before the tax could be increased, but others want an optional referendum.

Governor Easley wants to use lottery revenue for reducing class size and a pre-kindergarten program for at-risk children. The House and Senate budgets included those initiatives, but the governor said more money would be needed for the programs in the future.

With those obvious issues standing between legislators and adjournment -- and other issues that will likely pop up -- most legislative observers believe it will take several weeks for the legislature to wrap up its work and go home.

"Certain things cannot be postponed and redistricting is one of them. We must prepare plans for submission to the U. S. Justice Department for approval before we leave town," Sutton affirmed.



Pembroke Fast Lube, located on Union Chapel Road, held its grand opening Friday, July 6. The business offers a variety of mechanical services including oil changes, brake and transmission work and is an official NC inspection station. (Photos by Francine Chavis)

## Pembroke Fast Lube Held Grand Opening During Homecoming



Pictured (left to right) are employees, Jonathan Maynor and Clayton Chavis and owners, Brannagan Locklear and Gregory Brayboy, in front of the #28 Havoline car which was on display for the grand opening. The #28 Havoline Car is driven by Nascar driver Ricky Rudd.

## North Carolina Indian Cultural Center Offers Free Boating

North Carolina Indian Cultural Center will open the lake to the public for free boating beginning July 9, 2001 through July 21, 2001. For more information call Beverly Collins at 521-2433.

## Swimming Lessons Offered at Lifestyle Fitness Center

Swimming lessons will be offered at Southeastern Lifestyle Center for Fitness and Rehabilitation, 4895 Fayetteville Rd. in Lumberton beginning Monday, July 23. Lessons will be available for toddler, beginner, intermediate, and adult beginner. Cost is \$30 for members of the Center and \$45 for nonmembers. Call 738-5433 for more information.

## Fund-raiser for Toby Carter Rescheduled for this Weekend

Hand crafted 24" American Indian Drum with cradle and sticks will be re-raffled at the Tuscarora Pow Wow this weekend.

The raffle is for a local student, who by an unfortunate accident, cut off his right hand while making a cradle for a traditional drum. Toby is a traditional and contemporary drum player and singer of Native People in our Home Land. He is currently a senior at Lumberton High School. After graduation, Toby will be attending Lee University, thanks to a scholarship he won at the National Music Competition in St. Louis last summer. Music has always been a very important part of his life.

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Due to the good hearted nature of some close relatives, the Drum that was raffled on July 7th for Toby was won by a member of the Carter family. Toby and those sponsoring the raffle felt that this was not proper and have decided to have another drawing.

The second drawing will be held at the Tuscarora Pow Wow this weekend. All raffle tickets have been held over and of course tickets can still be purchased up until the time of the raffle.

The Carter Family wish to Thank all those who purchase tickets and apologize for the mix-up. The name of the winner of the drum will be run in this paper next week.

## Strike at the Wind Remembers Matthew Lowery July 21

Pembroke-Instead of having just one night to remember the young boy from Laurel Hill who lost his life to cancer before he could play the role of the questioning child in the outdoor drama this season, the Board of Directors of Robeson Historical Drama Association have set aside the weekend of July 21st as Matthew Lowery Weekend at "Strike at the Wind!" Pepsi Cola has donated drinks to be sold this special weekend with profits going to the Matthew Lowery Foundation for Terminally Ill Children Inc. The Foundation which was named in honor of Matthew Lowery helps with the terminally ill children in the area. "We do our best to life them up spiritually and let them know that they are not alone," stated Vinita Clark, the CEO of the group.

Recently the Foundation members have been taking terminally ill children on trips to Duke, Chapel Hill and the zoo in Asheboro, NC., making sure that their personal needs and wishes are met. One child who is terminally ill only wanted a "Pooh Bear." In addition to that, she received an assortment of Winnie the Pooh items and was in tears when they were given to her. She had wanted the other items also but knew that her family did not have the money to buy them.

Funds from the foundation are currently available for transportation,

medication, meals and the personal needs of these terminally ill children when they go and visit hospitals and doctors outside of their current residential area by calling 910-522-0329.

Gospel music pre shows for the two night Strike at the Wind events will include the East Pine Community Choir, Heaven's Son and others. It should be a time for everyone to celebrate the life of Young Matthew Lowery. In addition a second Angel Raffle is being held with the drawing on July 21 and tickets are \$1 and can be purchased from foundation members and cast members of the drama. Matthew Lowery touched the hearts of many in his short 8 and one half years on this earth. Reflecting on his memory, his grandmother, Faye Frier recalled, "Matthew told us that he would be out of that wheel chair and on that stage this summer. You know he was right about being out of that wheel chair and I am sure that he knows that out here at the drama he is remembered because you see there are no wheel chair in heaven."

Sarah Grambel, who plays the Child in the outdoor drama, when learning about Matthew and how he wanted to do the role, stated that at the end of the season she is going to get her hair cut and donate it to Locks of Love in Matthew's name or the name of the Matthew Lowery Foundation.

## Resolution honors memory of N.C. Indian leader, Chief W.R. Richardson

Raleigh-The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs has adopted a resolution of acknowledgment and appreciation for W.R. Richardson of Halifax County, Chief of the Haliwasaponi Indian tribe, who died April 26th.

Richardson, who was chief from 1955 until his retirement in 1999, was among the Indian leaders who successfully lobbied the North Carolina General Assembly for the creation of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs in 1971. He served on the Commission for 27 years and as its Chairman for five years. Richardson also served as Chairman of the Commission's Recognition Committee, which provides official oversight for Indian groups seeking state recognition, and was instrumental in creating the Commission's current state recognition procedures.

The Resolution, adopted during the Commission's recent quarterly meeting in Fayetteville, paid tribute to

Richardson's "Many contributions and achievements" and acknowledged him as "a true leader, statesman and diplomat during his tenure as a member of the Commission from 1971 to 1998."

The Resolution called Richardson "a strong advocate for the civil rights of all Americans Indians" and pointed out that he "successfully led the way to the establishment of the Old Haliwa Indian School at a time in history when no publicly funded schools were provided for Indians."

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs is a state agency created to represent the interests and advocate for the rights and needs of the North Carolina Indian population. Commission programs are aimed at improving the educational, employment, health and socioeconomic status of the American Indian citizens in the state. The Commission is a division of the North Carolina Department of Administration.

## Tribal Council Participation in Lumbee Homecoming is a Great Success

by Darlene Jacobs, PR Chairman Lumbee Tribal Council

The Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation participated in as many events at Lumbee Homecoming as possible. They had a float in the parade and a booth in the park. "We were very excited about this year's event, especially since the tribal council has been sworn in," stated Tribal Chairman Milton Hunt.

"We had great success at our booth in which information was given out about our activities, a survey was conducted and it was a way for folks to meet their elected tribal council members," stated Vice Chairman Delton Oxendine. Surveys were conducted to solicit tribal members' input on the constitu-

tion and community needs. Approximately 300 surveys were completed on Saturday at the park. Survey responses will provide guidance to the Council in developing the constitution for the Lumbee tribe and prioritizing areas of need and concern. "However, our primary task is to complete the constitution which will be presented to the people for a vote," said Chairman Hunt. He and the council encourage you to take the time to let your choices be known regarding the constitution, health and health care needs, community needs, education issues, social, family and economic needs as well as cultural needs. The survey can be accessed on the website at [LumbeeTribe.com](http://LumbeeTribe.com). The solicitation of input ends July 20.

## National Honor Roll Names April Locklear as New Member for 2001-2002

April Locklear of Matthews, NC, has been selected for induction into the 2001-2002 National Honor Roll.

The 2001-2002 edition of the National Honor Roll will include April's name and biography as one of America's leading 4.5% of high school students, which will be published in November, 2001, and distributed nationwide to high school libraries, and colleges and universities.

As a member of the National Honor Roll, April has an excellent opportunity to showcase her accomplishments, in academics, clubs and activities.

Her achievements puts her in contention for one of the 25 scholarships awarded annually by the National Honor Roll and administered by the Educational Research Center of America.

April is the daughter of Elmer Locklear and Robin Locklear of Matthews, NC, and the granddaughter of James H. and Sybil Oxendine of Matthews, NC, formerly of Pembroke.

April plans to attend The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

