By Dr. Stan Knick, Director-UNCP Native American Resource Center

instructive and mischievous character. One of the Trickster's various cultures is that everything has its own place, its own way.

extension, each human being, has particular talents and abilities which course the rest of the deer ran off in the set it/him/her apart from all the others. other direction. This is an important lesson for all of us, because it helps us accept the could do that! That would be a good natural world for what it is. The following version of a Jicarilla Apache legend about Coyote and Mountain Lion illustrates the point.

along and he saw a big rock rolling down a hill. It rolled and rolled and came down near where some deer much. After he rolled another rock were standing, and they were surprised by it so much that they jumped straight up. Coyote wondered about the rock, and about who was up on top of the hill rolling rocks down.

the hill to where the deer were standing. But this time the deer only jumped a little. Soon a third rock rolled past Coyote and down to the deer, but the deer barely noticed it this time because they realized that it was just another rolling rock.

came rolling by Coyote, but this time it rolled very quietly, as though it were a soft rock. Coyote thought how Trickster (in this example, he was nativemuseum).

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the Trickster in Pembroke, we have silently down a hill. Then he realized not do the same things a mountain lion been looking further into the history that it was Mountain Lion, curled up can do. He learned that he would have and nature of this delightful, into a ball, pretending to be just to find his own way to get supper. another rock rolling down the hill.

just another rock. Mountain Lion We are taught by the Trickster's jumped up, grabbed a big deer and tales that each animal, and by carried it off in his mouth to a place where he could eat it in peace. Of

> Coyote thought to himself: "I way to catch a deer for supper."

So he found a hill where some deer were standing around on the slope, and he went up to the top to find some One day Coyote was walking rocks. He rolled one down, and the deer jumped. He rolled another one through it we can see that every being, down and the deer didn't jump as down, and the deer barely noticed it, Coyote thought it was time for him to imitate Mountain Lion.

So he rolled himself into a ball like Mountain Lion had done, and Just then another rock came rolled himself down the hill. He rolled a much bigger hill than before. When he got down to where the deer were standing, he jumped up to try and Trickster and his tribal and catch a deer, but he was so dizzy from rolling down the hill that he Right after that, another rock catch any supper that way, and the campus of The University of North deer escaped.

In this Apache legend, the address

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As the Trickster learns his Mountain Lion rolled directly in lesson, he teaches it to us. And it is a lessons which comes up repeatedly in among the deer, but they paid no lesson as old as the earth, this Turtle attention because they thought it was Island on which we walk: each creature has its own way, just as each flower finds its own way to the sun.

And even though the Trickster's lessons are usually humorous and entertaining, they are vital lessons. They are lessons which served well the members of the Native American cultures which bore them. This particular lesson is valuable because it teaches us to appreciate every living being for what it is, on its own

But it is also valuable because every part of the universe, this Creation, has something important to teach us. In fact, in most Native American origin myths, the animals and plants were here first, and thus they are teachers and guiding spirits for the human beings.

The Trickster, clown that he is, is rolling by Coyote, and went on down and rolled and bumped and thumped also a teacher. And he is still here, in down the hill, which suddenly seemed many forms, in this and all Native American communities.

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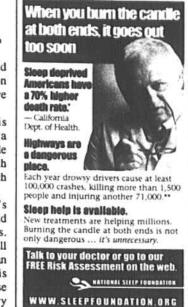
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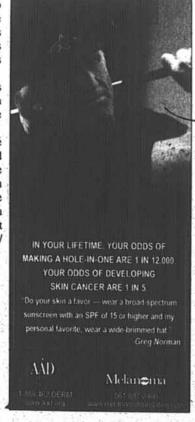
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Sincerely yours, Rev. James D. Clark Pembroke, NC

### Saddletree Church of God to present Gospel Music Explosion

The Young at Heart of the Saddle-tree Church of God are planning a Gospel Music Explosion on Friday, October 5, 2001 at 7:30 P.M.. The featured singers will include the Saddletree Church of God Mass Choir; the Sycamore Singers; the Locklear Brothers and windy; the Tylers; and Rev. and Mrs. Terry Oxendine. The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Millard

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> Love **Grandmother Mattie Bullard** and Great-Aunt Lucille Rogers

**Native American Church Benefit Gospel Sing** Scheduled in Raleigh

Triangle Native American United Methodist Church will hold its second gospel singing on Sunday, September 30. "Our first gospel singing held in July was a tremendous success and we look forward with great anticipation to God blessing this singing even more. We are so excited about our gospel sing. Through these functions we are bringing our community together as one family, raise community awareness about American Indians, and it is a great way for us to raise money for our building fund," says Pastor Sylvia Collins. "We are also truly blessed and appreciative of the support from fellow friends and families and excited about all of our special singing groups. Returning again in our Lumbee royalty, Miss Lumbee, Jammi Lowery and Jr. Miss Lumbee Johnna Edmonson, to participate and support this event". Featured groups include Community Men from Prospect, Friends in Christ, Pleasant Grove UMC Choir, Prospect Choir, and the Raleigh Church of God Choir.

The gospel sing will begin at 3:30 p.m. and will be held at the Administrative Building of the Methodist Home for Children, located at 1041 Washington Street in Raleigh. Hot dogs and drinks will also be provided as part of the

fund-raising event.
Triangle Native American United Methodist Church formally began Church service July 1, 2001. Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m. and worship service immediately follows at 11:00 a.m. The public is cordially invited to attend

church service and gospel sing.

For more information, call Pastor Sylvia Collins at 919-467-9957, Doris Hunt at 919-553-4365, or Darlene Jacobs, 919-779-5044.

Alicia C. Oxendine Graduates Basics as Air Force Airman



Air Force Airman Alicia C. Oxendine has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who completebasic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Jeffery Oxendine of Pembroke, N.C., and Monica Gleason of Rancho Cordova,

Oxendine is a 2001 graduate of Purnell Swett High School, Pem-

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