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James Thomas

## Wins Valentine Natural Beauty



Georgianna Danielle Jump, 9-year-old daughter of Tammie Jump of Rowland, won Valentine Natural Beauty February 13 at South Johnston High School in Benson, NC. She competed in the Tiny Miss (7-9) age group.

She also won Photogenic, Portfolio, Prettiest Smile/Personality, Sports-wear Queen, and she was first runner up in Beauty. Georgianna won four 3-inch trophies, and one 4-inch trophy in addition to four tiaras. Georgianna also joined the competition with 17 other girls between the ages of 7 and 17. In that competition she was Overall Majestic Queen. She received a 4-foot musical trophy, a full round crown, lace trimmed banner, crown pin, flowers and a savings bond.

Georgianna is a graduate of modeling school and is an honor roll student in Ms. Belva McDowell's third grade at Green Grove Elementary School.

Georgianna will compete in the Junior Miss Robeson County Pageant in March.

She is the granddaughter of Agnes Chavis and the late George Chavis of Pembroke. She has two sisters, Mia Lynn Chavis, 13, and Jenny Jump, seven years old.

## Revival Awarded Planned at Scholarship God's Holy Comforter

God's Holy Comforter Church invites everyone to their winter revival during the week of February 28th thru March 5th. Service time Sunday night is 6:30 PM and week-nights 7:00 PM. The speakers will be Rev. Michael Cummings and Rev. Donald Ballard. The Church is located on the Rennert road, 4 miles West of Saddletree Church of God. The pastor is Rev. Ted Brooks.

James Strickland of Pembroke has been awarded the Helen Cottrell and E.F. Cottrell Endowed Scholarship at Campbell University for the 1992-93 school year. Mr. Strickland, a Religion major, is a junior and a member of the Baptist Student Union.

## Program

Purnell Swett High School's Guidance Department will be hosting a Career Awareness Program February 24, 1993 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. For Juniors and Seniors in the school gymnasium.

## James Thomas To Be Key Note Speaker of Unity Conference

United Tribes of North Carolina, president James Hardin, announced today that James Thomas of Maguire-Thomas Partners of Los Angeles, California has accepted his invitation to be the keynote speaker at the United Tribes' awards and scholarship banquet during the annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference which is to be held in Fayetteville, March 18-20 at the Bordeaux Convention Center, Holiday Inn.

Mr. Thomas, a Lumbee, who is originally from Pembroke, North Carolina is the managing partner of Maguire-Thomas Partners which is the largest commercial construction development company in the United

States. The firm won the honor of being America's largest commercial developer in 1992 by having an annual billing of nearly \$1.5 billion.

Mr. Thomas' personal net worth has been estimated at more than \$40 million and recently he became the leader of a group of investors who acquired 53 percent ownership of professional basketball's Sacramento Kings.

Mr. Thomas earned a law degree from Cleveland State University in 1963 and before becoming a commercial developer was a partner with two prominent law firms in Los Angeles.

He is the eldest son of Earl and Ophelia Thomas, each of whom is an

alumnus of Pembroke State University and James himself attended and graduated from Pembroke Graded School in 1950. In 1991 Mr. Thomas donated \$50,000 to Pembroke State University.

Thomas is active in numerous civic, professional and community organizations in the Los Angeles area including the YMCA and the Board of Governors of the Music Center.

The United Tribes board selected Thomas to be a keynote speaker because he typifies N.C. Indian achievement and the history of N.C. Indian people who have always pursued educational advancement and individual achievement and entrepreneurship.

The Unity Conference is attended by a large contingent of Indian youth who will hear Thomas speak of the need to achieve a strong educational background and to work hard at what ever they do. As a role model he will bring a message that is proven after years of achievement in his personal life.

The Unity Conference is open to the public and tickets to attend the banquet to hear Thomas speak Friday night, March 19th can be reserved by contacting the local Indian tribal office or center nearest you.

For more information on the conference, call (919) 521-8602. (Submitted by Unity Conference Publicity Committee)

## Focus on Airman First Class Kelvin Oxendine To Celebrate 92nd Birthday



Altus Afb, Okla.—Airman First Class Kelvin Oxendine of Pembroke, NC was interviewed as our spotlight person of the week. The airman's parents, Jerry R. and Elizabeth A. Oxendine, still live in Pembroke. Along with his twin brother Kevin, he also has an older sister Donna.

After more than 10 years of my interviewing airmen, A1C Kelvin Oxendine gave me the two most popular answers to "why did you join the Air Force?" They are: for the education benefits and to travel.

The 20 year old airman joined the Air Force in August 1991 for a four year hitch. He attended technical school at Keesler AFB, Miss., for one month and graduated with the Air Force Specialty Code 732X0 as a personnel specialist. "I'm unsure whether I'm going to stay in the Air Force because I would like to go to col-

lege full-time," the Pembroke, NC native said. "But since I am a 732X0 I can go anywhere in the Air Force because I can work almost any job within the military personnel flight."

The 1991 graduate of Purnell Swett Senior High School is presently attending Western Oklahoma State College. He is working towards an associates degree in physical science that will be used towards his ultimate goal of a higher degree in engineering.

His identical twin, who is a mere one minute older. He attends North Carolina State. "I like school, and it was real fun when the two of us would switch classes," Oxendine said. When it comes to traveling, the airman would like to go overseas to Belgium or Germany. He likes to snow ski and has been told they have excellent skiing in both areas.

"I just started snow skiing since I got to Altus," he explained. "I've been to Colorado and New Mexico skiing, and I really like it." His other interests include squadron sports: basketball, football, softball and volleyball. And following him from North Carolina is his love for the game of golf which he does as much as possible.

Oxendine, who had worked as a customer service representative until Monday, is now with the EPR and OPR section. This is an example of his job opportunities within the Air Force, that he can work most offices within MPF and can even work in squadron orderly rooms.

## Conference for Students Set

A Conference for Native American High School Students from grades 9-12 will be sponsored at Pembroke State University Saturday, March 6, by the PSU Chapter of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES).

There will be sessions from 8 a.m. until noon in the Chavis University Center. Lunch will be served from noon until 1 p.m.

From 1-6 p.m., a pow wow will be

held in the Jones Health and Physical Education Center. The pow wow is open to the public.

Cost for those taking part in the conference is \$3 per person. Co-sponsoring the event is PSU's Native American Student Organization.

For more information about the event telephone Dr. Freda Porter-Locklear at (919) 521-6412 or Dori Brooks at 521-2061.



Dock E. Locklear, Sr. will celebrate his 92nd birthday February 22, 1993. He was born and raised in the Saddletree community which he has lived his life. He was mar-

ried to the late Mary Lowery Locklear for almost fifty years. Their union was blessed with ten children, 27 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. Mr. Locklear is now a resident of Kinsdale Manor in Lumberton.

His ten children are Thelma Clobossee of Southern Pines; Ann Craig of Taylorsville, NC; Charles Locklear of Warren, Michigan; Louis Locklear of West Palm Beach, Florida; Betty Allenson of Lumberton; Lawrence Locklear of Lumberton; Grover Locklear of Lumberton; Mary E. Locklear (Wanda) of Charlotte; Dock Locklear Jr. (Jerry) of Lumberton; and Bonita Freeman of Fairmont.

Mr. Locklear's children are really proud of him and wish him a very happy birthday.

## PERSONAL FINANCE

### Computers Can Help Provide Financial Freedom

By Robert Brazell

(NU) - For generations, the American dream of financial freedom has been based on a simple ethic — get a good education, get a good job and work hard.

Unfortunately, the American reality has shattered this dream for too many hard workers who have found themselves without job security, or possibly without a job, during the current recession.

It is time Americans try a new system to achieve financial freedom. The key to that new system is computer technology — technology that can be put to use in the home.

Home computers can open up the world of sound personal investing. For example, with the right program — MacFreedom is one — computers can help provide access to lists of bank-and-lender-owned real estate available for sale. Through a modem, a home computer can also tie into such valuable information as Veterans Administration mortgage foreclosures.

#### Save Time

While it is possible to make good real estate investments without a computer, analysts estimate a computer will cut the time it takes to make such investments by more than half. For example, it might take 100 hours to find good investment property without a computer. With computer assistance it could take less than half that time.

There are a lot of people out there who love the money that real estate investing provides for them, but hate real estate ... Too much risk. Too much time. Now, because of new technology, you can effectively eliminate 90 percent of the unknowns in your real estate investments.

For example, many potential investors might assume foreclosed properties are run down. The MacFreedom program, however, shows that many foreclosed properties can be sound investments.

The Freedom Tutor video that introduces some of the ways MacFreedom can help real estate investors, shows one such "distressed" property — a 10,000-square-foot home complete with tennis courts, swimming pool and riding stables.

Besides the MacFreedom system, the 15-year-old Financial Freedom Report, one of the country's most respected real estate investment information companies, also has launched Meta University. Students learn investing principles from leaders in the field who teach via video and audio cassettes. Students earn a Master in Real Estate Investing degree.

(Robert Brazell is president of the Utah-based Financial Freedom Report.)

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