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## New leadership institute offers Indian Housing Certification

The National American Indian Housing Council has announced the creation of a new educational program, the NAIHC Leadership Institute, targeted to Indian Housing Leaders that provides professional certification for the industry for the first time.

"In the midst of this incredible change from government-run to tribally-run housing, Indian country needs a new set of skills. The Leadership Institute will give tribes the tools they need for this new environment," said Christopher Boesen, NAIHC Executive Director.

The Institute offers four tracks of study which lead to professional certification in a specific area of Indian housing management. Participants who complete all tracks of study may be certified as Professional Indian Housing Managers. The four tracks of study include Housing Management Services, Administration and Planning, Development and Modernization and Model Activities.

Model Activities course are also offered, particularly those that teach skills that will expand mortgage lending in Indian Country. Such courses include Low Income Housing Tax Credit Financing, Tax-Exempt Bond Financing and Home Buyer Education, among others. NAIHC continues to offer basic management training at various locations throughout Indian Country.

NAIHC's staff and consultants, who have first hand experience as tribal housing leaders and financial professionals, continue to offer training in Indian housing management, including courses that train Indian housing leaders to manage financial resources, personnel, and every aspect of the tribal housing department or tribally-designated housing entity (TDHE).

The passage of major legislation in 1996, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, created a dramatically new environment for housing managers in Indian Country. Public Housing Authorities operated by HUD were eliminated and block grant funding to tribes was instituted. This change puts the onus on the tribes to act as property managers and developers, and to begin to evolve into entities that utilize private funding and private institutions to produce housing.

"This new world means Indian Housing Managers need to make a major transformation from the old to the new, and the new doesn't exist yet. Because there is no real infrastructure to support mortgage lending in Indian country, the training becomes paramount," Boesen added.

Chester Carl, NAIHC Chairperson and Executive Director of the Navajo Housing Authority noted, "Our training is unique in that we are

committed to the same goals as our participants: safe, decent housing for Native Americans in tribal communities throughout Indian Country. Through the Leadership Institute, we seek to help and empower Indian housing leaders to make the most of their experiences, to act with confidence, and to help make their communities stronger and better than ever before."

Tom Yellow Wolf, NAIHC Training Director, said, "The Leadership Institute is designed to promote professionalism among members of the Indian housing community. In order for people to be successful, they must hold themselves to high standards. NAIHC is committed to offering state of the art, challenging training courses that continually raise the standards of those who participate."

*The National American Indian Housing Council is the only national advocacy group representing housing interests of tribes and tribal housing organizations across the country. NAIHC provides research, training and technical assistance and publishes Native American Housing News. If you're interested in learning more about the Leadership Institute, call Tom Yellow Wolf at NAIHC's training office at 800-588-7603, or send email to tyellowwolf@naihcc.net.*



### Correction

*Our apologies to Santa Claus and the staff at the New Pembroke Library for the errors under the Christmas picture. The picture was left to right of Mrs. Maule Locklear, Head Librarian, Santa Claus (Bro. Henderson) and Vinita Clark, Santa's Elf.*

*Have a Safe and Prosperous New Year*  
from the staff of the Carolina Indian Voice

## McIntyre Honored for Efforts to Protect the American Flag

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre was recently honored by both veterans' and citizen's organizations for his efforts to pass a constitutional amendment to protect the flag of the United States from physical desecration.

The American Legion and The Citizens Flag Alliance Inc. joined together to recognize Representative McIntyre for his unwavering support to ban burning and other degrading acts which undermine the great principles for which the flag stands.

Congressman McIntyre was presented a certificate of appreciation signed by both Major General Patrick H. Brady (U.S. Army, Retired), Chairman of the Board of the Citizens Flag Alliance, and Anthony G. Jordan, National Commander of the American Legion.

Upon receiving the award, Representative McIntyre stated, "Our flag is symbolic of all that America represents. Men and women have fought valiantly throughout our nation's history to protect and defend her. We should do all that we can to honor its great significance to our democracy."

Congressman McIntyre is a member of the National Security Committee which oversees the country's armed forces and national defense.

## Smokey Joe's Cafe to be presented at UNCP's Performing Arts Center

Shake it up, baby! The new national tour of the Broadway sensation, *Smokey Joe's Cafe* will be presented at the Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of North

Carolina at Pembroke on Thursday, January 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets for this smokin' jam of Rock and Roll are on sale now. Winner of the 1996 Grammy

Award for Best Musical and nominated for seven 1995 Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Director and Best Choreography, *Smokey Joe's Cafe* celebrates the world of first kisses, last dances, hot summer nights and cool midnight struts, blue-light diners and red-hot Rock and Roll.

*Smokey Joe's Cafe* captures and celebrates the contagious spirit of the song writing team, Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. Some of their many hits included in the show are *Jailhouse Rock*, *Stand By Me*, *On Broadway*, *Hound Dog*, *Poison Ivy*, *I'm a Woman* and *Love Potion #9*, just to name a few.

Leiber and Stoller are Rock and Roll icons. Their music has been recorded by some of the world's most famous artists including Elvis, the Beach Boys, the Coasters, the Drifters, Tom Jones, Barbara Streisand, the Rolling Stones and John Lennon, just to name a few. The list could go on and on.

Currently playing on Broadway to sell-out houses, *Smokey Joe's Cafe* is directed by four time Tony Award winner Jerry Zaks and features costumes by Tony Award winning designer William Ivey Long.

Tickets are \$22, \$20 and \$8 for children and students. Call the PAC box office at (910) 521-6361 or 1-800-367-0778 for reservations or more information. *Smokey Joe's Cafe* is sponsored in part by WFLB Oldies 96.5 FM.

## New Year's Gospel Concert Planned at Carolina Civic Center

The Carolina Civic Center has scheduled a gospel music concert for New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31. "Gospel '99" will take place from 9 PM until after midnight in the Civic Center auditorium.

The concert will feature music from three great gospel traditions: White, Black and Lumbee. Black "Soul" gospel music will be offered by "The New Golden Gates" from Fairmont. The Lumbee "Evangelical" tradition will be represented by Lumberton's "Singing Scots." The White "Souther" gospel tradition will be upheld by "The Biney English Ministries" from Wallace, NC. The evening will be hosted by R.D. Sykes, who for years was one of Lumberton's most popular gospel radio personalities.

Biney English has been singing gospel music since he was a child. His first group was "The Singing Samaritans." It was made up of family members, including his brother, gospel super-star Michael English. Although he once considered a pro baseball career and, in fact, was scouted by the Detroit Tigers, Biney decided to make gospel music his life's work. He served with "The Anchormen" out of Goldsboro for more than 8 years. He sang baritone in "The New Statesmen" with the legendary Bill Gaither. Biney was also involved with several of Gaither's "Homecoming" videos. The "Biney English Ministries" features Biney as solo baritone with his wife, Beverly and his sister-in-law, Cheryl offering beautiful "family-style" harmony.

Biney's brother-in-law, Ricky, serves as sound consultant for the group.

"The Biney English Ministries" are nationally acclaimed and have appeared all over the country. Biney's rich baritone and his inspiring delivery of both music and text have won him praise wherever he performs. And the group is rapidly becoming one of the top gospel ensembles in the business.

Biney is also an established songwriter. Several of his songs have found their way up the gospel music charts and have made him one of gospel music's most respected and sought-after composers. Some of his best known songs are "I've Been Touched", "Blow Ye the Trumpet", "Glory Train" (recorded by "The New Statesmen"), and "It Was Amazing" (associated with "The Singing Americans").

Lumberton's fabulous "Singing Scots" need no introduction to Robeson County gospel fans. This singing family, comprised of Reverend Eugene Scott and his sisters, Linda, Brenda, June, Ellen and Helen have become one of the present day's most popular gospel groups. All TEN Scott family members have been singing all of their lives. They would sing themselves to sleep at night, at least when they were not interrupted by Papa Earl Scott's insistence that they allow him some peace and quiet. After all, ten singing children must have made it difficult to fall asleep!

The "Singing Scots" offer music full of joy, love and pain drawn from their personal histories. The Lumbee Indian youngsters remember signs on public building all over the state that read: "Whites downstairs, Coloreds upstairs only. No Indians Allowed!" To them it seemed that no one wanted to have anything to do with Indians, even under segregated circumstances. The Scott youngsters had to work at back-breaking jobs in the tobacco and cotton fields, where they also sang together to pass the time. But their strong faith in God and family and their deep-rooted pride in their Native American heritage kept them going. Their music today reflects the hurt of those hard years, but, even more, that faith and pride. Certainly people of ALL races and ethnic heritages all over the country have responded to their music.

"The New Golden Gates" represents a long and inspiring tradition of Black gospel music. The Reverend Bishop Rogers Jr. and Patricia Arnette, both of Fairmont, make up this newly formed duo, which already boasts a hit song in the top forty gospel charts. The song, "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother" hit the charts this past summer, shortly after its release. A new CD, "No Need to Cry," is scheduled for release very soon.

Rogers was a successful businessman who ran his own charter bus service in South Carolina. In addition to his musical and pastoral

activities, Rogers is a popular radio personality on Fairmont's gospel station WFMO. Patricia Arnette has been singing and writing gospel songs since she was fourteen. She began as a member of the choir at Fairmont's First Baptist Church, but her activities were interrupted when she was injured and confined to a wheelchair. Undergoing a long series of agonizing a disappointing operations, she turned to prayer for her cure. Miraculously and without medical explanation, she was walking again in no time at all. Her faith and gratitude moved her to make gospel music her life's work. Her song "Have Faith", written during the time that she was unable to walk, is a moving statement of the faith that she saw during her injury.

R.D. Sykes of Lumberton is coming out of retirement to host the New Year's Eve concert. Sykes was for years one of the region's most popular gospel radio personalities. He announced for both WAGR and its sister station WJSK-FM when they were on the air from Lumberton. He also worked for WSTS when it was locating in neighboring Laurinburg. He served as emcee for many live gospel concerts in the region. Now an employee of the Public Schools of Robeson County, Sykes still involves himself whenever possible in inspirational music activities.

"Gospel Sing-In '99" is the Carolina Civic Center's second gospel concert this season. In November the popular "Talley Trio" performed there. That was the first time the Civic Center had ever directly booked gospel music for presentation. Previous gospel music events were held there only when the Civic Center was rented for the purpose by some other organization.

Smith has emphasized all three major ethnic groups in the region in his programming. "As 'The Carolina Theatre' this facility was segregated once," he says, "but 'The Carolina Civic Center' belongs to ALL the people of our community. We want to make that clear in all our activities!" The New Year's Eve event follows that policy by including gospel music from Black and Lumbee traditions, as well as White. Smith points to the special significance of the occasion. "We have a commitment to doing better in the 21st Century."

Advance tickets to the event are on sale at the Christian Book Store and the Gospel Bookstore in Lumberton, the Ministry of Jesus Bookstore in Pembroke, the Gospel Treasures Bookstore in Wallace, NC and the Civic Center offices at the corner of 4th and Chestnut in downtown Lumberton. Adult admission is \$10 advance sale, \$12 at the door. Children under six are admitted for \$5. For reservation or information, call the Civic Center at (910) 738-4439.



*Little Deltron Locklear and his new teddy bear visit with Santa (a.k.a. Dr. Scott Ryan) at the 1998 NICU Preemie party at SRMC.*

## SRMC Hosts 16th Reunion of its Specail Nursery Grads

'Tis the season when family and friends join together to celebrate the joy of life and the coming of the New Year. It is also a fitting time for Southeastern Regional Medical Center to host the annual "preemie" party. This year, over 200 SRMC's tiniest patients, ranging in age from six months to two years, were invited to revisit the place and the people who helped see them into the world.

On Dec. 18 the cafeteria at SRMC was filled with the coos and cries of infants and toddlers, and they, their parents, and their former caregivers rekindled a special bond. The little guests were greeted by Christmas carols and an array of holiday treats served up while the children awaited their turn on Santa's lap for a holiday photo with the Jolly Old Elf himself.

"This event provides a very positive outlook on life," said RN Barbara Norris. "All of us in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit have an opportunity to see babies that weighed less than five pounds at birth grow to become strong and healthy."

Many parents of the former preemies agreed that the party is more than just another holiday get-together. "This is a very special event for parents. It is a celebration of life," said Pam Chavis, mother of Alex, now 13 months old. "When you have a baby and complications occur, everything

happens so fast, and you miss the chance to say thank you to everyone who helped. This is our chance to do so."

Every year local obstetricians deliver about 1,600 babies at SRMC. Of these, about 150 must be admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery. Doctors, nurses and volunteers spend several days to several months helping the little ones grow stronger. During this time, caregivers develop a special bond with the infants and their families.

Tarassie Locklear's experience had a favorable outcome. Her first baby, Deltron, weighed in at 4 pounds, 12 ounces and was having trouble breathing shortly after birth. After staying in the intensive care nursery for ten days, he was able to join his mother at home. "The situation was a surprise to us," said Locklear. "Everyone did a great job at keeping me calm. I'm just glad he's O.K."

Several local businesses contributed to the NICU reunion. Donations from Freeman Motor Company, Lumberton Children's Clinic and McDuffie Furniture made it possible for each child attending to receive a gift from Santa. Frank's Furniture gave a child's rocking chair, and J.C. Penney donated two large teddy bears for door prizes.

## Scholars named at UNC Pembroke

*Pembroke, N.C.* -- As one of the UNC Pembroke most prestigious programs to attract and retain high quality students, the Chancellor Scholarship offers a \$4,000 per year award to freshmen that is renewable for four years.

The scholarships are awarded to students with outstanding academic ability and accomplishments. The award includes performance and service requirements. There is also a senior thesis requirement.

Nineteen freshmen have been named for 1998-1999 academic year. Nine are from Robeson County:

### ROBESON COUNTY:

Lashauna R. Deese of Pembroke. A Purnell Swett High School graduate and the daughter of Cindy Sue Deese, she plans to study mathematics education.

Diedren L. Hunt of Maxton. A Purnell Swett High School graduate, she plans to major in biology.

Karen K. Dial of Maxton. A Purnell Swett High school graduate, she is the daughter of Kenneth and Freida Dial.

Jessyca K. Ivey of St. Pauls. A St. Pauls High School graduate, she is the daughter of Larry Ivey and Connie R. Austin.

Sarah R. Locklear of Pembroke. A Purnell Swett High School graduate, she is the daughter of Christopher and Dr. Cheryl Locklear. She plans to major in biology and chemistry.

Anna P. Thompson of Fairmont. A Fairmont High School graduate, she is the daughter of James and Serri Thompson.

Jadene Lowry of Pembroke. A Purnell Swett High School graduate, she is the daughter of Charles T. and Dr. Tulula L. Lowry.

Juan E. Martinez of St. Pauls. A St. Pauls High School graduate, he is the son of Juan and Gerionisma Martinez.

Myia N. Revels of Maxton. A Purnell Swett High School graduate, she is the daughter of Garry and Mikiko Revels. She plans to major in biology.