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A Report to the People by Rep. Ron Sutton

Where were you when John F. Kennedy was assassinated? Or Martin Luther King? Rep. Ron Sutton, Democrat of Pembroke, recalls both and has now added last week's tragic events to his memory.

A good number of legislators and staff members will always remember that they were in their offices when they received the news that an airliner had crashed into one of the twin towers at the World Trade Center.

The Legislative Building was a little quieter than normal on the day of the tragedy. With the session winding down, neither the Appropriations nor Finance committee was meeting. The Legislature's e-mail server was down, cutting off a primary means of communications by lawmakers and staff.

That didn't stop the news of the terrorist attack from spreading quickly. The few television sets in the Legislative Building were turned on to provide the latest developments. Some TVs were moved into the building's open areas, where small crowds gathered around throughout the morning to watch in horror as a second airliner crashed into the World Trade Center and another slammed into the Pentagon.

House Speaker Jim Black and Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight discussed canceling the day's floor sessions and sending everyone home. Some members encouraged them to adjourn for the rest of the week.

The legislative leadership decided that lawmakers should go about their business as best they could. "While our hearts go out to the victims and their families, we must continue to do the business of the State," said Rep. Sutton.

"One of the goals of terrorists is to create chaos and disruption," Black told House members as the session opened. "I believe people across this state would like us to stay here and continue to do our work." The atmosphere was far from normal, however. As the drama in New York and Washington unfolded, security was beefed up around state government buildings, including the Legislative Building.



Security had already been heightened around the Legislative Building after a bomb threat in August forced the evacuation of the building during a House session. Within hours of the terrorist attacks, additional officers were posted outside while others roamed the halls inside.

Security was even tighter a block north at the state Capitol. Police vehicles blocked the driveway and the building was closed for the day.

Shortly after additional officers arrived at the Legislative Building, the huge United States and North Carolina flags in front of the building were lowered to half-mast.

While the legislative leadership decided to hold sessions, other events were canceled. A planned memorial service for former House Speaker Liston Ramsey was postponed and a prayer service hastily arranged.

Lawmakers, lobbyists and staff members tried gamely to go about their usual routines. But like other Americans, they found themselves drawn to the television sets. Some lingered for a half hour or an hour watching the developments unfold.

"Significant progress has been made on a funding plan to finance the proposed budget and it looks as if we will be adjourning within a few weeks," said Rep. Sutton, a member of the House Appropriations Committee. In addition, North Carolina House Redistricting plans are moving forward and will be unveiled shortly after a budget is finalized.

Hunt to Relinquish Teen Miss Erwin/ Harnett County



Morgan Brittany Hunt is the 18yr. old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt. She is currently a freshman at UNCP at Pembroke. Morgan will relinquish her Teen Miss Erwin title on October 12th. This pageant is a preliminary for Little Miss North Carolina and Teen Miss North Carolina. Also the Miss Erwin will be held Oct. 13th, which is a preliminary for Miss North Carolina anyone interested in participating please call 521-1150.

Morgan has had a good year representing the Harnett County area, this year. By winning this, Morgan was able to be in Teen Miss North Carolina this July, where she did very, very well. She won Swimsuit, Best Model, Best Wardrobe, 1st place in Beauty, 2nd place in private interview. Morgan unfortunately lost the title because of a background choir in her talent presentation, which was her unaware of was against the rules and she was penalized 100 points, which cost her the title. It was a very good experience and she competed against 18 very talented and beautiful young ladies and was able to hold her own.

This will be a sad time for Morgan because she lost her (Number 1) fan on June 5, her Grandma Delora, who supported her in everything she ever done and always had a kind word to say to lift her up no matter the outcome. She was there last year to see her win and had planned to attend her pageant in Hickory this summer. So Morgan would like to dedicate this year to (Grandma Dee) I LOVE YOU AND YOUR ARE WITH ME IN SPIRIT AND I WILL ALWAYS REACH FOR THE STARS, AS YOU WANTED ME TO !!!! THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE. I LOVE YOU

Scholarship Honors Fallen Heroes

(NU) - The National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association has created a permanent memorial to honor the police and firefighters who gave their lives trying to save others at New York City's fallen World Trade Center.

The memorial is a permanent scholarship fund dedicated for children of the police and firefighters who perished in the Sept. 11 tragedy. The fund will finance ongoing scholarships for the surviving sons and daughters, as they come of age. The memorial scholarship is an expansion of NBFAA's longtime scholarship program for children of police and firefighters.

"The fund will enable us to continue giving to the families of the fallen police and firefighters for years to come," said Bart Didden, NBFAA president. "We have arranged for funding to be received directly through NBFAA or to be made through our tax exempt foundation the Alarm Industry Research & Educational Foundation."

The NBFAA is asking its members nationwide to not only contribute to the effort directly, but to solicit the donations of its employees and customers. Please send your tax deductible contributions to AIREF --- Heroes Scholarship Fund, 8300 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

For more information on how you can contribute to the World Trade Center Heroes Scholarship Fund, call (301) 585-1855, or visit the NBFAA Web site at www.alarm.org.

Farm Service Agency Seeks County Committee Candidates

The Farms Service Agency (FSA) is looking for candidates for the farmer-elected County Committee election to be held this fall. "It is crucial that every eligible agricultural producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the US Department of Agriculture," says Giles B. Floyd, Robeson/Scotland FSA, County Executive Director. "The County Committee system needs everyone to get involved from voters to committee candidates. Almost anyone eligible to take part in a local FSA program may be a candidate for the committee."

Nomination forms can be obtained from FSA County offices. Completed nomination forms are due back to the FSA office by October 29. FSA will notify nominees and mail election ballots to eligible voters in mid-November, and completed ballots will then be due back to FSA offices by December 3. The election will end December 10, and elected members and alternates will take office January 1, 2002.

FSA County Committees make decisions on: commodity price support loans and payments; establishment of allotments, yield and marketing quotes; farmer loans; and other farm disaster assistance.

"The County Committee is an important part of the service delivery of the USDA. We'd like to include more farmers in nontraditional operations and peoples who livelihoods depend on farming," said Floyd. "We're also looking for small farmers, specialty crop farmers, truck farmers, and spouses or business partners- anyone who would be able to add some new or different experiences to their Local County Committee."

For more information contact your local USDA Farm Service Agency office at (910)739-3349.

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At no time was the eminent need for high technology as evident as it was last week when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. During that attack telephone lines were not operational and contact was not as readily available as before the attack. People immediately went to their computers and began sending "instant messages" to their loved ones.

Recently, here in Pembroke, Native Wave, Inc. began providing Internet service to the area. Locally owned and operated the new service is available with no long distance calling for \$14.95 per month, which is also cheaper than most internet service.

Dennis Clark, spokesperson for the new company, stated that the price was set during a visit to Piney Grove Elementary School. "While there," he said, "I was talking with a young student. I asked her about using the Internet. She stated that her father had said she could get connected to the Internet, if she could find service for less than \$15.00."

Clark said, "This touched me personally. And I realized if we were going to provide a service, we needed to consider the economic conditions of the area and make every effort to make the Internet available to not only this student, but others like her. I realized her family was not the exception but the rule and many folks are on a limited income. Therefore, the price

for our service was set."

Clark explained that the internet is a tool to enhance who we are through research of genealogy. Using the internet as a teaching mechanism is a way to access, for Lumbees, the eastern Indian culture. Folks can learn why we have lost our language and why we were forced into the swamps to live. "I actually like to call it an on-line history book. You can trace the growth pattern of the whites. Simply stated, it just enhances our resource capabilities."

Clark talked at length about his passion, his new business and the e-commerce side of using the internet. "It is possible to sell things anywhere in the world using the Internet," he stated.

Native Wave, Inc. is locally owned and operated. The owners live and reside in the immediate area. The equipment is owned by the company and Clark is excited about the opportunity to combine high technology with the Native tradition. The company employs nine persons and Clark is proud to be providing jobs for people in the area. The first person hired, he said, was recently laid off at Converse. The second employee was on unemployment benefits. Among the employees are Angelene Woodell, Customer Representative. She will set up accounts, oversee the billing, and she answers questions personally; and Glenda Ransom. Both these ladies know the internet. They will walk a

customer through getting on line and are available for any and all questions. The employees follow up on each customer and stays with them until the customer is satisfied.

"It is important for our people to have person to person contact," Clark said. "When someone calls Native Wave, they are greeted by a live person, not a machine. Therefore our customers are treated as individuals and not as numbers. If there are any problems, we are prepared to stay with it until everything is satisfactory to the customer. We are prepared to teach and demonstrate the use of the Internet service, setting up e-mail addresses and teaching the use of it. Most recently we set up an 80 year old on the Internet and she is having a great time with her e-mail and is beginning to participate in chat rooms on subjects that are of interest to her." Clark continued, "It is vitally important that we maintain personal contact. It is the Indian way and we don't want ever to progress away from our traditional background."

"Personal contact brings great deal of satisfaction to us, and our 80 year old friend demonstrates that anyone can learn to use the Internet and not only use it, but enjoy the freedom of expression," Clark concluded.

Native Wave is located on Normal Street in Pembroke and can be reached by calling 99910-522-0050. Shown above is the log for the new business and the design of their Web page.

Free Photography Contest Open to Pembroke Residents

OWINGS MILLS, MD (USA) - The International Library of Photography is pleased to announce that over \$60,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers from the Pembroke area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is December 31, 2001. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated Christina Babylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure," continued Babylon.

To enter, send ONE photograph in ONLY ONE of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Mature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or Other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2612, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2001. You may also submit your photo directly on-line at www.picture.com.

The International Library of Photography is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of amateur photographers to the public's attention. You can view the work of over 1.1 million amateur photographers at their website, www.picture.com.

First Native American State Trooper Obtains New Law Enforcement Position

Darren D. Hunt, the first Native American State Trooper with the Virginia State Police hired in 1989 recently obtained a new position. He is now employed as a Special Agent, with the Bureau of Law Enforcement Operations with the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Agent Hunt is currently assigned to Region 4, Alexandria in Northern Virginia. Special Agents provide specialized law enforcement services and guidance to other law enforcement officers, public officials, citizens of the Commonwealth, persons manufacturing, selling and transporting alcoholic beverages as well as tobacco products.

Special Agents initiate and conduct a wide range of moderate to complex investigations and make arrests for violations of alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, fraud and financial fraud statutes.

Special Agents routinely: conduct surveillance; work undercover; manage undercover operations; supervise underage buyers of alcoholic beverage and tobacco; develop and perpetuate confidential sources of information; and serve as Agency Advocates, preparing and presenting disciplinary cases to ABC Hearing Officers.



Agent Hunt has a degree in criminal justice, is an honorably discharged veteran of the U. S. Army and in 1996 represented the Lumbee Indian tribe as an Ambassador with Americans for Indian Opportunity Ambassadors Program (a young Indian leadership program). Agent Hunt currently lives in Falls Church, VA and has a 6-month-old son, Collin Chanler Hunt. He is the grandson of Mr. L. B. Hunt who lives in Shannon, NC and Mrs. Cattie Bell Carter of Pembroke.

Two Missionaries Receive Commission



Millard Lowry and Gary Locklear completed the two-week Mission training program at the Mission Resource Center on the Campus of Emory University. Millard and Gary were commissioned along with 53 other missionaries from around the country. The service was conducted at a United Methodist Church in Chamblee Georgia. Retired Bishop James Thomas conducted the service assisted by personnel from the General Board of Global Ministries. Leadership from the Georgia Conference also participated in the commissioning. The Training event began on July 5th on the campus of the Mission Resource Center. Portions of the program were conducted on several of the Seminary Campuses in Atlanta. There were 55 participants in the program. Each of the 55 Missionaries have assignments in the US except one who is assigned to Cambodia. The mission assignments are wide and varied. Some missionaries are working in the area of health education, directing soup kitchens, coordinating day care operations, coordinating homes for the homeless, alcohol and drug prevention, Restorative ministries, Justice ministries and social ministries. Several of the missionaries will be working with Native American Ministries around the country.