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## Report to the People From Rep. Ron Sutton



"We simply do not have the votes now to pass my House Redistricting Plan and we are reviewing all alternatives to see if we can get the 61 votes necessary. Unfortunately, much of the problem is within our own Democratic Party," said Rep. Ron Sutton, who is the Democratic House Redistricting Co-Chair from Pembroke.

Before it bogged down over redistricting, the House gave final legislative approval to a major bill that would give patients in managed care plans and their doctors more clout in medical decisions.

The Managed Care Patients' Bill of Rights will give patients a binding, independent review of HMO decisions and the right to take HMOs to court.

Patients also will have more freedom in selecting their doctors, and insurers can no longer give health care providers financial inducements as a way to deny or limit services.

Consumers also will receive help with confusing paperwork and regulations.

The Managed Care Patients' Bill of Rights was a major issue in last fall's gubernatorial campaign.

"I commend the Legislature for moving forward on this important issue without waiting for Washington to act," Gov. Mike Easley said in a statement after the House vote. "This bipartisan legislation protects the doctor-patient relationship and ensures that decisions regarding health care treatment are made by doctors rather than administrators or bureaucrats."

Proposed changes to the law that offers economic incentives to industry did not fare as well in the House. The bill was sent back to committee after lawmakers added so many provisions that the cost climbed to \$34 million.

House appropriations cochairman David Redwine said that cost was too high—especially in light of news that state revenues were running 3 percent lower in the first quarter of the fiscal year than last year. Budget writers had assumed a 2 percent increase in revenues for the quarter.

"This is biting off a little more than we can chew right now," Redwine said.

The economic incentives bill, like the redistricting plan, was expected to undergo some change before coming back on the floor.

Turf fights are always the biggest battles in the General Assembly.

More often than not, it's members of a profession seeking to expand their practice—and those who would face new competition protecting their turf.

Sometimes, it's a dispute between the executive and legislative branches.

Redistricting is the ultimate turf fight. It pits political parties against political parties fighting to win—or hold—a majority.

Lawmakers square off against each other in the quest to achieve a perfect district. Legislators—sometimes of the same party—will negotiate for days over a census tract containing a few hundred people.

Members of the House were reminded of the difficulty in passing a redistricting plan when they started debating a proposed House map.

The bill squeaked out of the House Legislative Redistricting Committee on a mostly party-line vote and immediately encountered more opposition on the House floor. Republicans said it was unfair. Some Democrats said it put minority House members in jeopardy.

After considering three amendments, the House leadership decided to delay debate on the proposal and consider adjustments that might win more support in the closely-divided House, where Democrats hold a 62-58 majority.

The leadership also decided on a cooling-off period of sorts, sending members home for an extended weekend break. The Senate had already adopted a reduced schedule, calling members to Raleigh only periodically. Skeleton crews held sessions every three days to meet constitutional requirements.



## Amy Lynne Locklear Joins the Rothstein Firm

Amy Lynne Locklear has joined Rothstein, Donatelli, Hughes, Dahlstrom, Schoenburg & Frye, LLP, as an associate.

Prior to joining the Rothstein firm, Locklear was an associate with Sacks Tierney in Scottsdale. Before that, she worked as an associate with Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson and Perry in Washington, D.C.

Locklear is a member of both the State Bar of Arizona and the District of Columbia Bar. She earned an LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center, received her law degree from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law and graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in political science. Locklear is a member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

The Phoenix office of the Rothstein firm concentrates its practice on representing Indian tribes, tribal entities, and transactions occurring in Indian country. Locklear will enhance the Rothstein firm's capability in the area of tribal, state and federal taxation.

In addition to its Phoenix office, located at 40 M. Central Ave., Ste. 1420, Phoenix, AZ 85004, the firm has offices in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N.M., where it practices criminal law, civil rights law, personal injury litigation, water law and Indian law. The new Mexico offices are located at 320 Central SW, Suite 30, Albuquerque, NM 87102; and 1215 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501, respectively.

## The Embers in Concert

The Embers, one of the East Coast's top beach music bands, will be in concert for a patriotic beach blast and dance on Saturday, October 20th from 8 p.m. to midnight at the St. Pauls High School football field in St. Pauls.

Bring a chair, a blanket and a flag! Concessions, including P.I.G.S. Restaurant's barbecue sandwiches, will be offered for sale.

This alcohol-free family concert and dance is a tribute to America from the North Carolina Folk Arts Festival, which is held annually on the first Saturday of May in St. Pauls.

Embers tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the gates, which open at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact: Paul Terry at (910) 865-4179, Libby Ferguson at 865-2676, Bob Hogan at 865-3073 or Beverly Huggins at 865-4026.

## Footloose, the Musical

### The National Tour

The Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of UNC Pembroke will present the National Tour of the hit Broadway musical, *Footloose*, on Friday, November 2 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$30, \$28, \$26 and \$10 for children & students.

*Footloose* is a new musical based on the 1984 hit movie and tells the story of Ren, a teenage boy from Chicago who moves to the conservative rural town of Bomont with his mother after his father leaves them. He is seen as a rebel and a troublemaker and has a hard time fitting in. Bomont is a simple small town, but for one law: a ban on dancing. After Reverend Moore's son was killed in a car accident, brought on by a night of drinking and dancing, he led a successful campaign to ban dancing in the town. When Ren tries to get the law overturned, he butts heads with the Reverend who is determined to keep the town and its laws exactly the way they are. Ren fights for the teen's to dance and for Ariel, the Reverend's daughter. After an emotional struggle, the kids win the right to dance once again. Both the Reverend Moore and the small town of Bomont get closer to letting go of their sorrowful past and taking a step forward.

*Footloose's* score is a collaboration from music greats: Kenny Loggins, Sammy Hagar, Eric Carmen and Jim Steinman, as well as Academy, Golden Globe and two-time Grammy Award winner Dean Pitchford, and two-time Academy and Grammy Award nominee Tom Snow. Featured in the show are such hits as "Let's Here It For The Boy," "Almost Paradise," and "Holding Out For A Hero." The show also features nine new songs written by Pitchford and Snow.

For tickets, reservations or more information, call the Givens Performing Arts Center box office at 910-521-6361 or 1-800-367-0778. *Footloose* is sponsored in-part by Up & Coming Magazine and Jerry Johnson Chevrolet.

## Takonna Lyn Bullard Does it Again



The reigning Little Miss Lumbee for 2000-2001, Takonna Lyn Bullard, has captured 3 more titles. She's the Little Miss Millennium U.S.A., USP Majestic Miss Cumberland County and the Little Miss Carolina Queen of Queens. That's a title to represent the Little Miss North Carolina pageant where she won photogenic, Best Wardrobe, Most Beautiful, Best Model, and she received 1st place. She is the daughter of Michael and Teresa Bullard of Red Springs N.C.

## Fall Excursions by Train!

Raleigh—North Carolinians looking for day-ventures this fall can take advantage of special train services to two popular events. In October, the state-sponsored *Carolinian* will stop at the N.C. State Fair in Raleigh; while both state-sponsored trains, the *Carolinian* and *Piedmont*, will stop at the Lexington Barbecue Festival.

"These special stops provide a great opportunity to experience train travel in North Carolina and to enjoy some of our state's exciting events," said Patrick Simmons, Director of the NCDOT Rail Division.

For the 12th consecutive year, the *Carolinian* (trains 79, 80) will make a special stop at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds to help attract fair-goers west of the Triangle. More than 5,000 fair-goers arrived by train at last year's N.C. State Fair, making their trip more relaxing and less hectic.

The northbound *Carolinian* leaves Charlotte at 8 a.m., stopping in Kannapolis, Salisbury, High Point, Greensboro, Burlington, Durham and Cary. From October 12th through 21st, the train will arrive at the State Fair at 11:40 a.m. and depart at 4:30 p.m. The *Carolinian* will stop at the Blue Ridge Road crossing located directly across from the fairgrounds, approximately one block from the main gate. Fair admission tickets will be available for purchase on board the train, while en route from Greensboro to Raleigh.

On Saturday, October 27, both the *Piedmont* (trains 73, 74) and (trains 79, 80) will stop in Lexington, for the annual barbecue festival in North Carolina. Barbecue lovers can take the train to make a one-day excursion to enjoy great food, entertainment and activities in Uptown Lexington. More than 140,000 people attended the Festival last year.

The northbound *Carolinian* is scheduled to arrive in Lexington at 9:01 a.m.; the southbound train will stop at 7:07 p.m. The southbound *Piedmont* will arrive at 9:28 a.m.; the northbound train will stop at 6:42 p.m.

The *Piedmont* and *Carolinian* service are jointly paid for through Amtrak, state funding and passenger fares. Due to the popularity of these events, reservations are required. For more information or ticket reservations, visit your local Amtrak station, call 1-800-BY-TRAIN (298-7246), or visit [www.bytrain.org](http://www.bytrain.org).

## Gospel Singing for Erain Barton

Sometimes in life, things that are unexpected happen. This is the case with Erain Candace Barton. While working full time as a Nursing Assistant and going to college to pursue her career in Phlebotomy, she was diagnosed in August of this year with a Brain Tumor. Her world was turned upside down as she could no longer work and had to drop out of school due to illness. Relying on her parents, family and friends for support this once vibrant young lady has been in the struggle of her life.

Recently, surgery was successful and the tumor was removed. Erain is making a positive recovery. If I was to describe her, it would be as a beautiful young lady that loves life and serves the Lord. Her family, friends and others are taking a step of faith to help her with her medical expenses and medication. Erain is looking forward to the day, although it might be many months, when she can return to work and school. With her faith in God, she will return and will not be one of those that can and does not.

On Friday, October 19, 2001 at the New Philadelphus Methodist Church off of Hwy 710. Her church, family and friends are going to be holding a Gospel Singing. Admission is free; a love offering will be taken for Erain, along with hotdogs and refreshments being sold. Groups scheduled to appear are Carla and the Redemptions, The Singing Cousins, The Sycamore Singers and others. Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening will be Vinita "Cookie" Clark, long time cast member form the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!". The event begins at 7 pm.

## Native American Dance Class

The NC Indian Cultural Center will sponsor a Native American Dance Class for anyone interested in learning to dance. Classes will be held Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. til 9:00

p.m. All ages are welcome, however, younger children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information contact NCICC at (910) 521-2433.

## Harold Collins and Jim Thorpe: Legends in their own time

Harold "Chief Iron Bear" Collins may be better known elsewhere than he is at home. Collins, owner and operator of the Pembroke PowerHouse for many years, has been heralded on national television in sports competitions at the international and national level.

Many compare Collins with Jim Thorpe-- it is true that the two men share many similarities. Both are legacies in their own time. Both are Native American Athletes with great accomplishments. Sportswriters selected Thorpe as the greatest athlete of the first half of the 20th century. In the 1912 Olympic Games, Thorpe set records in winning the decathlon and the pentathlon in track and field -- feats that have never been repeated. Collins has titles in power lifting, strongman, world record holder, and Guinness book of world record events-- the first of his kind. Thorpe was stripped of his gold medals, which were later restored in 1982; hence, he gained recognition for his achievements after his death. Collins receives acclaim around the world, but not in Robeson County.

People come from all over the United States and Canada to meet and train with Collins. "I have been planning this trip for one year," says Noah Doucette from Nova Scotia, Canada. Doucette is the 39-year-old Canadian national bench press champion. He comes from the Eskasoni Reserve of the Mikmaq tribe. Traveling with him is his friend, Albert Stork, from Winnaport, Maine. Both men train at the Bay Area Fitness center in Belfast, Maine under the direction of Ed Flanders.

When asked about why they traveled so far to spend a few days training with Collins, each man's answer is deferent. "I am here to learn more about getting stronger, mostly in the bench," explains Doucette. "I saw Harold in a televised event on the World's Strongest Man about six years ago. I said then, 'Hey, I got to get out and see this guy.'" About a year ago he began trying to reach Collins, which was no easy feat. The initial contact came in June 2001. Stork replied that his goal was the be the best that he could be. He is a former body builder and gym owner who is now power lifting. "This is an opportunity I did not want to pass up," states Stork. "Harold was very receptive to the idea of us coming, which is unusual since most guys who are good at what they do are not sociable and don't want to talk to the average guy. We came to the best to learn from the best." Still competing at 48 years old, Stork has learned that "the sky is the limit. It is important to get people fired up and working toward something."

Doucette currently benches 520 lbs. He states that he is not setting his mind on a goal, but just wants to continue improving. "I want to take everything that I learn here and share this knowledge with my people." Since their arrival, Stork states that he is "impressed that a man of such stature and notoriety as Harold is easy to sit down and talk to, and he is willing to share with you what

## Homecoming and Revival at Sandy Plains United Methodist Church

Pembroke- Sandy Plains United Methodist Church will celebrate its Homecoming and begin its Fall Revival on Sunday, October 21.

The Homecoming service starts at 11 a.m. with Rev. David Malcolm, Pastor of Sandy Plains UMC, as the speaker. Rev. Herbert Lowry, Jr., Pastor of Triad Native American UMC in Greensboro, will open the revival that same night at 6 o'clock and is also scheduled to preach the next night. Rev. George L. Locklear, Pastor of Ashpole UMC near Rowland, will preach on October 23 & 25. Rev. David Malcolm will preach on October 24 & 26. Services begin at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The church is located at 2468 Union Chapel Road, just north of Pembroke. Call (910) 521-8600 for more information.



he knows. We have picked up things that we can take back." So what advice does Collins have for these two men? "Get into a routine and stick with it. Technique and flexibility are the keys. These guys can take back what I have shown them and incorporate it into the programs going on where they live."

Collins has his own goals. He is currently implementing sports camps that will be open to youth throughout Robeson County. His desire is to foster training for students involved in all sports as well as developing the self-esteem of area youth. "Folks from Detroit will arrive next month to gather ideas and information for establishing my programs with their groups. We, too, have a lot of talent in Robeson County; it just needs to be developed. These sports camps can have a positive impact on our youth, but we have got to get students involved."

For more information on the sports camps, Collins may be reached at 910-521-8339.

## Lumberton High's 7th Annual Band Day

LUMBERTON, N.C. -- Lumberton High's Seventh Annual Band Day is scheduled for October 20, 2001 at Brooks Stadium. About 20 bands from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia are expected to perform and compete. The event begins at 2:00 P.M. with the gates opening at Noon. Admission price is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for senior citizens, \$3.00 for students with school ID's and children under 5 admitted free. Refreshments will be available. The event is sponsored by the Public Schools of Robeson County and the Lumberton Band Fan, Inc.

The bands will compete in four categories: Class A, up to 40 horns; Class AA, 41 to 60 horns; Class AAA, 61 to 80 horns; and Class AAAA, 81 horns and more. Awards and plaques will be given. There will be a Grand Champion and a Runner-up named.

This event serves to shine the spotlight of well-deserved recognition on the accomplishments of all the band members efforts.

Come enjoy listening to good music and add to that color, choreography, movement and pageantry of the marching band experience and we are sure you will have a great day.

For more information contact: Laurence A. Harvey at (910) 671-6050.