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Rebekah Revels to compete in Miss World pageant

LUMBERTON — It was high drama, indeed, as Rebekah Revels and her lawyer Barry Nakell, announced Sunday at Fuller's Old Fashion Barbeque that she will compete in the Miss World pageant in Abuja, Nigeria, in December. "America's loss is the world's gain," said her lawyer, Barry Nakell.

Ms. Revels has been embroiled in a number of lawsuits because she was replaced as Miss North Carolina and was denied the opportunity to compete in the Miss America pageant this year because a former boyfriend took topless photos of her when they



Rebekah Revels

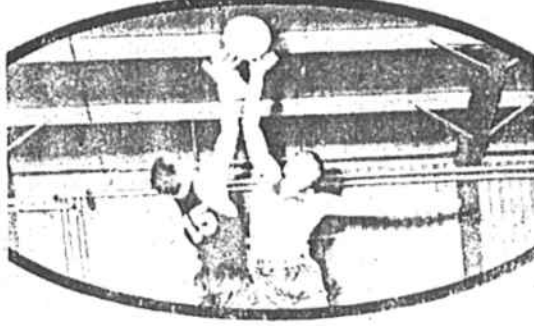
dated. She represented Fayetteville in the Miss North Carolina pageant. Her lawsuits will continue to assess damages possibly due her. Revels talked about her selection for the Miss World competition at the news conference and reception at Fuller's. She chose Fuller's to make her announcement because she is a dear friend of the owners and waited tables at the restaurant when she was a student at UNC-Pembroke.

A large contingent of friends and family cheered her on as Nakell read the announcement heralding her selection. God gave her this new opportunity, Revels said. "He closed the door to Miss America, definitely, but he opened the door for Miss World for me." She leaves in two weeks to begin the pageant activities.

A news release from the pageant describes Revels' selection as "a departure from its established selection process." The pageant and Revels hope resulting publicity will help another woman, 31-year-old Amina Lawal of Nigeria, a single mother convicted and sentenced to death by stoning for adultery and having a child out of wed lock.

PLAYING BEFORE AN OVERFLOW CROWD

THE STORY OF INDIAN BASKETBALL IN ROBESON, NORTH CAROLINA, AND ADJOINING COUNTIES



By Tim Brayboy and Bruce Barton

"Playing Before An Overflow Crowd"

The Story of Indian Basketball in Robeson, North Carolina, and Adjoining Counties, 1939-67

by Tim Brayboy and Bruce Barton

These were not your run-of-the-mill high school basketball games. In the beginning, games were played outside on the dirt. Instead of sneakers, players wore their work shoes or went barefoot. Bunt from 1939 to 1967, nothing could quell the passion of the Indians in the Robeson County Indian High School Athletic Conference for the all-American sport of basketball. The crowds overflowed, the skills ran high, and the closeness of a huge Indians community prevailed. Playing Before an Overflow Crowd is a story of both perseverance and passion that will strike a cord in sports enthusiasts everywhere.

Come meet the authors, Tim Brayboy and Bruce Barton at a reception and book signing at Prospect United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (across from Prospect School) Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Playing before an overflow crowd: The Story of Indian Basketball now available

Chapel Hill, North Carolina: They weren't your run-of-the-mill basketball games. Instead of sneakers, players wore their work shoes or went barefoot. Games were scheduled between the picking times for tobacco, cotton, and corn and after all the crops had been harvested. Often the courts had only dirt floors. But for the Indian community living in Robeson and its neighboring North Carolina counties from 1939 until 1967, basketball was the symbolic measurement of life itself, where a single decision could lead to either victory or defeat. The stands were always overflowing, and spirits ran high.

It was a remarkable, but previously undocumented, era in the history of North Carolina sports. Now, every fan can enjoy this fascination, little-known story in *Playing before an Overflow Crowd: The Story of Indian Basketball in Robeson, North Carolina, and Adjoining Counties*. Names, dates, photographs, anecdotes—the entire history of the Tri-County Indian High School Athletic Conference is all here.

This chronicle of Native-American boys and girls high-school basketball during the South's racially segregated decades is a testament to the camaraderie and sense of community Indians established on and around the basketball court. And anyone who wants to learn the secret of the success of The University of Oklahoma's great basketball coach, Kevin Sampson, will find it here.

The volume was co-written by Tim Brayboy—a former basketball player himself who recently retired as an instructor with the North Carolina Department of Education—and Bruce Barton, founder of The Carolina Indian Voice newspaper and now employed as Coordinator of Cultural Activities with the Indian Education Program in the Robeson County public schools.

This is more than merely a sport history, however. The Tri-County Indian High School Athletic Conference also played an unacknowledged role in reshaping society at large.

"Because of segregation during this time, there was no interscholastic athletic competition among the white, black, and Indian schools in Robeson County," notes co-author Brayboy. "The Indian schools were able to schedule basketball games with white schools from Richmond, Anson, and Montgomery counties in North Carolina and McColl High School in South Carolina."

Now available from the authors, Tim Brayboy (916 Union Street, Cary, N.C. 27511-3756) and Bruce Barton (P.O. Box 362, Pembroke, N.C. 28372-0362).

McIntyre Endorsed by Veterans, Nurses & Business

Lumberton, NC—Three national organizations representing veterans, health care and business have endorsed United States Representative Mike McIntyre for re-election to the United States Congress.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Nurses Association and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce have all announced their selection of Rep. McIntyre in the Seventh Congressional District race. He was chosen based upon his leadership on legislative issues as rated by each organization.

Rep. McIntyre is co-chairman of the Rural Health Care Coalition on Capitol Hill, a member of the Armed Services Committee, and he co-chairs a task force on business and technology.

Pembroke VFW to sponsor Veterans Day Parade

The Pembroke Chapter of Foreign Wars will sponsor a Veteran's Day Parade beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday, November 11, 2002. All participants will meet at the Pembroke Elementary School at 9 o'clock a.m. In order to be assigned their spots in the parade "line-up" the parade will go through town one time and end at the UNC-Pembroke Performing Arts Center. We are cordially inviting schools, industries and civic organizations in Robeson County and adjoining counties to participate. There will be a County ROTC Battalion review.

A float, band or both may represent your school, industry or civic organization. In order to reserve a space for you in the line, we will need to know what your intentions are concerning participating by October 23, 2002. Those interested may rent a float for \$175.00. If interested in renting a float, please contact Gregory Cummings at 739-7584 or Buddy Bell at 521-0887. We will rent the float and bill you later.

All participants are reminded that this is a "Veteran's Day Parade" so please have an appropriate float and theme.

All schools, except colleges and technical institutes that participate with a float will be in competition. Plaques will be given for first, second and third places respectively. The industry or other organization, both private and civic, which has the best float, will receive a beautifully engraved plaque. Also, there will be a plaque for the best high school band and a plaque for the best elementary school band.

At 11:00 o'clock a.m., there will be a Memorial Service at the Pembroke Town Park. At 12:00 o'clock, a plate sale at the VFW located north on Union Chapel Road.

Your participation each year make it possible for us to remember those who fought so hard and so bravely for our beloved country. Let us not forget that in order to have a country that we can be proud to call "America" we must be willing to give some of our time and take a stand for our country.

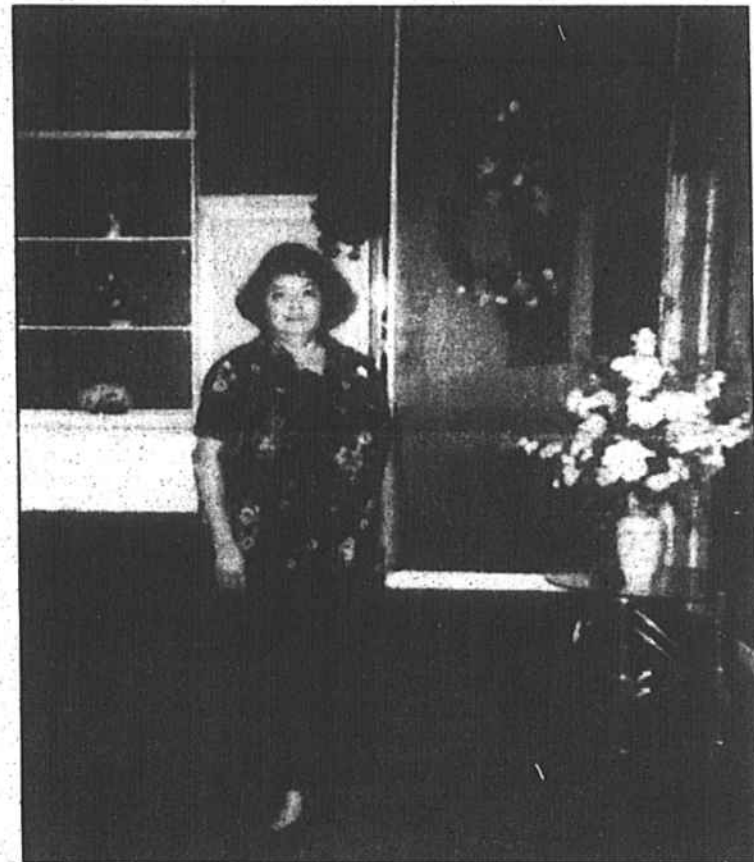
Band Transportation Cost Will Be Taken Care Of By The Town Of Pembroke. Buddy Bell, Parade Chairman 910-521-0887 (H) 910-521-0887 (W), Gregory Cummings, Parade Co-Chairman 910-521-2784 (H) 910-739-7584 (W).

Pembroke's Christmas Parade planned Dec. 12

Pembroke's Twilight Christmas Parade sponsored by the Town of Pembroke, Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and the Pembroke Civic Club will be held Thursday, December 12, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. Line up time is 3:30 p.m. Parade Line Up Area-The UNC Pembroke Performing Arts Center and end at the Pembroke Elementary School. Criteria: Marching Units, Bands, Queens, Floats.

Special Attraction: Robeson County Sudan Tomcats Funny Cars. Main Attraction: Santa Claus.

For further information, contact Gregory Cummings at Pembroke Town Hall- 521-9758 or Buddy Bell- 521-0887.



Flora Ann Cox, Owner and Operator of House of Flora Florist



House of Flora Florist & Gifts, a family owned business

House of Flora Florist & Gifts opened October 5th at 1700 West fifth Street in Lumberton. The two and a half year old business was previously located at 29 Cox Lane in Lumberton. It is family owned and operated, serving people in Robeson and surrounding counties. Flora Ann Cox is manager and head floral designer, along with owners, Tommy Cox, and son James Michael Cox.

Flora Ann Cox is a former supervisor at Kayser Roth Hosiery, working there for 20 years before being permanently laid off, due to downsizing.

For many years, Ann enjoyed part-time floral work in weddings, decorating for parties and holidays, so, it seemed only fitting to open a full-service florist after beginning a course in floral designing.

House of Flora Florist specializes in funerals, grave servicing, weddings, live and silk arrangements, and personalized gift baskets for all occasions. These pretty baskets are often accented with festive curly ribbons, and are well mentioned at birthday parties, weddings, presentation banquets, and any celebrated event. The personal touch in pre-ordered baskets, make it a very popular seller.

The Christmas Open House is planned for November 16th from 10:00 a.m. til 6:00 p.m.

Drawings for large gift basket and door prizes. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to come by!



Local Beauty Captures Title

Carolina Ellene McMillan, the 7 year old daughter of Harry and Reba McMillan of Wakulla was recently crowned Little Miss Robeson County Fair.

She competed in on-stage introduction, interview, dress and talent.

During the talent competition, she performed an original tap dance to "Splish Splash." She is a fourth year dance student with Karen Gibson School of Dance in Laurinburg.

She received a tiara, large trophy, flowers, sash and a \$100.00 cash prize as well free admission to the fair each night.

She is a second grade student at Prospect School. Her teacher is Mrs. Phyllis Murray. Carolina is an acolyte at St. Pauls United Methodist Church in Maxton. She is a Brownie Girl Scouts in Troop 728 at Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church in Maxton. McMillan has three older brothers, Benjamin, Andrew, and David.

Her mother, Reba McMillan, is a kindergarten teacher at Peterson Elementary School and her father, Harry McMillan is a physical therapist with Healthkeepers.

Scotland Physician assistant re-certifies

James (Jay) McGinnis, physician assistant with Scotland Health Care Systems, has become re-certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. While studying for his board re-certification, he also completed the requirements for a Master's Degree at the University of Nebraska. "Board re-certification includes research from journals and articles and computer based testing," said Mr. McGinnis. "I also took refresher courses from the North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants, which requires physician assistants to be re-certified every six years."

Mr. McGinnis previously earned a B.A. from the University of Oklahoma in their physician assistant program. He began his medical career as a physician assistant in 1995 while serving in the Army. In 2000, he went from active duty to reserve status and joined Scotland Health Care System in June 2002. He provides care at the hospital's emergency center and at Scotland Urgent Care Center.

Following the September 11 terrorists' attack, Mr. McGinnis was called from reserve status back to military duty and will complete his service on October 29. "Scotland Health Care Systems has been very supportive of me as I studied for my Master's Degree and served my country during the past year," said Mr. McGinnis. "I was actually working in the ER on November 9th last year, when I was called back to active duty at Fort Bragg. The type of unit I'm in is a support unit, where I prepare soldiers medically for going overseas. I ensure soldiers have their anti-malarial medications, all the necessary immunizations, and that these soldiers meet the physical criteria for active duty. When reserve units and the National Guard are called up to serve the country, it's not uncommon to find soldiers who have medical conditions that preclude them from being in the military, much less on active duty. Essentially, what I did for the last year was in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, the homeland security operation."

With his board re-certification and master's program behind him and active duty soon to be completed, Mr. McGinnis will once again provide full-time medical care at Scotland Urgent Care Center and the Emergency Center.