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## Mother and Daughter win majestic titles

Sabrina Sanderson-Floyd and her daughter, Evita Saybrianna Sanderson, have both won majestic titles. On July 19, 2003 Evita was crowned 4-9 overall majestic Miss Clinton 4th of July. She also won talent, swim-wear, sportswear, best model and best dress in her age division. Evita is the six-year-old daughter of Michael and Sabrina Sanderson-Floyd. She is the granddaughter of the late Sylvia L. Sanderson and the late James Edward and Mary Frances Floyd. On July 20, 2003, Sabrina was crowned Miss Summer Diamond Majestic. She also won sportswear, photogenic, talent, luau wear, best smile, best dress, sportswear, and best model. Sabrina also won 7-up overall photogenic, and overall talent.

## Elvis to appear for "Strike at the Wind" closing night!

Artistic Director David Oxendine has announced that he will perform an Elvis skit the closing night of the regular season of "Strike at the Wind!" August 23, at 8 p.m. After many requests that he perform the Elvis impersonation, he says, he decided to perform it on the closing night of the season. During the last three years there were record numbers of people in attendance for the closing night performances. Oxendine has directed Randolph Umberger's "Strike at the Wind!" for thirteen years. According to Oxendine, "Audiences get a big kick out of the Elvis performance and really get a chance to get involved in the show." He also stated that the performance will coincide with the 26th anniversary of Elvis Presley's death on August 16, 1977 of heart failure. This time Oxendine stated, he will perform songs including, "Teddy Bear," "Don't Be Cruel," "Suspicious Minds," and his favorite, "My Way." For the price of one show, audiences will relive some of the magic of Elvis Presley and experience one of the best, if not the best outdoor dramas in the country, Strike at the Wind, with music composed by Willie French Lowry. Everyone is invited to come to the Adolph L. Dial Lakeside Amphitheater, three miles west of Pembroke off Highway 74, near Purnell Sweet High School. In order to get a good seat and catch one of Elvis' songs, audience members should arrive at the theater by 7:30 p.m. After the Elvis performance, Strike at the Wind will begin at 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens (ages 50 and older), and \$6 for children under 12.

## Community Center holds appreciation picnic

by Yvonne Barnes Dial  
The Robeson County Church and Community Center expressed its appreciation to the director, staff and board July 23rd with a picnic at the Luther Britt Park. As participants brought spouses, children, and guests, everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship and entertainment for the afternoon. Executive director, Pat Lykins, welcomed everyone with Rev. Jimmy Tatum of Chestnut United Methodist Church, blessing the food. Dr. Horace Baker and his wife, Dorothy, entertained the group with a variety of music and changing different hats to fit the music or scene from Elvis and the Polka to religious hymns as "Amazing Grace," and "He Touched Me." Afterwards, Mrs. Lykins presented the staff and board members with certificates of appreciation designed by Leslie Womack. Frances Thomas, literacy program director, organized the event. RCCCC invites everyone to take an active role in supporting the center as a volunteer or with funds, clothing, toys, kitchen utensils, food, bed linen, blankets, and other items of need for people within the county. They request that the items be new or in good and clean condition. The center offers adult and children literacy classes, tutoring for non-native English people wishing to communicate better using English, a thrift shop, a Christmas store, emergency assistance, senior ministries, and housing repairs. For more information please contact Pat Lykins at 738-5204.

## Execution date set for Henry Lee Hunt

On Dec. 20, 1985, Hunt was sentenced to death in Robeson County Superior Court for the September 1984 murders of Jackie Ransom and Larry Jones. Hunt also received two 10-year sentences for two counts of conspiracy to commit murder.

## Free Alzheimer's Training for Family Care Givers hosted by Berea Baptist Church

On September 3, 2003, Berea Baptist Church will host an Alzheimer's training workshop for family members caring for a loved one or for church laypersons who visit nursing homes to minister to residents. Alzheimer's disease affects over four million people in the United States and the average cost of care totals over \$ 174,000 per person. At this time, family members or other relatives perform 75% of a person's care in the home until the condition becomes too difficult to manage. About half of all nursing home residents have Alzheimer's disease or some form of dementia. By the year 2050, it is estimated that 14 million Americans will have Alzheimer's disease requiring care for the last eight to twenty years of their life with a cost of over \$3 billion. Teepa Snow and Melanie Burns from the Eastern Chapter of the

workshop in the church fellowship hall from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Teepa has over 21 years of experience in the field of geriatrics and occupational therapy. She is the director of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Durham Technical Community College and is a Counseling Associate for the Duke University School of Nursing. Melanie Burns is a Nurse Practitioner and is an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing and at Duke University School of Nursing. The workshop is informative, interactive and practical in the sense that family members can "learn by doing" some of the techniques that can be used with a person having Alzheimer's disease in their activities of daily living. The Native American Interfaith

## Ministry and the Family Caregiver Support Program at North Carolina Alzheimer's Association will conduct the Lumber River Council of Governments are helping to sponsor the program. Lunch and training materials will be provided. Resource and outreach information will be available for those looking for supportive services. Registration is required by August 25, 2003 and can be made at Berea Baptist Church by telephoning Eva Sampson at (910) 521-4809 or The Healing Lodge at (910) 522-0900. All family caregivers and people interested in knowing more about the disease are encouraged to attend. It is requested that professionally paid staff or caregivers employed in facilities contact Anne C. Oglesby at (910) 618-5533 about attendance since the workshop is intended for providing care in the home.

Amanda Sampson-Burke of Los Angeles, CA and Colin Sampson of Meadow Vista, CA graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles in June. Amanda received her JD from UCLA Law School and her MA in Indian Studies. She will be working in the field of Indian Law. Colin Sampson graduated magna cum laude with a BA degree in International Development. He will be attending Stanford Law School specializing in Indian Law. Amanda and Colin are the children of the late Dr. Cedric Sampson and his wife Judy. Their paternal grandparents were Paul and Kathryn Sampson and paternal great-grandparents were Oscar and Susie Sampson of Pembroke.



## Pembroke athlete caps season with 7th place in Junior Olympics

PEMBROKE, N.C. - "We are very proud of everything she accomplished this summer and thank God for giving her the talent," said Bobbie Ghaffar, her mom. "Many people supported and advised her like coach Larry Rodgers (coach of the UNCP track team), Julius Meekins (former UNCP track All-American) and her coaches Candace Foster and Rasheeda Ghaffar." Aminah finished the season as North Carolina USA Track and Field and AAU state champion in the long jump. She also was regional AAU long jump champion and won the state USATF 100-meter dash. Aminah is a 3rd grader at Pembroke Elementary School and attends Praise Worship Church in Red Springs. Ghaffar finished her first year of track and field competition with a 7th place finish in the long jump in the National AAU Junior Olympics, held in Ypsilanti, Mich., held July 22-August 2. Ghaffar, 8, competed against 38 jumpers from across the nation. She leaped 11'1" to claim seventh place and a spot on the winner's platform. The top 20 jumpers across the nation were also named "All America" by the National Elite Youth Ranking System. The competition was not without drama for the 8-year-old competitor. Her two jumps were well short of 10, but on her third jump, she surpassed 11 feet.

beings who "ELECT TO REJECT" Christ, along with the salvation that His death and resurrection have made available to us.

I've also been explaining to Byron how the word "Christian" came into being, and how Jesus' followers were first called "Christians" at Antioch. I believe that bearing the name "Christian" is both a sacred

PRIVILEGE and a sacred RESPONSIBILITY. How we need to SHOW the entire world that there is a BETTER way of life (beginning in the here and now) than most people, both in the past and in the present, have ever come to realize!

**MORE FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR**  
Another family to remember in prayer: the children of "Miss Gertha Mae" Jacobs, a woman I admired when my children were small, because she had become a widow at an early age, while her children were still young. She lived down the street from us during our nearly-a-decade on Pine Street. Her daughter, Linda, and pre-school friend Cheryl Jacobs enjoyed coming to our apartment to help me take care of Donny when he was a baby.

Once "Miss Gertha" told me about hearing her car start when her son, Don, was about three, and looking out the window to see him in the driver's seat. She had to go all the way to the other end of her house, but managed to get out the door and down the length of her house, just in time to stop the car before it backed into the street. I had at least one instance like that when my "Donny" managed to climb into our pickup truck.

Back then people drove so fast up and down Pine Street that I stayed in a constant state of anxiety, afraid my kids would never make it to school age! I'm still so glad they all did! And that I had each of the three for at least 15 and a half years, Gordon's age when he died. Of course Donny made it to 20. And I'm still so thankful that Wanda Kay, along with her family, is still here with us! Having her in my life for the past 23 years has made all the difference in the world!

This brings me again to the three Dial kids, Aundrea, Sophia, and Maurice. We have known all of them since they were infants. August 4 marked exactly two years since they discovered their mother, Jeanette Marie, had had a massive heart attack. Efforts to revive her

failed. Since then her children have been orphaned, a word we seldom use today. Their father also died of a heart attack, at 41, in the fall of 1997.

When I think of orphans, it's usually young children who come to mind. But we need to realize that becoming "parentless" can be just as painful for teen-agers and young adults who are left to fend for themselves.

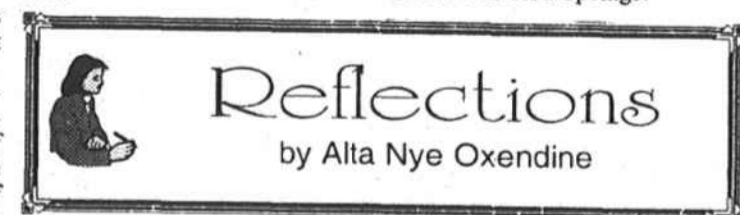
Let's keep this family, and all others like them, in our prayers on a regular basis. Another especially difficult time is coming up for this family later this month, at the time of their mother's birthday. Like their father, she did not make it to 42.

## Native American Gala Scheduled

Triangle Native American Society will hold its Eighteenth Annual Triangle Native American Scholarship Gala. The event, scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. August 23rd, at the Holiday Inn Brownstone -Raleigh, Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC. This special evening gets started with an artists' reception at 7:30 p.m. featuring the work of Ms. Senora Lynch, Haliwa Saponi and Mr. Brandon Dial, Lumbee. The reception is followed by a dinner, the presentation of scholarship awards, an unveiling of a commissioned work of art and a silent auction of original artwork and other items donated to raise funds for the scholarship. Scholarship recipients are American Indian students in their sophomore, junior and senior years of study. All proceeds from this annual fundraising event are used to provide educational scholarships.

The cost to attend the semi-formal event is \$65 per person, \$120 for couples and \$25 for students who have RSVP'd and prepaid by 8/15/03. After this date the cost to attend increases to \$75 per person, \$130 for couples, and \$35 for students. Entertainment for the Gala includes traditional cultural performers. Attendees also will be

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**DARK HAIR**  
Apparently, when I was small, I had light brown hair. But, to my chagrin, it kept getting darker, until it looked almost black. I wished it could somehow get lighter. But then, in a few more years, it started turning gray. That was not the kind of "lighter" I was looking for! Since then I've been yearning for my old dark hair. Now, the Indian Voice staff have given me back my black hair. Thanks! I also like the idea of a young woman writing, because that's what I've been doing for most of my life, even when it happened only in my mind. When you look at this picture, however, just remember that times have changed! Now this grandma in her mid-70s has a senior citizen face and body, and usually writes directly onto a computer (except for taking notes). I still like the look!!

**BYRON'S BAPTISM**  
Byron was baptized on our friend, Aundrea Dial's, July 13 birthday. Pastor Harold Hunt had a very helpful, appropriate message to parents that Sunday. Later I may share some of the notes I took that day. I've been talking with Byron about temptations we face, even after giving our lives to Christ. In fact, many Christians believe that Satan works even harder to get us off track AFTER we choose to serve God than ever before. During a telephone conversation, a Christian man named Leon Jackson reminded me that each of us has a free will. That God does not FORCE us into His way of life. Some Christians believe that only certain people are predestined, or elected, to receive salvation. Mr. Jackson remarked that it is we human