



*Melissa Locklear, a rising senior at Purnell Swett High School, does not allow her handicap of deafness to defeat her. She participates in softball and tennis and is considered "not only a player, but a winner," according to Coach David Leek.*

## Locklear-An Inspiration to Athletes

There are many people who have some kind of obstacles in their lives. For Melissa Ann Locklear, that obstacle is deafness. But in spite of this disability, she succeeds in sports such as softball and tennis. Melissa says she does not need an interpreter when she is with her coaches because she taught them some sign language and they have learned to communicate with her. In middle school Melissa participated in basketball as well as softball. As a freshman Melissa participated in cross country and softball. Coach Leek stated, "She is not only a player she is also a winner." As far as Melissa's family, her mother and father are neither deaf nor mute. But her brother also has a hearing disability. Melissa feels accepted at school because others are interested in learning her language. Melissa knows her assignments as she will wait for the teacher to write them up on the board or she will wait for her interpreter to point out what she has to do. Melissa enjoys school and reads lips. Melissa was asked if she was limited by her deafness and she answered, "The only limitation I have is when I limit myself." In the future Melissa wants to attend NC State University or UNC Chapel Hill to become a veterinarian. -by Candice Smith and Kendra Hunt

## A Night of Magic and Mystery at UNCP

Pembroke--There's something strange about Alain Nu. He reads minds, bends silverware using telepathy, and he performs an array of mysterious tricks that baffle the senses.

Nu is bringing his unique brand of magic to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke on Oct. 3, as part of the Parents Weekend. The show begins at 8 p.m. in the Chavis university Center and is free for everyone.

Based in Washington, D.C., Nu is one-of-a-kind performance artist who explores the world of the subconscious mind through creative magic. His career has placed him on stages performing for former Vice President Al Gore, former First Lady Barbara Bush, and even current President George W. Bush's inaugural banquet. His resume also includes lectures at the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institute.

According to Nu, his show is a "magic show of the mind,"

where the unexplained is as close to real magic as possible. Using hypnotic suggestion, mental focus, and witty humor, Nu brings his audience into the show, where they can experience ESP, read each others' minds, and watch first hand as spoons and metal objects melt in the palm of his hands.

"It's one of those shows where you sit there in disbelief the whole time, thinking how did he do that?" says James Bass, assistant director of Student

Activities at UNCP. "There are a lot of magicians out there today, but you'll never see another one like Alain. He's just one of the best -hands down."

A performance by legendary R&B singer Dionne Warwick will conclude parents weekend. Warwick will perform Saturday, Oct. 4 in the Givens Performing Arts Center. For information about the Dionne Warwick concert, call the GPAC box office at (910)521-6361

## Gov. Easley to speak at Red Ribbon Ceremony

This years Red Ribbon Celebration, to promote a Drug-Free Community, will be held October 23-31, 2003. Governor Mike Easley has accepted the invitation of Palmer Prevention, Inc. to serve as the Keynote Speaker at the Red Ribbon Kick-Off Dinner on October 23rd at 4:30 p.m., to be held at the Southeastern Agricultural Farmer's Market. Individual tickets are available for \$150.00. In order to reserve a table or individual ticket please contact Alaina Hunt, Torrey Oxendine, or Thomas Norton at (910)618-1135.

## Local Racing American Quarter Horse Earns Places in Altoona Derby

**Amarillo, Texas--** Nipeminthebud, A three-year-old bay gelding, owned by Martha Hunt of Pembroke, North Carolina, captured third place in the \$61,900 Altoona Derby G3 at prairie meadows in Altoona, Iowa.

Nipeminthebud, ridden by Alvin Brossette and trained by Vann E Haywood, covered the 400-yard race in a time of 20:172. The top finishes for this race, by order of finish, were a Royal Symphony, Apollos Ten Bears, Nipeminthebud, dash thru my heart and my Free Willie

## SATW Veteran, Robert Locklear Succumbs



by Vinita Clark

Robert Locklear who will be long remembered as the first man to portray the role of the legendary Indian Hero/Outlaw Henry Berry Lowrie on film, died Thursday, September 23rd, at his home in Lumberton.

He was born May 29, 1953 to Grady Locklear and Estella Miller Locklear. He is survived by his soul mate of fourteen years, Janet Graham, and one daughter, Lora Dine Locklear, one granddaughter, Kyra Dine Hunt; his mother, Estelle M. Chavis; three brothers: Billy Mac and Audrey Locklear and Samuel

"Butch" Miller; three sisters: Wanda M. Ross, Dinah Fields, and Tammy Hammonds; his special friends: Timothy Jacobs; Harless "Slim" and Sarah Smith; Chris and Crissy Hardison; also Willie Lowery and several members of the "Strike at the Wind" cast.

He leaves a legacy of service behind to his fellowman. He assisted with the establishment with the late Julian Pierce, of Lumbee River Legal Services.. He also helped create the first program to help Native Americans with Aids in this area; and helped create programs to help the homeless and the poor.

An accomplished artist, he has performed in front of thousands, serving as Assistant Stage Manager, General Manager, and as Henry Berry Lowry in the outdoor drama. His legacy lives on through the filmed documentary "Through Native Eyes, the Henry Berry Lowrie Story," which has won several award.

A traditional Native American Memorial Ceremony will be held Thursday evening at the home of Harless Smith and will conclude Friday at Sunrise.

Many will miss him as God has truly called another warrior home.

## God calls another Warrior home

The other day, when God was walking around heaven, He saw the need for a special Warrior to be called up from earth to help Him with teaching the young Cherubs the way of the forefathers. With the right teaching and knowledge. His children would now be returning unto Him.

While God was walking, Greysky came up to him. God asked him this question: "Who do you think could help us teach man the ways he has forgotten?"

"I know of one," he paused. "Brother Robert."

God gave the Angels their orders to bring Robert Home. The "Angel Train" came to Earth. Robert went to sleep for his Eternal Rest.

With the quickness of a breath, Robert left the love of his life, Janet, and his daughter behind. He left the mortal body that was made fragile from disease.

When he got off the train that night, there was a white horse waiting for him. He climbed on the horse which took him directly to the feet of God and beside Him stood Greysky who said, "Welcome home, my brother."

Now, Robert and Greysky are teachers and Warriors in Heaven.

And they wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's much easier for them to leave here than for us who have been left behind."

In your honor, Robert

from your friend, Cookie (Vinita Clark)

## The American Indian Mothers Talent Search

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The event will kick-off AIMI Harvest Celebration October 30, 31, November 1, 2003 cook-off (meats, collards, turnips, soups, corn bread, ) Art and Craft competitions (Jams, Jellies, cake, pies, preserves, chow-chow and the traditional way to prepare meat, quilts, blankets. American Indian Mothers will celebrate with a Multi-cultural demonstration Native American, African American, European, Hispanic, The Tribe, Chief, Town and Mayor of the year awards, millennium Warriors awards Banquet. The first people tradition and modern Native American Art & Crafts demonstrations as well as the multi-culture parade to be held at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center. Smoke and Drug Free Environment

1. Arts and crafts demonstrators free set-up.  
2. Floats and entry in parade free.  
3. All others vendors \$50 a day two day event Please call AIMI office for more information 910-843-9911

October 31-NOV 1, 2003 art expo free  
October 30, 2003 -\$20 single \$35 couple millennium warriors awards

October 31, 2003-\$5 AIMI search for the stars talent show & concert

November 1, 2003 -entry \$5 entry and meal tickets \$10 the AIMI Harvest Celebration.

on American Quarter Horse racing, contact Trey Buck, AQHA Sr. Manager of race marketing, p.o. box 200, Amarillo, Texas 79168, (806) 4888, ext. 366 email-tbuck@aqha.org. fax (806) 349-6403.

## 1968 Pembroke High Class to reunite Nov. 28

1968 Pembroke High 35th School Class Reunion will be held November 28, 2003 at the JayCee Club House, Pembroke, NC.

For information, contact Robert Chavis PO Box 2482 Pembroke, NC 28372, (910) 521-4518 or Brenda Lowery 4082 Moss Neck Road, Pembroke, NC 28372, (910) 521-2055.



*The Young Christian Association under the direction of Connie Locklear and other students, faculty and staff participated in a memorial ceremony to remember the victims of the September 11 tragedy.*

## Swett High Happenings

A PTSA meeting was held on September 15, 2003. PTA president, Iris Locklear, discussed recognizing ten students for citizenship. Students will be awarded for citizenship with their pictures beside the office and a certificate for free shaved ice from J&O Video. Mrs. Locklear also discussed an interest in having a

Nominees for the Morehead Scholarship are Kara Locklear, Marshal Titch and Matthew Epps.

Faculty, staff and students celebrated Food Service Week as they provided gifts and acts of appreciation to the cafeteria staff.

Locklear and Art II students will create a sculpture based on Louise Nevelson's design. The sculpture made from the shoes will stand 14 and 1/2 inches high. The majority of the shoes have been donated from people within the community and local businesses.

The Young Christian Association of Purnell Swett High School remembered September 11 victim sat 7:15 a.m. at the flag pole.

The welcome was given by YCA sponsor Connie Locklear. Lighting of the candles were done by YCA members. Kristin Locklear sang "God Bless America." JROTC participated in the raising of the flags and Rev. Chris Locklear ended the memorial with a prayer.

Christmas and Valentine Dance for students. Principal Wesley Revels shared information about breast cancer and that the HOSA Club is working on a memorial project to honor breast cancer victims. The High Schools That Work Team will be visiting October 23, and new ID cards will be made for students.

Breast Cancer Awareness Week is the second week in October. Shoes will be collected for victims of breast cancer which is symbolic of a cancer victims life. Health Occupational Safety Awareness teachers Sue Patterson and Sue Brown, Boss

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## Methodist Men Plan Fish Fry

The Methodist Men of Chestnut Street United Methodist Church of Lumberton N.C. will host their annual fish fry on October 3, 2003 between the hours of 5 and 7:00 p.m. The church is located at the corner of chestnut street and east eighth street in Lumberton take-outs are available

## McIntyre Introduces New Tobacco Buyout Bill

Washington, D.C.- U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre and 36 of his colleagues in the House introduced landmark legislation today to buyout tobacco production in the United States.

Congressman McIntyre, who is the Ranking member on the Specialty Crops Subcommittee which oversees tobacco, stated, "For the first time we have members from across the tobacco belt working hand-in-hand with the public health community, tobacco uncertainty that surrounds the current tobacco program, and providing some much deserved relief for out farmers and farm communities."

Congressman McIntyre has been a leading proponent of tobacco buyout legislation, having filed the first comprehensive buyout legislation in the last session of Congress which spurred congressional review of the tobacco program.

Highlights of The Tobacco Reduction, Accountability, and Community Enhancement Act (trace) are:

- \* Current tobacco production program eliminated;
- \* Compensation based on average of 1997-2002 quota; \$8/lb for owners and \$4/lb for growers;
- \* Tobacco Advisory Boards created for each kind of tobacco to create transparency in the market and discourage overproduction;
- \* Creates a privately funded price insurance system to ensure that if the domestic price of tobacco falls below a market-determined, insured price, producers get a payment for the difference;
- \* Funds grants to assist traditional tobacco producers to diversify production;
- \* Proposal is funded through an assessment on tobacco manufacturers based on market share so it will not cost the American taxpayer and it will not increase the budget deficit.