

# ShortList



## Got talent and a teacher

Another student of Linwood voice coach Sal Dupree hit the talent show jackpot.

Bianca Ryan, 11, a Philadelphia girl with grown-up singing skills, captured the finale Thursday of NBC's "America's Got Talent" and claimed a \$1 million prize.

When Ryan's name was announced, the 11-year-old's jaw dropped, and she could barely answer host Regis Philbin's questions.

"You all right? Bianca, how do you feel darling? You OK?" Philbin said.

"Oh my god, I don't even know!" a stunned Ryan said as tears streamed down her face.

Ryan's rendition of the late Janis Joplin's "Piece of My Heart" earned rave reviews.

Dupree arranged her first song and her final song for the Aug. 16 show finale from Las Vegas.

In 2003, Dupree taught and managed Ocean City's Tiffany Evans, who had perfect scores on "Star Search" and won \$100,000 for her Jr. "Star Search" win and another \$100,000 for her Jr. "Star Search" Grand Championship.