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PRETTY LORETTA AUDREY  
...Charming Individual

## Ms. Loretta Audrey Is Beauty Of Week

By Dianne Simpson  
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What is it besides the beautiful physical features that you see before you that makes Post's Beauty of the Week Loretta Audrey of 1200 Leigh Avenue such a charming individual?

Well, it could be a variety of things. First of all, Loretta is friendly. Second, she has great love for mankind. And third, Loretta loves being herself. Thus all of these traits add up in the makings of one beautiful individual such as she.

Loretta, who once attended the no longer existing Second Ward High School and went on to continue her studies at Central Piedmont Community College, is presently employed as a Community Service Specialist for the Charlotte Housing Authority.

When asked if she liked her job she replied, "Oh yes, most definitely. I have been employed as a specialist for about three years. At the present my job includes welcoming residence to the Strawn Apartments on 1225 South Boulevard. I love my job mainly because I love working with people, of all ages."

By working with different people Loretta stated she has gained an awareness of different personalities, as well as an awareness of herself.

"One important thing I've learned is that one shouldn't feel sorry for some people because they don't appreciate it. If they are handicapped in any way, they want to be respected as individuals who possess the same qualities and capabilities as any one else," she said.

This capricorn, who is the mother of two precious daughters Monica and Felicia, has goals of continuing her studies in the areas of human resources.

Her hobbies include listening to jazz music with her favorite jazz artist being Roy Ayers, playing tennis, traveling, and coordinating fads and fashions. Although Loretta has not done any modeling, she admits that she would like doing some because she pictures herself at times being a

professional model.

Loretta, as any bright minded individual, is much concerned over certain issues facing today's society. As for ERA and Women's Lib, Loretta is somewhat neutral.

"Now when it comes to women wanting the rights to be qualified for certain executive jobs that men possess such as teacher, politician, doctor, etc., then by all means I am all for Women's Lib. However, it comes to women work in construction sites or hauling packages, and so forth, I feel that a woman tends to lose a lot of her femininity qualities. At certain stages in life, a woman should live the role of a woman and a man the role of a man," said Loretta.

As for inspirational values are concerned Loretta stated that the lady who portrays the character "Jennie" on the television comedy "The Jeffersons" has inspired her the most. Loretta said, "Belinda, that's her real name, is originally from Charlotte, and she and I both attended Second Ward High. And although we were never close friends, I recall her involvement with drama at school. It just amazes me that here is someone who I went to school with and is now a famous celebrity.

It all goes to show what a person can do if he has high hopes and determination."

Loretta admitted that the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to her was the time she experienced her first flight in an airplane. And although she was fastened down in her seat belt, when the plane took off she frightfully stood straight up and was embarrassed when a young man sitting behind her asked why she was standing and to please sit down!

We at the Post graciously welcome Ms. Loretta Audrey as the Beauty of the Week.

### CAF Receives

### New Energy

### Assistance Grant

Low-income families who are struggling with present emergencies or past due electric or fuel bills incurred since January 1, 1978 may be able to turn to the Charlotte Area Fund for some type of assistance. This program has received a new grant to provide such services.

Eligibility and responsibility for paying approved bills will be certified by the Charlotte Area Fund.

Anyone seeking more information or wanting to qualify for the assistance may do so by applying to any one of the following locations by Saturday, May 20: Westside Center, 1222 Oaklawn Ave. at 334-7203; See CAF on page 7

# Gov. Jim Hunt Has Employed 1,049 Blacks In State Positions

## Carter's Urban Policy To Help Minorities

Washington-President Carter's urban policy includes a \$1 billion public works program that would create 60,000 jobs annually, mostly in high unemployment areas.

Another part of the policy calls for \$400 million in benefits for businesses that create jobs for the long-term unemployed and the disadvantaged.

These are part of a series of programs to help the poor, lower income and minority groups through a coordinated urban policy which brings the federal, state and local governments into a partnership with business, community and neighborhood groups.

The President told congress

### Congress Okays

### Carter's Equal

### Opportunity Plan

Washington-President Carter's civil rights reorganization plan, which he called the "single most important action to improve civil rights in the last decade," has been approved by the U.S. Congress.

This gives the Administration a green light to go ahead with a stronger and more coordinated enforcement of civil rights laws and creates a federal structure that can better fight all forms of job discrimination.

The plan is the first reorganization plan for 1978 submitted by President Carter and the okay by Congress is seen as a resounding "yes" by Congress to the President's plans to give government more clout against discrimination.

"Fair employment is too vital for haphazard enforcement. My Administration will aggressively enforce our civil rights laws," the President said February 23 when he submitted the plan.

It transfers to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) several nondiscrimination responsibilities now held by other government agencies.

### Sunday Morning

## Rev. Jesse Jackson Is Barber-Scotia's

## 111th Commencement Speaker

Concord, N.C.—The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, founder and national president of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) will be the featured speaker at Barber-Scotia College's 111th Commencement Exercise on Sunday, May 14, at 10 a.m.

The exercises are scheduled for the quadrangle on the Barber-Scotia College campus. In case of rain, the exercises will be conducted in Sauvain Auditorium at Concord Middle School on Spring St.

A native of Greenville, S.C., the Rev. Jackson was educated at the University of Illinois and at North Carolina A & T College where he majored in sociology. Active in all aspects of college life,

his policy is comprehensive and "aimed both at making our cities healthier and at improving the lives of the people who live in them."

The \$400 million private sector jobs program would work through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). It would establish a tax credit to encourage business to build plants and install equipment in economically distressed communities.

Other parts of the President's plan include \$150 million for the Meals-on-Wheels program for the elderly-day care for children of working mothers-\$15 million for a self-help development program for housing and revitalization projects in poor and low income areas-and a \$1.5 million expansion of the experimental Cities in Schools program.

Local citizens and neighborhood groups would get a boost through a \$40 million Urban Volunteer Corps. This program would provide grants for voluntary improvement and beautification projects.

The plan also would create a National Development Bank which would, through the ability to guarantee investments, stimulate private businesses to locate in economically distressed areas.

The urban policy also contains some steps that already have been taken by the Carter Administration. They include the President's economic stimulus program which provided almost \$9 billion in additional aid to states and cities and an expansion of youth and training programs and a private sector jobs program.

Above all, the President said that if an urban policy is to work it must be a partnership with all levels of government, the private sector, and citizens and neighborhood groups participating.

"This new partnership," the President said, "offers no quick or easy solutions. No such solutions exist. But it does give us the tools to build the kind of creative alliance that can produce long-term solutions."



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER BERNETTA SIMPKINS  
...With John Chase Scholarship Committee Members

## Black Race Driver Willy T.

## Ribbs Enters World 600 Here

special To The Post

Church Barnes, president of Sports Headliners, announced Thursday, May 9, that he has retained master car builder Harry Hyde to prepare a Grand National machine for black race driver Willy T. Ribbs. He will enter in the May 28, World 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Barnes, who has handled a number of famous athletes, including O.J. Simpson, said the 23-year old Ribbs will drive a "number 32" Dodge Magnum in the upcoming \$350,000 Winston Cup 600 mile.

Ribbs is from San Jose, California and he was an instant sensation in England last season when he won six Dunlop formula Ford series events. His other finishes include four seconds and one third.

"I watched Willy in competition at Long Beach, California earlier this year and was highly impressed with his



Willy T. Ribbs  
...an instant success

driving ability," Barnes said. "I think he has all the attributes he needs, to become the first black World Driving Champion."

Ribbs posted some impressive practice runs over the 1.5 mile CMS super speedway several weeks ago in a borrowed Grand National car, according to former G N champion Ed Jarrett.

Hyde heads the Jim Stacy racing team, which also fields the Armor All Oldsmobile that

Neil Bonnett will drive in the World 600.

"The unparalleled degree of competition of Winston Cup racing and the vast amount of attention the World 600 receives makes Charlotte and May 28 the ideal time and place for Willy to launch his major league career," Barnes said. "We expect him to put in more than 600 miles of additional practice before the 600."

Barnes indicated that Ribbs performance will determine whether or not the young driver will compete in a selected number of other Grand National events this season. Barnes pointed out that his firm may also consider an all out run for the Citicorp Grand National Rookie of the Year title in 1979.

Ribbs, whose father Bunny Ribbs was a well known west coast driver in the 1950's and early '60's, said he has always maintained an avid interest in all forms of motor racing.

Ribbs tentatively plans to see his first Grand National race this Sunday when he visits Alabama Motor Speedway for the rescheduled running of the Winston 500.

"I've always kept up with the Petty and Pearson," the 5'10", 155 pounder said. "I know who is doing what in Nascar and I also know that it is the most competitive form of the sport going

## Webb: We've Moved Off

## Dead Center

Since 1976, when Gov. Jim Hunt was elected to office a total of 1,049 blacks have been hired to state jobs, according to figures from Harold Webb, director of state personnel.

Webb, one of four black state personnel directors nationally and the only one in the south, said this change is positive, according to a statement from his office.

"We've moved off dead center, and we are making progress," the director said.

A principle reason for this progress is the work Webb is doing, according to Dr. John Larkin, special assistant to Gov. Hunt.

"When I came to work in state government in 1942, I was one of five black people working for the state in Raleigh, and 21 others were scattered in other towns," Larkin said. "The Hunt administration has done an outstanding job in appointing and employing Blacks in key positions, and the affirmative action program as developed by Harold Webb has been of considerable value in achieving this."

"We are trying to make the affirmative action program permeate the whole structure of state employment," Webb claims. "By concentrating not only on hiring, but recruitment, classification, training, upward mobility and performance appraisal. We are trying to open up the entire process more, so that blacks have equal opportunities for advancement as well as for employment."

"Of all applicants seeking a particular job, the hiring agency must interview at least three who are representative of the ethnic and sexual composition of the group," said the statement. "This facet of the affirmative action program insure that minorities are interviewed."

The statement from Webb identified the professional jobs classification as having shown the best results. More doctors, lawyers, social workers and economists have been employed by the state.

Law enforcement jobs have also received significant numbers of additional black employees, according to the statement.

An increase in the number of jobs held by blacks at policy making levels was also noted. The statements said "the affirmative action program seeks to better coordinate equal employment efforts in all 17 state departments. Each department officer, and each department has an affirmative action plan with goals and timetables, which Webb's office approves.

An area targeted for more significant progress is in the middle management positions," said the statement. "To change this, Webb is planning an outreach program to recruit minorities and other protected groups for the middle-level jobs."

### CMS Student Holiday

There will be no school for students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools on Friday, May 12. Teachers will have a half day in-service and a half day annual leave. This marks the last holiday on the school calendar.

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colleges and universities including  
Lincoln University.

TURTLE-TALK

A NARROW MIND and a  
WIDE MOUTH often go  
together.