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WINSOME LEAH KENDRICK
... "A natural beauty"

Leah Kendrick Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Leah Kendrick is a natural beauty. With the elegance and grace of a true princess our 17 year old beauty emits a ray of sunshine with every glance.

Ms. Kendrick is a senior at West Charlotte Senior High School. Her activities such as volleyball, basketball, track and drama keep her quite busy. She is also a drummajorette, a Keyette and a member of the Modern Music Masters, Order of the Lion and captain of the volleyball and basketball teams. She recently was listed on Mecklenburg's track honor roll.

Playing sports is enjoyable for Ms. Kendrick but she also likes to play the piano and sing. Her ambition is to attend East Carolina University in Greenville or UNC-G and major in Music Education or the Performing Arts. She has already mastered the

piano, bassoon, clarinet, timpani drums, and bells.

Her beautiful voice quality, along with her unique style has placed her first in West Charlotte's Carrousel Princess competition and an Omega Talent Hunt contest. She was also presented the Miss Spirit Award at West Charlotte in 1979.

Who's Who in Music Among High School Students and the National Piano Playing Auditions recognized our Virgo beauty for her outstanding talents.

Her interest are broad - sports and music fascinate her, but when her humanitarian side signals, her attention turns to children.

"I like working with children," Ms. Kendrick began. "I have worked in a day care center and now every Sunday morning I play the piano and teach them songs at the Dual Worship." Ms. Kendrick attends Friendship Baptist Church. She is secretary of the Sunday School, Secretary of the Youth Department and minister of music for the Dual Worship.

Ms. Kendrick has one sister, Rhonda and two brothers, Joe and Keith. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Kendrick Jr. "My favorite person is my mother," Ms. Kendrick explained. "I admire her because of her knowledge and perceptiveness."

"And this too shall pass," is just a bit of knowledge Ms. Kendrick has acquired. "To me it means that whatever pains occur I'll remember that it won't last forever."

Reward Offered For Information On Murder

The governor's office is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for killing a white male, Thomas Gregory Wyatt.

Wyatt, 20, was found shot to death in his car Nov. 22 in Piedmont Courts at the dead end of McCray Street.

If you have information, call the Special Investigations Bureau at 374-2376 during regular business hours of 374-3190 24 hours a day.

TURTLE-TALK

The secret of patience is finding something else to do in the meantime.

New Black Political Party Meet

On Saturday, January 17, hundreds of Black people from throughout the state will converge upon the Patterson Avenue YMCA in Winston-Salem to organize North Carolina Chapters of the National Black Independent Political Party (NBIPP).

Created to promote social change and self-determination a new political party--The National Black Independent Political Party--was founded August 23, 1980 in New Orleans, La., and chartered at a National Party Founding Convention in Philadelphia attended by more than 1,500 people. The Founding Convention named as urgent concerns politics, economics, culture and education. The National Black Independent Political Party-North Carolina (NBIPP-NC) is an outgrowth of that convention and is sponsoring the January 17 meeting in Winston-Salem.

"The NBIPP-NC is committed to addressing and correcting the particular problems of society of which Blacks bear an unfair burden," says Co-convenor Barbara Arnwine. "North Carolina's Black unemployment rate is 2 1/2 times that of Whites; has a penal population which is more than 50 percent Black; has a school expulsion rate which is 65 percent Black, and Blacks are drastically underrepresented at the political level," said Arnwine at a recent meeting. "Both the Democratic and Republican parties have traditionally neglected these problems which are priorities to the Black community. We must act on these vital issues now."

The body will be addressed in a luncheon session by Ms. Zoharah Simmons from the NBIPP. In addition, North Carolina's Rev. Ben Chavis will present a special tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. there is a \$2 registration fee and all persons who are significantly interested in the support of the Party are urged to attend.

Supporting John McCombs Jr.

Rev. Ben Chavis Will Keynote Rally Here Sunday, January 18

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Rev. Ben Chavis will be the keynote speaker at a rally in support of imprisoned John E. McCombs Jr., 4:30 p.m. Sunday, January 18, at Friendship Baptist Church, 3301 Beatties Ford Rd.

Sixty-one people are pledging time and commitment to the Support Committee for The Legal Defense of John E. McCombs Jr. They, as well as others, feel that McCombs is another victim of North Carolina injustice.

Briefly, here is the incident that imprisoned McCombs for 65 years in maximum security at Central Prison: McCombs was a student at North Carolina



MR. AND MRS. CONNELL ROBINSON
.....With son Connell III

Catoe Says "No!" Was Connell Robinson Treated Wrongly December 19?

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

What actually happened the morning of December 19 at J. and C. Robinson Auto Body and Motor Repair Service?

Cornell Robinson, who was then renting the building at 4200 Rozzells Ferry Rd., claims he spent \$650., not counting 180 hours of labor, replacing an engine in Robert Catoe's 1973 Chevy truck.

Robinson told the POST Monday evening that the Chevy truck, along with tools valued at \$150, were stolen from his shop on the morning of December 19.

Robert Catoe on the other hand told the POST Tuesday in reply that he was given a raw deal by Robinson. "The truck wasn't ready when Robinson had promised it," explained Catoe, admitting that his son and six black men picked the truck up from Robinson's garage. "Robinson had agreed to let us pick up the work truck during the morning - use it during the day - then return it to Rozzells Ferry Rd. so that the work could be completed on the truck. "I paid \$100 and I owed \$310 and the truck isn't fixed yet," Catoe stated.

Robinson says the men had to break a lock to get the truck and tools. "Witnesses said they saw the men take the truck about 8:30 a.m. Even the police admitted it was a break in," he pointed out.

Robinson, who has been in business for 10 years, was rather disillusioned with the way the police handled the situation.

"When I saw the truck was gone and the tools missing," he began, "I went to the Police Department. They told me to go back to my garage and call them."

"When the police arrived," Robinson continued, "they told me I could not sign a warrant - they asked me if I realized that this was a very serious charge - and that the truck was the property of Catoe."

A warrant still has not been drawn up for Catoe, but Robinson plans to sue Catoe for the unpaid sum, plus expenses. "I had to go to the hospital because I was so upset," Robinson confided.

Catoe says he too has lost money. His range is \$3,000, "because Robinson was taking so long to complete the engine work on the Chevy truck I will counter-sue Robinson for my loss."

Catoe told the POST. "We were going to let Robinson have the truck Saturday, December 20," Catoe continued, "but he had moved out."

The Columbus Oil Company which allegedly owns the building, gave Robinson an eviction notice December 19. According to Columbus Oil manager, Tater, "It took Robinson until January 3 to move."

Both men may sue each other in Civil Court. Catoe's case: Robinson didn't have the truck ready on time and the time lost cost him \$3,000 in expenses. Catoe is the owner of Catoe's Construction Co., Inc. on South Blvd.

Robinson is suing, he says, because Catoe has not paid in full for the work completed. In addition Catoe took his truck without paying for the work done, according to Robinson.

**Byron Porter
To Talk Here**

Byron C. Porter will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Southern Carolinas Chapter of the Financial Executives Institute beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, at the Charlotte City Club in Charlotte, N.C.

CETA Executive Order Creates 10,000 Youth Jobs

Washington, D.C.

President Carter signed an Executive Order on December 18th guaranteeing civil service jobs to disadvantaged American youth between the ages of 16-24. According to Mr. Louis Martin, Special Assistant to the President at a White House briefing attended by the leaders of OIC and a cross section of OIC clergy and OIC industry supporters from 20 key cities in New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, North Carolina, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Texas, Oklahoma, California, Washington, Georgia and Indiana. Not since President Roosevelt's national youth administration was established has there been such a significant new plan affecting an entire generation of youth.

Keeping the commitment made last June

Carter's commitment of 10,000 Federal jobs for youth was described as an "historic landmark" by OIC founder Rev. Leon Sullivan who launched a nationwide Jobs For Youth Crusade two years ago. In addition to the 10,000 public sector jobs, the OIC youth campaign called for 90,000 jobs in private sector employment. The OIC-White House agreement hands over responsibility for designing, implementing and administering the new youth employment initiatives to the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). OPM has been ordered to conduct a nationwide survey to determine job vacancies throughout Federal agencies.

These Federal agencies will be exempt from regular employment ceilings during the initial training period.

Department of Labor will provide \$1272 million in Title III funding to OIC during the first year of the program and an additional \$10 million in public service discretionary funds to assist local OIC centers in training and placing eligible youth.

OIC will be joined by other community based organizations in selecting job ready candidates for federal employment.

All 140 OIC local centers are mounting an all out youth job creation campaign securing job pledges from small, middle sized and large businesses. An all out effort to enlist the cooperation of the Chambers of Commerce, the Rotary, Lion, and Kiwanis clubs and other trade associations in Black and Hispanic communities will be undertaken under Rev. Sullivan's leadership.

Opportunities Industrialization Centers plans for a private-public agreement with the Federal Government begin with the co-operation of Operations SER, National Urban League, Puerto Rico Forum, Recruitment Training Program, National Council of Negro Women, Child Labor League, Center for Community Change, 70,000 Unlimited and other community based organizations of demonstrated effectiveness in youth job training.

"The President has kept faith with poor and disadvantaged youth, whenever one half of Black and one third of white youth can't find jobs we cannot sit and wait for the recession to end. We have to take steps to minimize the impact."

Community based organization officials who came from all over the country to hear this unprecedented announcement were praising President Carter for

Women's Political Caucus Plans State Convention

Nancy Stevenson, lieutenant governor of South Carolina, will be the keynote speaker at the tenth annual convention of the North Carolina Women's Political Caucus, January 16-18, at Queens College.

Ms. Stevenson will speak at the Saturday luncheon.

The convention agenda also includes a double film feature, "My Brilliant Career," and "Norma Rae," January 16 at 7 p.m. at the Visulite Theatre. Tickets will be \$3.50 including bus transportation from Queens College at 6:30 p.m.

Cindy T. Culpepper, current North Carolina Women's Political Caucus chairwoman, will open the general session at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, January 17 with remarks from Martha McKay, founder of the North Carolina Women's Political Caucus. Concluding the morning session will be a panel discussion on issues of the 1980s. Panelist will include: Marjorie Warlick, Mecklenburg County day care consultant; Beth McAllister, president, NCUERA; Natalie Cohen, public affairs director,

Planned Parenthood, and Jackie Kaalund, chairwoman, Women of Color Convention.

Workshops will begin at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, January 17, following the annual luncheon. The workshop topics include: "So You Want to Get Politically Involved" - Betty Deimel, Wake County Caucus; "Working Together for a Common Cause" - Lueta and Frank Sellers, North East Carolina Caucus; "Vote for Your Views" - Jan Ramquist, North Carolina Women's Political Caucus with Carolyn Hackney; "Meeting the Media" - Mary Hopper and members of the Charlotte Women in Communications Chapter; "Talent Banks: Getting Board and Commission Appointments" - Fran Wells, past Charlotte Women's Political Caucus Talent Bank Coordinator; and "Money to Make Things Happen" - Virginia Bowser, former professional fundraiser.

The Charlotte Women's Political Caucus will sponsor a "Winning Women in North Carolina" party Saturday, January 17, 8 p.m.



Rev. Ben Chavis
...To speak here

Central University when a stranger broke into his apartment waving a gun at him. In self-defense McCombs fired one shot, killing the intruder. Only then did McCombs learn it was a

policeman.

Because of the 19 errors found in the case McCombs was granted a new trial by the North Carolina Court of Appeals, but the North Carolina Supreme Court overturned the Appeals Court decision before the trial could take place.

Presently the case is being introduced in the Fourth District Court of North Carolina in Greensboro, according to Jessie R. McCombs, mother of John E. McCombs Jr.

The rally in McCombs' defense has the support of many blacks, Rev. Coleman Kerry, Rev. Edward Newberry, Dr. James Palmer, Rev. Paul Drummond, Dr. Eugene Randall, Dr. Herman Thomas,