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LOVELY SHARON JOHNSON
.....An outdoor enthusiast

Sharon Johnson Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Picture the serenity of birds gliding through the air, of the sun setting in an orange hew above the horizon and the buds of dainty flowers and you can imagine the beauty of the earth seen through the eyes of Sharon Johnson.

Ms. Johnson is an outdoor enthusiast. Her love for nature led her into a career filled with the freedom to breathe fresh air and to be close to the earthy essence of beauty.

As a Park Ranger for the City of Charlotte, Ms. Johnson prepares herself to patrol parks and recreation centers in various locations throughout the city. Out of 14 Park Rangers in Charlotte Ms. Johnson is one of four females.

Certified by the State of North Carolina as a law enforcement officer Ms. Johnson is sworn to uphold park and recreation laws. "I enforce the city ordinances such as curfew and beer laws," Ms. Johnson explained.

"I hate being closed in and I preferred a job that allowed me to be outdoors." Hobbies of Ms. Johnson include swimming, driving, dancing, traveling, bargain shopping and writing. "I've been writing songs since I was 15 years old," she began. "I also write fiction and short stories. I do this in my spare time and one day I hope to sell my writings, both the fiction and my songs."

A native of Columbia, S.C. our beauty attended the University of South Carolina and Central Piedmont Community College. She hopes to acquire her degree in Journalism in order to sharpen her talents as a writer.

She is the daughter of Bessie Corley and Roy Jackson and has seven brothers and one sister.

"My mother is the person I admire most. She has so much strength and she has always been there to back me up. Whatever I choose to do I hope that I turn out to be half the woman my mother is," Ms. Johnson conveyed.

Ms. Johnson has been a resident of Charlotte for over two years. She has chosen University Park Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. James Palmer is pastor as her Charlotte worship home.

She describes herself as outgoing, outspoken and I keep trying long and hard enough then I will reach that particular goal...that's what I intend to do. My philosophy is to never give up. If you have faith in God all things are possible.

Enthused by the musical messages of Stevie Wonder's music, Ms. Johnson feels his universal style reaches everyone. Her wish is that the world could live in harmony like Wonder's and Paul McCartney's song "Ebony and Ivory" suggests. "If I could change anything it would be to change human relations for the better."

Being close to nature only serves to enhance our beauty's caring attitude towards mankind, which reveals a heart pure as the jewels birthed from the earth...the heart of Sharon Johnson.

Women Voters To Hold First Meeting

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg League of Women Voters will hold its annual meeting Saturday, May 21, at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Tryon Street.

Call 552-0322.

Solutions To Cancer's Mysteries Are Closer Now?

"Solutions to cancer's mysteries are closer now than they have ever been, but we still have much to learn about this very complex disease," according to Dr. William Shingleton, director of the Duke University Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Recent advances in basic cancer research, diagnosis and therapy have given scientists reason to feel optimistic that they are closing in on the disease, he said. In the meantime, prevention and early detection are still the best weapons.

Shingleton said the isolation of a human cancer virus at Duke, confirming research performed at the National Cancer Institute, could lead to a vaccine. The virus has been linked to T-cell leukemia, an uncommon form of the disease, found primarily in Japan.

"It's suspected that viruses are involved in other cancers as well," he said, "and researchers are working to learn more about them. Advances like this in basic research have led us to believe we are on the verge of understanding how cancer works at the molecular level."

The study of the genetics of cancer has been particularly rewarding in recent years, he said. A specific gene, called an oncogene, has been isolated that has the ability to transform normal cells in tissue culture into cancer cells.

"Oncogenes have been found in 15 of the more than 100 types of cancer," Shingleton said. "Scientists be-

lieve these cancer genes lie dormant until a cell injury occurs which may cause them to produce a protein that results in the cell's becoming cancerous."

He said evidence suggests that a very minor alteration in a gene can make it an oncogene.

Overall, the frequency of cancer has risen in the United States at the rate of about one percent a year for the past 25 years, but lung cancer has increased dramatically in this period, he informed.

"This is alarming. Lung cancer should be one of the most preventable forms of the disease, because of its relationship to cigarette smoking," Shingleton said.

Based on epidemiologic evidence, between 80-85 percent of cancer is suspected of being related to the environment - what we eat, breathe and drink, he revealed. Studies are underway to determine if certain vitamins helps prevent cancer, in addition to studies involving chemicals and other substances that are suspected carcinogens.

Technological advances in cancer detection include machines that will enable doctors to watch processes in the body as they are taking place, allowing them to learn about metabolic differences between healthy and malignant tissue.

"This will be important not only in the detection and understanding of cancer, but of other diseases as well," he said. See CANCER on Page 2

Kent Settles In Charlotte To Cash In On City's Business Growth

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
The feature article in "Black Enterprise" magazine's June issue highlights Charlotte and the business opportunities in the Queen City.

Kevin Kent, 23, from Baltimore has settled in Charlotte to cash in on the city's business growth. He is the first manager of the newly-opened Pic 'n Pay shoe store located at 2048 N. Graham Street in Hutchinson Plaza. This store is one of eight in the area.

"So far I love my job," Kent expressed. "Since I was young I aspired success. I knew the best way to climb the ladder was by starting at the bottom," he added. That's why Kent began his retail profession immediately after graduating from high school. He started with sales and eventually landed a manager training position.

"After I completed training as a manager, I was given the opportunity to manage a Pic 'N Pay store here in Charlotte," Kent explained. He had never visited North Carolina, but his decision to move to Charlotte wasn't a difficult one to settle on.

Kent stated he is par-



KEVIN KENT

...Manages Pic 'N Pay Store

ticularly pleased to be working with Pic 'N Pay. "The sky's the limit with this company," he assured. He believes he entered management rapidly be-



JEAN WEBBER

....Business woman of the year

Jean Webber Attends White House Rose Garden Ceremony

Special To The Post
Washington, DC - Jean Webber, Charlotte, who took part in National Small Business Week as the outstanding Small Business Person of the Year from North Carolina, heard President Reagan call America's small businessmen and women "...the pioneers in America's continuing best and endless frontier - the free enterprise system."

Webber heard the President during a White House Rose Garden ceremony on May 11, when the President named Louis and Fred Ruiz of Tulare, California, as the National Small Business Winners of the Year.

While at the Rose Garden, Webber heard the President congratulate all of the State Small Business Persons of the Year. "You're here today because you've been selected from the millions of small business owners around America, representing the best of the entrepreneurial spirit in our nation," the President told the gathered crowd. "And you have each in your own way proven the American dream of economic independence, of individual initiative, or personal excellence, can still be achieved through small

business," the President added.

Webber also heard Vice President George Bush, prior to introducing the President, state that while a National Small Business Person of the Year would be selected, "All of you are winners in the real contest - the market place. In naming the Small Business Winner of the Year and the two runners-up, we are really honoring all of the small businessmen who make this country vital and prosperous."

SBA Administrator J.C. Sanders, during a breakfast address prior to the White House honors, praised America's small businessmen and women for their contributions to the country. "You are the driving thrust of our economy," he informed.

Similar praise and honor was bestowed on Webber and the other state winners by other Washington luminaries, including Senator Bob Dole of Kansas and representatives Jack Kemp and Andy Ireland. John Rousselot, presidential special assistant and the newly installed deputy director of the Office of Public Liaison in the White House pledged to the small business winners that they were an identifiable and important constituency.

Webber and the other women Small Business Winners, received special praise from Mary Jo Jacobi, special assistant to the President for Public Liaison. Jacobi told the women that her office would work diligently and aggressively to advance the special needs of women in business. The women also heard Presidential special assistant Dee Jepsen and Becky Norton Dunlop, director of the Office of Cabinet Affairs, who echoed Jacobi's remarks. Also during the luncheon, the formation of the Inter-agency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise was announced. The committee will be chaired by Angela M. Buchanan, the Treasurer of the United States.

Platform To Deal With Real Issues

Special To The Post
Atlanta - The 1984 Election Strategy Committee, an ad hoc committee of black religious, political and civic leaders, reaffirmed that a black citizen seeking the Democratic nomination for President of the United States is a viable option.

Committee chair, and Southern Christian Leadership Conference president, Rev. Joseph E. Lowery said the group affirmed the "necessity of a candidacy for the President, which focuses the nation's attention on the urgent needs of cities as well as depressed rural areas, the poor, the erosion of rights and the ailing economy."

First on the Committee's agenda is the convening of issues conferences in several states to receive input on designing a "peoples platform" which will be presented to all candidates seeking black votes. The "platform" will deal with full employment, urban revitalization, tax reform, defense spending, housing and education, among other issues.

Lowery said, "Any candidate seeking black votes must address the issues raised in the 'peoples platform' with substance and meaningful response, not token response."

"We find no reason why competent, dedicated leaders should eliminate themselves because they happen to be black," Lowery informed. "We now accelerate the process of voter registration, issue formation and delegate organization in pursuit of such a candidacy."

The committee will consult with other business, political, religious, civic and fraternal leaders, with Hispanics, women and labor to insure broad and representative participation.

Democrats Set Installation Banquet

The Young Democrats of Mecklenburg County will hold their annual installation banquet on Wednesday May 25 at 7 p.m. This function will be held at the Quality Inn, 201 S. McDowell St., tickets are \$10 and it is open to the public.

Keynote speaker will be Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox. Officers to be installed are: Phyllis Barwick, President; Cecil Henderson, First Vice President; Candy Austin, Second Vice President; Steve Porter, Third Vice President; Mary Ellen Stith, Secretary; Michael Parker, Treasurer. Ward Simmons is Past President-Counselor.

The Ted Williams Award will be presented to the outstanding YD of 1983. A variety of other awards will also be presented.

For more information, please contact Terri Byrum, Zeman and Associates, 334-7331.

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