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Andrea Walkers
.....North Mecklenburg sophomore

Walkers Is Concerned About Making Good Grades

By Jalyng Stroud
Post Staff Writer
A North Mecklenburg High School sophomore, Andrea Walkers plays the flute with the school's Marching Band. Having played the flute since she was in the fifth grade, Andrea claims it's especially nice playing in high school. "It's a lot of fun," she describes. "You get to travel and get into the games free."
At school, Andrea also participates in Junior Achievement. Her favorite subjects are geometry and business law, both are "interesting," she claims. Andrea is, additionally, very concerned about making good grades. "They let me know how I'm doing and also whether I should try harder in a particular area," she explains.
The 15-year-old's ambition is to become a lawyer. "I want to help the innocent," she projects.
Andrea is better known to her friends and family as "Punkin," a nickname she's had for a long time, she recalls. How did she get it? "When I was a baby the doctor said I had a big head," she smiles.
Nonetheless, Andrea has grown to be a very attractive teenager who's also a good athlete. Sports, such as softball, basketball, and swimming, are her favorite hobbies. She excels in them. Andrea played short-stop during the summer for both M & P Auto Parts and her church, Temple Chapel Baptist. She was named "Most Valuable Player" for M & P last summer. "I hit a grand slam," Andrea notes as one of her memorable moments of the season.
She inherited her athletic nature from her mother, who, Andrea reveals, is an avid swimmer and ball player also.
Talking on the telephone, listening to soul music and dancing are other activities this week's beauty indulges in for leisure.
She's the oldest of the three children in her family. Andrea has two sisters, Angel, 10, and Tasha, 13. "I like being the oldest," she ad-

mits. "You get to experience every thing first." Then again, she confesses, "I also do a lot of baby-sitting." And, as usual, her younger sisters love to follow Andrea around. "All the time," Andrea emphasizes.
In describing herself, this young lady admits to being "very moody." But overall, "I'm a nice, understanding person," she claims. "I'm shy in front of a lot of people. Yet, I like to have fun and make people laugh."
Her grandmother, Magdeline Young, is the person Andrea most admires. "She understands me and is there when I need her," she explains. "She's a very, very, sweet lady," Andrea further describes. "And she's my money lady," she adds, stating that her grandmother slips her a little spending money so Andrea can take part in a few other favorite activities like buying clothes, going out to eat at Godfather's Pizza and McDonald's, or for entertainment such as going to the movies, to Skate Palace and to parties.
Andrea plans to go to college and she's hoping she'll attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. However, now she's finding high school to be "exciting."

Light Turnout Expected Candidates Making Final Efforts To Come Out Ahead In The Polls

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer
With the general election only days away, candidates are making their final efforts to come out ahead in the polls. However, interest in the election seems to be dropping. Political observers attribute this to the apparent distance between Charlotte mayoral candidates Gantt and Berryhill.
Traditionally, when the major race of an election appears close, voters on both sides are galvanized to head to the polls to push for their candidate. But when one candidate holds a wide lead over the other, voters stay home. And that may be what happens Tuesday.
Elections Supervisor Bill Culp expects about 37 percent of Charlotte's voters to turn out, with only a 29-30 percent turnout in the remainder of the county. This should average out to about 35 percent voter turnout countywide.
This figure is about average, says Culp, for a local election, but is far below the 51 percent in 1983.
If you're planning on voting on Tuesday, it's a good idea to pick up a sample ballot ahead of time. Not only are all the candidates, bond issues, and questions listed, but instructions are included as well. Having a sample ballot should speed



Mayor Harvey Gantt
.....Seeks reelection

your way through the polls on Election Day.
All voting places in Mecklenburg County will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Your voter card tells you where your voting place is.
You'll have the opportunity to vote "yes" or "no" on the following questions: solid waste disposal system bonds, school bonds, parks and recreational facilities bond (for pools), county building bonds, sanitary sewer bonds, community college bonds, county water bonds, four-year terms for County Com-



Al Rouso
.....At-Large candidate

missioners, and city water bonds (for the six-mile, 54-inch pipeline from northwest to southeast).
The non-partisan election for the School Board vacancy offers you the choice of Harvey E. Sadoff (endorsed by the Black Political Caucus), Maggie Nicholson, Jerry McMurray, Timothy Kroboth, and John J. Alquist.
For Mayor of the City of Charlotte, you may vote for either Harvey B. Gantt or Dave Berryhill. You may vote for four at-large City Council candidates. Republi-



Richard Vinroot
.....At-Large candidate

cans running are Richard Vinroot, Herbert Spough Jr., Minette Troesch, and Earl Driggers. Democrats are Al Rouso, Mike Stenhouse, Vic Bell, and Cyndee Patterson.
In six of the seven City Council districts, one candidate is running unopposed. These are Districts 1, Pam Patterson; 2, Charlie Dannelly; 3, Ron Leeper; 5, Ann Hammond; 6, Velva Woollen; and 7, Gloria Fenning. In District 4, Roy Matthews (D) and Jim Hawks (R) are competing to represent that area on City Council.

World Mayors To Curb Crime, Drugs, Illiteracy

Special To The Post
It's not just the gangs on the corner and the drifter in the park. "It's hungry children, men out of work and youths on dope in every major city. It's a whole world gone awry, where illiteracy, poverty and crime soar at a dizzying pace and old solutions fail to check the rising roar of violence."
Such problems face the mayors of today's cities. They face Johnny Ford of Tuskegee, Al., and hundreds of other mayors, many of whom are reaching out for help. "If we, the mayors of the world, do not save the world, then who will save it?" asked Ford at the second annual convention of the World Conference of Mayors this August in the Bahamas.
In 1984 Ford founded WCM to supplement the work of the United

Nations and other international agencies by promoting global peace and understanding through "the five T's - Trust, Technology transfer, Trade, Tourism and Twin-cities relationships," he explained.
"Many nations in the world are suffering famine, because they lack technology to feed their populations," said Ford. "Those of us who have technology and expertise must be willing to share with these nations."
Representatives, advisors and mayors of more than 200 cities gathered in the Bahamas for this three-day conference. They came from as far away as Gambia, Senegal and Zaire to find solutions for illiteracy, poverty and crime in their hometowns. Religious and

civic leaders and experts on underdeveloped nations joined delegates from France, Israel and the U.S. in a search for hard answers to persistent questions.
To combat illiteracy and juvenile crime in his own city, Ford reported, he invited a group from Los Angeles to Tuskegee. Advisors from the International Way to Happiness Foundation, a Los Angeles-based charitable group, spent four months there distributing more than 35,000 copies of "The Way to Happiness," a common-sense guide which counsels a return to such traditional values as "Do Not Steal," "Safeguard and Improve Your Environment," and "Set a Good Example."
Ford said the team changed lives, helped citizens clean up their

streets, planted grass and ended all-night gambling in a high-crime neighborhood.
Ford also invited a counselor from Applied Scholastics International, a Los Angeles-based educational group which for 12 years has been applying new study techniques developed by American author and researcher L. Ron Hubbard. Hubbard's methods have raised pass rates of entire classes in South Africa from below 50 percent to more than 90 percent, and many Tuskegee youths benefited from Hubbard's procedures, Ford said.
Recommending new tools for disposing of old problems, Ford urged others to join him in implementing all workable means for bettering human life.

Neighborhood Organizations To Solicit Subscriptions

By Loretta Manago
Post Managing Editor
Between the Benevolent Club in Belvedere and the Salvation Army Sunshine Club in the Smallwood area, Elizabeth Neal has her hands full.
As president of these two organizations, Mrs. Neal has recently gotten them to rally around The Charlotte Post, by selling subscriptions.
"When I first came up with the idea, I thought it was a good way to help build up the treasury in both groups. I also think that it's a good way to keep the community informed on what's going on," surmised Mrs. Neal.
Mrs. Neal projects that her group will begin their subscription campaign right after Halloween. Anytime before that would conflict with the busy schedule of the two clubs. "Each month," she explained, "we have a birthday party for those members whose birthdays fall in the respective months and we always have our Halloween party. So until those two events are over, we won't be able to start."
The Benevolent Club, which Mrs. Neal formed 10 years ago, was organized to attend to the needs of the bereaved in the neighborhood. "In-



ELIZABETH NEAL
Spearheader for subscription drive
Benevolent Club serves as friends in time of need. If a bereaved family requests our presence, we cook a meal, serve it and clean up afterwards," informed Mrs. Neal.
The Salvation Army Sunshine

Club, on the other hand, focuses on senior citizens. "At the Sunshine Club we take trips, go out to eat, and if we need to get our prescriptions filled, we do that, too." The club is in its second year.
Mrs. Neal is a member of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church. She is involved with Youth Services at the Housing Authority.
**Charlotte Receives
5.6 Million Dollars**
Raleigh - Help is on the way for the state's cities and towns plagued by potholes and other street maintenance problems.
Checks totaling over \$47.1 million in State Street Aid Allocations (Powell Bill) funds were mailed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) October 1 to 467 municipalities across the state. The money will be used to pay for maintenance and improvement projects on streets inside municipalities that are not included on the state's highway system.
Charlotte received the largest amount, \$5.6 million, while the Pitt County town of Falkland received the smallest amount, \$1,717.84.

TURTLE-TALK

Two things only a man cannot hide: that he is drunk and that he is in love.