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Regina Henderson
.....Looking forward to work

Regina Henderson Prepares For Successful Lifestyle

By Jalyne Strong
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Seventeen-year-old Regina Henderson's taking the time and putting forth extra effort in preparation for a successful lifestyle. A junior at Garinger High School, she has already secured employment for this summer. Regina will be working at Just Chocolates at Douglas Airport. And she says she's fortunate that this opportunity came as direct result of her participation in AABWE (American Association of Black Women Entrepreneurs). She's an associate member.

Then also, in preparation for her ambition to become a dentist, Regina will be spending a good part of her summer in the books. As a member of Project Excel, she'll be going to school this summer.

For many young people a summer vacation schedule like that may seem like all work and no fun. But for this energetic young woman, it's the contrary. "I'm looking forward to working this summer," relates Regina. "And I think going to school in the summer is fun. Though a lot of people think that's crazy."

But staying constructively busy is what this young lady finds most rewarding. At Garinger, she's a member of the Science Club and Red Cross Club and next school year she'll be vice president of the senior class. Outside school, she's involved with AABWE, Project Excel, Project Uplift through UNC-Chapel Hill, and she volunteers as a peer helper with the Teen Hotline at the YWCA.

It's all great experience for the young woman who's pursuing the

arduous profession of dentistry. "I've wanted to go into medicine ever since I was very young," Regina tells. She confesses that she decided against being a physician because, says Regina, "I don't like math." Dentistry, she found was a viable alternative. She's planning on attending UNC-Chapel Hill or Davidson College for study. "Both schools have good academic records," she contends.

Additionally, she'll be assisted in her scholastic endeavors by a scholarship she was awarded from AABWE; another benefit of her involvement. And she's looking forward to doing an internship in the future with a dentist connected with AABWE. Needless to say, Regina feels a young person's participation with such an organization is very important. "Many black high school students don't realize what it takes to make it," explains Regina. "And organizations such as AABWE, through internships, scholarships, and other programs, can help them to understand what it's all about."

She's a hard worker, but Regina also likes to have fun. For leisure she loves going to the movies, sewing, and going out with friends.

In her family she's the eldest daughter with one sister, Danielle, 16. About Danielle, Regina says, "Sometimes we get along real well. Other times we prefer to stay in different parts of the house." This week's beauty also claims she likes being the oldest. "My sister already tries to tell me what to do," she smiles. "If I was younger than she is, it would be worse." Regina laughs.

Her mother, Constance, is the person Regina most admires. "My mother has worked her way up and gone far, by herself," Regina points out as the reason for her admiration. And she adds, "She's more like a sister to me. We get along well."

It's probably not difficult for many people to get along with this week's beauty who describes herself as "happy, always smiling, and getting along with everyone." "If you're nice to me, I'll be nice to you," she says. "If you're mean to me, I'll be nice to you. But if you're extremely mean." Well, that's a different story Regina implies. However, overall, she admits, "I just don't like to get mad."

Regina says the thing she thinks about most these days is "what I'm going to do after college."

Arthur Griffin Gathers Energies For His Fight-To-The-Finish

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

Whether or not School Board incumbent Arthur Griffin was "shafted" by the Charlotte Observer in the recent election may be open to debate. That's not something that Griffin is dwelling on. Instead, he's gathering his energies for a fight-to-the-finish in the June 3 runoff.

Griffin will be running against candidates Art Joye, Sharon Bynum, and incumbent Karen Gaddy.

But Griffin is fighting a larger opponent. "Apathy and complacency are my biggest opponents," he stated, and in that combat he's staging an aggressive get-out-the-vote effort.

In the black community, Griffin came to after number-one vote getter George Battle in the May 6 election; but that wasn't enough to get him into the top four positions.

Denying that he ever sought the endorsement of conservative Carl Horn or his group, Griffin said the Observer had no foundation for linking him to Horn. "The Observer planted the opinion that the Horn organization supported me," he said.

That, and a misunderstanding about his comments on the pupil assignment plan cost him some votes in the black community, as well as precious votes overall.

Calling "ludicrous" the idea that he would support segregated schools, Griffin stated that his questions about the pupil assignment plan related to how well they are meeting the original guidelines which were established in 1974. Among Griffin's concerns was the apparent disregard of certain items in the guidelines, such as the one on future site selection: "School planning is not to be predicated on population growth trends alone... Buildings are to be built where they can readily serve both races."

Instead, Griffin points out, the new schools are being built to serve the



Arthur Griffin
.....Battling apathy

southern, predominantly white regions of the county.

He strongly feels that "fairness and equity are in those guidelines."

Because people didn't understand his position, Griffin said, they "felt the image of desegregation was threatened. They didn't understand the facts. I felt we were moving away from equity. My questions were to support (the guidelines), not tear down."

Griffin has voted with the administration on such major subjects as sex education and prayer in the schools.

He has the endorsements of the NCAE, a teacher's organizations.

His get-out-the-vote effort includes distributing flyers through churches, working in public housing projects, canvassing neighborhoods,

and using a telephone bank,

Although he needs a cross-racial support to win, Griffin commented that "every candidate has to pull on his natural constituency," and he values the support he is getting in the African American community.

Among the influential black leaders supporting Griffin's candidacy are Mayor Harvey Gantt, Commissioner Bob Walton, Councilman Ron Leeper, Phyllis Lynch, and Bob Davis.

Leeper commented that he supports Griffin "for a number of reasons. I think he is a sensitive, caring person who has demonstrated his concern for children and the school system in a number of ways. He consistently attended school board meetings before he was elected to examine plans and re-

commendations and shared that information with the community so we would be in a position to understand.

"Through this consistent involvement, he's convinced me he has a real sincere desire to make the school system work for all our children. There's no one I can think of more deserving than Arthur Griffin."

Lynch's comments were along similar lines: "He has my full support. I've known Arthur Griffin over 15 years, and I know him to be committed to children and their education. He has kept himself and others informed about issues of substance. From a meager background and a low income community, he has shown that with hard work you can succeed; in business and provide time and assistance to others."

Thornburg Addresses Ministerial Alliance

North Carolina Attorney General Lacy Thornburg will speak to the Charlotte Ministerial Alliance, Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m., at Antioch Baptist Church, 232 Skyland Avenue.

Judge Thornburg was invited to speak by the United Neighborhoods for No Utility Increases (UNNUI), an issue group affiliated with the Charlotte Organizing Project (CHOP).

He will be speaking on the latest Duke Power rate increase proposal presented to the NC Utilities Commission in March. Duke Power has asked for an increase that will raise the company's revenues by \$289,000. The average household electricity bill will be increased by \$143 per year, or 15.99 percent, if this rate hike is approved by the Utilities Commission.

Judge Thornburg was an outspoken opponent of Duke Power's 1985 rate increase request of 18.5 percent. In a speech made Septem- See THORNBURG On Page 16A

Contestants, Prizes Continue To Grow In Sixth Annual Churchworker Contest

By Loretta Manago
Post Managing Editor

Both prizes and contestants are still coming as the first reporting date of the Post's sixth annual "Churchworker of the Year" contest fast approaches.

While many of the 44 churches who have consented to participate in the contest have not named a contestant, those churches that have are giving their representatives a headstart in the six week campaign. Monday, May 26, is the contestants' first reporting date.

New Zion Baptist Church has named Ann Crawford as its representative. Sandra Bookman is the chosen person for Walls Memorial AME Zion Church.

Representing Noah's Ark Outreach Ministry will be Sarah Nickerson. And participating in the contest for a second year is Bessie Marshall of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

New St. John Baptist Church has chosen Mozell Thomas as its representative and her pastor, Rev. Robert Leak has pledged to work very closely with her.

At Macedonia Baptist Church the CWOY contestant is Minnie Patterson. And Etha Shannon is



Brenda Wall
.....Antioch contestant

making her second bid in the subscription drive. Ms. Shannon is from Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church.

Another twice-running representative is Cora Hubbard. She is the candidate for Chappell Memorial Baptist Church.

St. Luke Baptist Church, having participated in the contest in previous years has submitted the name of Phillip Dunston as its contestant.

Another male representative is Doyle Reed. He is the contestant for



Cora Hubbard
.....Represents Chappell

Gethsemane Baptist Church. Both Reed and Dunston make history in the Post's contest as being the first two men to ever make a bid for the title of CWOY.

Participating from Green Oaks Baptist Church is Rebecca Jones.

Brenda Wall who represented Antioch Baptist Church last year has decided to run again. Ms. Wall commented that after having won a few prizes last year, she caught the "winning bug."

Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, which was the grand prize winning church has chosen its own first lady, Ms. H.S. Diggs as its contestant.

So far those are the only candidates to be named. Both coordinators Evalyn Carrington and Dana Bost assured that more contestants would be coming forth and that this sixth annual contest will be one of the most exciting ones yet.

Inspiring some of that excitement, of course, will be the prizes that the Post's advertisers have freely donated. Although the list is not complete, some of the prizes that have been donated include a \$50 food certificate from Dilworth Food Center, a \$25 gift certificate from the House of Unfinished Furniture, a \$50 gift certificate from Brownlee Jeweler's, a \$25 gift certificate from Buffalo Tire, a \$35 gift certificate from Ledford's, a \$25 gift certificate from Famous Mart, a free fluid change from Mr. Transmission, a \$25 gift certificate from Chez Marjorie, a \$25 gift certificate from Field's Jewelers, a \$25 gift certificate from Peak's Drugs and a dinner for two from Burger King, as well as an undisclosed gift from the Vintage Girl.

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