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**Rosalinde McClain**  
.....Sixth grader

## Friends, Play Made Rosalinde

### McClain's Summer Enjoyable

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

Can you remember what it was like to be 11-years-old, going to the sixth grade, returning to school after a free and easy summer? Well if you can't or if you can just barely, this week's beauty Rosalinde McClain may help bring back a few memories of those reading, writing, and arithmetic, formative years.

She is 11 years old and is beginning her first week in the sixth grade at Oaklawn Elementary School. But if it was up to Rosalinde, summer vacation could have preferably stretched on to Christmas. She says, "I'm not really looking forward to going back to school. I most definitely enjoyed my summer vacation."

"I had a lot of time to spend with my friends, going outside to play," she recalls. Rosalinde also spent a lot of time playing with her Barbie Dolls, which shows that much hasn't changed for little girls at play. Then again, some have. Remember when summer was the time to hassle your parents about helping you make a stand-and-lemonade so you could set up in front of your house and brow beat your neighbors into buying cups of lemonade for a nickel? Well enter 1986. Now all you need is a home computer and a program called "Lemonade Stand." "It shows you how to set up the business and gives you the cost-profit margin," explains this well-informed 11-year-old. "I wasn't really interested in setting up a stand but it's fun to play with." Times have changed, haven't they? Rosalinde also enjoyed playing space games on her computer this summer.

Additionally, she went to the mountains and practiced her flute which she plays for her school's band.

But it is still back to school for a

reluctant Rosalinde. She doesn't mind the thought of continuing her classes in her favorite subjects which are math and science. Yet health, social studies and language, courses she's having a little difficulty with, she knows will require that she "study a little harder."

Once homework is out of the way, Rosalinde can spend time doing her favorite things like watching television; "Gimme a Break" is a favorite show; and listening to the radio, tuning into the sounds of New Edition, Forre MD's, and Run DMC. "I like the beat and the rhymes of rap music," Rosalinde tells.

She also has a keen interest in gymnastics. Rosalinde watches the sporting events on ESPN. She'd like to take gymnastics one day.

In her family, this week's beauty has two brothers, Chris, nine, and Kevin, seven, plus one sister Tawana, 13. "We all get along well,"

Rosalinde reveals. "And I like having an older sister." About her little brothers, she smiles. "They like to get on my nerves."

There are several people Rosalinde greatly admires. First and foremost her father, Michael McClain, who she says, "Helps me with a lot of things." Best friend Kisha is next on Rosalinde's list. "She's someone I can tell my problems to," she points out. Finally, she has a favorite teacher, Ms. Frazier.

In her future, this young lady is considering pursuing a career in either law or nursing. "I like to help people," she contends. Whether to help them with legal problems or health ailments is yet to be decided.

Rosalinde is a member of First Mayfield Baptist Church, where her father is pastor. She sings on the Youth Choir and is a member of the Junior Usher Board.

## Dr. Ruth Westheimer

### To Speak At UNCC

Dr. Ruth Westheimer, America's best known sex therapist, will speak at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Monday, September 8, at 8 p.m. in McKnight Auditorium.

Sponsored by the University Program Board, the lecture is open to the public. Tickets are on sale and are priced at \$12 for the public and \$5 for UNCC students. Only one ticket per student will be sold at reduced price. Tickets may be purchased at the Candy Shoppe in UNCC's Cone Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Mail order reservations will be accepted through September 1 and must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Only money orders, made out to University Program Board, will be accepted by mail. For more information, call 547-2521.

Dr. Westheimer is a psychosexual therapist who helped pioneer the field of media psychology with her radio program, "Sexually Speaking." It began in September 1980 as a 15-minute taped show that aired after midnight on WYNY in New York. A year later it became a live, one-hour show airing at 10 p.m. on which Dr. Ruth, as she became known, answered listeners' called-in questions.

Now "Sexually Speaking" can be heard in 81 cities across the country for two hours via NBC radio and is part of a communications network,

including a national cable television program on Lifetime's, "The Dr. Ruth Show," three books, a game and home video. Her books are "Dr. Ruth's Guide to Good Sex," "First Love," and "Loving Couples."

Born in Germany in 1928, Dr. Westheimer was sent to school in Switzerland at age 10. She went to Israel at age 16 where she fought for the country's independence as a member of the Haganah. She then moved to Paris, studying psychology at the Sorbonne and taught kindergarten. She immigrated to the U.S. in 1956 and obtained a master's degree in sociology at the New School of Social Research and a doctorate in education from Columbia University.

Dr. Westheimer is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and in addition to having her own private practice, she is a consultant at New York University-Bellevue Hospital in the Department of Geriatrics and at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in the Department of Rehabilitation.

She is married, has two children and lives in New York City.

### Post To Close

The Charlotte Post will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. Our office will reopen Tuesday, September 2, at 9 a.m.

## Needs \$150,000

# Without Operation

## Lekeon's Future Is Dim

By Loretta Manago  
Post Managing Editor

Lekeon has leukemia. That's the fact. It is also a fact that unless Lekeon undergoes a bone marrow transplant operation he'll never live to have his first crush over a girl. And surviving long enough to get his driver's license without the operation is only a pipe dream. Also, the chances that he will ever know the thrill of getting his first job is obscure.

Virtually, the future is on hold for Lekeon. It's not that Lekeon needs a donor for the operation. His two year old sister, Tashanda, will be the donor for her sibling.

Where the problem lies is that when Lekeon was diagnosed with leukemia three years ago, his mother, Toni Davis had no insurance. And now John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, refuses to consider Lekeon for the operation unless the family can come up with a minimum of \$12,000. The total operation will cost \$150,000.

Needless to say, Lekeon's mother is very concerned about where the funds will come from. "Already the operation has been postponed. When he had a relapse back in April, that's was when it was suggested that a bone marrow transplant be performed," related Ms. Davis.

Ms. Davis is also concerned because she knows that the longer it takes before the needed money is raised the bleaker Lekeon's chances become. "I just pray that we get the money we need."

Until the operation, however, Lekeon and his mother, who reside in Mount Holly, take a trip to Chapel Hill's medical facilities every 10 days. There, Lekeon undergoes chemotherapy.

"Other than the weakness and the weight loss that Lekeon is bothered with, his spirits are pretty good."

A very typical seven year old Lekeon loves to ride his bike and untypically, he likes to read. "Mr. T is my hero," Lekeon assures, "and I also like Hulk Hogan and Dusty Rhoads."

What Lekeon doesn't like, he says, "is green beans and carrots and raisins." Other than that Lekeon assures that he eats everything. He attends Pinewood Elementary School and is a second grader. If not for his thinning hair and the tape applied to his chest which peaks over his shirt, there are no visible signs that Lekeon suffers from anything. Much less something as serious as leukemia.

He's a lot luckier than a lot of



**Lekeon and Tashanda**  
.....Deal with crisis

other children who are leukemia victims. At least he has a good chance of survival, if the money comes in.

Lekeon admitted that he sometimes wonders why he has leukemia but that's not what worries him. Not even the pending operation seems to upset him. "I'm not afraid," he valiantly replies. "I'm just concerned about how my sister will be."

"He's a very special boy," commented Ruby Alexander. She is the first lady of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Mount Holly, where the Davises attend.

"We pray that our prayers about Lekeon are answered." Her husband, Rev. Kenneth Alexander, informed that a group of concerned citizens would be forming an Action Committee for Funds on Saturday, September 6, at 6 p.m. at Mt. Moriah. "We are also asking for the prayers of others; that our efforts

will be blessed by God, both financially and spiritually."

But until the day comes when enough money has been raised for Lekeon's operation to take place, Ms. Davis just has to wait. "I handle the situation a lot better now than I did when I first found out that 'Pookie' had leukemia. At first I was shocked. It just didn't seem real. Now I've learned to talk to the Lord because I know that He really is the only One who can help."

As far as Lekeon, while they wait, he sure would love to have one of those talking animals that tells stories and jokes.

If you would like to help the Davises, please send your contribution to any branch of BB&T Bank, in care of The Lekeon "Pookie" Davis Fund. Please send receipt of deposit to: Lillie Smith, Rt. 1, Box 57 B, Mount Holly, NC 28120, or call 704-827-9277.

## Parren Mitchell Opens Convention

Baltimore, MD - "The gulf that separates black people is greater than the gulf that separates blacks and whites," Congressman Parren Mitchell bellowed in his keynote address to the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees 37th National Biennial Convention. Mitchell delivered the address at the recent Public Meeting which opened the five-day convention at the Omni Hotel.

Mitchell challenged the 600 convention delegates and visitors in attendance to "dispel the notion that there are gradations in the black community" and to renew their commitment to civil rights saying "the destiny of all blacks is inextricably linked. The Maryland Congressman and candidate for Lt. Governor criticized those who are afraid to speak out against the "indignities being heaped upon blacks."

The address was enthusiastically



**Congressman Parren Mitchell**  
.....Black Caucus Braintrust, charm, received. The Congressman, a long-time friend of NAPFE, the nation's oldest independent black

led federal industrial union, was introduced by NAPFE's former legislative director and lobbyist John W. White. In remarks following Mitchell's keynote, NAPFE National President Robert L. White said, "The National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees will help to make Parren Mitchell the Lt. Governor of Maryland."

James McDougald, Division Manager-Postmaster (Baltimore, MD) said he listened to the keynote address but felt a need to remind the audience, "We've got a business to take care of. We've got to keep this postal service business going."

McDougald spoke warmly of NAPFE and he indicated that NAPFE 202 members are helping to make the postal service live up to its motto, "This is a new postal service and we're changing."

**TURTLE-TALK**

Prayer is a virtue that prevails against all temptations.