

KID OF THE MONTH



Jhaquavia Funderburk - age 5

Mother - Alvito Funderburk
School - Bethlehem Center Head Start
Church - Flintridge Baptist Church, Pageland, S.C.
Favorite Food - Fried Chicken
Favorite Color - Red
Favorite Television Show - Living Color
Favorite Music Group - TLC
Favorite Role Model/Relative - Kenneth Funderburk, an uncle who died in 1993.
Hobbies - going to movies and reading with her brother, Chaz, age 6, and sister, Jhaquena, age 7.



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Head Start program gets new center



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Shemise Earl and Laquisha Morris, both age 4, play in a new \$800,000 Headstart center which opened this year with federal, city

and private financing on Norfolk Avenue, near the Bethlehem Center.

The Head Start program serves 790 pre-

school children at 11 sites in Charlotte.

The Head Start program is now taking applications for the 1996-97

school year. Low income families should register three- and four-year-old children born between Oct. 16, 1991 and Oct. 16, 1992.

Limited slots are available and priority is given to four year olds.

Head Start also serves a limited number of disabled children whose family incomes may exceed the low income guidelines.

The program hours are 8:15 a.m.- 3 p.m. Extended day programs, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. are available at the Lucy Gist Day Care on Norfolk Avenue and the Salvation Army center at 534 Spratt Street.

For additional information call 371-7420, 371-7421, 371-7436, 371-7454 or 333-0203.

"Steal Away" opens

"Steal Away Home," a play about two young slave boys who escape from a South Carolina plantation along the Underground Railroad will be presented this weekend and March 15-17 by the Children's Theatre of Charlotte.

The play will show at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The two boys, Amos and Obie, travel over 500 miles along the Underground Railroad to join their father, a freed slave living in Pennsylvania. They face danger and adventure on the trip, a test of courage and faith.

The play is at times suspenseful, funny, warm and touching, an uplifting celebration of the human spirit, the power of faith, and the need to follow our dreams.

An interracial youth gospel choir will perform during the production.

"Steal Away Home" was written by Aurand Harris from the book by Jan Kristof. It will be directed by



Scott Miller, the Children's Theatre's artistic director. The cast if made up of nine adults and six children.

The play is recommended for third grade through adult audiences. Tickets are \$8 and \$5.50. All performances are at the Children's Theatre at 1017 E. Morehead St.

To order tickets, call 333-8983, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information on the show, call 376-5745.

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Science Bowl '96



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Eighth graders Michael Ingram (l.) & Blair Goff (r.)

Michael Ingram and Blair Goff, both Quail Hollow Middle School eighth graders, confer during the Science Bowl competition last month. The Quail Hollow team, which also includes Candace Wilson and Ron Newson and coach Dorothy Douglas, won the tournament and with runner up, Kennedy Middle School, won expense paid trips to the national Science Bowl competition in Detroit during Spring Break April 8-13. The Science Bowl pits eighth grade teams answering questions in a timed contest similar to the College Bowl television program. The winning team members also won scientific calculators and trophies and the members of the third place team, J.T. Williams, won a \$50 savings bond. The competition was held at Hoechst Celanese's Dreyfus Research Park



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Jamia Sturgis, age 3

African Princess

Jamia Sturgis, 3, models African attire during fashion show by "Gwendell Concerns Fashion" during the Carolinas Association of Black Women Entrepreneurs awards banquet. Louise Sellers, chairperson of the West Charlotte Business Incubator, Teresa Wright, president of the West Charlotte Merchants Association, and CABWE president Sylvia Grier were honored during the Feb. 24 event at Renaissance Place, 631 N. Tryon St. Sellers and Wright won Spirit Awards, while Grier won the Sister of the Year.

Donuts for Dads:

Men spend quality time with children

Justin Shaw, age 5, enjoys a story being read by his father, Mark, during the "Doughnuts for Dads" day activity at Plaza Road Pre-School on Feb. 22. Dozens of fathers and grandfathers visited the school at Anderson and The Plaza for the event, which was sponsored by the school's PTA.



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