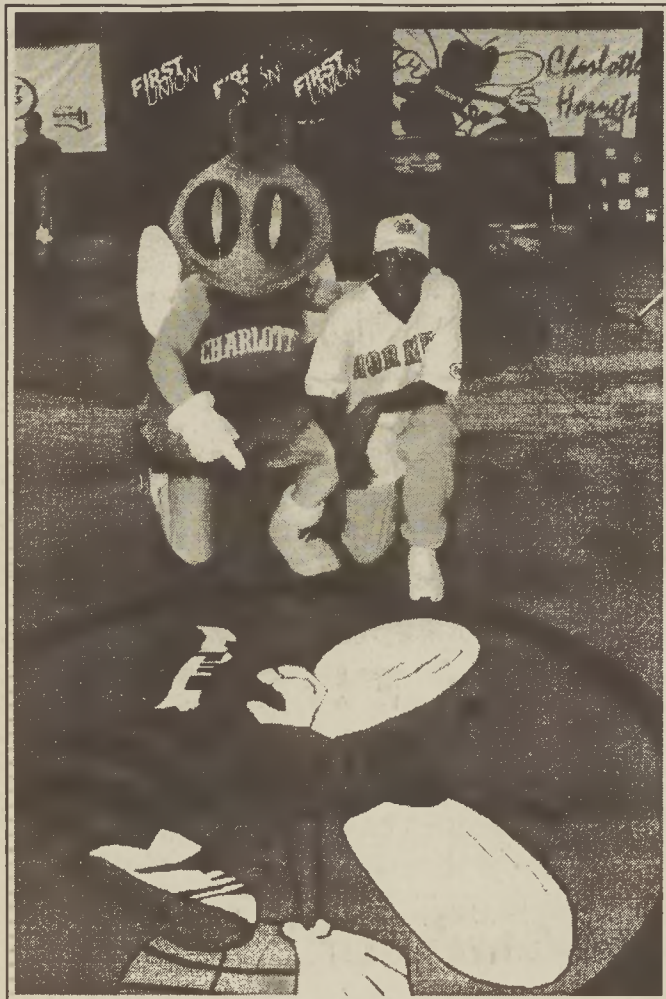


KIDS CORNER

Double Treats



Youngsters in Soutside Home's were doubly treated for Halloween last week. First, Eric Smith, a member of the Right Moves for Youth program, and other club members dedicated a basketball court they helped build. Eric, a West Charlotte 10th grader now, repainted the Hornet emblem. Above Hugo the Hornet poses with Eric in front of his handiwork. Most of the Hornets players attended the dedication and took up positions around the court so the young people could stop and collect goodies from each player, including Hornets T-shirts. Eric, a member of Right Moves while in middle school, said he just wanted to "help the community." "I don't play ball over there at all," he said. Eric plans to play professional basketball and then become an engineer.

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Read To Me, Mommie

Kids begin learning to read as soon as they can sit on Mommie's or Daddy's lap and be read to.

So says literacy teacher Cathy Yancey.

Yancey gave a talk to parents at Plaza Road Pre-School Monday as part of the school's celebration of reading.

Students at the school for four-year-olds were treated to an appearance by storyteller Elisha Minter of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Yancey told the parents gathered for the event that they should read to children each day and teach them words by collecting pictures of words children recognize in a photo album.

A picture of a baby, for example, when they learn to say that word. Or a truck.

She also said parents should talk to children about what they see or hear.

Yancey encouraged parents to use a variety of books, including fairy tales, pop-up books, Dr. Seuss rhymes, animal books and alphabet stories.

Read favorites over and over, Yancey said.



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Dakota Priester, Shanel Minnis and Adriana Thomas, enjoy activities during reading celebration at Plaza Road Pre-School for 4-year-olds on Monday. The celebration was organized by Principal Gloria White and featured storytelling by Elisha Minter, Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County

Love makes this world go around



Four-year-old Devaita Erwin took his brother Bruce, age 3, to breakfast at The Coffee Cup restaurant. It's not clear if Bruce is trying to get away or get to the food. Oh, well. Brothers enjoy wrestling no matter where they are.



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Juarez Ogbunke, 6, hugs his sister Naa'stasiah, 2 1/2, during the recent Renaissance Festival. The children, with mom Betty Ogbunke, enjoyed the sun and fun with hundreds who turned out for the event.

Book Review

By Jeri Young
THE CHARLOTTE POST

One in a Million: My Story of the Million Man March
By Larry Grant and Reggie Byers
The Talented Tenth
Literary Syndicate, 1996

Little Hewie is nine and very excited because his father tells him that they are going to the Million Man March.

In *One in a Million: My story of the Million Man March*, Hewies, who is nine, tells how it feels to go to the Million Man March.

Hewie and his family are very excited about the March, which happened last year. Hewie can not sleep the night before because he is thinking about how much fun he is going to have.

When Hewie gets to Washington, he sees all kinds of people, like the great African American poet Maya Angelou, singer Stevie Wonder and a lot of other famous African Americans.

The kids in Ms. Mann's 3rd

grade class at Hidden Valley Elementary School really liked the book.

They liked the pictures. Part of the book was in color and the other part was in black in white.

They also liked the fact that Hewie was African American and the same age as they were. They decided that Hewie could have been their best friend. That made the book even better!

Ms. Mann's class liked the book because it taught about history and had lots of pictures of the famous African Americans that Hewie saw in Washington.

One in a Million is the first book that Larry Grant has written. He hopes to teach children that you are never too young to make a difference where you live.

The artist who did the pictures, Reggie Byers, has illustrated a number of books.

You can find *One in a Million: My Story of the Million Man March* at any bookstore or library. You can also get a copy by calling (215)281-1040.



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These Alexander Graham students show off African mask made in art class. Pictured are: (from left to right) William Meacham, Corey Neal (on Ladder), Travis Cuthbertson, Sharea Harris, Kelly Minton, La'Risha Gill (on chair), Michael Marble and Melissa Carter.



Three-year-old Eric Frazier, son of Amanda Beatty, sits outside the Alexander Street Neighborhood Center, with a smile, a smirk and grin on his face.

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