

# Child-Proofing Your Home Can Prevent Accidents And Injuries

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Toddlers can be a real joy whether they're your own children or a niece, nephew, or grandchild. And now that summertime is here, make sure you are fully prepared for their upcoming visit by child-proofing your home. The Kings Mountain Board of Realtors has a few safety suggestions so your house will be ready to cope with a young child's never-ending curiosity. Make sure you check the following areas to prevent accidents and injuries.

- Furniture - Children get hurt by falling on hard surfaces or cutting themselves against square edges. Prevent these kind of mishaps by getting rubber corner protectors available at hardware and furniture stores. Remove any fragile occasional tables and plant stands that can tumble easily.

- Cabinets - All cabinets should be locked with latches either inside or out. Lock away such dangerous substances and detergents, bleaches, solvents, polishers and other cleaning supplies to prevent poisonings. Keep all medicines and cosmetics out of reach and in the original container with child-proof caps.

- Kitchen - Again, lock up all household cleaners and place knives high on the wall in an enclosed knife rack. Remember that children can turn on faucets and

scald themselves. The American Academy of pediatrics recommends parents adjust their water heaters so water temperature cannot exceed 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Stairs - Gates can only be temporary barriers to keep children from suing stairs. Some toddlers learn to climb over them. The traditional accordion gates are particularly easy to master. Buy sturdier gates made of plastic or solid wood

frame models that are strung with polyethylene mesh to provide a more effective barrier.

- Electric Fixtures - Dangling electric cords are fascinating playthings for children. Buy cord shorteners at hardware store. These are strips of plastic around with the excess cord is wrapped. Cords that are thin or frayed should be replaced immediately. Buy small flat covers for outlets not in use to pre-

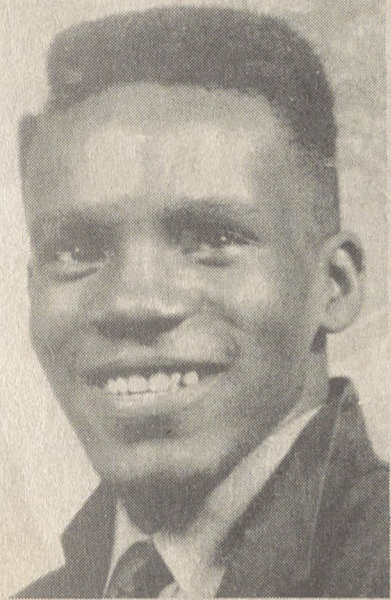
vent children from inserting their finger or other objects.

- Outdoors - Outdoor swimming pools and ponds are very inviting to children—and dangerous as well. Some localities require that a protective barrier such as a fence be put around pools to keep out small children. Make sure at all times that there is adequate supervision when children are playing in an area near a body of water.

In addition, close bathroom doors to keep children from entering and perhaps climbing and slipping into the bathtub. Tack down rugs to prevent falls and pick up all small objects that may be swallowed. While plants are beautiful to look at, some are poisonous and could be fatal if eaten by a child. Keep them safely out of reach. Lastly, never let children play in the garage, attic or basement.

There are too many hazards, as tools and paints, which lead to serious injury.

Children are inquisitive by nature and are eager to learn things feel, smell and taste like following the above tips from Kings Mountain Board of Realtors you can peacefully enjoy summer by safely allowing children in your home to integrate the fun world around the



TRAVIS HAYWOOD  
17-Year-Old  
Youth Missing

A 17-year-old Kings Mountain youth, Travis Leander Haywood, has been missing from home since May 20, according to the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Haywood, whose nicknames are Lee and Lazeron, was last seen walking from 104 Apt. C Guyton Loop. He told his mother and stepfather, Karen and Curtis Freeman, he was going to Shelby or "maybe to California to get a job."

Mrs. Freeman said she has not heard from her son since and relatives have been unable to locate him. Mrs. Freeman said Lee has left home before but has a "nervous condition, gets upset and cries and returns home."

Haywood was wearing a black, yellow and pink shirt with grey black acid wash jeans, dark blue shoes and a black jacket. He stands five feet nine inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, has dark skin, black hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information or having seen the young man is asked to call the Kings Mountain Police Department, 734-0444.

## Applications Are Sought

Examinations for rural carrier positions at a number of area postoffices, including Kings Mountain Postoffice, were announced this week.

Applications may be obtained from clerks at the various postoffice locations including Belmont, Bessemer City, Blacksburg, S.C., Cherryville, Clover, S. C., Dallas, Denver, Hickory Grove, Iron Station, Kings Mountain, Lincolnton, Mount Holly, Smyrna, S. C., Stanley and Vale.

## Rapture

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"I personally think it is in direct contradiction to the teaching of Jesus Christ," he said.

That opinion has not stopped Whisenant from writing another book of predictions.

"I think it was inevitable," said Allen. "He had to save face and give some excuse for his miscalculation."

One thing is certain. More predictions will likely come down the path and area ministers offer the same advice.

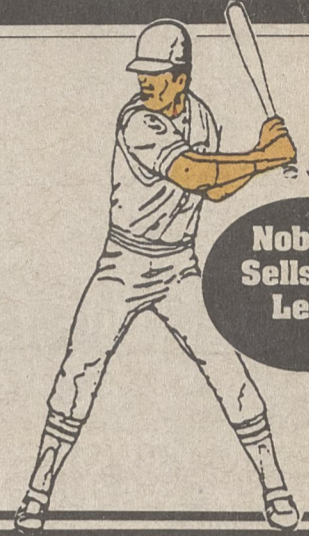
"It's a lot of hype and sensationalism and it should be disregarded by serious-minded Christians," said Allen.

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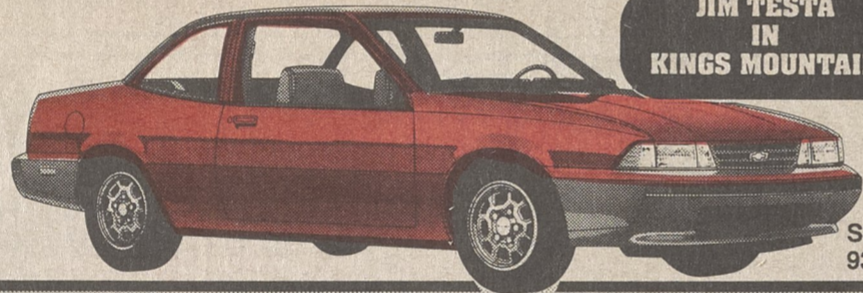
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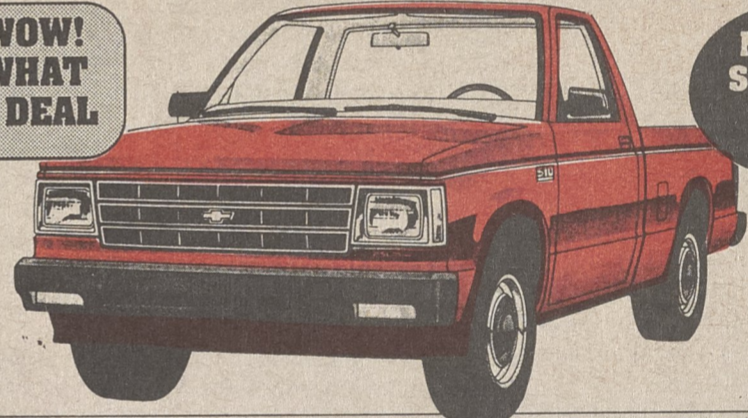
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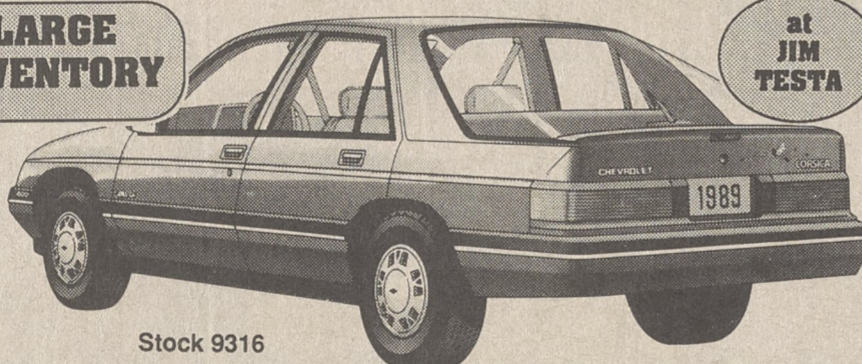
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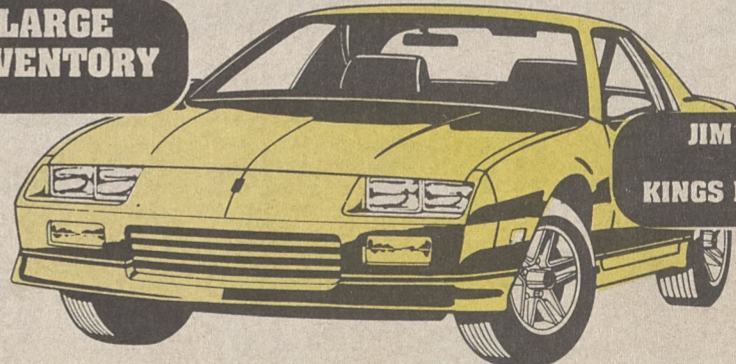
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