

## 2nd degree murder charge filed

Accused child abuser Richard Nunez of Kings Mountain was charged with second degree murder Monday and is in Cleveland County Jail under a \$1 million bond.

Rebeka Coleen Nunez, his 11-month-old daughter, died Thursday at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. After getting results from the autopsy, an earlier felony child abuse charge against Nunez was upgraded.

Kings Mountain Police Chief Warren Goforth said investigators

reviewed medical reports from Carolinas Medical Center and conferred with the District Attorney and Department of Social Services before upgrading the charge against Nunez.

If found guilty, Nunez could face up to 50 years in prison and/or a fine.

Abuse was first suspected October 9 when the child was taken to the emergency room at Kings Mountain Hospital. She was not breathing and was airlifted to Carolinas Medical Center.

## TECH PREP

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Mills, son of Dennis and Diane Mills, is in his third year in Tech Prep. He loves to cook, so it was natural for him to enroll in Food Service courses. He plans to attend Johnson & Wells College in Charleston, SC for two years and receive his associate degree in culinary arts. He wants to cook for a resort hotel someday or own his own restaurant. During his second year of Home Economics he has been a peer teacher. Although he admits he likes to cook sweets, he gets excited about all kinds of cuisine, including international foods. He hopes to receive a two year chef's degree and then pursue a bachelor's degree. Creative arts programs like ice sculpting are among the courses he hopes to take in college.

Byers, daughter of Derice Byers, has been enrolled in Tech Prep for two years and plans to major in pre-pharmacy at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She loves to work on the computer and is enrolled in office technology courses such as keyboarding.

For Phanthalack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Onchanh Phanthalack, third year drafting has offered the opportunity to draw his plans for a one-level, 2,000 square foot house on a Cad 12 system. Computer assisted drafting helped him land a summer job at Wise Industries where he drew blueprints.

Starting in the 9th grade, students at Kings Mountain High School put a career development

plan on file and Tech Prep teachers guide them in preparation for their future in technically oriented fields. Joining Tech Prep also gives a student scholarship opportunities and entry into community or technical colleges where he or she can earn associate degrees.

The sky's the limit for Tech Prep students, according to Gamble, who says students may choose from many interesting subjects, including business, drafting, welding, home economics and food service, cosmetology, auto technology, agriculture and parenting and child development and also receive a strong core of academic courses. Cosmetology students are encouraged to also take chemistry and Algebra I is now required for all students to graduate.

Academic and vocational teachers, thanks to Tech Prep, integrate their curriculums.

Carpentry and math teachers team up in projects as do business and English teachers to do technical assignments.

Agriculture, Home Ec and Science teachers combine activities.

"Kids see the relevance to these hands-on experiences through Tech Prep when the experience begins in the classroom," said Gamble.

Kings Mountain Schools administered the Tech Prep grant that was awarded to the three school systems. Staff development was a part of the training and integrated curriculum workshops were held in Kings Mountain, Shelby and Cleveland County Schools in cooperation with Cleveland Community College.

entry from the outside, all visitors and non-campus personnel wear a name tag and a new two-way intercom system in each classroom has been installed at Lexington Senior High.

A zero tolerance level for all weapons is in the policy which includes cellular telephones, beepers, pagers and facsimiles. A 100 percent screening using walk-through metal detectors is used at all home varsity football and basketball games. Fences have been erected around the playgrounds to provide campus security.

"Students can't do a good job if they don't feel safe," said McRae.

Will Hendricks, a middle school student on the task force, admitted that sometimes young people don't feel safe on campus.

"We don't have an extremely dangerous situation now in Kings Mountain but we want to be sure that we don't have any more fights at school and this committee is the starting point," said McRae.

## Jayda Biddix named Senate Youth finalist

Jayda Denise Biddix, senior at Kings Mountain High School, has been selected as one of eight state finalists for the United States Senate Youth Program.

The program will award scholarships and a week in Washington, D.C. to two students from North Carolina. Jayda was selected on the basis of outstanding academic ability, demonstrated qualities of leadership, an essay on term limits, and a test on American government. The finalists will be interviewed by a panel of judges to determine the two winners.

Jayda is the daughter of Jay and Brenda Biddix and is Student Body President at Kings Mountain High School. She is a candystriper at Kings Mountain Hospital and is active in East Gold Street Wesleyan Church.



JAYDA BIDDIX

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## COMMITTEE

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Martin, who said that Lexington's alternative school works well. The hired police officer also teaches safety in the elementary schools and peer mediation is an important program in the middle schools where young people are trained to help others.

Miller said that since January 29, 1993, over 3,338 Lexington students were screened using hand-held detectors through a random classroom selection. Random locker searches have coincided with some of the classroom searches and other measures in place are the use of portable two-way radios in all schools, the installation of new fire alarm systems in all schools and the elimination of student parking at the back high school lot to help eliminate visitors prior to school and at lunch. Since November, 1990, exterior doors are locked, where possible, preventing

## TECHNOLOGY

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has spent \$1,513,120.89 for computers over the past three years.

"The networked program is working well and smoothly at the schools and we are pleased with reports we are getting from the teachers," said King. She said students in grades 3-8 read and work math problems on the computers at their own levels 30 minutes each day and are tested by the teachers who have individual printers to check the accuracy of the student work and the speed at which they finish their lessons.

"This self-paced instructional program enables children to move and try at higher level and the basic content is reading and math but East School students also have a writing processor," said King.

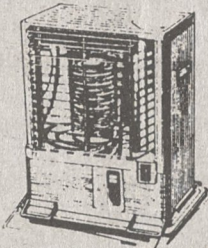
"Computers makes us realize that keyboarding should be taught at an early age in line with the state curriculum which emphasizes that teachers teach kids basic knowledge but also how to think logically to solve problems and apply them to other situations," said King.

King said that the software is updated annually to keep abreast with the computer curriculum. "Our teachers have the state-mandated curriculum but textbooks are obsolete, and our computer enhancements make the difference," she said.

King said high school students use a networking lab in the math department and also in the library where they research and write papers on the computer.

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(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

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