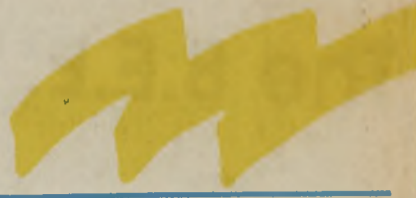


# Word!

News For Young Post Readers



## Excellence In Youth

The Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. will recognize black ninth graders who have not only achieved academically but have excelled in the areas of Fine Arts and Athletics.

The program, "Excellence In Youth" will be held at the Afro-American Cultural Center on Saturday, May 6 at 4 p.m.

This is part of the annual May Week Celebration and is designed to inspire youth to strive

for excellence in all facets of life. Award recipients must have a B letter or 3.0 grade average. They are nominated by their junior/senior high school faculty and submit a brief essay.

Charlotte Hornets player, Michael Holten, will help present the awards on Saturday when all students will receive certificates.

The program is open to the public.

## Uptown Youth May Join Junior Optimist Club

The Uptown Optimist Club of Charlotte will organize a Junior Optimist Club (for junior high school students) and an Octagon Club (for high school students) this spring.

The Optimist club hopes to reach out to the youth in the uptown area on a continuous basis to help promote community service, leadership development and improve self-esteem.

Darrel Williams, youth committee chairman, said the general idea is to give the kids

something positive to look forward to on a continuous basis.

All junior and high school students living in the uptown area are invited to become members of the clubs.

For additional information call 375-5564 or write Darrel Williams, P. O. Box 31512, Charlotte, N. C. 28231-1512. Please include age, sex, address and telephone number.



The newly organized Katonah Starlets is an organization providing activities for youth. The group plans to hold a pageant on Sunday, April 23, 4 p.m., at the Jerusalem House of God featuring gospel singer John Kee. Members of the Katonah Starlets are: (pictured l-r) Lillie Mae Fluker,

Kimyata Steele, Chaka Watson, Shimeka Jackson, Tameka Phifer, Victoria Sturdivant and Shatacha Steele. Not pictured are Tikilah McKinney, Tiffany Clyburn and Kizzie Leak. The group was organized by Loretta McNeil.

## Parks & Rec Will Showcase Talent Saturday

Charlotte Parks and Recreation will present its 4th Annual Center Showcase, a presentation of youthful talent in performance on Saturday April 22 from 7 - 9:30 p.m. at the Albe-Marle Recreation Center, 5027 Idlewild Rd. North.

The program will include the creative skills of youth ages 4-18.

Talent acts are not limited to but will include:

- Acting
- Baton Demonstration
- Choral Group, choir
- Cheerleading
- Dance - African, Ballet, Clogging, etc.
- Drill Team
- Instrumentalists
- Jump rope - Doubledutch
- Karate demonstration
- Lip sync
- Rap
- Vocalists.

Prizes for first, second and third place will be awarded to winners of each age division (4-8) (9-12) (13-18).

Five judges representing various art interests will screen talent for creativity, originality and quality of performance and



## Program Offers Safe Drive Home From Proms

SAFE DRIVE staff and volunteers, with the help of area students and their parents, have launched OPERATION SAFE PROM. OPERATION SAFE PROM seeks to prevent the tragic deaths and injuries due to alcohol-related accidents which often occur after high school proms and post-prom parties.

In an effort to make prom nights safer for area teens SAFE DRIVE coordinates the pairing of schools. The paired schools provide volunteer drivers and navigators to drive on the prom night of their matched school,

then on their prom night the school they were paired with will reciprocate.

SAFE DRIVE will use OPERATION SAFE PROM volunteers along with its own volunteers to offer safe rides on prom nights from 10 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. the next morning.

Rides will be provided for drivers who have been drinking and/or passengers of impaired drivers who would prefer a safer way home.

Florists, tuxedo rental shops and NCNB are helping SAFE DRIVE spread the word about the



availability of the rides and distributing the phone number 332-SAFE through a variety of promotional means.

### Upcoming Proms

- Providence Day, April 29;
- Garinger, April 29;
- West Mecklenburg, May 6;
- West Charlotte, May 6;
- Olympic, May 6;
- North Mecklenburg, May 12;
- Charlotte Catholic, May 13;
- Harding, May 19.

Volunteers from the community at large are welcome to call 332-SAFE and help with this project.

## Learn To Act At Children's Theater

The Children's Theatre of Charlotte's Education Department presents a red-hot line up of summer drama classes!

Professional teachers will challenge students through an assortment of creative activities.

Students will play, create, "act out", listen and gain confidence in expressing themselves in a group.

At the end of each session, children will have an opportunity to share their experiences with their parents.

Classes will be held from June 5 through August 11 and are for ages 3 - 15. Please call 376-5745 for information about registration. Prices for classes range from \$25 to \$60.

•African Dance • Batik • Drawing • Sewing • Modern Dance • Football •

### Register Now!!

Youth Classes At The Afro-American Cultural Center

Through the month of April Call Gwen Jackson at 374-1565 for more information.

Word! is The Charlotte Post's New section for young readers. We're interested in receiving news of youth achievement, events and also articles, poems or illustrations created by young people. Please send submissions to: Word! c/o The Charlotte Post, P.O. Box 30144, Charlotte, N.C. 28230. For more information, call Jalyne Strong, at 376-0496.

## Crossword

### ACROSS

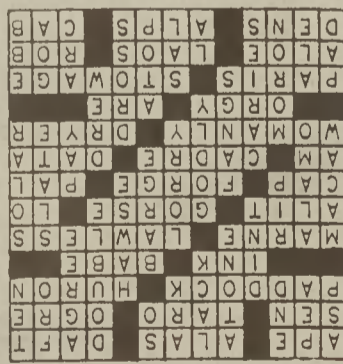
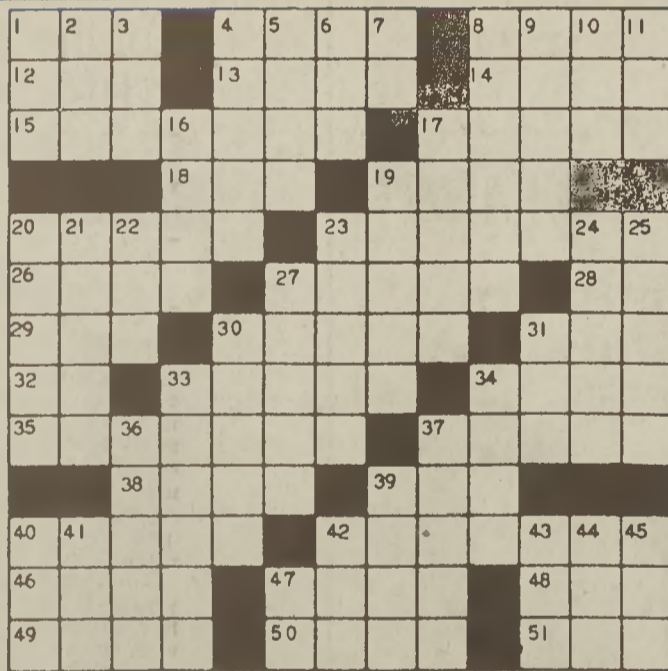
1. Large monkey
4. Exclamation of grief
8. Foolish
12. Japanese coin
13. Indian plant
14. Monster
15. Pen for horses
17. Great lake
18. Liquid for writing
19. Small infant
20. French river
23. Uncontrolled
26. Landed
27. Prickly shrub
28. Behold!
29. Lid
30. Falsify
31. Friend
32. Before noon (Abbr.)
33. Framework
34. Facts
35. Feminine
37. Laundry aid
38. Wild revel

39. Part of to be
40. City in France
42. Storage charge
46. Plant of the lily family
47. Asian country
48. Take forcefully
49. Animal homes
50. Swiss Mountains
51. Public conveyance

### DOWN

1. Small snake
2. A legume
3. Terminate
4. To expiate
5. Absence of
6. Noah's boat
7. To that degree
8. Twofold
9. Be in harmony
10. Back and forth
11. A cardinal number
16. A blow or stroke
17. Part of a ship's bow

19. Flat-bottomed boat
20. Kind of parrot
21. Davy Crockett fought here
22. Tear
23. A cart
24. Blackboard
25. Pertaining to the sun
27. Pious
30. Pointed teeth
31. Compensate
33. Decay of the bone
34. Sketched
36. Weak-minded person
37. Crust of metal
39. At the peak
40. Cushion
41. Alcoholic beverage
42. Salt
43. Part of a curve
44. An antelope
45. Fall of the tide
47. Note of musical scale



WHAT IS THE COMMON TERM FOR:  
"LIGHT AMPLIFICATION BY STIMULATED EMISSION OF RADIATION"?

WHO WAS THE FIRST NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER TO BECOME A U.S. PRESIDENT?

THE MOST COMMONLY PERFORMED SURGERY IS A CASERIAN SECTION - WHAT IS THE SECOND?

## MAGICWORD

HOW TO PLAY: Read the list of words. Look at the puzzle. You'll find these words in all directions — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards. Draw a circle around each letter of a word found in the puzzle, then strike it off the list. Circling it will show a letter has been used but will leave it visible should it also form part of another word. Find the big words first. When letters of all listed words are circled, you'll have the given number of letters left over. They'll spell out your MAGICWORD.

April Showers (sol: 13 letters)

C—Climate, Cloudburst, Cloudy; D—Damp, Dark, Deluge, Downpour, Drencher, Drippy, Drizzle, Drops; F—Flood, Foggy; G—Gray; H—Hard, Haze, Heavy; M—Mist, Moist, Monsoon; N—Nature; P—Pour, Puddle; R—Rain; S—Saturate, Scatter, Season, Sky, Slip, Slicer, Smog, Sippy, Splash, Sprinkle, Storm; T—Teem, Thick, Thunder, Torrent; U—Umbrella; V—Vapor; W—Water, Weather, Wet, Windy

This Week's Answer: PRECIPITATION  
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Y P P O S D A M P K C I H T P  
A N C O T I E L K N I R P S I  
M F L O O D S E A S O N P L L  
E O O E N A Y P P I R D U I S  
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## OFF THE WALL

SOME COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS ARE TERMINAL BORES

## BLACK FAX QUIZ

- In which state was the first Fair Employment Practices Commission established?
- What organization replaced the Office of Minority Business Enterprise?
- How did Marvin Gaye die?
- What team drafted the first Black American soccer player?
- Who is considered as the "Prince of Negro Journalists"?
- Augustus F. Hawkins was a Congressman from what state?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- Phyllis Mae Dalley
- Howard University Medical School
- Edward Ellington
- Two
- Julius Lester
- Jennifer Holliday

1. Rearrange letters of the four scrambled words below to form four simple words.

T I D O Y D

A R E V T

S P I T Y

D I N A L I

2. PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN THESE SQUARES

3. UNSCRAMBLE ABOVE LETTERS TO GET ANSWER

ANSWERS

1. My uncle started at the bottom at the plant he worked and that's where he STAYED.  
2. My uncle started at the bottom at the plant he worked and that's where he STAYED.  
3. Oddly — Avert — Topsy — Inland — STAYED