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News For Young Post Readers



School counselors work afterschool at the Education Center for the Call-A-Counselor program.

Help's Just A Call Away

Charlotte Mecklenburg Counselors Organize a Youth Help Line

"Adults talked about their frustrations with their friends. Kids usually don't talk about what's bothering them," he said. Some kids may not be able to handle the strain of having a tree crash through their living rooms, or having to live in a primitive fashion due to no electricity. Monday through Thursday five school counselors answer telephones from 5-8 p.m. Cochran said kids are generally afraid to voice their problems and talking to peers is not always an alternative. "Teenagers know how to use the telephone, they feel confident on the phone. We are play-

ing to their strength," he said. When Hugo roared through Charlotte Cochran said Call-A-Counselor was open for special hours. "There were several elementary school children who were staying home alone after the storm. Parent's called wanting to know how to help their kids cope with the trauma of Hugo. Even teachers called wanting to know what to say to their students when they returned," Cochran said.

Cochran, a counselor at Cochran Junior High School, said that sometimes young kids and teens need to talk about their troubles.

While sorting through the aftermath of Hugo's destruction some people may feel a surge of unsurmountable stress. Dealing with this stress can be especially difficult for adolescents. To help alleviate some of the burden from the shoulders of today's youth, John Cochran started Call-A-Counselor. This is a program that receives calls from school-aged youths in order to try and help them sort through their problems.

On a daily basis Call-A-Counselor deals with anything from young latch-key kids to teens with problems. The number is 379-7100.

Passport Game Featured At ZooFest

Take a fantasy trip to Africa. Win a cuddly toy elephant by guessing the weight of a real elephant. Enjoy music and dance from around the world.

It is all possible during ZooFest, the North Carolina Zoological Park's annual celebration of animals, autumn, and the arts. It happens every weekend in October.

Just for ZooFest, the zoo's education division has developed the Passport Game, a fun filled activity for visitors that will allow them to go on a make believe journey through Africa.

Each Saturday during October, zoo-goers will be issued a special passport at the zoo's Smart Carts.

These are mobile yellow classrooms that feature games, photographs, and specimens to help teach visitors about the plants and animals at the zoo.

Participants will use information boards at various habitats and observe the animals to answer questions contained in their passports.

"It's an opportunity to have extra fun while learning more about the African animals found at the zoo," Sara Ryan, the zoo's curator of education, said.

To help kick off the Passport Games the zoo will be weighing four of its African elephants using special truck scales provided by the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles.

Visitors at the elephant habitat overlook will be able to submit cards with their estimates of the elephants' weights. The entrant coming closest to the weight of each elephant will win a plush toy elephant.

The songs music, and dances of various countries will be presented in performances on Sundays in the Zoo Plaza or Amphitheater.



NBC-TV "Today" host Bryant Gumbel has revealed plans for a pro-am golf tournament benefiting the United Negro College Fund to be played Oct. 22 at the Walt Disney World resort. To announce the Bryant Gumbel/ Walt Disney World Pro-Am presented by Amtrak, the television personality took a swing at Disney's Lake Buena Vista Course with Mickey Mouse and Goofy.

WORD! is The Charlotte Post's 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 A.C. Turner at 376-0496.

CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS |
| 1. Any fruit drink | 1. Malt beverage | 8. Half ems (slang) |
| 4. New frontier | 2. Los Angeles ball player | 15. Banquet |
| 9. Thirteen | 3. Finished | 16. Mistake |
| 11. Old Norse work | 4. South Dakota (abbr.) | 17. Eerie |
| 12. Little children | 5. Beverages | 19. Apart |
| 13. Obtain | 6. Moham-medan call to prayer | 20. Rhythm |
| 14. Prescription term | 7. — of Lebanon | 22. Common |
| 15. Nourish | 29. Mad | 23. At home |
| 17. Weather Bureau (abbr.) | | 25. Public notice |
| 18. Male sheep | | 28. Composer of lyrical poetry |
| 21. Blunder | | 32. Sorcery (B.W.I.) |
| 22. Old-fashioned fur coat | | 34. Girl's name |
| 24. Land measure | | 35. Entire |
| 25. Foreign | | 36. Dance step |
| 26. Pronoun | | 40. Exists |
| 27. Unites, as metal | | |
| 29. Fish | | |
| 30. Attempt | | |
| 31. Bank draft (abbr.) | | |
| 32. Extraordinary one (slang) | | |
| 33. Female ruff | | |
| 35. Jewish month (poss.) | | |
| 36. Edible nut (P.L.) | | |
| 37. Meadows | | |
| 39. An attacker | | |
| 41. Boy's nickname (poss.) | | |

Answer To Puzzle On 12b

BLACK FAX QUIZ

- What was the first official all-Black unit in the Civil War?
- To what staff position was Dr. Louis T. Wright appointed at Harlem Hospital?
- Who was among the first jazzmen to present jazz in the church?
- Who was the first Black to play in organized hockey?
- "Roots" has been reprinted in how many languages?
- The first Black-chartered, Black-run commercial bank was located where?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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| 1. Leon Higginbotham Jr. | 4. "Mean" Joe Greene |
| 2. A solar eclipse | 5. If We Must Die |
| 3. 1973 | 6. Riley King |

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- Islands
- TLDNAOG
 - SABBORAD
 - DLERNIA
 - ERSBHEDE
 - GOLN
 - ABIL
 - MABSAAH
 - DIINDRAT
 - ELNACID
 - ANJPA
 - BAUC
 - MARUBDE
 - NACRAY
 - SOCIRAC
 - TREEC
 - IWIAHA

Answers
 Crete, Hawaii, (center word) Jamaica
 Japan, Cuba, Bermuda, Canary, Corsica
 land (center word) Greenland
 Long, Bali, Bahamas, Trinidad, Iceland
 Gortland, Barbados, Ireland, Hebrides,

ASTRO-DESTINY

- ARIES** Mar. 21 - Apr. 19
 Relying on your memory as the sole source of information can prove disastrous. Be prepared with more written data.
- TAURUS** Apr. 20 - May 20
 Earning power is on the increase. You deserve it more than the average person and it is long overdue.
- GEMINI** May 21 - June 20
 Review your budget. Tighten the strings where necessary and give some thought to the future.
- CANCER** June 21 - July 22
 Your popularity is at its peak. Give that party you have been thinking about - it will be fun.
- LEO** July 23 - Aug. 22
 Discussion with your family can only muddle things. You must act on your own this time.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
 While you mean well in trying to help a friend, you could be accused of meddling. Give it some thought.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
 Family and friends make this a fun week for you and your spouse. A party brings the week to a climax.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
 Romance has reared its lovely head. Your vivacious personality is hard to resist by one and all.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
 Would you be surprised if you received an unexpected legacy? Don't - it could happen this week.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
 Health and happiness make life a joy. Spread some of your good fortune around... it's needed.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
 You have excellent aspects to back you. Career opportunities and romance can succeed.
- PISCES** Feb. 19 - Mar. 20
 Nothing will come easy this unfavorable week. Patience, and then things will come up roses.

The Debunker

BY JOHN HARVEY FURBAY PH.D.

BUTLERS DO NOT SERVE FOOD OR ACT AS DOORMEN



Many of our words have become badly confused through centuries of use and misuse. A good example is the word butler. It can have only one meaning. Being derived from the word "bouteillier" (bottle bearer), its meaning is limited to the function of serving wines and liquors. Strictly speaking, a butler, then, cannot act as doorman, or serve food; he is exclusively devoted to pouring from bottles. When he turns from this work, he is no longer a butler—he is then something else.

The DEBUNKER

By John Harvey Furbay, Ph.D.

GORILLAS ARE NOT FEROCIOUS



The gorilla has long been described by explorers as a deadly beast, always beating its breast, roaring and killing men who dared to come near. Carl Akeley, in his book, "In Brightest Africa," says these animals are really indifferent to the presence of man, and are sometimes inquisitive enough to come quite close. He says accounts of the ferocity of gorillas have been written from imagination, in order to provide the necessary element of "danger" to explorations.