

ShopTalk

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Summer Vacation!

*Vacation, all I ever wanted...
 Vacation, had to get away...*

(“Vacation” by the Go-Go’s,
 August, 1982).

Whether it’s the annual family gathering in Virginia Beach, or the trip of a lifetime to Europe, employees throughout The Post are taking some time off this summer for vacation. Here are some vacations that staff have already enjoyed this summer, or are looking forward to before September comes around. (If you haven’t planned your vacation yet, you may get some good ideas.)

KEVIN BLITZER, Magazine Advertising, recently returned from a trip to Barcelona and the resort town of Sidges in Spain. He and a friend decided to go after another friend visited there two years ago and highly recommended the trip. Among the highlights of the trip were beachfront medieval castles, a 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct, buildings and sculpture created by the

famous Spanish architect Gaudi, and the food.

“The Spanish people were very friendly and the food was unbelievable...Paella, tapas and a good mix of traditional European foods,” said Blitzer. “And, the skies were so blue!”

KIM GEE, Advertising, is heading to the Bahamas this week with her best friend and her friend’s sister, for what she describes as a “Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood vacation.” She also has plans to go to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands in August. A big fan of the islands, Gee has been making trips to the Caribbean for the last five years.

“I need to go to an island every year,” she explained. “There are fabulous beaches and it’s a quick get-away. We used to go Ocean City, but once we found the islands, that was it, because we got spoiled.”

TUESDAY LYON, Accounting, is traveling to the small town of Reidsville, N.C. in August for her eighth trip to her boyfriend’s family reunion. According to Lyon, there

will be a few hundred members of the Bell family at the gathering. “It is really relaxing to get away from D.C. and go to this small town,” she explained. “A lot of the family live in the same part of town. The food is good and there is a lot of laughing and joking.”

PETE GRAGNANI, Production/Northwest, is spending most of his summer proudly watch-



PHOTO - GEGORY HOSS

KEVIN BLITZER on a beautiful beach in Spain.



KIM GEE is “Ya-Ya” for her trip to the Bahamas.



PHOTO - PATTI GRAGNANI

PETE GRAGNANI (left) on a recent trip to Myrtle Beach with daughters Lauren and Karen, and father-in-law, Herb Krivka.

ing his daughters Karen, 8, and Lauren, 5, participate in their swim team meets in Olney, Md. After the rigorous swim team schedule is over, the family has plans to visit



TUESDAY LYON is looking forward to a trip to a small town in North Carolina.

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PHOTO - MARGARET THOMAS

The Prince William Extra staff includes, (front row, l-r.) **CHRISTINA SAMUELS, JOSH WHITE** and (back row, l-r) **CAMILLE ROSS, SCOTT PATTON, ERIC WEISS** and **PAUL GLADER**. Not pictured are **STEVE LEWIS, STEVEN GINSBERG, MICHAEL GREENSPON** and **PRESTON WILLIAMS**.

The Prince William Extra will begin publishing on Thursdays, instead of Wednesdays, effective Thursday, July 4. According to editor **SCOTT PATTON**, the move to Thursdays was made as a cost-saving opportunity to print the Extra in-house at the Springfield plant, instead of at the Gannett facility where it has been printed. The Post publishes 10 community Extras.

As part of its continuing support of the arts in the metro area, The Post is sponsoring the DC Sessions free concert series on G Street. The 12-week series of Saturday night concerts has been attracting thousands of music lovers to the steps of the Smithsonian's American Art Museum at 8th and G Streets, NW (adjacent to the MCI Center). The concert series, which kicked off on June 1, runs until August 17. The gates for each concert open at 4 p.m. and the performances start at 5 p.m. The following is a partial list of upcoming

DC Sessions concerts. For more information, go to the home page of *IntraNED*, or look for the ads running in The Post.

June 29 – They Might Be Giants, Lake Trout, Juniper Lane, Spiraling

July 6 – 2 Skinnee J's, Virginia Coalition, The Lost Trailers,

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July 13 – Concrete Blond, Todd Watts, Corey Harris, Stereoblis

July 20 – Sister Hazel, Ebo, Marathon, Janah

The list of July 27 – August 17 concerts can be found on *IntraNED*.

The Post hosted the 2002 Washington Post Awards For Excellence in Nonprofit Management on Thursday, June 20. The award recognizes area nonprofit agencies that demonstrate outstanding achievements and innovative strategies in the management of the nonprofit organization. The 2002 award, which includes a check for \$5,000, was presented to the Choral Arts Society of Washington. Four honorable mentions are recognized with a \$1,000 award. In

Vice President/Business Manager, **TED LUTZ**, (far left) and Executive Director of the Washington Council of Agencies, Betsy Johnson, (far right), presented The Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management to representatives of the Choral Arts Society of Washington, including (l-r) Judy Brophy, executive director; Ann Keiser, former board chair, and Norman Scribner, music director.



PHOTO - RUBEN RODRIGUEZ

addition to the awards presentation, the five nonprofit organizations participated in a workshop that encouraged the sharing of ideas and best practices.

BETTY HOLMAN, Circulation, accompanied Post Food Critic **TOM SIETSEMA** for lunch on Friday June 21, at a restaurant he is considering for the Magazine's Fall Dining Guide. Holman attended the lunch as the winner of the ShopTalk Free Lunch contest held in April and May. In addition to sampling delicious foods, Holman had the opportunity to watch Sietsema at work.

"Winning a free lunch with Tom Sietsema was such a treat. Not only was the experience of observing a food critic at work rewarding, the conversation over lunch was just as appealing. I found the food to be of my liking and the quality of service was great. Overall it was very impressive," she explained.

KidsPost has the cure for kids already suffering from the summertime "I'm bored" blues. KidsPost recently announced the kickoff of its second summer book club. Kids who join the club receive a free KidsPost summer book club poster and will have their name published in KidsPost at the end of the summer. The book club will "meet" on the pages of KidsPost each week, through articles about

kid-tested books, interviews with authors, and subjects connected to the books. According to KidsPost, the club will include "fiction and non-fiction, books about sports and books about history."

Kids of Post employees are invited to join the book club. The following information appeared in KidsPost on June 11:

1. Write to: Book Club, KidsPost, The Washington Post, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071. Or e-mail us: kidspost@washpost.com (put "Bookclub" in the subject line).
2. Include your name, age, phone number and address.
3. Start reading. You'll receive your poster in a couple of weeks, so while you're waiting, read some more.

The employees of the Northwest Building participated in an emergency evacuation drill on Thursday, June 20 at 11 a.m. The planned drill was a part of the new evacuation plan, which was outlined in the June 13 issue of ShopTalk.

According to Vice President/Controller **PEGGY SCHIFF**, the evacuation lasted 16 minutes and employees were able to return to their desks by 11:40 a.m. She noted, "The D.C. Fire Department observers were pleased with our evacuation of the drill, especially the very short time it took to vacate the building."

The emergency coordinators have received a formal assessment of improvements that can be made to future evacuation drills, expected to take place on an annual basis. Questions about the drill should be directed to your department or section's emergency coordinator.

Myrtle Beach, S.C. The family has gone to Myrtle Beach, where Gragnani's father-in-law has a condo on the beach, for eight years. The Gragnani's are also looking forward to visiting Disney World in the fall.

EDDY PALANZO, News, recently took a trip to Burlington, Conn., to visit friends and then drove to Tiverton, R.I., to help her teenage nephew prepare for his prom. "The weather was cold and damp, just the way I like it," she noted.



MATTIE LOCKHART is looking forward to traveling to Italy.

laxing." Savitch's summer also includes short jaunts to Rehoboth Beach, Del.; Fort Lauderdale, Fl., and New York City.

A long trip to Italy is in the works for **MATTIE LOCKHART**, Mail Desk. Lockhart is looking forward to visiting Italy for the first time to visit her son, Corey and his wife, who are stationed at the U.S. Air Force base in Aviano.

Baseball and his son, Marcus, 15, are the two reasons **KEITH JONES**, Information Technology, is in



KEITH JONES is spending eight days watching baseball.

Tucson, Ariz., this week. Jones is there to watch his son play in approximately seven games in eight days during the USA Baseball Junior Olympic Tournament.

"Watching him play baseball is what I do on all my vacations," said Jones.

Enjoying the sun and sand with his granddaughter was the highlight of **CHARLIE**

BROWN's, Building Services, recent vacation in Virginia Beach. Brown owns a condo time-share in Virginia Beach where he has vacationed since 1989.

"We go every June and September," he said. "It's a nice place to go with the family, to enjoy the boardwalk and play in the water and sand." Brown has also used his timeshare options to travel to other beaches in Hawaii and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Although Nassau in the Bahamas is his favorite travel destination, **JOHN GILLIAM**, Production/College Park, spent his vacation in mid-June in Negril, Jamaica. While there, he and his girlfriend enjoyed the bands that



PHOTO - JOHN GILLIAM

JOHN GILLIAM, (kneeling) with two friends he met at his favorite vacation destination, Nassau, Bahamas.

played on the beach every night, horseback riding through the countryside, and watching cliff diving on the coast.

"It was hot, but the beaches are beautiful and the people are friendly," he said. He recommends Negril, which is much less "touristy" than

Montego Bay. However, his next trip is back to the Bahamas, where he has made many friends from past trips.

While so many employees are heading out of town in the next two or three months, Travel Editor **K.C. SUMMERS** will be spending her two week vacation...here. "I'm going to visit the museums, go see some movies, and sit in my back yard and relax."



PHOTO - PAULETTE BROWN

CHARLIE BROWN in Virginia Beach with his granddaughter, Dezhane.



EDDY PALANZO enjoyed the cool weather in New England.

On the trip home, Palanzo tried to get to the John Gotti funeral in New York, but was waylaid by the traffic congestion.

TODD SAVITCH, Advertising, also has plans to visit New England this summer. He is attending a wedding in New Hampshire, then vacationing in Cape Cod, where he used to live. His itinerary includes, "eating lobster, going to the beach, bike riding, and just re-



TODD SAVITCH has vacation plans that include eating lobster.

POST SCRIPTS



"Under Mrs. Graham's banner as publisher, The Washington Post has grown in prestige and has otherwise flourished. Circulation has continued to rise, passing the magical figure of 500,000 daily in 1970, and increased advertising has followed. To the paper have come a number of stars with well-known bylines. Overseas bureaus, besides those in London and Paris, have been opened in Moscow, Tokyo, Saigon, Buenos Aires, and in a half-dozen far-flung cities."

—By Edward T. Folliard
October 16, 1972,
The Washington Post

During the six-month celebration of the 125th Anniversary, ShopTalk will take a look back

at the events and people that shaped the history of the newspaper.

WEEKEND'S WEEKENDS

Weekend's Weekends, the Weekend Section and Public Relations department's popular series of free summer concerts at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre begins June 28.

Gates open for the concerts at 7 p.m., with performances at 7:30 p.m. Up to four free tickets will be available to employees. You can pick them up in the Public Relations Department, or from **JOYCE JONES**, Weekend Editor, on the day of the performance only. Please note that there are no scheduled rain dates. For more information, contact the Public Relations department at x4-7969.

Weekend's Weekends

The Weekend's Weekends schedule of performances and performers:

June 28 - Rock Night:

Juniper Lane, Army of Me (formerly Cactus Patch), and Canyon.

July 5 - Latin Night:

Duende Camaron, Young & Rollins, and Daniel Alexander & the Peligro Orchestra.

July 12 - Doo-Wop Night:

The Velons, the Jewels, and the Orioles.

July 19 - Soul Groove Night:

Zwei, W. Ellington Felton, and Basehead.

INTRANED NEWS

The Post sponsors a number of community events around the metro area throughout the summer and fall. If you are interested in attending one of the events, go to *IntraNED*, click on the Public Relations Department home page link and click on the 2002 community events calendar. You will be linked to a description, location, and contact information for upcoming events.

The Human Resources home page on *IntraNED* is a valuable resource for a number of topics, including training opportunities, benefits, job postings, employee policies and much more. Just type in *IntraNED* on your web browser address area, click on the Human Resources Department link.

NO SHOPTALK

There will be no ShopTalk published on Thursday, July 4. The next issue will be published on July 11. The deadline for marketplace ads for the July 11 issue is Friday, July 5 at noon. Marketplace ads can be submitted via e-mail to ShopTalk@washpost.com. Please check Marketplace below for the correct format to write your ad.

MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE: Animal carrier-"Kennel Cab"-great condition, like new \$20, measures 16" w x 24" d x 17" h. Bought new at \$44. Call Donna at (301)589-5381, or x4-6437.

FOR SALE: New, never used red, white and blue Haas-Jordan umbrellas with steel and leather seat. Ideal for golf tournaments or other outdoor sporting events. Best offer. Call Jim at (703) 914-4561.

FOR SALE: File cabinet, 5-drawer lateral. Almond color, 42" wide, 64" high, 18" deep. \$1,000+ when new, asking \$250. Call Barbara at x4-6143 or (703) 359-9898.

FOR SALE: Redskin tickets, whole season, 18th row visitors' side, 40 yd. line, call Ed at (703)455-2115.

FOR SALE: Beautiful 4 story, 3 BR, 2 BA Townhouse. Lovely hardwood flrs., new w/w carpet, finished bsmt., 1 car gar. & deck. Close to Metro & Beltway. See www.dniproductions.com/home for more info. Call Marc or Curtis at x4-7071 or call (571) 220-1616.

FOR SALE: Nordic Track Pro w/monitor. Great cond. Features a patented fly-wheel, adjustable elevation for variable slope, adjust. indep. resistance controls, a heart/mileage monitor/computer, sideboards and skis, and durable molded footpads. Folds up and rolls away for easy storage. Sold new for over \$1,200, willing to let it go for \$250/OBO, contact Diane at x4-5968.

FOR SALE: 1 NEXTEL i1000 plus (10 months old with original charger) leather "see thru" case, extra travel charger, headset, package deal for \$125. Call Marc or Curtis at x4-7071 or call (571) 220-1616.

WEEKEND WATERFRONT: Bring your boat. New, fully equip'd 30' travel trailer in private RV resort, sleeps six, 46 ft. bulk-headed private deep water on Port Tobacco River (1 hr. DC), boat or walk to marina, tiki bar/restaurant, community boat ramp & bathhouses, minutes to Potomac River. Boater's paradise - fantastic fishing, crabbing, kayaking, jetskiing, 3 nights - \$225. Call Barbara at (301)753-4303.

FOR RENT: 1BR condo with balc., Arlington, Rosslyn Metro, River Place, Iwo Jima view, swimming pool, exercise spa, \$1,250 include utilities. Parking available. Call Jim at (703) 914-4561.

RIDESHARE: Available to Michigan in August via Pennsylvania and Ohio turnpikes, thru Detroit area, to Traverse City in the NW lower peninsula. Contact photographer Gerald Martineau at x4-4838 or (703) 931-0628.

FREE! FREE! Ads in marketplace are free to employees of The Washington Post. Join thousands of satisfied customers who have bought and sold through Marketplace. The deadline is Friday at noon for the next Thursday's issue of ShopTalk. Send your ad with your extension and home phone number via e-mail to ShopTalk, or fax to x4963.

MARKETPLACE DEADLINE: Noon Fridays. Please include your name, extension and home phone number. **ADS ARE FOR POST EMPLOYEES ONLY.** Send ads to Shop Talk, 7th floor, or call x6803. To send ads via fax dial x4963; via e-mail send to **shoptalk**. Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee, please.

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