

ShopTalk

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Post Kids Contest! *ISO Pandas and Photos*

It's time for kids of Post employees to break out their crayons, colored pencils or paints and participate in the ShopTalk/KidsPost summer-time decorate-a-panda contest. Since kids whose parents work at The Post are not able to participate in any of KidsPost's fun contests,

ShopTalk wanted to give them an opportunity to show off their creativity.

Post kids 18 and under are invited to create their own pandas, similar to the ones that are part of PandaMania, a summer-long program by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Perhaps you have seen some of the 150 colorful

panda sculptures recently placed throughout the city. The one in front of The Post's outdoor parking structure downtown is titled "The Sidi Bouquet" (named for a town in Tunisia, North Africa) and was created by artist Margaret Dowell. "Sidi" joined the Party Animals sculptures outside the Northwest Building last month.

Post Kids: Here's What You Need to Do:

If you could have a PandaMania sculpture in your room or outside your house, what would it look like? Show us by coloring the panda on page 3 and sending it to us. Make sure the information form is filled out completely.

The deadline for the entries is Monday, July 26 at noon. On July 28 there will be a random drawing from all the entries. The artist of the first panda selected will get his/her choice of four tickets to a D.C. United soccer game this season or four front-row seats for The King and I at Wolf Trap on Friday, Sept. 3. The winner also will receive a KidsPost fun pack with a T-shirt, magnet, pencil and other goodies.

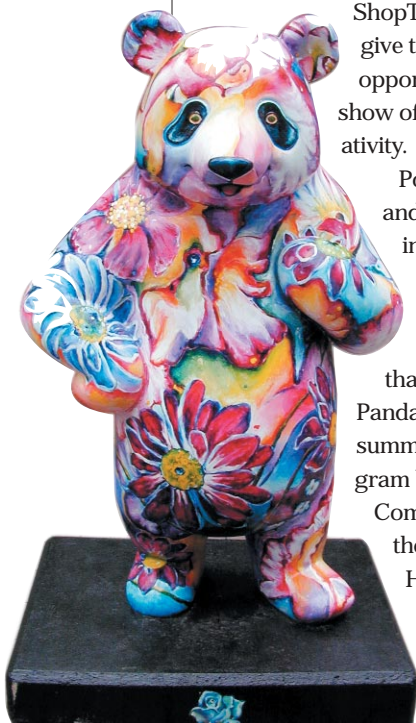
The next two artists picked in the random drawing also will receive KidsPost fun packs. The winning entries may be published in an upcoming issue of ShopTalk. The winners' parents will be notified by Friday July 30.

Entries should be sent via regular or internal mail (or hand carry) to:
ShopTalk Summer Contest
c/o ShopTalk, Public Relations
Department
The Washington Post
Third Floor, L Street Side
1150 15th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20071
(Please DO NOT send to KidsPost!)

Entries will not be returned at the end of the contest, but will be available to be picked up from the Public Relations Department the week of August 9. For more information contact Lisa Connors, ShopTalk Editor at x4-6803.

There's More...

ShopTalk is also looking for photos of Post kids enjoying their summer reading KidsPost. Post



The Panda in front of The Post's Northwest Building.

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Bylines

Phil Bennett, assistant managing editor/Foreign recently returned from a five-day trip to the Baghdad, Iraq Bureau to meet with staff about security concerns and The Post's coverage of Iraq during the next few months.

According to Bennett, the security situation in Iraq has changed how reporters can cover the news there and has limited mobility around Baghdad.

"I'm amazed at the skill and courage, not only of our reporters, but also the local staff of Iraqis," he said. "They are each put in danger by working for a foreign company. Several of our Iraqi staff said the reason [they are working for The Post] is that they believe the journalism in The Washington Post is important to the future of their country."

In addition to Post reporters and photographers,



PHOTO - COURTESY OF THE POST'S BAGHDAD BUREAU

Several of the Baghdad Bureau staff with **Phil Bennett**, assistant managing editor/Foreign (fourth from left), including (l-r) **Naseer Nouri**, the Bureau's chief translator; **Daniel Williams**, Foreign reporter; **Anthony Shadid**, Foreign reporter and recent Pulitzer winner for his coverage of the war in Iraq; Bureau Chief **Rajiv Chandrasekaran**; and **Omar Fekeiki**, office manager.

there are 24 Iraqis working at the Bureau in positions including drivers, translators, office managers, cooks and guards.

Bennett credits Baghdad Bureau Chief **Rajiv Chandrasekaran** with the successful operations of the bureau. Chandrasekaran came to The Post in 1994 and was previously a Metro reporter in the Loudoun and Prince William County bureaus.



PHOTO - PHIL BENNETT

A look inside The Post's Baghdad Bureau. According to Bennett, many times the staff is working from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m., up to the deadline for filing stories for the Foreign Desk.

"Rajiv does most of the journalism and set up and runs the bureau," Bennett said. "It's a very complicated operation that works 24 hours a day in a hostile, difficult environment. It's a very impressive scene [at the bureau]."

The Post hosted an end-of-the-year picnic for Eastern 500 Club members and their Post mentors on Saturday, June 14 at Oxon Run Park in Prince George's County. Twenty-five members and mentors enjoyed a sunny day of food and fun including a limbo contest and horseshoes. Vice President of Affiliates and 500 Club mentor **Lionel Neptune** won first place for his cake entry in the picnic's cooking contest. Neptune received a mountain bike for his culinary effort from contest sponsor Brock & Company, The Post's cafeteria vendor.■



PHOTOS - DAVID JONES

Recent Eastern 500 Club graduate and Human Resources Department intern **Tamela Odom** shows her skill during the limbo contest.



Post mentors enjoying the fun at the picnic include **Renate Brevard**, Accounting; **Pamela Victum**, Circulation; **Tanya Loving**, IT, and **Janice Stewart**, Advertising.

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employees are invited to send in a photo of their kids reading KidsPost on vacation, at the neighborhood pool, or anywhere they like to read and relax while school is out.

We will publish as many of the photos as we can by the end of the summer. You can e-mail photos that are high resolution (1600 pixels) to ShopTalk@washpost.com, or send hard copy photos to: ShopTalk, Public Relations

Department, The Washington Post, Third Floor, L Street Side, 1150 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, Sept. 7 at noon.

Please include the child or children's names, ages,

employee's name, department and extension with the photo. The hard copy photos will be returned.■



Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Post Employee's Name: _____

Department: _____ Extension: _____

NO SHOPTALK NEXT WEEK

ShopTalk will not be published on Thursday, July 1. The next issue will be published on July 8. The deadline for Marketplace ads for the July 8 issue is Friday, July 2 at noon. Have a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend!

Free Summer Concert on Friday

The Weekend Section and Public Relations Department's popular series of free summer concerts continues this Friday, June 25. Located at the newly renovated Carter Barron Amphitheatre, the concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., with gates opening at 7 p.m. Up to four free tickets are available to employees for each performance. Tickets can be picked up ON THE DAY OF THE PERFORMANCE ONLY through the Public Relations Department, located on the 3rd floor of the Northwest Building – ask for **Gayle Giger** or **Tito Tolentino**. Tickets are also available from Weekend Editor **Joyce Jones** in the Newsroom. Tickets for the general public can be picked up on the day of the performance in front of the Northwest Building beginning at 8:30 a.m. or beginning at

noon at the Carter Barron box office at 16 Street & Colorado Avenue, N.W. There are no rain dates. For more information, contact the Public Relations Department at x4-7969.

Friday, June 25:

Latin Night hosted by **Michael O'Sullivan**, Weekend staff

Latin Jazz All-Stars
Son de Aquí
Orquesta La Romana

Friday, July 9:

Big Band Battle hosted by **John Kelly**, columnist and former Weekend editor

Eric Felten Jazz Orchestra
vs. Tom Cunningham Orchestra



Bread for the City Executive Director George Jones accepts The Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management on Monday, June 14.

PHOTO - RUBEN RODRIGUEZ

The Post in Southern Maryland



PHOTO - BILL GIGER

The Post was a contributing sponsor of the South County Summer Festival held on Saturday, June 12 at the Herrington Harbour North Marina in Southern Anne Arundel County, Md. **Milene Purdy**, Accounting, and **Gayle Giger**, Public Relations, (pictured) staffed The Post booth at the event which attracted an estimated 3,500 attendees.

Bread for the City Wins Post Award

The Post hosted the Washington Council of Agencies 10th annual workshop on Best Practices in Nonprofit Management in the Northwest Building's second floor auditorium on Monday, June 14. More than 250 representatives of area nonprofit agencies attended the workshop, which included presentations from five local agencies. At the conclusion of the event, Vice President of Communications **Ted Lutz** presented District-based Bread for the City with The Washington Post Award for Excellence in

Nonprofit Management. The Post presents the award each year to honor a local agency chosen by the Washington Council of Agencies for outstanding achievements and innovative strategies in organizational management. The winner of the award receives \$5,000 and the opportunity to attend a nonprofit management program at George Washington University.

Correction

Kim Troxler was misidentified as **Barbara Jackson** in a photo in the June 10 issue of ShopTalk.

Marketplace

FOR SALE: REI Monarch Gore-Tex Ladies hiking boots, size 9, new \$100, will sell for \$50. Gently used, too small and I traded up to a size 10. For a picture, check out the REI website at www.rei.com. Rated first in their class by a leading consumer magazine. Call Valerie at x6-2409.

FOR SALE: 1995 Mazda MX-6, 92,000, 5 speed, power doors, locks, windows, AC, sun- roof needs some mechanical work, \$2,500/OBO. Call Carolyn at (301) 773-4350.

TUTOR AVAILABLE: Have BS in Mathematics and Masters in Information Technology. Can help with subjects including math, computer technology, as well as term papers. Call Ollennu at (301) 442-5233.

FOR SALE: Kitchen table and four chairs. Dark cherry top and very dark green legs, square size. Good condition. Asking \$75. Call Lynne at x4-6932 or (703) 866-9098.

FOR SALE: 1997 Nissan Maxima, black SE model w/brown leather. 84,000 miles. 5-speed manual. Totally loaded: sunroof, ABS, Bose stereo, power seats, keyless entry, etc. VG/excellent condition. \$8,200. Call Jonathan Yardley at (202) 544-7779.

MARKETPLACE DEADLINE: Noon Fridays. Please include your name, extension and home phone number. Ads are for Post Employees only. Send ads to Shop Talk, Public Relations Dept., or call x4-6803. To send ads via fax dial x4-4963; via e-mail send to [shoptalk](mailto:shoptalk@post.com). Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee, please.