

ShopTalk



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Post Kids Summer Contest! *Write A Post Mystery*

Since children whose parents work at The Post are not eligible to participate in KidsPost's fun contests, ShopTalk is inviting Washington Post Kids, ages 8 to 13-years-old to take part in a contest just like one that is



Ned

running in KidsPost this summer. It's a mystery writing contest with a Post twist! All Post kids that send in an entry have the opportunity to win Nationals tickets and cool prize packages. Plus their mystery could be published in ShopTalk.

This summer, the theme for KidsPost's Summer Book Club is Magical Mystery Tour. In addition

to reading mysteries, KidsPost is also encouraging its readers to write a mystery. "The Mystery at Blair House" started with a paragraph written by KidsPost that appeared on Tuesday, June 14. Readers are invited to write and send in a new paragraph each week so by the end of the summer there will be a one-of-a-kind KidsPost mystery written by KidsPost readers.

Here's what Post kids need to know:

Show off your creative writing talents by finishing The Washington Post mystery we started. Your entry should be no longer than 150 words. Entries can be neatly hand written or typed and must include the Post kid's name and age, name of parent or grandparent who works at The Post, department, Post extension and home phone number.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, July 13 at noon. Three entries will be picked at random to each receive a set of four Nationals' tickets for the Sunday, Aug. 7 home game at 1:05 p.m. (vs. San Diego Padres) and a prize package from KidsPost and the Marketing Department. The winners' parents who work at The Post will be notified by



Chip

Friday, July 15. Entries may also appear in ShopTalk this summer. Only one entry per child, please.

Here's the beginning:

Ned the Newshound and KidsPost's Chip were thrilled. The two of them were on an adventure to visit The Washington Post's College Park and Springfield printing plants. They couldn't wait to see the huge red presses, the big rolls of newsprint, and the busy docks where the newspapers are picked up then delivered to readers. "I'm going to write a story for KidsPost telling readers about our trip," Chip explained to Ned. Ned smiled at his

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New Faces



Curtrina Fox-Brooks



Villy Booker



Jennifer Bruen



Christopher Burns



Ilene Cook



Shepard Cynamon



Alok Kumar



Dwayne Malloy



Nicole Marshall



Robert McBride



Sheila McGrath



Nathaniel Singletary



Diana Todd

CURTRINA FOX-BROOKS, Administration, was recently hired to be a security officer at the Northwest Building. She previously worked for Guardsmark at the Northwest Building and Charles E. Smith properties. Brooks is a student at the University of the District of Columbia where she is majoring in mortuary and forensic science. In her free time she enjoys skating.

VILLY BOOKER, Ad Ops, joined The Post in April in the position of ad builder. She had been a layout designer for the *Washington Times* and also worked for Simply Wireless as a graphic designer. Booker is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University.

JENNIFER BRUEN, Human Resources, became a staffing and employee relations specialist in May. Prior to joining The Post, she was a sales professional at Tiffany & Co. She has also held human resources

positions for Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa. and for the Philadelphia Orchestra Association. Bruen holds a MBA from Drexel and a bachelor of music degree from the University of Hartford in Connecticut. Her interests include traveling and playing the flute and piano.

CHRISTOPHER BURNS, IT, was named to the position of technical architect in May. He came to The Post from Lockheed Martin where he was a senior technical architect. Burns has also held technical positions at James Martin & Company and SHL Systemhouse. Burns became a certified architect at Lockheed Martin and earned a BA in German at Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

ILENE COOK, Accounting, is the new manager of financial accounting. She came to The Post from Resources Global Professionals where she was a

consultant. She has also held accounting positions at Eisner & Lubin in New York, Coopers & Lybrand and had her own accounting practice. Cook is a CPA and earned a BS in accounting from the State University of New York in Binghamton. Her interests include golf and yoga.

SHEPARD CYNAMON, Advertising, was hired in May as an advertising service representative for the business advertising unit. Previously, he was a sales associate for the Corporate Executive Board and taught English at the Dragon Bilingual School in Gaithersburg. Cynamon holds a BA in English from Cornell University.

WANDA FRAZER, Advertising, joined the real estate group as an outside sales representative in April. She came to The Post from Atlantic Media where she had been a manager for institutional sales.

She also worked for the National Journal Group in client relations. Frazer attended Virginia Commonwealth University and earned her BS in business administration from Strayer University. She enjoys spending her spare time with her family. *(Photo not available)*

ALOK KUMAR, IT, is a new system administrator at The Post. He had worked at Emergis, Inc. as a production support analyst. Kumar holds a bachelor of technology degree in computer science from Lucknow University in India. In his spare time he enjoys movies.

WAYNE MALLOY, Administration, recently became a janitor in Building Services for the Northwest Building. He was previously a floor technician at Doctor's Hospital in Lanham. He enjoys football and basketball.

NICOLE MARSHALL,

Marketing, was named to the position of promotions project coordinator in April. Prior to joining the newspaper, she was a development associate for the National Breast Cancer Coalition. She also worked for Ideal Public Relations. Marshall is pursuing a degree in business management with dual enrollment at Prince George's Community College and the University of Maryland. Her interests include reading and traveling.

ROBERT MCBRIDE, IT, was named to the position of senior system administrator in April. He was previously a telecommunications engineer for E*Trade Financial Services. McBride holds several technical certifications. His hobbies include sports and home renovation.

SHEILA McGRATH, Advertising, is a new outside sales representative based in Los Angeles. She came to The Post from Movie Marketplace where she was an account manager. She has also worked for the *Boston Herald* and *Country Home*. McGrath holds a BA in English literature from Providence College in R.I. She enjoys sailing and golf.

NATHANIEL SINGLETARY, Accounting, joined The Post as a customer accounting representative in April. Previously, he was a service representative for McAvey Sales & Service. Singletary

has also worked for Verizon and Cellular One. He is pursuing a degree in computer science from the University of Maryland.

DIANA TODD, Accounting, was named to the position of staff accountant in April. Prior to coming to The Post, she was an accountant and math teacher at the Clinton Christian School. Todd earned a BS in accounting from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. and is working toward her master's degree in accounting at the University of Maryland. ■

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buddy as they pulled into the College Park Plant's parking lot. Then he looked toward the plant and blinked, then rubbed his eyes. "Oh my," whispered Chip. "This is going to be a more exciting story than I thought." They couldn't believe what they saw.

Remember, the rest of the story must be 150 words, or less. Also, just like the KidsPost mystery, it is up to you to make this mystery scary, funny or both.

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
7th Floor
1150 15th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20071

(Please DO NOT send to KidsPost!)

Entries can also be e-mailed to *ShopTalk@washpost.com*.

For more information contact **Lisa Connors**, ShopTalk editor at x4-6803. ■

We Want Your Post Kids KidsPost Summer Vacation Photos, Too!

ShopTalk is also looking for photos of Post kids enjoying their summer reading KidsPost. Post 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 to *ShopTalk@washpost.com*, or send hard copy photos to: ShopTalk, Public Relations Department, The Washington Post, 7th floor, 1150 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. High resolution (1600 pixels) photos are preferred. Photos will be accepted until Monday, Aug. 22 at noon.

Please include the child or children's names, employee's name, department and extension with the photo. The hard copy photos will be returned.

P.S. Don't forget to sign up for the KidsPost Summer Book Club!

Washington Post kids can participate in the KidsPost Summer Book Club by sending an e-mail to *KidsPost@washpost.com*. Your child should write "Book Club" in the subject line and include their name, age and address in the e-mail. Each child that signs up will receive a cool rubber bracelet with KidsPOST and ReadSTRONG on it.



PHOTO - RUBEN RODRIGUEZ

Eric Grant and **Betsy Johnson**, (right) executive director for the Center for Non-profit Advancement present *The Post* award to **Maureen Holla** (center) executive director for the Higher Achievement Program.

Post Honors Nonprofits

The Post hosted the Center for Nonprofit Advancement's 11th annual workshop on Best Practices in Nonprofit Management in the Northwest Building's second floor auditorium on Tuesday, June 14. More than 200 representatives of area nonprofit agencies attended the workshop. During the event, **Eric Grant**, director of public relations and contributions presented *The Washington Post* Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management to the Higher Achievement Program in the District. The Post presents the

award each year to honor a local agency chosen by the Center for Nonprofit Advancement for outstanding achievements and innovative strategies in organizational management. The winner of the award receives \$5,000. Honorable mentions were also presented to the Arlington Free Clinic, Coptic Orphans in Falls Church, PHILLIPS Programs in Annandale and the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing

Arts in Vienna.

No ShopTalk Next Week

ShopTalk will not be published next week due to the July 4 holiday. The next issue of ShopTalk will be distributed on Thursday, July 7. The deadline for Marketplace ads for the July 7 issue is tomorrow, Friday, June 24 at noon.

Weekend's Weekends

The 2005 Weekend's Weekends series of free concerts continues tomorrow night, Friday, June 24 at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre in Rock Creek Park. The Weekend's Weekends 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 seventh floor of the Northwest Building – ask for **Gayle Giger** or **Aurora Gonzalez**. Tickets will also be available from Weekend Editor **Joyce Jones** in Weekend's temporary quarters on the 11th floor in the Akridge Building. 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 informa-

tion, contact the Public Relations Department at x4-7969, or call the information line at (202) 334-4748.

The two concert dates are:

Friday, June 24
Power-Pop/College Rock Night, featuring
 Kenin
 Niki Barr
 Rotoglow

Friday, July 8
Big Band/Small Band Swing Night, featuring
 Brooks Tegler Big Band
 J Street Jumpers

Bloodmobile at Northwest Building

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at The Northwest Building on Tuesday, June 28 from 8 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. in the second floor multipurpose room. To make an appointment to be a donor, or if you have any questions, contact the Northwest Health Center at x4-7192.

ISO Basketball Players

Players or teams interested in participating in The Post's basketball league should contact **Reggie Williams**, College Park Plant, at (301) 728-7607.

Marketplace

ISO BASEBALL GLOVES, BALLS - Baseball gloves and balls needed for upcoming trip this fall to Russian orphanage. Any size, condition, right or left hand. Thanks for your help. Call Steve Allis (703) 528-7174.

FOR SALE: Lawn mower, Toro 5.5 HP, recycle mulching, self propelled, 3 speed, electronic start, Briggs and Stratton engine. Asking \$200. Call Rod at x6-1120 or (301) 335-0805.

FOR SALE: Solid oak kitchen cart with stainless steel top, towel holder, knife rack, 43"Wx19"Dx36"H. Only 1 year old - perfect condition. Cost new \$400; priced to sell at \$175. Also, steel mesh dog guard for Subaru Forester \$50. Call Liz x4-7623 or (703) 931-3761.

FREE! FREE! Ads in marketplace are free to employees of The Washington Post. The deadline is Friday at noon for the next Thursday's issue of ShopTalk.

FOR SALE: 1999 Honda Accord EX Sedan 4D, 86,000 miles, front wheel drive, original owner, asking \$8,810. Contact Opeh at x4-5830.

FOR SALE: 10 gallon rectangular fish tank with fluorescent hood, \$25, brand new smokeless indoor electric grill (still in box) \$25, computer desk with file drawer, cabinet and shelves, \$75. Please call Niki at x4-4922 or (301) 526-2989.

ISO SEAMSTRESS: I am looking for someone to make a slip cover for an oversize stuffed chaise or to reupholster. If interested, please call Maria at x4-4487.

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 x4-6803. To send ads via fax dial x4-4963; via e-mail send to shoptalk. Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee, please.