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Big Savings on Home Delivery! *The Employee Advantage Program*

The Circulation and Marketing Departments have launched a discount home delivery program for Washington Post newspaper employees. Employees can now save 50 percent off a seven-day home delivery subscription, or 25 percent off a Sunday-only subscription.

"The program will enable employees to experience The Post's convenient home delivery service and share The Post with their families," explained **Gregg Fernandes**, home delivery director.

Full and part-time employees of the newspaper are eligible for the

discount program. The discount applies for as long as you remain a Washington Post employee and is valid whether you're starting a new subscription or already have home delivery. Should your employment terminate, the subscription will revert to the regular rate on the next billing cycle.

Current home delivery subscribers who are billed directly by your distributor will be switched to a credit card bill payment system and will be billed directly by The Washington Post. You will be billed on the credit card that you use to sign up for the employee discount.

Please note that this discount is only available to Washington Post newspaper employees. Contractors and temporary employees are not eligible for this program.

the instructions on the order page and make your subscription selection. Your employee discount will go into effect with your next billing cycle and will continue for as long as you remain an active employee.

For questions about access to WPONet or your username and password, contact the IT Help Desk at x4-4357.

You can also sign up using the form inside on page 3. Allow for extra time in the processing of orders forms. Please submit the paper order forms in a sealed envelope through the interoffice mail or regular mail to **Rob Nicholson**, Circulation Dept., The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. If you need more information or have any questions, contact the Employee Advantage Program hotline at x4-8351.

"We have lots of offers for consumers and I'm pleased that we can now offer employees a special home delivery offer," said **Rich Handloff**, consumer marketing director.



Sign Up Today!

Sign up for the Employee Advantage Program by going online to www.subscribe.washpost.com/employee

and enter your WPONet username and password to identify yourself as an employee. Follow

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Newsmakers

"Smitty" Honored at College Park



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Smith accepts award from Sherry Gryder.

College Park Plant Manager **Sherry Gryder** presented security guard **Christopher "Smitty" Smith** with the plant's annual Outstanding People Producing Exceptional Value Award on Thursday, Feb. 16. In addition to the award, Smith received a free parking spot for one year.

Three Post reporters are recipients of the George Polk Awards announced by Long Island University on Feb. 20. **Dana Priest** won the award for national reporting for "unveiling the existence of secret CIA-run prisons and

wrongdoing" in a series of 10 articles that ran in The Post.

Joe Stephens and **David Ottaway** earned the award for foreign reporting for their articles on the U.S.'s reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan and uncovering misuse of funds that led to the resignation of the director of USAID. The prestigious Polk awards were established in 1949.

The Young Journalists Development Program (YJDP) hosted 120 students and newspaper advisors from 13 area high schools on Feb. 21 for a series of discussions on different aspects of being a reporter and editor. Held in



PHOTO - DAVID JONES

Michelle Singletary answers questions from a reader during her book signing on Feb. 19.

Josh Freedom du Lac (center in white shirt), The Post's pop music critic, leads the discussion group on critiquing.



Book World Editor **Marie Arana** prepares for her taping with EFX Media producer Tom Oates.

the Northwest Building's auditorium, the discussions were led by Newsroom staff **Patricia Gaston**, **Josh Freedom du Lac**, **David Betancourt** and **Petula Dvorak**. Deputy Managing Editor **Milton Coleman** also addressed the group.

More than 200 readers attended columnist **Michelle Singletary's** reader forum and book signing event held at the Northwest Building on Sunday, Feb. 19. Singletary answered ques-

tions on a range of personal finance issues and read excerpts from her new book, "Your Money and Your Man: How You and Prince Charming Can Spend Well and Live Rich."

The Public Relations Department is updating The Washington Post tour video, which gives an overview of every aspect of the creation of the newspaper. The video is used during tours

of The Post's facilities, for Speakers Bureau events, as well as Post sponsored community events. The video was last updated three years ago and some new faces appearing in the update are

Newsroom staff **Bob McCartney**, **Keith Harriston**, **Rajiv Chandrasekaran** and **Marie Arana**. College Park Plant staff **William Walkup** and **Greg Estep** were also taped for the video.

Vice President of Circulation **David Dadisman** presented **Charles Bagwell** with the 2005 Jack Patterson Zone Manager Excellence Award on Feb. 10. Bagwell is The Post's regional sales manager for the Retail Sales Division. The annual award is named in honor of Jack Patterson, a retired assistant president and senior vice president of circulation. ■



David Dadisman presents award to **Charles Bagwell**.

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For fastest service, complete this form online at www.subscribe.washpost.com/employee.

Otherwise forward this completed form to **Rob Nicholson**, Circulation Department,

The Washington Post, 1150 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Please send the paper order forms in a sealed envelope.

Speakers Bureau Hits 600+ Mark

The Post's Speakers Bureau celebrates the one-year anniversary this month of the relaunch of the community service program. Since last March, more than 600 speaking engagements by Post staff have been coordinated through the bureau. The purpose of the program is to raise the profile of the newspaper in the community by providing Post staff as speakers in their area of expertise to education, civic and nonprofit organizations. The free service is provided through the Public Relations Department. For more information about the Speakers Bureau contact **David Jones** at x4-4917.

Stages For All Ages Returns

The League of Washington Theatres, with lead sponsorship from The Post, is presenting the Stages for All Ages program again this spring. The program is designed to introduce thousands of young people, 17 and under, to live, professional theatre in the Washington area. For select performances, 26 area theatres are offering a free ticket to a child 17 or under, with each adult ticket purchased. For detailed information on performances offered, to request a brochure or to check current availability of

specific performances, call the Stages for All Ages hotline at x4-5885, or, go online to www.lowt.org/stages.



Raspberry Bids Adieu

Columnist **Bill Raspberry** was honored for his Pulitzer Prize-winning career at The Post during his retirement reception held at the Northwest

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Bill Raspberry.

Building on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Speakers including Chairman **Don Graham**, Publisher **Bo Jones** and Editorial Page Editor **Fred Hiatt** paid tribute to Raspberry for his 43 years of contributions to the newspaper.

Bloodmobile at Northwest Building

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Northwest Building's auditorium next Tuesday, March 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. To make an appointment to be a donor, or if you have any questions, call the Northwest Health Center at x4-7192.



PHOTO - SHELLEY DRAHEIM

Members of Girl Scout Troop 2559 from Burke, Va. with some of their favorite sections of The Post. The 14 seventh graders participated in a newsletter feature writing workshop facilitated by ShopTalk Editor **Lisa Connors** on Saturday, Feb. 18. The workshop is a requirement toward earning the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Marketplace

FOR SALE: DVD collectors sets previously viewed. \$10 per each season, original prices \$29.99-\$49.99: Babylon 5 season 1, Millennium season 1, the Larry Sanders Show season 1, West Wing season 2, the Family Guy season 1. Also, \$20 per each season, original prices \$45.99-\$149.99 for Dead Like Me season 1, 2, and Star Trek The Next Generation Season 7. Call Madonna at x4-7966 or e-mail at rabatinmj@washpost.com.

FOR SALE: Indigo by Clarks Black "Cheetah" Boots size 9.5. Purchased in early Nov. and only worn twice, look brand new. Paid \$150 for them from Zappos.com, now a great deal for \$100/OBO with the original packaging. Photos are available. Call Carrie at x4-7972, or e-mail morsecm@washpost.com.

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.

FOR SALE: Vacation week in Villas at The Boardwalk. This is a beautiful oceanfront resort in Virginia Beach. Check in Saturday 09/09/06 and check out 09/16/06. One bedroom, two sofas, kitchen. Sleeps up to six people. Accommodations: indoor pool, jacuzzi, gym, restaurant. Asking \$700. Call Trinh (202) 334-4021 (between 7 to 11 p.m.).

FOR RENT: With over 125 things to do, there is something for everyone to enjoy at Massanutten, 10 minutes east of Harrisonburg, VA off interstate 81. Just \$500 for weekly rental, Sat. to Sat., the last week in March. For more information, contact Denise Ponder x4-7137.

FOR SALE: Fender Stage Lead II Combo Amp. 250 watts, comes with foot pedal for channel select. Has only seen two gigs, basically been used as a practice amp, got a lot of life left in it. Asking \$300. Call Russell at (571) 247-7869 if interested.

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