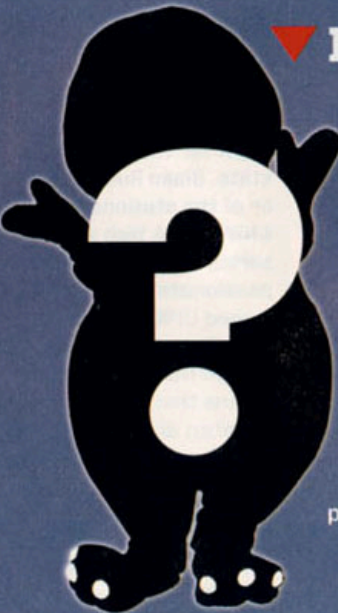


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▼ **PBS (AND THE KIDS) WANT YOU**

If you've been thinking about a career change, PBS is casting a very wide net for one of its new job openings. As part of its PBS Kids Next Generation Media initiative, the public broadcaster is on the hunt for a new children's show host. Applicants, according to the PBS Web site, should be "motivating, charismatic, warm, creative, silly, smart, fun, well-spoken, energetic and physically agile." Musical skills, Spanish-language proficiency and a background in child development and/or TV broadcasting are also big pluses. But if you've never slapped on a fuzzy animal suit or a colorful cardigan to entertain kids before the cameras, fear not. All you have to do is create your own three- to five-minute audition tape. But you'd better get busy. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 10. Check out pbs.org/parents for submission details. ■

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