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Wrapping Up 2003

*T*his is the season for photos and wrapping up another year at The Post.

This is the last issue of ShopTalk until Thursday, Jan. 8. Best wishes from ShopTalk and the Public Relations Department for a happy and healthy New Year! Look for more photos inside.



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The launch of the Washington Post Company's Express commuter tabloid spawned a co-ed soccer team made up mostly of Post newsroom employees and a few friends. Playing on Sundays this fall at St. John's High in Northwest D.C., Team Express earned a 3-2-3 record and made the playoffs, before bowing out in the quarterfinals in November. Financial staff reporter **JACKIE SPINNER** was the captain, having started the team with support from Express Publisher **CHRIS MA** who donated two dozen yellow Express shirts. Assistant Managing Editor **SHIRLEY CARSWELL** gave financial support to offset the league entry fee.

Team Express included (front row l-r) Gerry Perez, **JACKIE SPINNER**, **CHRIS DAVENPORT**, (standing, l-r) Tuck Evans, **CHRIS STERN**, Julie Feldmeier, **SARA GEBHARDT**, Dan Berko, Kim Pinkston, **DAVID NAKAMURA**, **JUSTIN BLUM**, **CHRIS HOPFENSBERGER**, Paul de Lucena, Takuro Nozawa and **ANNE MCDONOUGH**.



Public Relations staff **CARRIE MORSE**, **GAYLE GIGER** and **NEKEIDRA MASON** are shown with the Christmas tree sponsored by The Post that they decorated for an auction by the Junior League of Northern Virginia. The group's Enchanted Forest holiday auction raises funds for homeless and at risk children.





Several department chairs for The Post's 2003 United Way Campaign gathered in front of the colorful United way balloon that was displayed in the Northwest Building's main lobby for much of the campaign. The chairs include VERNON HENERY, MARY SHERRER, DAVID DeJESUS, LUCI CHAFFIER, GEORGE WATHEN (campaign co-chair), SUSAN CANADA, ADRIENNE TAYLOR, CECELIA STEPHENS, CLIFF KAYSER and ANGELA SOMERS. Chairs, co-chairs and other volunteers not pictured include DELTON ALLEN, PATTI ALUISE, ELAINE GOODEN-BOOKER (campaign co-chair), MIKE DEWEY, STEVE ERNEST, WALTER FLETCHER, RICHARD ALDACUSHION, GAYLE GIGER, Benjamin Griggs, MYRA HATALA, LAURA LAWSON, HELEN MILLS, GREGORY MOTT, VERONICA INGRAM, PAT JACOB, RIMA CALDERON, LES MARTIN, LIONEL NEPTUNE (campaign co-chair), CYNTHIA PAGE, DOLPHINE WILLIAMS and MARTHA YEATER.



Asian chicken balls made with lemon grass and ginger were a big hit with employees who stopped by the holiday food cooking demonstration given by Brock & Co. Executive Chef Daniel Dernetz on Dec. 3 in the Northwest Building's cafeteria.



RICHARD "Buffalo" BROWN, (left) assistant maintenance manager at the College Park plant retired at the end of November after 31 years at The Post. Brown began his career at the newspaper on June 5, 1972. Plant Manager KEVIN O'NEILL, (right) noted in his comments at Brown's retirement party on Nov. 20 that Brown was instrumental in the closing of The Post's printing plant in Southeast D.C.



The Marketing Department marked the end of a busy 2003 that included the successful launches of the Sunday Source and The Washington Post Company's Express tabloid. The department staff includes (first row, l-r) TARIKH GAINES, DAVE BARIE, SHARON WARDEN, SUE SAMOUR, SEUN AUGUSTUS, (second row, l-r) MARY SHERRER, LINDA GORECKI, AMY LUXNER, JASON MCKNIGHT, REBECCA MULLEN, NICK FINDLAY, (third row, l-r) MARGARET CROMELIN, STACEY PASTOR, SANDY YEILDING, GINNY JODOIN, JERI FLOOD, KELLY SULLIVAN, Seth Kalish, TODD BERMAN, BONNIE WARNER, DAN LEVINE, SEAN FINNELL, SUSAN HEYMAN, SENG CHIU, LINDA HASKINS-WRENN, KAYE LITTLEJOHN, (fourth row, l-r) CINDY LEE, MIKE GREENBERG, RICH HANDLOFF, BARBARA BURTT, RODNEY JOHNSON, and MIKE SHENK. Not pictured are TIM CONDON, LAURA EVANS, JEFF GIUFFRIDA, GARY PALMATIER, LOLA PERANTONAKIS, KATHRYN SELLER, and VIC UNNONE.



The Newsroom's annual Cookie & Book Sale was another big success. The sale raised \$6,400 for the N Street Village, a complex of living quarters and programs for homeless women located in Logan Circle. Staff responsible for the fundraiser include (l-r) ANNE McDONOUGH, JURA KONCIUS, KATHRYN WICHMANN, AIMEE SANDERS, JACQUELINE ALVARADO, ANNIE GROER, Toni Talentino (Aimee Sanders' mom), MARY LISCHER and WALTER NICHOLLS. Not pictured are RENEE SCHESSLER, JEANNE McMANUS, TERRI SAPIENZA, JUDITH WEINRAUB, CANDY SAGON, BELLE ELVING, CHRIS SCHOPPA, KATHY ORTON, Pat Fowler, LESLIE SHEPHERD, JILL GRISCO, KATHY LEGG and the many bakers who donated delicious confections. The Newsroom is also grateful for the help provided by WALTER FLETCHER and the Building Services staff who moved the abundance of books, and other sale items to the 9th floor community room.



WAYNE BERBIG, Production/Springfield, received the outstanding volunteer award from the Maryland Special Olympics on November 15 at the group's annual awards banquet in Baltimore. Berbig has volunteered for Special Olympics through the American Legion for more than 15 years and has often been assisted at Special Olympic events by his co-workers at the Springfield Plant.



The Christmas tree in Ad Ops on the 6th floor of the Northwest Building is a testament to the creativity of the department's day-side and night-side staff. According to administrative assistant MARIA REEVES, a variety of decorations have begun popping up on the tree which changes on a daily and even hourly basis, according to the artistic whims of the staff. A group of Dallas Cowboys fans have put their mark on the tree, which also includes a photo of Redskins quarterback Patrick Ramsey, a Pittsburgh Steelers terrible towel, blow ups of Post classifieds, a packet of Chinese duck sauce and photos of staff among many other items. Some of the staff proudly displaying the tree are (kneeling, l-r) EDWARD SMITH, CHARLES NEAL, GAY SLAGLE, MICHAEL MINICHINI, (standing, l-r) MEREDITH CRAIG, BRIAN DORSEY and NED IZZARD.



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Montgomery County Bureau Office Manager **CHRISTINE SWERDA-POOLE** (in Post sweatshirt) was the guest of honor at a party hosted by the bureau staff on Friday, Dec. 12. Swerda is retiring at the end of the year after almost 28 years at The Post. She joined The Post in 1976 as an administrative assistant to the controller and then moved to the Advertising Department where she was also an administrative assistant. Prior to joining the Metro staff in 1999, Swerda worked in the Public Relations Department and was the editor of ShopTalk. Pictured with Swerda are bureau staff (l-r) NANCY LEWIS, LINDA PERLSTEIN, MAE ISRAEL, KATHERINE SHAVER, FREDERICK KUNKLE, SUSAN LEVINE, DAVID SNYDER and MARK JONES.



Next Marketplace Deadline

The next issue of ShopTalk is Thursday, Jan. 8. The deadline for Marketplace ads for that issue is Friday, Jan. 2

Thanks From ShopTalk!

The weekly production of ShopTalk depends on a team effort by several staff at The Post. This was especially important this year when the publication made the transition to color and a different production process. A huge thanks for making this happen goes to **DEAN FELTEN** and **JEFF LOPES** in Advertising Operations, as well as **NICK SCAFIDE** and the Printing Services Department staff. Special thanks also to the Public Relations staff for their photography, proofing and multitude of other skills. I'm also grateful to **PATTI ALUISE**, **MARTHA YEATER**, and **SUSAN CANADA** for their photos and news. Special thanks to the many Post staff who called or e-mailed me with their ShopTalk news "tips" throughout the year - keep them coming! Happy holidays.

— Lisa Connors
ShopTalk Editor

United Way Campaign Winds Down

The Post's United Way Campaign ends tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 19. However, forms will



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be accepted until the end of the year. If you have any questions, contact your department's United Way chair. A list of the department chairs can be found on *IntraNed*, just click on the United Way information on the home page.

Holiday Challenge Update

The next two weeks may be the hardest for the holiday challenge participants, according to Lean Plate Club columnist **SALLY SQUIRES**. One of the best ways to make

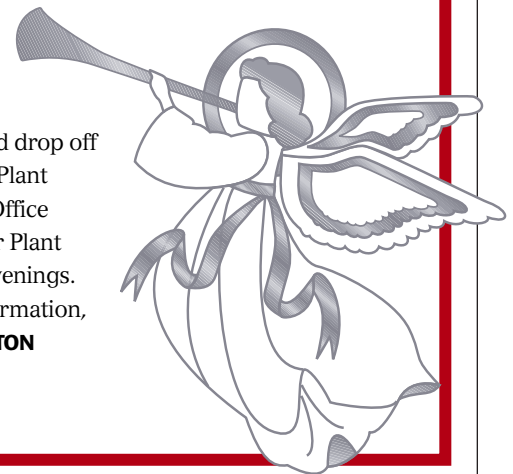
sure your weight doesn't creep up from holiday goodness is to weigh yourself at least weekly. You can do this at home or on the scale at the Health Center where you did your weigh-in. The scales at the Health Centers are regularly calibrated, so the weight they indicate is correct. For more tips and support look for the Lean Plate Club column in Tuesday's Health Section or click on www.washingtonpost.com/leanplateclub.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Holiday Challenge participants must "weigh-out" between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8 at the Health Center where they weighed in to qualify for the individual and department prizes. If you have a holiday challenge success story you would like to share, please contact Lisa Connors at x4-6803 or via e-mail at ShopTalk@washpost.com. A follow up story on the Holiday Challenge will run in ShopTalk in January.

Be an Angel

Your Be An Angel donations can be made at The Post until the end of the year. At the Northwest Building items can be placed in the large "gift boxes" in the main lobby. Checks, cash or gift certificates can be placed in the donation box on the security desk. Springfield and College Park employees should drop off donations at the Plant Administration Office during the day or Plant Security in the evenings.

For more information, contact **LISA BOLTON** at x4-7970.



Marketplace

DUPONT SUBLET: Large furnished sunny corner efficiency for rent with walk-in closet and separate kitchen, 15 minute walk from TWP. Half a block from Safeway, video store and restaurants. \$900/month, can include secure underground garage parking for \$200. Sorry no pets, nonsmoker preferred. Available Jan. Call Kate at x4-7658 or (202) 462 3553.

ISO APARTMENT: Looking for 1 BR apt. rental in Mt. Pleasant/Adams Morgan area. Call Mitch at x4-4616.

APARTMENT AVAILABLE: Just three blocks from The Post! Scott Circle furnished or unfurnished effic., \$950, utilities included. 24 hour desk, roof deck, and pool. Just blocks to McPherson Square, Farragut North, and Dupont, avail. after Dec. 3. Please e-mail demclaren@aol.com.

FOR SALE: 2000 Ford Expedition, all pwr., leather seats, sunroof, premium sound system, heated seats and mirror, four wheel drive, new tires, \$16,500/OBO. Call Greg at x6-1284, or (301) 318-0895.

HELP THE HOMELESS – Recycling will help the homeless. Bring in the travel-size toiletries you pick up on holiday travels and also any large or boot size shoeboxes to Barbara Hudson in Accounting or call x4-6229 or (301) 593-3422.

FOR SALE: 1994 Honda Del Sol. Only 85,000 miles. 4 cyl. auto, air, am/fm & CD. Removable hard-top roof. Color is white, Great get-around-town car! Asking \$4,250. Call Melinda at x6-1903 or (703) 941-5146.

SHARE APARTMENT: Female roommate to share 2 BR, 2BA condo in Germantown, one min. to I-270, \$600/mo, great location. Move in Jan. 1. Call Nadeem at (301) 728-5337.

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.