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Renovations at 1150 15th Street

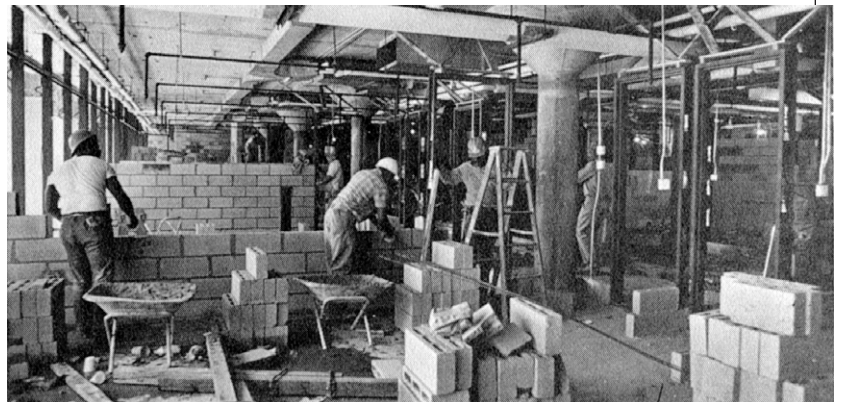
Many Post staff will soon be moving their desks to a new location in the Northwest Building this month as one phase of major renovations of the building at



Project managers **LISA HEIDEMANN** and **BILL GARD** in the midst of construction on what will soon be IT's new location on the 3rd floor of the Northwest Building.

1150 15th Street, N.W. nears completion and the final phase gets underway. The renovation project is headed by Vice President/Counsel **MARY ANN WERNER** and project managers **LISA HEIDEMANN** and **BILL GARD**.

The renovations that are currently underway in the 32-year-old building are located on the 3rd and 2nd floors. The 3rd floor was previously the mailroom when there was a production facility in the building (which closed in 1999) and until recently was the site for large events such as the Eugene Meyer



A photo in the Aug. 13, 1971 issue of ShopTalk shows construction on the 7th floor of The Post's then new building at 1150 15th Street, N.W. The building was dedicated in 1972.

Awards and 20-Year Club reception. According to Gard, the renovated floor will house approximately 200 IT staff who are currently scattered throughout different floors and in the Akridge Building.

A team of IT staff headed by **BILL LIBERTI**, director of IT client services, has been responsible for the design of the space which includes open areas where IT staff can congregate in a casual setting with laptop computers and collaborate on projects. The plan features windowed offices and a number of conference rooms. Other staff working on the design of the new IT area include **DIONNE COHEE**, **SHARON DIBBERN** and **ANTHONY**

SHEETZ. The IT Department is expected to begin moving into the 3rd floor at the end of this month.

The 2nd floor renovation project is creating a space that will house a large assembly area and a separate banquet area accessible from the outer lobby of the building. "We've outgrown the 9th floor community room and needed a large new space," noted Werner.

LISA BOLTON, manager of public relations, was involved in the design of the space, which will also be used for many community events. The area includes a small room for group tours, a museum room, as well as conference and

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Promotions & Transitions

SHONTAI BOONE, Accounting, was promoted last month to tax accountant. Boone came to The Post in 2000 and has been a payroll senior staff associate and a staff accountant. Before coming to The Post, she was an auditor for the U.S. Department of Defense, Inspector General's Office. Boone earned a master's degree in accounting with a concentration in taxation from Strayer University in Alexandria and a BS in accounting from Virginia State University in Petersburg.

TOM BURKE, IT, was promoted in November to the position of technical architect, a new position in the IT Department. He is responsible for ensuring the quality of technical solutions to business problems. Burke began his career at The Post in 1996. During his tenure, he has been a major contributor to most of the Web applications developed and maintained by IT's Web Solutions Group and was the lead developer for distributor services, subscriber services and the retail sales system. Prior to coming to the newspaper, Burke served six years in the U.S. Air Force followed by several years as a defense contractor. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from George Mason University and a master's degree in systems engineering from Virginia Tech.



KEVIN HICKS is promoted to sales position in Community Advertising Unit.

KEVIN HICKS, Advertising, has been promoted to the position of sales representative for the Community Advertising Unit. He was previously an advertising service representative for the National Account Unit. Prior to joining The Post in July 2002, he was a field engineer for the U.S. Army and worked for ADT Security Services in sales and installation. Hicks attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga. and received the Advertising Department's Service Excellence Award in November 2003.



YVONNE SHINHOSTER LAMB to head Obituaries Desk.

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YVONNE SHINHOSTER LAMB, News, will be the new obituaries editor later this month. She has been the director of training for the Newsroom since 1994. Lamb came to The Post in 1986 as the District Weekly editor and within a year became an assistant city editor. She has also worked for the *Atlanta Daily World*, the *Macon (Ga.) Telegraph* and the *Tampa (Fla.)*

Tribune where she was an assistant editor. Lamb is a graduate of the University of Georgia and earned an MS in organization development from American University. She also attended the Institute for Journalism Education's Management Training Center in 1989.

RICH LEIBY, News, has been named the new Reliable Source columnist. Leiby joined the Newsroom in 1991 and has held several positions in Style, including staff writer, assignment editor, Sunday Style editor and Sunday Arts editor. Leiby has been a contributor to *Esquire*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Us* and *Rolling Stone* magazines. Other newspaper positions include features editor for the *St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press*, assistant Sunday magazine editor and staff writer for the *Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Sun-Sentinel*, staff writer for the *Clearwater (Fla.) Sun* and copy editor for the *Pittsburgh (Pa.) Press*. Leiby earned a BS in journalism from Temple University in Philadelphia and was a Mike Wallace Fellow in Investigative Journalism at the University of Michigan from 2000 - 2001.

CHARLES PFEFFERLE, Security, was recently promoted to security supervisor from assistant security supervisor for the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift. He also publishes the Security

Department's *Safety Notes* newsletter and manages the Security Department home page on Intranet. Pfefferle came to The Post in 1993 and previously worked for the D.C. Police Department for 20 years. He received the President's Exceptional Service Award in 2000.

MIKE SHENK, Marketing, was promoted to director, creative services in December. He was previously manager, creative services. Shenk was hired by The Post in 1990 as an artist in the Marketing Department. In 1995 he was awarded the Gil Petr Award in Circulation for outstanding

performance in supporting the goals of the Circulation Department. He was promoted to manager in 2000. Prior to joining the newspaper he worked for several advertising agencies in Lancaster, Pa. and the District. Shenk graduated cum laude from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania with a BFA in communication design. ♦



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training rooms. "Many staff contributed time and effort into planning to make the new community room a gathering place we are proud of. The individual commitment to this group effort is what makes the project fun, challenging and successful," explained Bolton. The 2nd floor is scheduled to be completed in time for the publisher's expanded staff meeting scheduled for later this month.

The exodus of IT staff from the 7th floor will make way for the final phase of the renovations which will include the 7th, 8th and 9th floors and is anticipated to last until the end of the year, according to Werner. Staff located on those floors will move to temporary quarters.

In about a month, the Executive staff will move down three levels to the same location on the 4th floor. The Public Relations and Human Resources departments will relocate into "swing" space on the 3rd floor of the L Street side of the building. The Corporate staff now on the 8th floor will move to the 4th floor of the Akridge Building along with staff from The Post's Writers Group.

The area of the 7th floor where the Accounting Department is located will be unaffected because it has already been renovated.

At the completion of the final phase, the staff in the affected departments are expected to return to approximately the same area of those floors. In addition, the Circulation Department will vacate the 11th and 12th floors of the

Akridge Building and move to the 7th floor. Werner noted that the consolidation of the IT Department and moving the Circulation Department back into the main building were the two main driving forces behind the renovations.

Also underway is a project to move the mail desk operation. The mail desk on the 3rd floor will be consolidated with the 1st floor receiving area to a new location on the 1st floor which will also have an entrance for couriers and postal deliveries. According to Werner, the new mail desk will have a separate ventilation system from the rest of the building and make the building more secure from anthrax threats and other potential hazards. The Newsroom's mail area, which also has a separate ventila-

tion area, will remain on the 4th floor.

Construction is expected to begin in about a year on a new 12-story office building where the outdoor two-level parking deck now stands. The Post completed the sale of the land where the garage sits to District-based developer Monument Realty on Dec. 22. Post staff writer **NEIL IRWIN** reported in a Business section story on Dec. 18 that the building envisioned for the site will be approximately 400,000 square feet and will take about two years to complete. The completion of the Northwest Building's indoor parking garage in September 2002 provided the newspaper the opportunity to sell the lot, according to Werner. ♦

Photographers Win Awards



*This photo from **JAHI CHIKWENDIU**'s award-winning portfolio was taken on Aug. 26 in the children's cell of the Karbala jail in Karbala, Iraq, about an hour south of Baghdad. The jail had been taken over by the occupational forces and held street criminals as well as insurgents against the occupation.*

The Post's photography staff was named Staff of the Year in the international photography competition held in December at the Atlanta Photojournalism Seminar. The award was shared in a tie with the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

Contributing to the staff award was Post photographer **JAHI CHIKWENDIU** who received a first place award for best portfolio. He also received awards in several other categories including the war on terror, general news and feature picture story.

MICHAEL ROBINSON-CHAVEZ received a third place award for best portfolio, as well as a third place in the war on terror category.

ANDREA WOODALL received an honorable mention for her entry in the war on terror category.

The Atlanta Photojournalism Seminar is a nonprofit organization founded in 1973 to promote the highest standards of photojournalism through an annual educational conference and a photography contest judged by working photographers. ♦

PostScripts

Lean Plate Holiday Challenge Weigh-Outs Extended One Day!

Weight-outs at the Health Centers for the Holiday Challenge have been extended to Friday, Jan. 9. Don't forget to stop by to weight-out and pick up your Washington Post T-shirt! If you were successful with the holiday challenge and would like to share your story, contact Lisa Connors, ShopTalk editor at x4-6803.

Eastern Choir Visit

The Eastern High School choir brought their sunny voices to The Post on an otherwise dreary rainy day on Wednesday, Dec. 17. The renowned choir shared their



Chairman **DON GRAHAM** and assistant **PAM GAZENSKI** were among the staff that enjoyed the visit by the Eastern High School Choir on Dec. 17.

repertoire of holiday songs in the Newsroom and Executive and Corporate offices before moving outside to sing in front of the main entrance of the Northwest Building for almost two hours. Post employees and passersby were also treated to hot chocolate, cookies and a wave from Ned the Newshound.

Weight Watchers Registration

The Northwest Health Center will sponsor another 12-week Weight Watchers course with registration on Jan. 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the 7th floor accounting conference room. Classes would be held every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. and the cost will be \$150. Please call the Health Center on x4-7192 if you are interested in joining or have questions.



Be An Angel

District-based Bright Beginnings developmental daycare center for homeless children was the recipient of generous donations by Post staff and readers through the newspaper's Be An Angel campaign. According to Public Relations Manager **LISA BOLTON** the donations included cash totaling \$1,908, gift cards from area retailers and Metro bus tokens worth \$400.20, as well as five large bins of toys and other necessities. On Dec. 17, **ERIC GRANT**, director of community affairs and contributions, presented a \$1,000 check from The Post to Bright Beginnings staff and board members including (left to right) Janie Tisdale, Betty Jo Gaines, Janet Beckman and Lindsay Waldrop. Ned the Newshound also participated in the presentation.

United Way Campaign Results

Vice President **LIONEL NEPTUNE**, co-chair of The Post's 2003 United Way Cam-

paign reported that employees' pledges reached a total of more than \$223,000 by Jan. 2. Congratulations to the department chairs for their efforts!



JOHN MANDISH, (right) Circulation and **TITO TOLENTINO**, (second from left) Public Relations, presented Columnist **BOB LEVEY** (far left) and his assistant **ALEX McCULLUM** (second from right) with a total of \$3,600 on Jan. 5 for Levey's fundraising campaign for Children's Hospital. The Post's distributors bowling league raised \$1,800 and the newspaper made an additional donation of \$1,800. Some of the funds were donated by a senior citizens bowling league called the "Lunch Bunch" that plays at the same time as the distributors on Wednesday mornings at the Bowl America on Edsell Road in Alexandria.

Marketplace

FOR SALE: One pair loading ramps, super reinforced, 2"x12"x10' wood ram-parts w/traction mats and aluminum ends, custom made and barely used, garage kept. Great for a pick up truck. At construction cost, \$100. Call Randy at x4-7619, or (301) 840-1537.

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.

FOR SALE: Vacation time at the Villas of Boardwalk Resort in Virginia Beach. Oceanfront, indoor pool, kitchen, 1 BR, 2 sofa beds. \$650 for the week of Sept. 4. Call Trinh at x4-4021 or (703) 658-2120 if interested.

BASKET BINGO: Tickets for sale for basket bingo at Bowie Elks Lodge, 1506 Defense Highway, Gambrills, Saturday, Jan. 24. Doors open at noon. Bingo starts at 1 p.m. Admission \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door (20 regular games). All proceeds go toward transportation costs for the Metroliners synchronized skating teams of the Bowie Figure Skating Club. For advance tickets, call Jeanne at x4-6582 or (301) 604-5830.

FOR SALE: Custom-made seven-piece bedroom set: 1 wide dresser, 1 tall chest, 2 night tables, headboard and footboard with wooden sides, metal bed frame and 1 matching wall mirror. Made from solid pine with dovetail joints. Also included, 1 (almost new) queen-size mattress & box spring (pictures available), \$600/OBO. Call Wendy (703) 830-6716 or Julio (703) 916-2213.

ISO: Looking for used Thomas the Tank Engine train table and accessories in good condition. Call Margaret at (202) 363-5181.

FOR SALE: Wheelchair ramp for garage entrance — rarely used, \$100/OBO. Call Maria on x4-4128 or (301) 868-9143.

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

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.