

# ShopTalk

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## A Fond Farewell to 2004

**T**he holidays are upon us and another year is closing at The Post. In 2004, we celebrated Pulitzer Prizes and advertising successes, covered Olympics and elections, packed and unpacked during renovations of the Northwest Building, and found out more about the interesting people who work at The Post. ShopTalk ends its year with photos of employees from throughout the newspaper on this page and inside. Look for the next issue on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005.



PHOTO - CARRIE MORSE

The IT Help Desk responded to more than 45,000 calls in 2004 from staff needing assistance with their computers. The hard-working Help Desk staff includes (front) **Terry Bunce, Rick Wilkins, Martin Taheri, Charles Davis,** (back) **Mark Heinrichs, Dave Corso, Scott Schumaker, Keith Jones, Michael Moncavage, DeAndrea James, Jackie Sweetney, Denise Robertson, Pete Vanderburgh, and Mike Najarian.** Not pictured is **Dan Seigo, Jason Blake, Trinh Lam, Marsha Narramore, Rahul Razdan and John Parsons.**

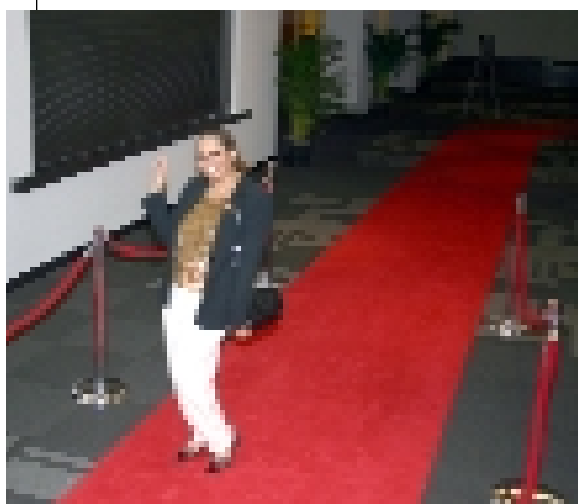
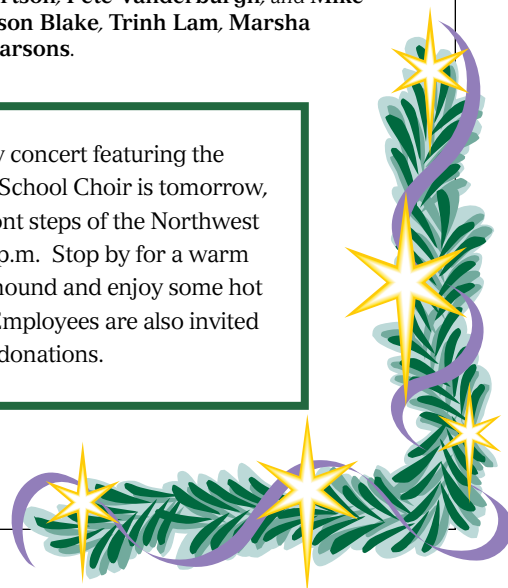
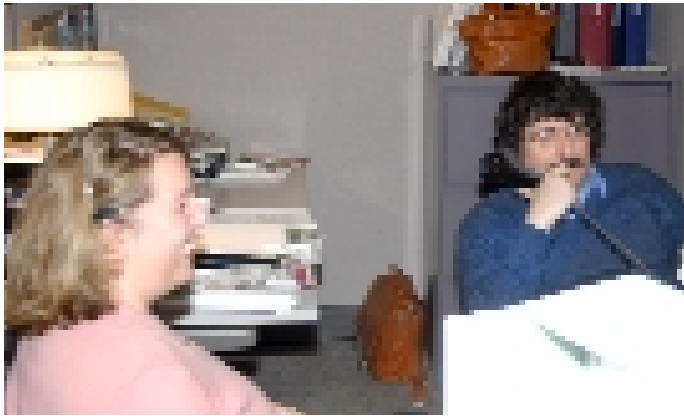


PHOTO - RUBEN RODRIGUEZ

**Diane Haith, Advertising,** makes a red carpet entrance to the Northwest Building's auditorium to view The Post's new community video on Dec. 2. The eight-minute video was created by the Public Relations Department to promote the newspaper's community involvement to local organizations and Post advertisers.

The Post's annual holiday concert featuring the renowned Eastern High School Choir is tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 17 on the front steps of the Northwest Building from noon to 2 p.m. Stop by for a warm hug from Ned the Newshound and enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies. Employees are also invited to drop off Be An Angel donations.





On Monday, Dec. 6, Post columnist **Gene Weingarten** took on the task of personally selling his *Below the Beltway* column to editors across the country under the watchful eye of Writers Group Sales Manager **Karisue Wyson**. Weingarten's column will be syndicated by the Writers Group beginning in January and will replace Dave Barry's column in *The Washington Post Magazine*.



PHOTO - BRYANT DESPEAUX

Distributor Daniel Braitsch with Post carrier Martin Brennan holding the awards that Brennan recently received for reporting a fire in an apartment building in Sykesville, Md. According to a witness who wrote a letter to President **Steve Hills**, Brennan pulled the building's fire alarm and banged on doors to wake the residents. For his heroic efforts, the Interstate Circulation Managers Association presented Brennan with the V.T. Curtis Citation and *The Washington Post* presented him with a community service award.



The Newsroom's annual Cookie and Bake Sale was another huge success on Tuesday, Dec. 7. The sale generated \$8,750, which was donated to the N Street Village, an organization that provides living quarters and assistance programs for homeless women in the District. According to sale coordinators **Aimee Sanders** and **Jill Grisco**, a big part of the sale's success is due to the tremendous help by Building Services in setting up the Northwest Building auditorium and moving countless boxes. The staff working at the event included (front row) **Luz Lazo**, **Barbara Hudson** (retiree), **Andrea Caumont**, **Aimee Sanders**, **Jackie Alvarado**, **Annie Groer**, **Toni Talentino** (Sander's mom), **Nekeidra Mason**, **Gayle Giger**, **Jill Grisco**, **Jura Koncius**, (back row) **Anton Ramkissoon**, **Chris Schoppa**, **Roger Newkirk**, unidentified employee, **Mary Lischer**, **Anne McDonough** and **Holly Thomas**.



Electrician **Dave Ross** relaxes while he awaits his blood donation during the Northwest Health Center's bloodmobile on Tuesday, Dec. 7.



The long line that formed before the doors opened for the popular cookie and book sale.



PHOTO - DEL FLINT

Several of the Data Center staff who are based in Tysons Corner include (seated) **Jamie Ward-Black** and (l-r) **Gary Adkins**, **Roger Saucier** and **Liyew Adamu**.



On Tuesday, Dec. 7, reporter **Christina Talcott** (center) assisted (l-r) judges **Patterson Clark**, **Kathy Legg**, **Betsy Gonzalez** and **Michael Keegan**, with the difficult task of picking the winner of the Weekend Section's wrapping paper art contest for kids. Along with Weekend Art Director **Marty Barrick**, they viewed and judged the 712 contest entries. The winning wrapping paper and artist will be featured in the Dec. 24 Weekend Section. The art will also be displayed on a large poster in the front window of the Northwest Building.

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PHOTO - ARUNA JAIN

Hailing from the Prince George's County Bureau are (l-r) **Jamie Stockwell**, **Hamil Harris**, **Ovetta Wiggins**, **Nurith Aizenman**, **Avis Thomas-Lester** and **Lisa Martin**.



**Willie Williams**, College Park, was one of the 310 Post staff who weighed in to participate in the Lean Plate Club Holiday Challenge.



## Policy for Use of Conference Rooms

With the completion of the new conference room space, it's an appropriate time to remind staff about the existing policy for the use of The Post's conference rooms and meeting space at the Northwest Building. Use of these spaces is limited to Post business meetings, Post business functions and Post-sponsored community or employee events. The conference spaces can not be used for non-Post business meetings or events (for example, alumni group or club meetings.) There are

multiple reasons for this policy including: business demands for existing conference space, space limitations in the Northwest Building due to construction, security concerns and the inability to selectively accommodate requests for use of these rooms for non-business purposes. Any questions about this policy should be referred to one of the following vice presidents:

**Peggy Schiff** at x4-5210, **Ted Lutz** at x4-5454, or **Mary Ann Werner** at x4-6575.

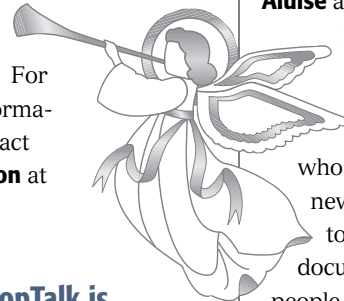
## Lean Plate Club Holiday Challenge Reminder

Holiday Challenge participants must "weigh-out" between Monday, Jan. 3 and Monday, Jan. 10 at the Health Center where they weighed in to qualify for the individual and department prizes. If you have a holiday challenge suc-

cess story you would like to share, please contact **Lisa Connors** at x4-6803 or via e-mail at [ShopTalk@wash-post.com](mailto:ShopTalk@wash-post.com). A follow up story on the Holiday Challenge will run in ShopTalk in January.

## Be An Angel

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.



## Next ShopTalk is Jan. 6, 2005

The next issue of ShopTalk will be published on Thursday, Jan. 6. The deadline for marketplace ads for that issue is Friday, Dec. 31 at noon.

## Thank You from ShopTalk

This is the 43rd and final issue of ShopTalk for 2004. ShopTalk has been delivered to Post employees almost every Thursday this year through a tremendous team effort of the Public Relations staff and Printing Services staff **Germaine Holt** and **Harold James**. Special thanks also to **Susan Canada** at the Northwest Building, **Patti Aluise** at the College Park Plant, **Martha Yeater** at the Springfield Plant, and countless other employees who have called with news tips and sent photos. It is a privilege to document the events and people that make The Post a special place to work. Many thanks and happy holidays!

— **Lisa Connors**  
ShopTalk Editor

## Marketplace

**FOR RENT:** Baltimore City, large, 3 BR townhouse (end unit), 1 BA, and unfinished basement. Separate living, dining, and den, and a huge kitchen. \$800+ utilities and alarm activation optional. Avail. 1/3/05. All credit considered. No pets. Please call Mrs. Johnson at (301) 793-8282 or Ms. Marshall at (202) 247-8457 for open house date and time.

**FOR SALE:** Timeshare in Atlantic City, Flagship resort, 1 BR, living room, kitchen. Full accommodations: indoor pool, Jacuzzi, health club and other amenities. Sleeps a family of five. Asking \$7,500, must sell. Call Mike at (301) 249-1536.

**ISO:** Looking to buy or take off your hands a weight bench and weights. If you have an old weight bench that you are no longer in need of, please call Daryl at x6-1963.

**FOR SALE:** Printer - Canon MultiPass C3500 fax/ copier/ scanner \$200. Also, two Yamaha speakers, Max 60 watts (needs speaker wires) \$40 for both. Call Thom at x4-4890.

**COOL HOLIDAY GIFTS:** Vintage and designer jewelry (lots of rhinestones, sterling, cufflinks, some gold), clothing (Armani, etc.) tabletop stuff, political memorabilia, art, & tons more @ Annie Groer's fab downsizing sale: Dec. 18 and 19, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., 2500 Q St., N.W. #640. Call Annie at (202) 338-8581 or x4-7553 for details or special appointment. Ten-minute walk to Dupont Metro.

**FOR SALE:** For your last minute shopping - barely used girls toys and clothes for sale, sizes 4,5, and 6. Call Odessa at (240) 777-1253 or leave a message at (301) 963-7126,

**FOR SALE:** Home theater speaker package from high-end KEF containing flooring stand Q70, Q10c center channel, Q30 for surrounds. Includes AudioQuest 8 ft. slate speaker cable. Go to [www.kef.com/allhistory.htm](http://www.kef.com/allhistory.htm) to see pics. Retail for \$2,500, selling for \$1,000. Call Steve at x4-6445.

**FOR SALE:** Lovely and reasonably priced Mary Kay products displayed in lovely baskets and containers; great gifts to warm the hearts of friends and family. Featuring perfumes, men's products, spa essentials. Make your shopping easy! Call Marva at x4-7036 or (240) 425-2097.

**FOR SALE:** 2003 BMW, 325 xi, steel blue, gray leather, premium pkg, AWD, auto, only 10k miles, 2 yr. warranty left and in excellent condition. Call Anitha at x4-7836 if interested.

**ISO NANNY:** Silver Spring Post employee in search of part-time Nanny Monday-Thursday w/own car. References required. Call Bruce at (301) 681-8334.

**FOR SALE:** Two Z and M's battery-operated riding cars for kids, a 4-wheeler (original cost \$250) and a pick-up truck (original cost \$350). In great condition. Each for \$100. Please call Raymond at (202) 270-0602 if interested or Judi Johnson at x4-5949.

**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](mailto:shoptalk). Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee, please.