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Newsroom Earns Awards

Several Post News staff have earned prestigious national journalism awards, including a reporter who was on vacation with his family in Sri Lanka during the historic tsunami disaster.



PHOTO - RUBEN RODRIGUEZ
Award winner David Nakamura with his editor Marcia Slacum Greene.

later, when I finally found a shortwave radio set, that I began to understand the scale of the catastrophe. I called foreign editor **David Hoffman** at home and told him what had happened. It was around 4 p.m. in Sri Lanka, 5 a.m. in Washington, so

ing narrative with clarity and economy of expression.”

Dobbs, a National Desk reporter, was vacationing with his family in Sri Lanka, when the tsunami hit the coast.

He was able to provide Post readers with a firsthand report of what happened.

“Even though I was swimming in the ocean when the tsunami struck, it took me a long time to realize how big the story was. I knew that hundreds of people had been killed around me, but initially I thought the tsunami might be a local, strictly Sri Lankan phenomenon,” explained Dobbs.

“It was only six or seven hours

I think I woke him up.

I wrote my story on a legal pad by candlelight—the power supplies were all down—and dictated it to

David by cell phone.

The battery ran out shortly after I finished dictating the story.”

Photographer **Carol Guzy** is the recipient of the ASNE award for community service photojournalism. She was honored for her photographs of John Thomas, a

District high school student facing difficult choices. “Guzy and her skillful eye embraced her subject with dignity and concern,”



FILE PHOTO
Carol Guzy receives award for community service.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MICHAEL DOBBS

National Desk reporter **Michael Dobbs** shown with some of the destruction from December's tsunami.

On Feb. 19, the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) named reporters **Michael Dobbs, Rama Lakshmi, John Lancaster, Peter Goodman** and **Alan Sipress** as the winners of its annual prize for deadline reporting by a team for their coverage of the December tsunami in South Asia.

According to the announcement that was published in The Post, the ASNE judges noted that the team delivered, “a stunning amount of information that blended a sweep-

Promotions & Transitions

JENNIFER C. BROWN,

Accounting, has been promoted from collection specialist to commercial collections team leader. She came to The Post in 2001.

DEAN FELTEN, IT, is the new Lotus Notes administrator in the IT Department. Felten most recently worked in the advertising systems unit where he was the advertising infrastructure project manager. Prior to that, he was the advertising systems training installation and support manager. Felten was a systems application engineer at Johnson Controls before coming to The Post in 2000. He also worked at Kinko's world headquarters.



Leigh Hannagan

LEIGH HANNAGAN, Advertising, was promoted in January to the position of trainer. She provides training for advertising service representatives and supplemental training courses on sales and service. Hannagan joined the Advertising Department in 1998. She has been an advertising sales representative and has held inside and outside sales positions. A graduate of Penn State University, she has a BA

in communications and is the recipient of several Advertising awards, including the sales excellence award.

BARBARA LAMBRIGHT,

Advertising, has been promoted to senior advertising service representative. She had been an advertising service representative since she came to The Post in 1998. Lambright was the recipient of the Publisher's Award in 2003.

LARRY LIEBERT, News, is the new editor of Washington Business, the Monday section focused on the local business community. He joined the Financial Desk last year as local technology editor.

Liebert came to The Post from the *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times* where he was the executive business editor. He was also an editor for the *Congressional Quarterly* and a political reporter for the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Liebert earned a BA in political

science from Stanford University.

BRENNA NIELSEN, Human Resources, has been named to the position of outside recruiting manager. She came to The Post in January 2004 as an administrative assistant for Human Resources and was subsequently promoted to staffing and employee relations specialist. Nielsen has also worked as a staffing coordinator for G&S Staffing Services and was a junior

product marketing manager for Virtual Access Networks. She earned a BA in psychology from Clark University in Worcester, Mass.

KEVIN RYAN, IT, has been named program manager directing enterprise data management for IT's business transformation group. He was previously the director of advertising budgets, systems and administration. Prior to coming to The Post in 2001, he was the director of financial planning and analysis for Spalding Sports Worldwide. Ryan holds a BBA from the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts and is a graduate of the Digital Equipment Corporation Financial Development Program.



Roger St. Hillaire

ROGER ST. HILLAIRE, IT, is the new manager of IT database solutions. He had been the interim manager. St. Hillaire came to The Post in 1992 and has held several IT positions for circulation systems, pre-press and news. He was also a systems administrator for WPNI. St. Hillaire has worked in the database solu-

Hoffman Named AME for Foreign News

David Hoffman, News, is the new assistant managing editor for the Foreign Desk. He succeeds Phil Bennett who became The Post's managing editor in January. Hoffman came to The Post in 1982 and was most recently the foreign editor. During his tenure at the newspaper, he has been a



David Hoffman

political reporter covering the Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush presidencies. He earned three national journalism awards for his White House coverage. In addition, Hoffman covered the State Department, was the Jerusalem bureau chief in 1992 and a Moscow correspondent for six years. He has also worked for the Capital Hill News Service, the Washington bureau of the *San Jose Mercury News* and Knight-Ridder. Hoffman attended the University of Delaware and is the author of *The Oligarchs: Wealth and Power in the New Russia*.

tions group since 2000. He holds a BBA in computer based information systems from Howard University and received the President's Exceptional Service Award in 2002.

JACQUELINE SWEETNEY, IT, is the new system administrator responsible for coordinating telephone service for the newspaper and corporate, as well as for the recording system used by the Accounting and Advertising departments. Sweetney was hired in 1996 as a part-time, on-call typist for Advertising and became full-time in 1998 as a telecommunications analyst. She was promoted to telephone systems specialist in 2003. Sweetney is pursuing an associate's degree in applied science and computer information systems from Kaplan University's online degree program.

AYANA WONG WING, Advertising, has been named lead advertising service representative for the national accounts unit. She came to The Post in 2002 and has been an advertising service representative for the national accounts unit and the technology group. A graduate of Bowie State University, she has a BS in computer science. Wong Wing received a customer service award last year.

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said the judges.

ASNE also recognized the work of **Adam Bernstein** who was a finalist. Bernstein is an obituary reporter in Metro.

On February 22, the Annenberg School of Journalism at the University of Southern California announced that seven Newsroom staff are the winners of the 2005 Selden Ring Award for Investigative Reporting. The winning team includes reporters **David Nakamura**, **Carol Leonnig**, **D'Vera Cohn**, **Craig Timberg**, **Monte Reel**, **Jo Becker**, and database editor **Sarah Cohen**.

The award was presented for The Post's series of stories revealing excessive levels of lead in the District's water supply. Nakamura broke the story in January 2004. The series has led to disclosures that a number of water agencies across the country have misrepresented information on lead levels and alerted state and federal officials of the possibility that laws were broken. The District and Environmental Protection Agency have since taken actions on rules and reporting of lead levels.

Last week, Associate Editor **Steve Coll** was named as the recipient of the 2004 Lionel Gelber Prize for his

book *Ghost Wars: the Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, From the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001*. The prize is awarded for the year's best foreign policy book. It is presented by the Lionel Gelber Foundation in partnership with the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto and *Foreign Policy* magazine.

Coll was The Post's managing editor from 1998 until the end of last year when he stepped down to pursue book projects. He continues to write and edit for the newspaper. ■

Post History Goes to Newseum

The Washington Post donated several historical items last week that will be part of the exhibit at the new Newseum that is scheduled to open in 2007 at 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. at the corner of Sixth Street.

The donated items include artifacts from when The Post was printed using "hot type" dating back most recently to the 1980s, including lead press plates, turtles (type transfer tables), lines of type and composing tools such as spacers.

According to Stephanie Prichard, a registrar specialist for the Newseum, the museum was interested in having exhibit items representing D.C. journalism. The items will be stored in a facility in Laurel, Md. until the Newseum opens in two



Workers move heavy lead press plates dating from the early 1980s that are headed to the new Newseum.

years. Other news outlets that have also donated items for the exhibit are the *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, CNN and ABC-News, among several others.

According to information on the Newseum Web site, the six-level, 215,000-square-foot interactive museum of news will contain three times

as much exhibition space as the original facility in Arlington, Va., which closed in March 2002.

No ShopTalk on March 24

ShopTalk will not be published on Thursday, March 24. If you have a Marketplace ad that you would like to run in next week's (March 17) ShopTalk, the deadline is tomorrow, Friday, March 11 at noon.

Mark Your Calendar!

The Post is the presenting sponsor of the 6th Annual Washington D.C. Wine & Food Festival on March 12 and 13 at the Washington Convention Center. Reporters and editors from Food, Travel and the Sunday Source will be at The Post's exhibition booth and The Washington Post stage on March 12. There are also wine and food pairing demonstrations with Post wine columnists **Ben Giliberti** (March 12 at 3:30 p.m.) and **Michael Franz** (March 13 at 3:30 p.m.). Tickets can be purchased for \$71 for one day, or \$92 for both days online at

www.wine-expos.com, or call 1-800-343-1174, or at the door.

ISO Your News

ShopTalk needs your news! If you are a volunteer, or have an unusual/interesting activity you are involved in outside your hours at The Post, send an e-mail to ShopTalk@washpost.com with a short summary and contact information. The information will be considered for a ShopTalk profile. Here's an example:

Carrie Morse, Public Relations, recently donated 12 inches of her hair to the Locks of Love nonprofit organization. It took her 18 months to grow her hair long enough to send to the organization. Locks of Love is a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to children who have lost their hair from chemotherapy or other medical-related conditions. Morse also made a donation to the organization and used The Post's Matching Gifts program. For more information about Locks of Love, go to www.locksoflove.org.

Free Admission to Phillips Collection

The Phillips Collection is offering free admission to the museum for all Washington Post Company employees. Show your Washington Post ID or business card to receive free admission for you and one family member or friend. Admission to the Phillips

Collection is free for children 18 years and younger. The museum is located at 1600 21st Street, N.W. in the District. The Phillips Collection is open every day except Monday and has extended hours on Thursday. For more information, go online to www.PhillipsCollection.org. The current exhibit is *Modigliani: Beyond the Myth*.

Springfield Retirements

Springfield Plant employees **Phan Nguyen** and **Norma Johnson** retired last month from The Post after 29 years of service each. Both were press operators assigned to the morning shift running advance sections of the paper.



PHOTO - LEROY LEAKE

Phan Nguyen (second from left) was a guest of honor at the retirement reception held at the Springfield Plant on Feb. 23. He is shown with (left to right) pressroom superintendent **Melinda Ford**, a friend identified as **Ha**, press operator **The Tran** and assistant pressroom superintendent **Mike Burke**.

Marketplace

FOR RENT: Baltimore City, large 3 BR townhouse (end unit), 1 BA, and unfinished basement. Sep. living and dining rooms and den area. Huge country kitchen w/a small cement fenced-in backyard. Walking distance to Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, downtown, shopping, and bus line. \$775 + utilities and alarm activation optional. Available for immediate occupancy. No pets and a (\$40 non-refundable) application fee. Call **Cannie Johnson** at (301) 793-8282.

FREE: To a loving home, my 14-year-old tabby, Cluseau. The new husband's allergies have become untreatable. He is a very, spunky, loving and playful cat, adaptable to most environments and loves to romp in the outdoors when given the chance (not declawed). Please call **Traci** at x4-5383 or (202) 363-7785.

FOR SALE: RCA Lyra MP3 player, 256 MB storage, holds approximately 70 songs. All software, headphones included. Requires 1 AAA battery (included). Great to use on the go! \$80. Call **Dan** at x4-5479 or (240) 426-5930.

FOR SALE: 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited V8 4WD, gold, black leather, moonroof, CD/MP3, sound system, Runs great, 160k. \$4,995. Call **Andy** at x4-7005 or (301) 379-7772.

FOR SALE: Elegant diamond and ruby bridal set, .25 carat in 14K gold setting. Paid \$800, asking \$500. Call **Scarlet** at x4-7318.

FOR RENT: One BR apt. at The Cairo at 1615 Q. St. Sunny, updated kit, rftp deck, no pets, available now, \$1,400/mo+utl. Call **Jill** at x4-7516, or (301) 565-9115.

FOR SALE: Vacation time at the Villas of the Boardwalk Resort in Virginia Beach. Ocean front, indoor pool, gym, kitchen, 1BR, 2 sofa beds. \$650 for the week of Aug. 5 and \$550 for the week of Sept. 3. Call **Trinh** at x4-4021 or (703) 658-2120.

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