

# ShopTalk

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## 365 "Miracles"

On a sure to be chilly Dec. 31 morning, readers across the area will wake up to The Post's final issue of 2005 and the year's 365th "daily miracle." From the bustling plants in College Park and Springfield to a quiet desert in Africa, staff have worked countless hours doing their part to produce and deliver The Washington Post to its readers. This 43rd and final issue of ShopTalk for 2005 is a salute to the more than 2,000 miracle workers – we just couldn't fit all your pictures. ShopTalk takes a two-week break and returns on Jan. 12.



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College Park Plant security guard **Phil Ball** is surrounded by children in a village in Iraq. He was reactivated by the Army in May. After participating in redeployment training, he was sent to Iraq for a one-year tour.



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Foreign correspondent **Emily Wax** holds a diving sand lizard while on assignment in October in the Namib Desert in Namibia, Africa.



PHOTO – MARTHA YEATER

Part of the Springfield Plant's loading dock crew, responsible for accident-free handling of over 90,000 skids in November alone: (front row, l-r) **Valerie Bonds**, **Andy Kube**, **Jimmy Williams**, **Patsy Phillips**, **Walter LaValley**, (second row, l-r) **Mark Buel**, **Ellie Settles**, **Harold Perez-Castaneda**, **Floyd Chew**, **Richard Reed**, **Calvin Ware**, **Jaison Feliciano** and **Craig Hall**.





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College Park Superintendent **Allan Martin** recently presented an award check to **Tony D'Agostino**, mailer, for his suggestion to install emergency stops on two palletizers which would stop the machine's operation before damage could occur. "This suggestion is just one more example of Tony's dedication and professionalism to his job," said Martin.



PHOTO - CHRIS BRANIN

**George Price**, a driver for the Circulation Department, is responsible for delivering copies of *The Post* to the newsracks located throughout the Northwest Building during his 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. shift, Sunday through Thursday. Price has worked for *The Post* since 1967.

Weekend staff show off just a few of the more than 1,300 entries for the section's 10th holiday wrapping paper design contest for kids. Pictured are **Twila Waddy**, **Joyce Jones**, editor; **Christina Talcott**, **Jeanne Maglaty**, and **Marty Barrick**. The lucky winner and the winning wrapping paper design will be featured on the cover of tomorrow's Weekend section. The entries were judged by representatives from the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Hirshorn Museum and the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art.



**Quinton Jones**, electrician foreman, at the College Park Plant.

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*The Post* hosted an ice cream social for the United Way department chairs on Monday, Dec. 12. On hand were Publisher **Bo Jones** and **Chuck Anderson**, CEO, United Way of the National Capital Area with **Angela Somers**, Accounting and **Adrienne Taylor**, Operating Services, who are the support staff for *The Post's* campaign.





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A festive College Park Plant with staff (l-r) **Quang Bui**, Production/Engineering; **Christopher "Smitty" Smith**, Security; **Patti Aluise**, Administration; **Steve Poole**, IT; **Anthony Sylvain**, Maintenance, and **Shawn Harrington**, Building Services.



PHOTO: TERRY LYN JOHNSON

The Circulation Department hosted the 50th annual distributor holiday party on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Marriott Bethesda North Hotel. Enjoying the festivities are (l-r) **Marjie and Bryant Despeaux**, commercial delivery manager; **Tracy and James Dean, Jr.**, general manager for circulation transportation and facilities; **Susan and Ray Hopkins**, a home delivery distributor; and (behind Hopkins) **Lou Fabian**, retired D.C. division manager.



Happy Holidays! from the Brock & Company, Inc. staff at the Northwest Building.



PHOTO - MARTHA YEATER

Springfield Plant employees (left-right) **Rob Amos**, mailroom helper and **Adam Alleman**, machinist.



The Wilson Senior High School Choir sings seasonal favorites in the Newsroom just prior to the start of the annual holiday music program held at the Northwest Building on Dec. 15.





# Thank You From ShopTalk!

**T**his is the last issue of ShopTalk for 2005. It has been a year full of what I call my "Post moments," watching press operators proudly accepting quality printing awards in March, feeling the excitement in the Newsroom over the unveiling of "Deep Throat" this summer, and the several times a week, "Hi baby, what can I get you this morning?" from Marvell at the Northwest Building's Starbucks kiosk. The Post is not only a large daily newspaper with a newsroom and business departments, but also a gathering of talented musicians, authors, craftsmen, actors, volunteers, athletes and more. The people and moments that are unique to The Post make writing ShopTalk one of the best jobs around.

It is a team effort that enables ShopTalk to be published weekly. Special thanks go to the superb team of **Germaine Holt** and **Harold James** in Printing Services, who do a great job of ensuring that ShopTalk looks great and comes out on time. **Patti Aluise**, College Park, and **Martha Yeater**, Springfield, faithfully keep the news and photos coming from the plants. Thank you to everyone else who sent me e-mails or stopped me in the hallway with tips and information. And, last, but not least, a huge thanks to my colleagues in the Public Relations Department for taking countless photos and being my other sets of eyes and ears.

Have a happy and safe holiday and we'll see you back here in 2006!

— **Lisa Connors**  
ShopTalk Editor



Editorial staff **Vincent Rinehart** and **Emily Messner** surrounded by baked goods at the Newsroom's Cookie and Bake Sale on Wednesday, Dec. 7.



PHOTO - ANITA WRENN

Metro's bureau and newsroom office managers gathered last week for a holiday party, including (standing l-r) **Linda James**, **Jean Mack**, **Melissa McCullough**, **Sharon Fanning**, **Camille Ross**, **Sue Noftsinger**, **Tina Toll**, **Bonnie Smith**, **Ria Manglapus**, (seated, l-r) **Molli Yood**, **Lisa Martin** and **Sandy Mauck**.

## Holiday Challenge Weigh-Out Deadline!

Holiday Challenge participants must weigh-out between Jan. 3 and 10 at The Post Health Center where their weigh-in weight was recorded to qualify for the drawings to win one of five sets of four seats to great sporting and arts events (outlined in the Dec. 1 issue of ShopTalk). If you have any questions about the weigh-out, contact your Health Center:

Northwest at x4-7192  
College Park at x6-1181  
Springfield at x6-2240

Retail Advertising Unit (RAU) staff gathered on Monday, Dec. 19 for a holiday luncheon in the Northwest Building's multipurpose room, including (standing, l-r) **Shermaine Robinson**, **Galen Derry**, (seated, l-r) **Shanika Reese**, **Justen Baskerville** and **Brian Bald**.

