Happy Holidays from the Post Editorial Dept.

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Managing editor Bill Bruns worked for Life magazine and TV Guide before joining the Post in 1993. He and his wife, Pam, have been Palisades residents for 35 years, and both of their children, Alan and Allison, graduated from Palisades High. Bruns is especially proud of his staff's comprehensive coverage of a wide range of stories.

Heading the Post's award-winning Lifestyle section is senior editor Libby Motika. She grew up in Brentwood and worked for several publications before coming to the Post in 1994. Her enthusiasms run from poetry to art and architecture, with time reserved for her early-morning bicycle rides. "Motika enjoys spending time with her two children who live on different coasts.

When he's not scrambling around town covering games, sports editor Steve Galluzzo is playing them. He enjoys tennis, soccer and running. Originally from Bayville, New York, Steve has lived most of his life in Southern California, graduating from Cal State Northridge with a degree in journalism. Steve is a passionate member of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund.

Sue Pascoe enjoys writing about all aspects of the community from sports to news to healthy living. Growing up on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota, she moved to New York City as a young adult and worked in theater. She moved to the Palisades with her husband 14 years ago. They have three children, who attend local schools.

Rich Schmitt is from Long Island and received a graduate degree from NYU. Rich has been the staff photographer for the Post for nearly six years. His photos have won National Newspaper Association and CNPA awards. When he's not photographing in the Palisades, he's on freelance assignments for such clients as UCLA, AFP wire service, Doctor of Dentistry magazine and RV Executive Today.

Staff Writer Max Taves began working at the Post last year and covers a broad range of issues that affect the Palisades, including education, the environment and local politics. He graduated from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. where he studied international economics.

Nancy Ganiard Smith joined the paper in March 2001 and covers the cultural beat for the paper's Lifestyle section. A transplanted Midwesterner and former programming director at the Art Institute of Chicago, she moved to the Palisades with her husband and daughter nine years ago.

Melissa Beal began working at the Post last March. A native of Southern Illinois, she graduated from American University in Washington D.C. in 2006 with a degree in print journalism and history. She is passionate about nuclear non-proliferation and enjoys the beach, politics, television reruns and diet soda.