

# ShopTalk

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## A Columnist's Lasting Legacy

**E**arlier this month, local author Gail Spilsbury was looking through the shelves of the Washingtonia section of the District's Martin Luther King Library when she came upon what she believed to be a decaying treasure. It was a binder notebook filled with clippings by Robert Shosteck, The Post's outdoors columnist and editor from 1934 to 1935.

The clippings from his weekly hiking column include hand-drawn hiking maps by Shosteck, who convinced The Post in spring 1934 to sponsor a hiking club for readers called the Wanderbirds. The success of this club led to his creation of the Capital Hiking Club in 1938. Both clubs are still active today, giving Shosteck the arguable title of the "father" of hiking in the Washington metropolitan area.

Currently on leave from her job as managing editor of books for the National Gallery of Art, Spilsbury

was at the library researching for her book *Washington Sketchbook: Drawings by R. L. Dickinson from 1917-18*. She had read about Shosteck and was looking for some of his drawings to include in her book when she came upon the clippings.

Dismayed at the decaying state of what appears to be Shosteck's personal reference guide, she contacted The Post to see if it could be preserved.

"As a researcher, I find the album a rich find because it appears to be an author's personal archive for his column and book-writing. Each album page has a tiny tab identifying its locale: Prospect Rock, Great Falls, Burnt Mills, Billy

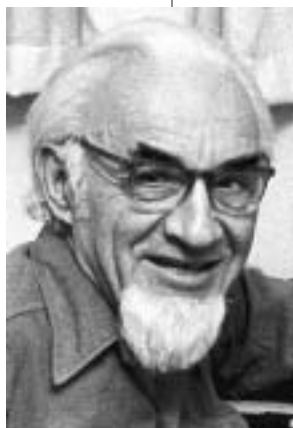


A clipping featuring one of Shosteck's hand-drawn maps.

Goat Trail - so that the author could turn to that page quickly when planning a new hike, writing a new column, or writing a book entry," she noted.

"Shosteck contributed so much to the outdoors movement in D.C. and his legacy is still felt today, even if his name is forgotten. He stirred Washingtonians to get outdoors and discover the wonderful trails and Potomac scenery that's incredibly accessible to us," added Spilsbury. "He really started it all in the big way it exists today."

Robert Shosteck was in his early 20s when he ended his brief career as a forest ranger to become The



Robert Shosteck just prior to his death in 1979.

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Shosteck's notebook of Post clippings from the mid 1930s that was found by a local author in the District's Martin Luther King Library.

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# Bylines

**T**he Post hosted a reception for the joint conventions of the Newspaper Association of America (NAA) and the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) at the National Gallery of Art on Wednesday, April 21. More than 1,400 people attended the reception including editors, publishers and other newspaper staff from across the country. Attendees enjoyed a special viewing of two exhibitions: *Courtly Art of the Ancient Maya* and *The Cubist and Paintings of Diego Rivera: Memory, Politics, Place*. The Diego Rivera



Assistant Managing Editor **Milton Coleman** greets a guest at the reception.

The NAA and ASNE held their annual conventions in the District April 20-24.

According to the NAA's Web site, it is the first time that the two organizations held their conventions concurrently. They will continue to meet together in

the District every four years—coinciding with presidential election years.



Katharine Graham's donation to the National Gallery of Art's Diego Rivera exhibit was a highlight of the evening.

exhibit includes a still life painting donated by Katharine Graham titled *No. 9 Nature morte espagnole*.



Ombudsman **Mike Getler** in a conversation with attendees at *The Post's* reception.

**F**our teams of players representing The Post participated in the Freddie Mac Hoops for the Homeless event on Saturday, April 24 at American University's Bender Arena. Several Post players had the opportunity to be coached by NBA Hall of Fame basketball player and businessman Magic Johnson who was on hand to support the event. The Post was a sponsor of the three-on-three basketball tournament which raised nearly \$450,000 to be distributed to three area homeless shelters: Carpenter's Shelter in Alexandria, Va.; Miriam's Kitchen in the District, and Shepherd's Table

in Silver Spring, Md.

At the end of the evening, The Post's We Deliver team reached the tournament's championship finals. The team took the number two spot in the Division I championship.

The Post teams included:

## Admin Assassins

Cameron Jones  
Steve Taylor  
Eric Hebert  
Garland Christmas  
Kevin Braddock

## We Deliver

Eric Grant  
Al Ford  
Todd Nicolini  
Kevin Merida



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The number two team in the Hoops for the Homeless Division 1 championship with "coach" Magic Johnson included (l-r) **Kevin Merida**, News; **Al Ford**, Circulation; **Eric Grant's son Justin**; **Grant**, Public Relations; and **Todd Nicolini**, Accounting.



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Post hoopsters **Steven Taylor**, Accounting; **Kevin Braddock**, Administration; **Eric Hebert**, Brock & Company; **Cameron Jones**, Accounting and **Garland Christmas**, Accounting.

#### News Hounds

Kerry Flagg  
Kevin Hicks  
Bruce Wright  
Chris Farrell

#### Buy A Post

Curtis Champion  
Duane Harris  
Daphne Hawkins  
Rodney Edwards

**S**usan O'Leary, vice president of Advertising, announced the following 2004 first quarter sales award winners on Wednesday, April 21:

#### Sales Achievement

Sandi Sciranko  
Mary Jane Gregory  
Judy Wise-Olsen  
David Chiles  
Barbara Shaw  
Lynne Sauer

#### Sales Excellence

Mark Gross  
Pete McCormick  
Lester Holze

#### Online Producer Award

Noelle Wainwright

#### Honorable Mention

Matthew Dunn

#### First Quarter VP Club Winners

Nick Bernardo  
Kim Houghton  
Charlie Ford  
Sudha Hillary  
Anna Knapp  
Judy Wise-Olsen  
Bud Humphries  
Sandi Sciranko  
Carolyn Monroe  
Lester Holze  
Neal Russo  
Erin Burgess  
Christine Smith  
Sheila Baker  
Iqrama Muhammad  
Wayne Benny

#### Eagle Awards

Kevin Hancock  
Amer Yaqub  
Amanda McCartney

#### Weekend Trip Winners

Anna Knapp  
Christine Smith

#### Publishers Awards

Judy Wise-Olsen - Sales  
Randy Mays - Service



Randy Mays

**E**ileen Rivers, an editorial aide for the Anne Arundel Bureau, is a dancer and the artistic director for the MSDC Dance Company which is performing a dance concert titled "Isolation" on Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2 at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park, Md. Rivers, who has been dancing since she was seven, founded the company in 2001. According to Rivers "Isolation" explores the emotions of grieving and loss.

"At some point we've all felt isolated," she explained. "We choreographed three different forms of being isolated and how we cope with those feelings." The performance combines modern dance with architecture, film, found object sculpture and paintings.

Ticket prices range \$5 to \$15. For more information, contact Eileen at (410) 903-7695, or e-mail [riverse@washpost.com](mailto:riverse@washpost.com).■

Post's outdoors columnist and editor in the mid 1930s, right after Eugene Meyer purchased The Post in 1933. After The Post, he went on to write several books on hiking and outings around the metro area. His books include *Trails of the Potomac Valley: Chain Bridge to Great Falls*, and *Weekend Getaways around Washington, D.C.: Including Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, and North Carolina*. The 2000 edition of *Weekend Getaways* includes a foreword by local celebrity and Today Show weatherman Willard Scott.

The Post's outdoors columnist **Angus Phillips** wrote about Shosteck in his column in January 1979, just months before Shosteck died of a heart attack at age 68, "Robert Shosteck made a trip to New York in the early 1930s and Washington has been richer since. In New York he took a hike with a group of German immigrants who called themselves "wanderbirds" after a hiking club in their native land. Shosteck enjoyed the walk and decided the nation's capital could stand a club like that."

The Post is looking into having Shosteck's album preserved. To find out more about the Wanderbirds club or the Capital Hiking Club, go online to [www.wanderbirds.org](http://www.wanderbirds.org) or [www.capitalhikingclub.org](http://www.capitalhikingclub.org).■



Executive Chef **Alain Davy** (far right) was the guest of honor at a luncheon celebrating his 26 years at The Post on Thursday, April 22. Davy, who is moving out of the area, was The Post's executive chef and Katharine Graham's personal chef. He cooked for a number of international dignitaries and government officials who were guests at the newspaper or at Mrs. Graham's home. Attendees at the luncheon included Chairman **Don Graham** who made a toast to Davy and three women who worked with Davy for Mrs. Graham, (l-r) **Olinda Pinto**, **Teresa Hernandez**, and **Lucy Ortiz**.



## Newsroom Honors

On Thursday, April 22, The Post reported that editorial cartoonist **Tom Toles** received the Overseas Press Club's Thomas Nast Award for best cartoons on international affairs. Pulitzer award winner **Anthony Shadid** received the club's Hal Boyle Award for best newspaper or wire service reporting from abroad.

The newspaper announced on Monday, April 19 that National Desk reporter **Howard Kurtz** won the Medill School of Journalism's Mongerson Prize for Investigative Reporting on the News. The Mongerson Prize honors outstanding reporting that uncovers and promptly corrects incomplete, inaccurate or misleading news stories. Kurtz was honored for breaking the story of *New York Times* reporter Jayson Blair's apparent plagiarism. Post Ombudsman

**Mike Getler** also received an award of distinction for his columns questioning The Post's coverage of the buildup to the war in Iraq and captured soldier Jessica Lynch.

On Wednesday, March 31, Pulitzer finalists **Joe Stephens** and **David Ottaway** were honored by the Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) Awards for their work on the "Big Green" series on questionable practices by the Nature Conservancy. They received a certificate in the category of newspapers with a circulation more than 500,000. The IRE is a 5,000 member professional organization.

## Race For the Cure® Deadline is May 5

The deadline is Wednesday May 5 to be a member of The Post's team participating in this year's Komen National Race for the Cure® sched-



## Circulation Supports Colleague



**Pamela Victum** (far right) with several of her colleagues in the Circulation Department who are supporting her participation in the March of Dimes Walk America scheduled for this Sunday, May 2 in the District. Victum surpassed her goal of raising \$600 and at publication had received \$1,100 in pledges and donations from 22 staff in Circulation. The sum also includes funding from The Post's Matching Gifts program. Pictured in front of Victum's "pledge wall" are (kneeling, l-r) **Kennith Rosser**, **DeWayne Harris**, (standing, l-r) **Kelly Thomas**, **Arlynn Goines**, **Lynette Hawley**, **Edna Squire**, **Kyana Jackson**, **Bill Mumford** and **Monica Brown**.

uled for Saturday, June 5 at the National Mall. All Post team members will receive a Post Team T-Shirt and a pre-race breakfast at the Northwest Building. For more information contact one of the following team captains:

**Gayle Giger**, Public Relations, x4-7743

**Milene Purdy-Kent**, Accounting, x4-5997

**Valerie Kenyon Gaffney**, Springfield Plant, x6-2409

**Patti Aluise**, College Park Plant, x6-1106.

## Marketplace

**INVITATION** – Post staff are invited to attend the modern dance performance of "Isolation" by the MSDC Dance Company on Saturday, May 1 at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park, Md. The company's artistic director is Eileen Rivers in the Anne Arundel County Bureau. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$5. For more information, contact Eileen at (410) 903-7695, or e-mail riverse@washpost.com.

**FOR RENT:** Large upstairs room in single family house in McLean, Va., mutual use of kitchen, lr/dr, w/d & bath. Great for IT personnel in new location. \$600 mo. + dep. Call Diane at x4-5689 or (703) 448-1977.

**FOR SALE:** A dozen 100-year-old, seven-foot, wooden doors. Chestnut or oak. Horizontal raised panels, \$50 each. Call Marty at x4-7384 or (301) 871-8640.

**FOR SALE:** Cleaning out my basement and in-home office - selling IBM computer and monitor (\$150), weightlifting bench w/ weights (\$50) and exercise bike (\$40). Call Imani at x4-7894 or (202) 583-5538.

**FOR SALE:** Roll-top desk and chair. Solid wood; 2 file-size storage drawers plus 5 other drawers; storage cubicles and built in light. Like new condition, \$150. Call Pat at (703) 204-3420 or x4-5211.

**FOR SALE:** Air hockey table complete with pucks and paddles. Dimensions are 6 1/2' x 3 1/2' Practically new condition. New furniture being delivered so it must go. Paid \$300. U-haul it for \$75. Call Donna x4-5823 or (301) 868-3493.

**FOR RENT:** Beach home rental - Sandbridge/Va. Beach: Huge, gorgeous home, one block from ocean w/amazing views and direct beach access. 9 BR, 7.5 BA, sleeps 22. Every imaginable feature from a well-equipped gourmet kitchen w/center island to a spacious game room w/2nd mini-kitchen, foosball/air hockey & access to private pool. Many TVs, VCRs, DVDs, fax, stereo/CD and more, MBR w/jacuzzi tub, plenty of open & covered decking. Avail. weeks: May 8 (\$1,360); May 15 (\$2,590); June 12 & Aug. 14 (\$4,620); Aug. 28 (\$3,470). Call Gayle at x4-7679; (301) 570-9032.

**FOR RENT:** Apartment in Kalorama/Dupont/ Adams Morgan area. Large, bright 2BR, 1BA corner apartment, on quiet, beautiful street, mall building features large rooms, big windows, spacious closets. Available May 15. \$2,250/month. Call Mitch at (202) 462-9027.

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

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