

# ShopTalk



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## Award-Winning Post Photos *Robinson-Chavez is Photographer of the Year*

Most photographers once again earned the top honors during the recent announcement of the White House News Photographers Association's

"I'm very glad to have won," Robinson-Chavez acknowledged. "Every year, the competition seems more intense." Then, he added, "This region is loaded with great talent and vision."

While he photographed many events throughout the year, his most recognized work came during his coverage of the Israeli-Lebanese conflict and his segment on El Salvador's growing problem with gangs and violence. He explained, "It is

important to get visual stories from around the world to try and remind everyone that this is a smaller and smaller world and that many of these

stories have a profound effect on what happens within our own borders."

Robinson-Chavez was not alone at the top. Post photographers essentially swept the "Domestic News" category, with **Nikki Khan** winning first place, **Carol Guzy** winning second place and both, **Andrea Bruce** and **Sarah L. Voisin**, winning awards of excellence. The Post

also nearly swept the "Picture Story/News" category. Robinson-Chavez, who won the first and third place prizes, got help from Voison, who nabbed second place and Bruce who won another award of excellence. **Melina**

**Mara** won second place in the "Political Portfolio" category, **Jonathan Newton** won third in the "Sports Feature/Reaction" category and Bruce also won third in the "Portfolio" category. Bruce, Voison and Robinson-Chavez won several others prizes and **Bill O'Leary** won an award of excellence for his "supersonic pigeon" in the "Feature" category. ■

*Editors Note: All captions written by photographers.*



Former Post photographer **Michael Robinson-Chavez** covering U.S. troops in Fallujah while on assignment in Iraq.

(WHNPA) "The Eyes of History 2007" awards. **Michael Robinson-Chavez** was selected as photographer of the year for the second time since he started at The Post in October 1999. His photographs received the first place distinction in the "International News" and "Picture Story/News" categories.

*Comforted by a friend in the morgue of Beith Hanoun hospital, a weeping man breaks down after seeing the body of his brother, who was shot by Israeli snipers. (Editor's note: Photo won "International News First Place.")*



*Stopping violence has become a constant rallying cry for local political parties in El Salvador, where it seems the cold war never ended. Communists still fight it out with nationalists in local elections. Supporters of the left wing FMLN, the former guerilla movement turned political party, attend a rally in the city center. (Editor's note: Photo won "Portfolio Second Place.")*

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## More Award-Winning Photos . . .



PHOTO - BILL O'LEARY

**SUPERSONIC PIGEON** A pigeon passing overhead appears to be jet-propelled, juxtaposed with a jet contrail high above. (Editor's note: Photo won "Feature Award of Excellence.")



PHOTO - MICHAEL ROBINSON-CHAVEZ



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PHOTO - NIKKI KAHN

Reverend Jesse L. Jackson (left) and former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young share an emotional moment at the ceremonial groundbreaking for the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial site on Nov. 13, 2006 in Washington, D.C. (Editor's note: Photo won "Domestic News First Place.")

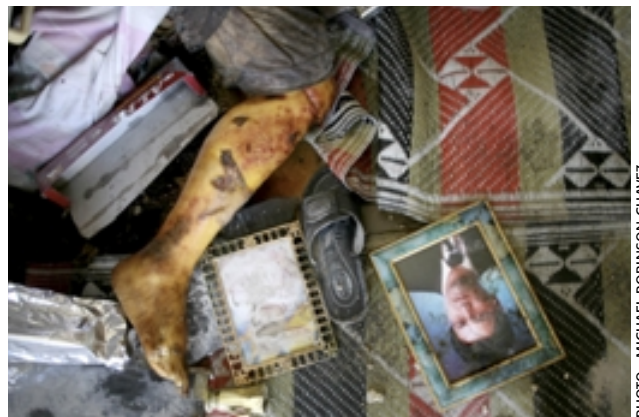


PHOTO - MICHAEL ROBINSON-CHAVEZ

**LEBANON BURNING** In July 2006, Hezbollah guerillas kidnapped two Israeli soldiers and sparked a brutal month-long conflict. Israel pounded Southern Lebanon and took uncharacteristically high casualties. After intense international pressure, Israel withdrew without accomplishing their goals, including freeing the prisoners. The proxy fight between Iran and Saudi Arabia over control of the Middle East took a new turn when Hezbollah claimed victory. As usual, lost in all of this was the toll on civilians who could claim no victory. (Editor's Note: Photos won "Picture Story/News First Place.")



PHOTO - ANDREA BRUCE

**PUNKS IN CHINA** For Chinese punks today, it might take screaming to be heard. They make up a small slice of the music industry and they play to a largely underground scene. But their struggle to gain attention provides a glimpse of what it's like to be a rebel in a country that suppresses dissent and individuality, and an artist in a culture that worships money and Western fads. (Editor's note: Photo won "Feature Award of Excellence" and "Portfolio Third Place.")



PHOTO - MELINA MARA

Junior Senator from Illinois, Barack Obama, rides the Senate train back to his office on Capitol Hill on Thursday, June 8, 2006. Obama is reacting to a colleagues teasing. (Editor's note: Photo won "Portfolio Second Place.")



PHOTO - MICHAEL ROBINSON-CHAVEZ

Editor's note: Photo won "Portfolio Second Place." It made up part of Michael Robinson-Chavez's series, "La Violencia: San Salvador's Plague."



PHOTO - SARAH L. VOISIN



PHOTO - MICHAEL ROBINSON-CHAVEZ



PHOTO - SARAH L. VOISIN

**ALWAYS RUNNING: JOURNEY TO THE AMERICAN DREAM**

For tens of thousands of immigrants, the "American Dream" became more difficult in 2006. As the heated national debate on immigration persists, the increased attention to homeland security has tightened the border of the United States. Migrants looking for a way out of the economic depression in their own countries risk injury on the dangerous trip North. The lure is so strong that many will try again and again even after if they have failed before. (Editor's note: Photos won "Picture Story/News Second Place.")



PHOTO - MICHAEL ROBINSON-CHAVEZ

**SUMMER RAIN** Prior to the fighting with Hezbollah in Lebanon, Gaza was the scene of brutal fighting for Israelis and Palestinians after Hamas staged a brazen kidnapping of an Israeli soldier. Dubbed "Summer Rain" by Israelis, the resulting incursions left scores of Palestinians dead and perpetuated the misery and hatred already in abundance within Gaza. Any hope for a peace accord seems in tatters with Hamas in power and the United States having misplaced their "Roadmap for Peace." (Editor's note: Photos won "Picture Story/News Third Place.")



President and General Manager **Steve Hills** discusses *The Post's* strategic growth plan with 150 Production managers.

## Annual Production Managers Meeting

On Feb. 11, 2007, 150 Production managers attended the annual managers meeting at the Northwest building. The theme was "Leading Change" and President and General Manager **Steve Hills** provided an overview of the plan for the newspaper's strategic growth. Vice President **Jim Coley**, Production, highlighted some of the newspaper industry's challenges and how production responded in 2006 and how it intends to respond in 2007. Several department managers discussed the results of cost-saving initiatives and operation efficiency measures taken in 2006. Finally, author and consultant Rick Mauer led a seminar that presented various skills necessary to discuss, navigate and implement change within each department.

## Daylight Savings Time Change

This year daylight savings time starts three weeks earlier on March 11 and ends one week later on Nov. 4. IT is working diligently to patch all computer and electronic

equipment that calculates dates and time to ensure that all equipment shifts seamlessly on the correct dates. Post employees should be aware that their Lotus Notes calendar and Blackberrys may be affected. IT recommends not changing

the meeting times (particularly recurring meetings) in Lotus Notes between March 11 and April 1 (and the first week in November), which may be off by an hour. Once the patch is installed, it should reflect the correct times. IT recommends typing the correct meeting time on the subject line of each entry. Blackberry users will be contacted directly before March 11. Contact x4-HELP (4357) or email "IT Help Desk Staff" with any questions or concerns

## Blood Drive: Save Lives and Win Tickets

The Northwest Health Center will host its first 2007 blood drive in the multipurpose room on March 6 starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. It's the simplest and fastest way to make a big difference, especially considering that in the U.S. every two seconds someone—your sister's premature infant, your father or mother with cancer or a friend in a bad car accident—needs a blood transfusion. Contact x4-7192 to schedule your appointment. In addition to savings lives, blood donors will also be entered in a raffle where various tickets to sporting events and shows will be given away.

## Jazzercise for Free

Are you still trying to find a way to get in shape and have fun at the same time? Well, look no further. You can now do both with Jazzercise at the Northwest Fitness Center. Combining elements of jazz dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and more to create an effective and fun program for people of all ages or fitness levels. New students can try Jazzercise for free on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. Membership to Fitness Center not required. Classes run on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Friday "express" class starts at 12:30 p.m. Four-week pass - \$75, three-week pass - \$56.25, Friday only pass - \$32, walk-in \$10. Contact Beth at [elizabeth.sanzone@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.sanzone@hotmail.com) or **Lynn Maloney** at [maloneylm@washpost.com](mailto:maloneylm@washpost.com). You can also

visit: [www.jazzercise.com](http://www.jazzercise.com) or call: 1-800-FIT-IS-IT.

## Meditate for Free

Curious about meditation? Seeking stress-relief? Come to a FREE meditation session in the Fitness Center (membership not necessary) next Wednesday, March 7 from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. You may also register for a five-week meditation series run by Visit Yourself at Work, the company profiled in the Health Section on Jan. 23, 2007. The month-long series will run from March 14 through April 11 and will take place every Wednesday from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$75 for all five weeks. No special clothing required. Questions? Please email [Meditate@VisitYourself.net](mailto:Meditate@VisitYourself.net) or visit: [www.VisitYourself.net](http://www.VisitYourself.net).

## Marketplace

**FOR RENT:** Vacation for a week at Plantations Resort in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Two bedrooms, two full baths, full kitchen and living room with sofa bed. Sleeps up to six people. Master bedroom has jacuzzi. Resort is on golf course and beach is just a short shuttle ride away. Also available is a lockout hotel suite that sleeps four additional people; has own kitchen and full bathroom. \$850 for both units or \$700 for unit without the lockout suite. Available March through mid May. Summer possible. Contact Joe at x6-1994. Unit rents from Sunday to Sunday.

**FOR SALE:** Cold at the keyboard? Banish freezing fingers in the office with a pair of chill-chaser handwarmers. Assorted colors, 100 percent wool, will keep your mitts toasty and leave fingertips free to fly across the keys. See samples at the fourth floor TV Week pod, call Kathy at x4-7388 or 301-972-4595. Email: [KMBCreations@aol.com](mailto:KMBCreations@aol.com)

**FOR SALE:** GE-XL44 self-cleaning oven and gas range stove, model JGBP79. Range hood included. In good condition. Asking \$285. Pick-up from seller's house. Contact Michelle at x8-1722.

**GET TICKETS:** Tickets for the Servicemembers' Legal Defense Network (SLDN) Banquet on Saturday, March 24 at the National Building Museum available to Post employees. Tickets are \$87.50 for the dinner, program and auction. Contact Christopher Janson at x4-5690. For more on event or SLDN organization visit: [www.sldn.org](http://www.sldn.org).

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