

Washington Evening Star (1852-1981)

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The newspaper of record for the nation's capital

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An independent voice providing a unique perspective on the issues that have shaped American politics

Overview

Until its demise in 1981, *The Evening Star* was universally regarded as the “paper of record” for the nation’s capital. Published under such titles as *Washington Star-News* and *The Washington Star*, this long-running daily afternoon paper was one of the highest profile publications in the nation. Founded in 1852, by the 1930s its coverage of national politics—including the daily activities of every branch of government—made it the nation’s number one paper in advertising revenue.

A fiercely independent voice in Washington

From its earliest years, the *Star* was a contrarian powerhouse, not afraid to buck Washington’s prevailing political winds. Prior to the Civil War, as abolitionists decried slavery in their own publications, the *Star* presented both sides of the debate. During the War itself, the *Star*’s excellent reporting increased its popularity; even today Civil War historians frequently cite *Star* articles at length. By the mid-20th century—a period marked by McCarthyism, landmark Civil Rights legislation and the beginning of the space race—the *Star* reached its zenith in local circulation and national influence. Between 1944 and 1981, *Star* writers, reporters and cartoonists accumulated 10 Pulitzer Prizes.

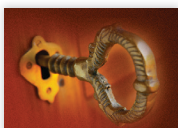
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