Rhode Island

Press Association

2007 Editorial Contest

Contest Categories

1. News Story
Recognizes the best single news story on a local subject appearing in a member publication. Entries may include informational sidebars or features relating to the main story appearing in a single issue. Judging will be based on the depth of information presented, clarity of writing and evidence of enterprise by the reporter(s).

2. Spot News Story
Recognizes the best single spot news story on a local subject. Entries may include informational sidebars or features relating to the main story appearing in a single issue. Judging will be based on the depth of information gathered on the spot news event, clarity of writing and evidence of enterprise by the reporter(s).

3. News Series
Recognizes an outstanding collection of stories, including sidebars, that are clearly planned, produced and published in a serial manner. Judging will be based on the quality of reporting, depth of information presented and enterprise.

4. Investigative/Analytical Story or Series
Recognizes the best single story or series of stories on a local subject involving investigative, analytical or other in-depth reporting. Entries in this category must go beyond the scope of hard news stories. Judging will be based on the quality of reporting, depth of information presented and enterprise.

5. Business Story
Recognizes the best single news or feature business story or stories on a local topic appearing in a single issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

6. Educational Story
Recognizes the best single news or feature education story or stories on a local topic appearing in a single issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

7. Religious Story
Recognizes the best single news or feature story or stories on a local religious topic published in a single issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

8. Reporting on the Environment/Science
Recognizes the best single news or feature story or stories on a local topic dealing with the environment or science published in a single issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

9. Profile or Personality Story
Recognizes the best single personality piece or profile of a local subject. Judging will be based on writing style, originality and extent to which piece conveys subject's character, style or purpose.

10. Feature Story (Short)
Recognizes the best single feature story measuring 1,000 words or less on a topic of local interest published in a single issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

11. Feature Story (In-Depth)
Recognizes the best single feature story measuring more than 1,000 words on a topic of local interest appearing in a single issue. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

12. Arts Review or Criticism
Recognizes the outstanding single critique or review of a local theater, dance or musical performance, gallery show, literary work, film, musical recording or other art form. Prize-winning entries should convey a vital sense of the subject, effective writing style and depth of insight and knowledge of the field.

13. Arts or Entertainment Story
Recognizes outstanding arts and entertainment reporting or feature writing on a local topic, artist or entertainer. Judging will be based on originality, writing style, depth of insight and knowledge of the field.

14. Food & Dining Story
Recognizes outstanding reporting on a topic related to food or dining. Judging will be based on style and technique of writing, originality and enterprise.

15. Most Unique or Unexpected Story
Recognizes the most unique, unexpected, humorous or creative stories of the year. Judges will consider quality of writing, originality and enterprise.

16. Sports Story
Recognizes outstanding reporting of a breaking story or a story or stories examining a local aspect of a trend in spectator or participatory sports or general recreation published in a single issue. Judging will be based on writing style, originality and enterprise, as well as the ability to communicate to both sports fans and non-sports fans.

17. Sports Feature Story
Recognizes an outstanding local feature story or personality piece involving an organized sports or recreation program. Judging will be based on technique and style of writing, originality and enterprise.

18. Sports Columnist
Recognizes outstanding sports writing by a columnist. Judging will be based on writing style, originality and insight. Each writer's entry should include three (3) different columns to be considered as a whole. A sports columnist's work should appear at least on a monthly basis to qualify for entry in this category.

19. Editorial Writer
Recognizes outstanding editorial writing on local subjects. Each writer's entry should include three (3) different editorials to be considered as a whole. Judging will be based on the quality and clarity of writing and the depth of the writer's research into the issues. Entries must have been clearly published as editorials.

20. Columnist
Recognizes outstanding column writing. Judging will be based on writing style, originality and insight. Each writer's entry should include three (3) different columns to be considered as a whole. A columnist's work should appear at least on a monthly basis to qualify for entry in this category.

21. General News Photo
Recognizes outstanding photo of a scheduled or anticipated event.

22. Feature Photo
Recognizes an outstanding photograph, not necessarily of a specific news event. Judging will be based on the skill and imagination of the photographer.

Categories/Rules

23. Spot News Photo
Recognizes an outstanding photograph of a spot news event.

24. Personality Photo or Portrait
Recognizes an outstanding portrait or profile-type photograph of a local person.

25. Sports Photo
Recognizes an outstanding photograph of a local sports event.

26. Photo Series/Picture Story
Recognizes an outstanding grouping of photographs that tells a story or covers one topic (with or without text) published in a single issue.

27. Headline Writing
Recognizes outstanding headline writing on local subjects only (no wire/AP copy). Entries consist of three (3) different headlines from the same publication during the entry peiord (all of 2007). Judging is based on creativity, originality and accurate representation of story content. Headlines MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY STORY.

28. Special Section
Recognizes an outstanding special section written and produced entirely by a newspaper's staff on a particular topic or commemorating a local event, anniversary or observation. Prize-winning entries should demonstrate good planning, strong writing and design.

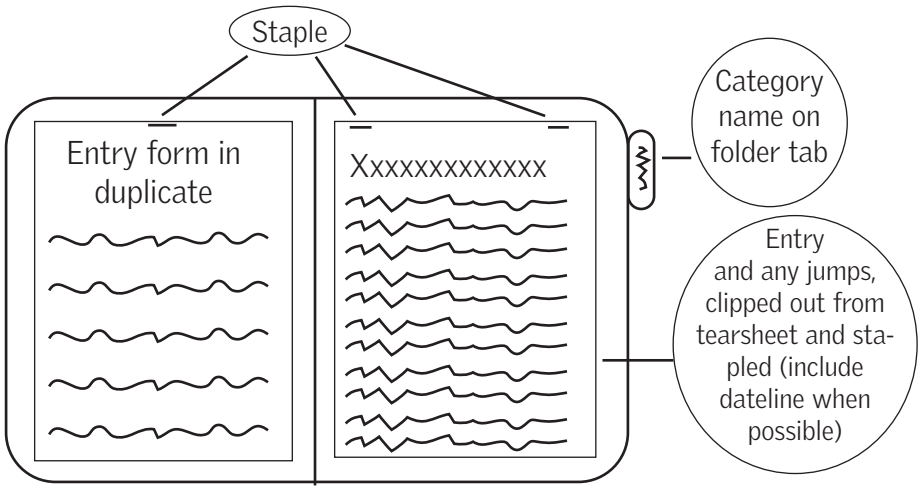
29. Best Newspaper Front Page
Recognizes the best front page of one newspaper published during the contest period. Judges will consider news content and organization, use of photography, headlines, design and layout.

30. Best Cover
Recognizes the best cover of a publication designed to attract readers, not necessarily to deliver news. Entrants may include magazines, alternative newspapers or other qualified publications that appear at least monthly. Section covers are not eligible. Judges will consider use of photography, headlines, design and visual impact.

31. Spirit of Rhode Island
Recognizes a story, series, supplement, photo or photo essay that best captures the unique culture and personality of Rhode Island. This category is judged locally.

General Rules
1. Competition is open only to member publications of the Rhode Island Press Association.
2. Material submitted must have been published between **Jan. 1, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2007**.
3. In all categories **EXCEPT** photo categories, publications may enter three items per category. (See photo rules below.) Each suburban office of a daily newspaper shall be considered a separate newspaper entitled to submit its own entries. Each writer is limited to one entry per category no matter how many newspapers he or she has written for.
4. Entrants must be employees or regular contributors to member publications.
5. Prepare entries as shown below, using a letter-sized manila file folder. Include **TWO** fully completed entry forms.
6. All entries should be mailed to:

RIPA 2007 Editorial Awards
c/o Scott Pickering
East Bay Newspapers
1 Bradford St.
Bristol, RI 02809



7. All publications will be judged together. Only reporters from the Providence Journal who are assigned to bureau offices are eligible to enter.
8. Categories that do not draw at least five (5) or more entries will not be judged.

Photo Entry Rules
1. Each photographer is limited to no more than two (2) entries per category.
2. Photographers should enter one copy of each image for entry, but may include a glossy print for display at banquet only.
3. Judging will be based on imagination, originality and composition. Judges are asked to disregard size, reproduction and printing problems as much as possible.
5. Eligible entrants must be full-time or part-time employees of member newspapers.
6. Photographers working for the Providence Journal may only enter photos taken in suburban areas.

Contest Fees
9. The fee is $20 for the first entry **from each publication (i.e., individual newspaper flag)** and $10 for each subsequent entry. Fees must accompany entries.

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Entry Form

Publishing company: _____

Newspaper: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Journalist's name: _____

Date entry was published: _____

Note: A separate entry form, filled out in **DUPLICATE**, is required for each entry. (One copy will be kept for our file and the other will be sent with the entry to the judges.) If one journalist is entered in more than one category, a separate entry form (filled out in **DUPLICATE**) is required for each submission. Staple both forms on the inside left cover of file folder, as shown in directions.

Mailing: A contest entry fee of $20 for the first entry from each publication and $10 for each subsequent entry and one completed Company Registration Form must accompany each newspaper or group's submissions. **Each entry must be clipped from the publication and stapled in its own letter-sized manila file folder, with the category name written on the file folder's tab.** Please send all entries from each newspaper or group in one package to: RIPA 2006 Editorial Awards, c/o Scott Pickering, East Bay Newspapers, 1 Bradford St.,

The enclosed entry is in the category checked below:

- ❍ News Story
- ❍ Spot News Story
- ❍ News series
- ❍ Investigative/Analytical News Story or Series
- ❍ Business Story
- ❍ Educational Story
- ❍ Religious Story
- ❍ Reporting on the Environment/Science
- ❍ Profile or Personality Story
- ❍ Feature Story (In-Depth)
- ❍ Feature Story (Short)
- ❍ Arts or Entertainment Story
- ❍ Arts Review or Criticism
- ❍ Food & Dining Story
- ❍ Most Unusual/Unexpected Story
- ❍ Sports Story
- ❍ Sports Feature Story
- ❍ Sports Columnist
- ❍ Editorial Writer
- ❍ General Columnist
- ❍ General News Photo
- ❍ Feature Photo
- ❍ Spot News Photo
- ❍ Sports Photo
- ❍ Personality Photo or Portrait
- ❍ Photo Series/Pictorial
- ❍ Headline Writing
- ❍ Special Section
- ❍ Best Newspaper Front Page
- ❍ Best Cover
- ❍ Spirit of Rhode Island

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