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TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

Reception	5:30
Sponsored by Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau	
Dinner	6:30
Welcome-Debra Fraser,.....	7:00
Press Club President	
Awards Ceremony	7:25

Houston Press Club Lone Star Awards

The Lone Star Awards are given each year in recognition of outstanding achievements in journalism and mass communication in the state of Texas. The competition encompasses efforts in the fields of print, radio, television and internet journalism; student publications and broadcasts; and public relations. Awards are given to first, second, and third place entries in each category.

The Houston Press Club is dedicated to fostering growth and interaction in these various fields with the aim of improving the whole business of mass communications. The Houston Press Club also supports the efforts of tomorrow's professionals through achievement awards and scholarship funding for students in these fields.

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A-1 Print Journalist of the Year

1. Danny Robbins, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Judge's Comments: "Excellent photo/art to accompany story... hard-hitting depth in a field where little is questioned, save performance"

2. Thomas Korosec, Dallas Observer
Judge's Comments: "...an excellent, in-depth and well-researched story"

3. Tim Madigan, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Judge's Comments: "I liked the sentiment"



A-2 Spot News Reporting

1. "Columbia's Last Mission," Houston Chronicle staff

Judge's Comments: "Best use of powerful pictures with powerful copy. Best layout & total presentation."

2. "18 Smuggled in Truck Die," Karen Brooks & John Gutierrez-Mier, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Judge's Comments: "The best writing of all the entries... made me understand what those people went through"

3. "Financial Crisis at American Airlines," Jon Herskovitz & Kathy Fieweger, Reuters Wire Service
Judge's Comments: "Great job of explaining a complex, insider story.... very approachable writing"

A-3 Feature Story

1. "Evil Eyes," Glenna Whitley, Dallas Observer

Judge's Comments: "this finely executed and researched tale is bone-chilling... an unflinching tour de force."

2. "The Girl who played dead," Julie Lyons, Dallas Observer

Judge's Comments: "...stunning.... reporting at its best"

3. "Rebel with a cause," Mary Rogers, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Judge's Comments: "...a triumph of justice and a wonderful feature story"

A-4 Investigative Reporting

1. "Penned In," Scott Nowell, Houston Press

Judge's Comments: "This piece showed me a complex side of the court system that I never thought about."

2. "Crime Lab," Steve McVicker & Roma Khanna, Houston Chronicle
Judge's Comments: "They were able to take the breaking story to the next level."

3. "Baylor University Athletic Scandal," Fort Worth Star-Telegram staff
Judge's Comments: "Great Material.... Very sad, but very enlightening"

A-5 Public Service

1. "Catching Elevators," Wendy Grossman, Houston Press

Judge's Comments: "Identified reasons for accidents and their solutions."

2. "Fatal Police Raid," Fort Worth Star-Telegram staff
Judge's Comments: "a terrific... multi-team approach"

3. "FWISD," Fort Worth Star-Telegram staff
Judge's Comments: "...especially liked the October 19th piece"

A-6 Politics/Government

1. "Beyond Columbia," Mike Tolson & Tony Freemantle, Houston Chronicle
Judge's Comments: "A tour de force in content, production quality, readability, and regional and national news importance. The definitive treatise on America's space program."

2. "The New Medicare," Fort Worth Star-Telegram staff
Judge's Comments: "vivid, comprehensive series... a must read for medical institutions, doctors and patients.... Superb copy and content!"

3. FWISD (Motherall) coverage," Fort Worth Star-Telegram staff
Judge's Comments: "Excellent, fascinating investigation!"

A-7 Business Story

1. "Grave Robbers," Thomas Korosec, Dallas Observer
Judge's Comments: "Well-researched... appeals to all readers, not just business buffs."

2. "MTBE Debate," Houston Chronicle staff
Judge's Comments: "A prescient and powerful examination of a chemical additive that greatly impacted the national energy bill... Bravuro reporting."

3. "Houston Once Removed," Josh Harkinson, Houston Press
Judge's Comments: "A fascinating and surreal look at the effects of Houston's cultural and economic forces in West Africa."

A-8 Editorial

1. "Cause for War," Frank Michel, Houston Chronicle
Judge's Comments: "As bold and convincing an argument against attacking Iraq as it is gutsy... an editorial milestone."

2. "Medical Malpractice," Linda P. Campbell, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "The level of this in-depth reporting is remarkable. An engrossing piece that takes a complex issue and deals with it rationally and effectively."

3. "Desperate Moves," Andra Georgsson, Houston Chronicle
Judge's Comments: "...a tour de force and must read for legislators."

A-9 General Commentary

1. "What's in a name? For TCU, far too little," Mitchell Schnurman, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "Fearless reporting at its best."

2. "Politics gets tipped and the needy get stiffed," Linda Campbell, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "Puts into stark reality the cost of the redistricting fiasco that inspires truly righteous indignation."

3. "One such summer per person," John Perry, Houston Chronicle/Texas Magazine
Judge's Comments: "This piece is so beautiful.... The images are haunting, yet wonderful."

A-10 Arts and Entertainment Commentary/Criticism

1. "Incest is Wrong," Kelly Klaasmeyer, Houston Press
Judge's Comments: "Wicked writing that is far too uncommon."

2. "I'm not dreaming of a White Christmas," John Nova Lomax, Houston Press
Judge's Comments: "...churlish delight lampooning Christmas tradition and yuletide carols"

3. "Finding the words," Ken Parish Perkins, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "...refreshing and uplifting tale.... this piece is an honorable and powerful tribute to a mother's influence"

A-11 Sports Commentary

1. "Dale Robertson Column," Dale Robertson, Houston Chronicle
Judge's Comments: "Robertson's revved up coverage of Lance Armstrong's historic Tour de France victory is addictive reading."

2. Jim Reeves, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "Reaves is equally adept in helping (us) know and grieve for a popular terminally ill soccer player/teenager as he is at describing Nolan Ryan."

3. "Ready to Rumble," John Gonzales, Dallas Observer
Judge's Comments: "...a fearless look into the mind of a certain major league centerfielder... so hilariously captured."

A-12 Sports Story

1. "Farewell Tour," Steve Campbell, Houston Chronicle
Judge's Comments: "....transcends the event with eye-popping production and classic copy.... a hole in one"

2. "The secrets of Bill's Success," Jennifer Floyd Engel, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "It's always a great idea when the best cover the best.... delightful and insightful construction.... snappy copy.... the reader ends up the ultimate winner"

3. "Friday Night Lite," Carlton Stowers, Dallas Observer
Judge's Comments: "A real gem. This loving and engrossing tale of small town Texas is classic Americana."

A-13 Layout

1. "The faces of high school football," Michael Currie, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "An eye-popping panorama of color and colorful faces capturing the excitement of this time-

honored Texas tradition."

2. "A.M. Briefing," Fort Worth Star-Telegram Design Staff
Judge's Comments: "Not only visually gripping, this page shows a remarkable ability to adapt to fast-changing events in Iraq. Not just a must see, but a must read."

3. "War" series of Special Page 1A Reports," Fort Worth Star-Telegram Design Staff
Judge's Comments: "The photos and layout explode off the page... impossible to forget... a magnificent blend of art, copy and layout."

NEWSPAPERS UNDER 100,000 CIRCULATION

B-1 Print Journalist of the Year

1. Dan Malone, Fort Worth Weekly
Judge's Comments: "Dan's stories are enterprising and diverse, his writing compelling and edgy, his reporting thorough."

2. John Council, Texas Lawyer
Judge's Comments: "John turns trade reporting into a good read for any reader, making what could be dry subject matter lively and interesting."

3. Allison Pollan, The Facts
Judge's Comments: "... a nice range of styles within a limited beat. Her story about the crisis facing on-call doctors was particularly well-reported."

B-4 Investigative Reporting

1. "Wirt Norris Investigation," Dan Malone, Fort Worth Weekly

2. "Pandora's Box," Bill Conroy, San Antonio Business Journal

B-5 Public Service

1. "Ready or Not," Galveston Daily News Staff

2. "Changing Bayfront," Corpus Christi Caller-Times Staff

3. "Carswell Prison Rape," Betty Brink, Fort Worth Weekly

B-6 Politics/Government

1. "Remedial Math," Betty Brink, Fort Worth Weekly
2. "Stinkin' Up the Kitchen," Betty Brink, Fort Worth Weekly
3. "37 Million Ways," Jenna College & Bill Schadewald, Houston Business Journal

B-9 General Commentary

1. "The Memories Fly On -- In Life and Death," Jim Fredricks, The Courier
Judge's Comments: "Beautifully evocative ode to his father... really brought the man to life."
2. "Durst Verdict Breeds Criticism About the System," Kelly Hawes, The Facts
Judge's Comments: "a fresh perspective on an over-reported story"
3. "Troops in Harm's Way Recalled Once More," Walker C. Wooding, Jr., Houston Business Journal
Judge's Comments: "a moving reminiscence about military service during Desert Storm brought new light to current war."

B-11 Sports Commentary

1. "Cancer Fails to Kill What Patterson Was -- a Champion," Robert Avery, Pasadena Citizen
Judge's Comments: "touching remembrance of a stand-up guy"
2. "Open Records Act Makes Search Fair," Michael Peters, Galveston County Daily News
Judge's Comments: "fair reporting...the way it should be done"
3. "Reign Delay Didn't Dampen the Spirit of San Antonio," W. Scott Bailey, San Antonio Business Journal
Judge's Comments: "Clever, captivating writing"

B-12 Sports Story

1. "College Football in Black & White," Paula Hunt, Beaumont Enterprise
Judge's Comments: "Recapped every step and invited the reader to come

along for the ride."

2. "The Perfect Season," Ted Dunnam, Galveston County Daily News
Judge's Comments: "The perfect tribute."

3. "Seasoned Super Bowl Organizer Calling Plays for the Big Game," Jennifer Dawson, Houston Business Journal

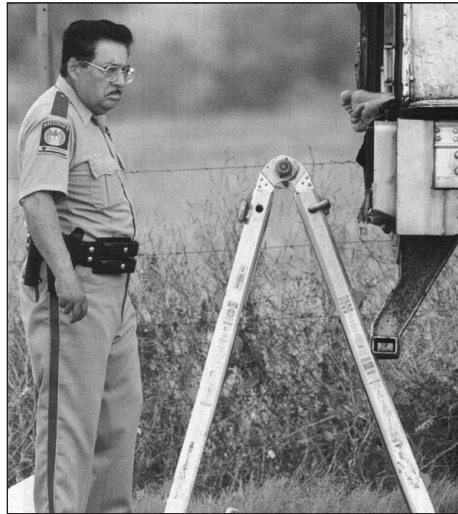
B-13 Layout

1. Dave Mathews, Galveston County Daily News

PHOTOGRAPHY (PRINT & MAGAZINES)

C-1 Photojournalist of the Year

1. Tom Pennington, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "Good variety, good eye"



C-2 News Photo

1. "Hope Turns to Horror," Steve Ueckers, Houston Chronicle
Judge's Comments: "Good composition....powerful without devolving into a tasteless image"
2. "Deadly Crossing," Steve Ueckers, Houston Chronicle
Judge's Comments: "...another way to represent the horror without focusing solely on the bodies."

3. "Columbia Debris," Ian McVea, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "Focused on a detail to tell a bigger story."

C-3 Feature Photo

1. "Grand Champion Sale," Sharon Steinman, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "Nice image.. of a key moment"
2. "Little League Funeral," Jen Friedberg, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "heart-wrenching... well handled by the photographer"
3. "Winter Wonderland," Chad Greene, Galveston County Daily News
Judge's Comments: "sweet moment of boy enjoying snow"

C-4 Sports Photo

1. "Johnny Oates Hall of Fame Induction," Tom Pennington, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "sweet moment... nice capturing of emotion"
2. "Fueller on Fire," Paul Mogeley, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "unusual moment... makes for a cool photo"
3. "Buoyed Optimism," Chad Greene, Galveston Daily News
Judge's Comments: "nice framing of a peak moment"

C-5 Photo Package

1. "Pilgrims of Progress," Jen Frieberg, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "beautifully framed.... good use of light"
2. "The Last Picture Show," Jill Johnson & Joyce Marshall, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "interesting and engaging... well run"
3. "A Force of Women," Jill Johnson, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Judge's Comments: "Nice use of design for an interesting topic"

TELEVISION

D-1A Television Journalist of the Year

1. Robert Arnold, KPRC-TV
Judge's Comments: "hard-hitting, intelligent and thorough. This defines quality broadcast journalism."

2. Eileen Faxas, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "Aggressive, informative, and public-spirited reporting. Hats off to Eileen for her tenacious reporting."

3. Jeremy Rogalski, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "Great reporting and formidable journalistic skills.... took command of the viewers' attention."

D-1B Photojournalist of the Year

1. Matt Brawley, Houston PBS
Judge's Comments: "...superb artistic ability....it came together perfectly.... the visual quality really stood out."

2. Keith Tomshe, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "...an excellent effort that engrossed the viewer... top-notch work that really sings to the subject."

3. Glen Garcia, KPRC-TV
Judge's Comments: "Tour de force is a mild way to describe Garcia's work.... a clarity too rarely seen in the television medium."

D-2 Spot News

1. "Fast and Furious," Keith Tomshe, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "First rate... shows skill and professionalism in all aspects"

2. "Hurricane Claudette," Robert Arnold, KPRC-TV

3. "Wind, Rain & Pain," KHOU-TV Staff

D-3 Hard News Feature

1. "Mexican Prescription Drugs," Shern-Min Chow & Bria Hardcastle, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "Compelling treatment of a complex subject... of several very good entries, this was the best"

2. "Land Baron," Robert Arnold & Mark Muller, KPRC-TV

3. "Herbal Abortion," Angela Kocherga & Ernesto Torres, KHOU-TV

D-4 Soft News Feature

1. "Eye on the Third Ward," Keith Tomshe & Carolyn Mungo, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "a wonderful television story... a mini-documentary hidden in a newscast. The script is pure poetry. The essence is as excellent as the treatment. The reporter truly understands the television medium."

2. "Safe Haven," Patricia Gras, Houston PBS
Judge's Comments: "Wonderfully written.... it invites us to meditate about the health situation in the bigger picture of the Welfare state in America."

3. "Gator Fest," Jonathan Walton, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "...an absolutely peerless reporter... With his personality and storytelling skills, he can make of the most miniscule story a television experience of pure entertainment.... one of the funniest stories I have ever seen on a newscast."

D-5 Investigative/Series

1. "Badge of Dishonor," Jeremy Rogalski, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "Reporter demonstrates great braveness.... this is a well-told story. The humbleness and professionalism of Mr. Rogalski is exemplary. Reports like this one ... are necessary."

2. "Disappearing Dropouts," Anna Werner, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "Exemplary investigation.... fantastic reporting.... may contribute decisively to enhance the way school districts in Houston gather information about their schools. Werner is a very clever reporter with a deep human touch."

3. "GM Seat Belts," Eileen Faxas, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "Brave Story about a truly important issue... well balanced... elaborate... above the standards of daily newscasts.... delivered in an understandable and human manner."

D-6 Politics & Government

1. "Neighborhood Protection," Robert Arnold, KPRC-TV
Judge's Comments: "Exceptionally well-researched... gets your attention with an almost unbelievable shot of a collapsed house.... the reporter never oversells the twists... The message from this great piece of reporting: City Hall does not have a handle on its most basic duties... and the buck stops nowhere."

2. "The Plot to Rig the Ballot," Doug Miller, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "Somebody was up to no good, somebody is lying and Houston city politics is indeed experiencing "a political mess."

3. "Wasted Vehicles," Stephen Dean & Mark Muller, KPRC-TV
Judge's Comments: "...a very close third... (a) maddening, wonderful piece"

D-7 Weathercast

1. Tim Heller, KTRK-TV,
Judge's Comments: "great graphics. Interesting use of 'dust story'."

2. Frank Billingsly, KPRC-TV
Judge's Comments: "very conversational delivery. Good use of technology."

3. Keith Monahan, KHQB-TV
Judge's Comments: "Nice animations and explanation."

D-8 Consumer News

1. "Dixie Water," Stephen Dean & Mark Muller, KPRC-TV
Judge's Comments: "great undercover work and very creative interviews... nice job in getting the water tested yourself. It helped make the story."

2. "Credit Card Specialists," Emily Akin, KPRC-TV
Judge's Comments: "Good investigative work and great personal stories. You gave everyone who uses these kinds of services reasons to be cautious."

3. "Generic Drugs," Eileen Faxas & Juanita Jimenez, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "very well researched.... useful information"

D-9 Major Market Newscast

1. "Eyewitness News Tonight at Ten," Don Kobos, KTRK-TV
Judge's Comments: "Great explanation of the latest in the War in Iraq... report on putting out oil fires was very compelling. The anchors come across as very personable."

2. "News 2 Houston at 4," Stephanie Jeandheur & Hollie Neilsen, KPRC-TV
Judge's Comments: "Very good variety of hard news, health and consumer news."

3. "News 2 Houston at 5," Rob Walters & Hollie Neilsen, KPRC-TV
Judge's Comments: "Good mix of local and national news. Very good live reports."

D-10 Medium/Small Market Newscast

1. KFOX-TV

D-11 Documentary

1. "Road to Baghdad," KTRK-TV
Judge's Comments: "Well-produced."

2. "Beating the Odds," Patricia Gras, Houston PBS

D-12 Public Affairs

1. "Limited Justice," Brian Sasser & Robert Arnold, KPRC-TV
Judge's Comments: "Shocking to learn about the fact that so few people convicted of DWI in Houston go to jail. Glad to see something is being done about it."

2. "Dyonius at Play," Patricia Gras, Houston PBS

3. "Memorial Park Dump," Robert Arnold & Mark Muller, KPRC-TV

D-13 Sports Feature

1. "Golf/Lover's Lane," Matt Musil & George Jensen, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "it's hard to find unique angles to annual events, such as a PGA tournament, but in this case, reporter and photographer found it."

2. "Our Turn to Play," Julie Coan & Matt Brawley, Houston PBS
3. "Field of Dreamers," Dan Lauck & Nathan Kvinge, KHOU-TV

D-14 Feature Photography

1. "Art Hewitt," Matt Brawley, Houston PBS
Judge's Comments: "The feature about a firefighter with more than 50 years experience had a great look to it, in part because of the use of flames, the reflections of flames, to punctuate the piece."

2. "Musikgarten," Matt Brawley, Houston PBS

3. "Dewberry Farm," Michel Carl, News 24 Houston

D-15 Editing

1. "Fast and Furious," Keith Tomshe, KHOU-TV
Judge's Comments: "Excellent quick edits make a story about a routine apartment fire much more fascinating."

2. "Our Turn to Play," Matt Brawley, Houston PBS

3. "War in Iraq," Stephen Davis, KTRK-TV

RADIO

E-1 Radio Journalist of the Year

1. Jack Williams, Houston Public Radio
Judge's Comments: "Good job with sound, well mixed, nice storytelling that brought the stories to the listeners, flowed well."

2. Darrell Azar, KTRH-AM
Judge's Comments: "Good use of sound... good job of telling story in a short period of time."

3. Laurie Johnson, Houston Public Radio
Judge's Comments: "Descriptive writing and nice use of sound"

E-2 Spot News

1. "Shuttle Disaster," KTRH-AM News Team
Judge's Comments: "Good work pulling together coverage in a short period of time, good use of sound from a variety of sources."

2. "Hurricane Claudette," KTRH-AM News Team
Judge's Comments: "Good descriptions of storm, good interviews and flow"

3. "Tornadoes," KTRH-AM News Team
Judge's Comments: "Good interviews, broad coverage of area... timely info"

E-3 Hard News Feature

1. "Higher Education Privatization," Ben Philpott, KUHT-FM
Judge's Comments: "Good at getting the listener's attention.... conversational writing style."

2. "Condemning Water Rights," Janet Heimlich, freelancer
Judge's Comments: "Good job explaining a complicated issue, good variety of voices, structured well."

3. "Hurricane Claudette Clean-up," Jack Williams, Houston Public Radio
Judge's Comments: "Good sound, good scenes, nice flow"

E-4 Soft News Feature

1. "Visit to a Grave," Janet Heimlich, freelancer
Judge's Comments: "Unusual story explained well through historical perspective and legend.... made us feel like we could actually see this grave and the man who cares for it"
2. "Lost Church Art," Jim Bell, Houston Public Radio
Judge's Comments: "Interesting story about discovery, good writing and interviews make this story come alive"
3. "Viewing Mars," Tim Sullivan, KURV Radio
Judge's Comments: "Variety of voices, interesting take on a rare occurrence"

E-5 Politics & Government

1. "Houston's Mayoral Candidates," Capella Tucker & Rod Rice, Houston Public Radio
Judge's Comments: "The reporters did a great job of asking questions about the issues and visions."
2. "Covering the Capitol," Darrell Azar, KTRH-AM
Judge's Comments: "Good work by a good storyteller -- good use of sound, not the typical stuff that passes for state government coverage..."
3. "City Hall," Brent Fuller, KTRH-AM
Judge's Comments: "Great reporting. The reporter is able to take local government issues and make them understandable -- no small feat."

E-6 Major Market Newscast

1. "KTRH Morning News," Lana Hughes & J.P. Pritchard, KTRH-AM
Judge's Comments: "A great mix of all the elements of a major market all-news station -- and the stories were well written and to the point."
2. "KTRH Afternoon News," Bonnie Petrie & Bryan Erickson, KTRH-AM
Judge's Comments: "...shows what a major market nws station can accomplish -- especially when trying to compete with the drive home."

E-7 Medium/Small Market Newscast

1. "4:05 p.m. Drive Home," Tim Sullivan & Sergio Sanchez, KURV-AM
Judge's Comments: "This newscast kept my interest... a good mix of stories and other elements presented professionally"

E-8 Public Affairs Reporting

1. "9-11 Special," KTRH-AM staff effort
Judge's Comments: Some make think a two-year anniversary would not be worthy of this kind of coverage, but 9-11 is different -- in that it still affects people -- and government -- today. An admirable job of keeping the story fresh."
2. "Day Laborers," Ed Mayberry, Houston Public Radio
Judge's Comments: "Charles Osgood once said that the challenge in broadcast news is to make the important story interesting and the interesting story important. The reporter succeeded on both counts."

E-9 Sports Reporting

1. "No Hitter," Carl Dukes, KTRH-AM
Judge's Comments: "This report was well-prepared with imagination and care.... the reporter went "outside the box" on a unique story.
2. "Yao Ming," Jack Williams, Houston Public Radio
Judge's Comments: "I like the approach. The reporter handled it well."
3. "Strike Zone," Robert Henslee, KTRH-AM
Judge's Comments: "An interesting treatment of a controversy... good, solid reporting."

E-10 Series

1. "Mayor's Race," Brent Fuller, KTRH-AM
Judge's Comments: "...a different take on the standard candidate profiles... shows a lot of work on the reporter's part to keep the answers short and to the point. Well done."

2. "Emergency Psychiatric Care," Capella Tucker, Houston Public Radio
Judge's Comments: "The reporter made the story interesting and compelling."

3. "JFK: 40 Years" Aaron Katersky, KTRH-AM
Judge's Comments: "This could have been just a standard anniversary story, but there were several elements that made this story very listenable and engaging."

E-11 Use of Sound

1. "Animal Cops," Laurie Johnson, Houston Public Radio
Judge's Comments: "This is NOT a normal "cop story." A very good job."
2. "Big Thicket," Eric Epp, KPFT-FM
Judge's Comments: "The sound takes you there -- which is what radio is all about."
3. "The SPCA: Helping Texans and Their Pets," Barbara Schwartz, TSN Radio
Judge's Comments: "Again, the sound.... making the story come alive in your mind."

E-12 Talk Show

1. "Patrick Dennehy/Baylor U. Scandal," Mac Watson, KWTX-FM
Judge's Comments: "A good talk show takes on issues like this. The host was calm, cool, collected, and prepared."
2. "Talk Show," Greg Knapp, KLIF Radio
Judge's Comments: "Again, a host that did his homework."

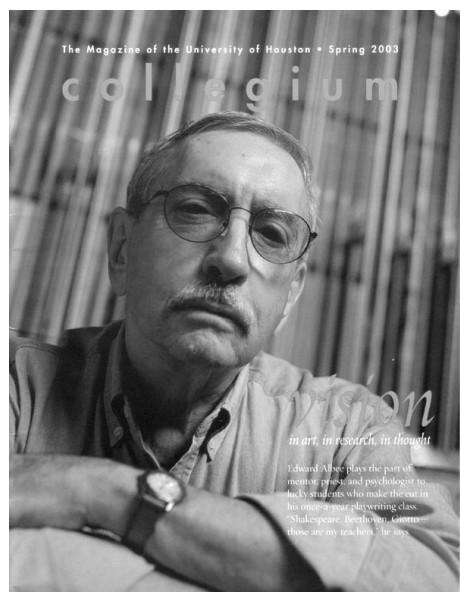
MAGAZINES

F-1 Magazine Article

1. "My Brother's Keeper," Dan Michalski, D Magazine
Judge's Comments: "Riveting, outstanding details without going overboard"
2. "The Beat Goes On," Austin Monthly staff
Judge's Comments: "Packed with interesting facts and lore."
3. "Rise of the Machine," Jake Bernstein & Dave Mann, The Texas Observer
Judge's Comments: "Well researched."

F-2 Magazine Column

1. "Runners' Injuries," Mark Fraser, Inside Texas Running
Judge's Comments: "Fun piece... embarrassing details handled well"



F3 Magazine Layout

1. "Collegium Magazine, Spring 2003," Gini Reed, University of Houston
Judge's Comments: "Elegant and soothing design"
2. "Music Issue," Austin Monthly Staff
Judge's Comments: "Great issue of photos and bold graphics."

3. "Discovery: The Brain Tumor Center," Maria Dugler, U.T.-M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Judge's Comments: "Clear and explanatory... illustrations are standouts."

PUBLIC RELATIONS

G-1 P.R. Communicator of the Year

1. Paul Harasim, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital
Judge's Comments: "a strong campaign... was exceptionally well written and produced"
2. Raquel Espinoza-Williams, Shriners Hospital
Judge's Comments: "A complete campaign presented in English and Spanish which received the deserved TV coverage, as well as print coverage"
3. Cindy Landers, Jiffy Lube International
Judge's Comments: "Nice presentation"

G-2 News Release

1. "Two Super Bowl Tickets Up For Grabs," Cynthia Sax, City of Houston Human Resources/Communications
Judge's Comments: "A clever, one-page press release which gets the message across without adding unnecessary info"
2. "Baby Steps for Unstable Hips," Raquel Espinoza-Williams, Shriners Hospital
Judge's Comments: "Important information.... well-written"

G-3 P.R. Article

1. "Cowboys of Color," Lawrence Levy, HLSR Magazine
Judge's Comments: "well-researched.... a very sensitive presentation of the story"
2. "Bomb-Sniffing Dog," Roger Smith, City of Houston
Judge's Comments: "The story proves dogs are not only man's best friend, but mankind's best friend."

3. "When It Comes to Nursing, E.R. Isn't Reality T.V.," Sharon Dotson, Bayou City Public Relations
Judge's Comments: "strongly written and delivers an important message"

G-4 Newsletter

1. "Benefits Pulse," City of Houston Human Resources/Communications
Judge's Comments: "Quality newsletter that proves the message should not be lost in an over-designed newsletter."
2. "Greater Greenspoint News," Greater Greenspoint District Community Relations Team
Judge's Comments: "A good design that's easy to read.... good use of color and screening"
3. "Upstream/Downstream," Jennifer Ramby, Enbridge Energy Company
Judge's Comments: "Well positioned layout... strong use of color"

G-5 P.R. Magazine

1. "Conquest," Eileen A. Ellig, U.T.-M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Judge's Comments: "Exceptionally graphically appealing.... chockful of information written to invite a reader's attention"
2. "Messenger," Carol Bryce, U.T.-M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Judge's Comments: "great use of two color typography with articles full of names and stories of special interest to its readership, the employees and their families"
3. "Andarko People Magazine," Paula Beasley, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Judge's Comments: "good writing and photography"

G-6 PR Website Content

1. "Online," City of Houston Human Resources/Communications
Judge's Comments: "layers and layers of depth make this a unusual site.... a model for other HR sites"

2. "Online," Chris Ferris, St. Luke's Episcopal Health Care System
Judge's Comments: "good graphics... high energy.... good resource for patients"

3. "Online," Sheila Redmon-Jones, Greater Greenspoint District
Judge's Comments: Lots of depth.... good information.... public is well served"

INTERNET-BASED NEWS
(News written for publication on the Internet; not previously presented in another medium)

H-1 Internet Feature Story

1. "Waiting For Life To Return To Normal," Sandi Stromberg, U.T.-M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Judge's Comments: "most compelling read of this category... definitely kept my interest all the way through"

2. "Bob Watson: Baseball and Prostrate Cancer, Darcy DeLeon, U.T.-M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

2. "Girl Scouts and Breast Cancer Awareness," Darcy DeLeon, U.T.-M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

H-2 Internet News Opinion

1. "They Are Not Like Us," J.D. Powell, Ether Zone
Judge's Comments: "best use of . . . internet capabilities to vividly show and express opinion"

2. "No Hairdo, No Story," J.D. Powell, Ether Zone

3. "Little Osama," Claudia Kolker, Salon
Judge's Comments: "well written, very compelling"

INTERNET-BASED NEWS
COLLABORATIVE
(News done in collaboration with another medium)

H-3 Internet Hard News

1. "Deadly Crossing," HoustonChronicle.com
Judge's Comments: "coverage of the tragic event showcased the power of the internet. Combination of story coverage, graphics.... video, coverage in Spanish as well as English and helpful resources provided..... a wealth of relevant information"

2. "Columbia's Last Mission," HoustonChronicle.com
Judge's Comments: "...the extra mile...graphics, biographies, photo galleries, and videos added important perspective to this defining moment in NASA's history"

3. "The Day After," Click2Houston.com
Judge's Comments: "concise text coverage of a hurricane, but what put it over the top was the video reporting"

H-4 Internet Feature-Collaborative

1. "Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo," Pam Mitchell, HoustonChronicle.com
Judge's Comments: "wow, great integration with rest of site.... volume and depth of information was impressive"

1. "Inside Toyota Center," Oliver Dyka, HoustonChronicle.com
Judge's Comments: "very well done, motion within photographs adds a nice touch.... nice interactive maps"

3. "Ultimate Houston," Pam Mitchell, HoustonChronicle.com
Judge's Comments: "great integration with site.... forums are nice idea.... good presentation of dozens of topics"

H-5 Internet Politics/Government

1. "Houston Area Elections," HoustonChronicle.com
Judge's Comments: "....a user friendly site... allows the user to quickly locate the candidate or race he or she is interested in"

STUDENT ENTRY CATEGORIES

PRINT

J-1 Student News Story
 1. "Godspell," Michael Serazio, Houston Press
Judge's Comments: "uses sources well to build the profile... even-handed in presenting the positives and negatives.... his writing sparkles."

2. "Go, Baby, Go," Michael Serazio, Houston Press

3. "Madeleine Albright Speaks Out," Rachel Kaufman, Jewish Herald-Voice

J-4 Student Television Story

1. "Magnolia: 100 Years of Oil," Cindy Greene & Wyatt Cagle, Lamar University
Judge's Comments: "The feature shined.... the sources stole the show.... (as) the producers and directors of this piece used archival black and white photos to enhance the visual."

J-5 Student Radio Story

1. "Hot Christmas Toys," Lauren Williamson, KNTU-FM
Judge's Comments: "Cute kids, pleasant parents and sharp editing.... voiceovers blend well with the kids and parents, but lets the sources tell the story.... solid professional level work"

2. "Waterworks," Austin Kellerman, KNTU-FM

3. "Round Rock Express AAA Hopes," Adam Schroeder, KUT-FM

J-6 Best Student Radio Station

1. KNTU-FM, University of North Texas
Judge's Comments: "The anchors kept the newscast going through a lively background.... they carry a solid live broadcast throughout.... professional quality."

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