2003 Southern California Journalism Award Winners

JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Print Over 100,000 Circulation STEVE LOPEZ – Los Angeles Times Comments: “His talent is really a lost art. This type of writing is what this nation needs more of.” 2nd Place: Sonia Nazario, Los Angeles Times Honorable Mention: Jill Stewart, New Times Los Angeles

JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Print Under 100,000 Circulation JEFFREY ANDERSON – Los Angeles Daily Journal Comments: “Very good writing and in depth reporting. Anderson shows the ability to write on deep issues and also personally reacts.” 2nd Place: John Ryan, Los Angeles Daily Journal

JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Television Anchor or Reporter JORDI ORTEGA – KVEA Telemundo 52 Comments: “Ortega showed a spirit of adventure in his willingness to gather video and sound at any time at any location. Unique character to shooting style gave stories a sense of art and urgency. Human side to story telling also contributed to the quality of the work.” 2nd Place: N/A Honorable Mention: N/A

JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Radio Anchor or Reporter KITTY FELDE – KPCC 89.3 FM Comments: “Excellent interviewing skills. Gets to the heart of the issue and knows how to tactfully ask questions.” 2nd Place: Larry Mantle, KPCC 89.3 FM Honorable Mention: Warren Olney, KCRW 89.9

JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Sports Anchor or Reporter STEVE GRAD – KNX Newsradio Comments: “Witty, conversational writing. Sobering commentary! Clearly experienced reporting and anchoring skills. It’s obvious that Steve personally is in touch with the big names in sports, given his in-person interviews.” 2nd Place: N/A Honorable Mention: N/A

JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Photo Journalist or Designer DON BARTLETTI – Los Angeles Times “Enrique’s Journey” Comments: “Bartletti’s photographs of the suffering endured by Central Americans hopping freight trains north to the Rio Grande blew me away. He captured their struggle, their pain, their heartbreak. Not only is he creative, artistic and technically superb, Bartletti is also fearless and tough. He was right there on the roofs of the trains, capturing the horrors these immigrants
endure. We couldn’t stop looking at these photos.” 2nd Place: Carolyn Cole, LA Times Honorable Mention: N/A

HARD NEWS Daily/Weekly Newspapers Over 100,000 Circulation UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF – The San Diego Union-Tribune “The Westerfield Verdict ‘Extra’ Edition” Comments: “You must have really socked it to TV! As impressive a job of preparation for a verdict we’ve ever seen. And then to put it on the streets in 2 hours! The Extra stirs up memories of the golden days of street-sales duels. Anticipation and exertion clicked perfectly here. Terrific graphics too.” 2nd Place: Kenneth R. Weiss, Mitchell Landsberg And Jessica Garrison, Los Angeles Times; “Shooting at LAX” Honorable Mention: The Staff of the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Times; “The Sniper Case Arrest”

NEWS FEATURE Daily/Weekly Newspapers Over 100,000 Circulation PAUL LIEBERMAN – Los Angeles Times “The Angel of Death” Comments: “This was a gripping, well-written, well-conceived story that does everything a news feature should do. His exhaustive research allows him to tell the story through many eyes – while still keeping it connected. The writing is crisp, clear and descriptive, making what is a very absorbing, easy read.” 2nd Place: Terry McDermott, Los Angeles Times; “The Plot – How Terrorists Hatched A Simple Plan To Use Planes As Bombs.” Honorable Mention: Jack Cheevers, New Times, Los Angeles; “Not So Nice Jewish Boys”

INVESTIGATIVE/SERIES Daily/Weekly Newspapers Over 100,000 Circulation Alan C. Miller And Kevin Sack – Los Angeles Times “The Vertical Vision” Comments: “A masterfully written series detailing a problem with massive and deadly consequences. It is quite clear to the reader that exhaustive research went into each story. Yet, the facts and figures did not overshadow the human element. Not only did the series expose a problem, it already has provided results to prevent more accidents.” 2nd Place: Ron Russell, New Times Los Angeles; “Mouth Wide Shut” Honorable Mention: Helen Gao, Daily News of Los Angeles; “Belmont’s New Woes”

SIGNED COMMENTARY Daily/Weekly Newspapers Over 100,000 Circulation JOHN BALZAR – Los Angeles Times Comments: “John Balzar is among that rare breed of story-telling essayists who is a pleasure to read, even when he is challenging your bedrock philosophical beliefs. He has a gift for imagery, and turns phrases that never seem contrived, nor presented for effect. He has voice without being overbearing, and presence without intruding. In an age that seems to reward haranguing, Balzar is a compelling read without the table-banging and bulging veins.” 2nd Place: Jill Stewart – New Times Los Angeles Honorable Mention: Chris Weinkopf – Daily News of Los Angeles

COLUMNIST Daily/Weekly Newspapers Over 100,000 Circulation STEVE LOPEZ – Los Angeles Times “Points West” Comments: “A startlingly frank tone, almost too cynical, but leavened by an underlying belief that facts with a point of view will make people think and act, which makes for fine columns. The Valley’s seamy side column drips with double entendre, for instance, but it works to effect by presenting the moral and practical dilemmas the porn industry presents.” 2nd Place: Erin Aubry Kaplan – LA Weekly; “Cakewalk” Honorable Mention: Dennis McCarthy – Daily News of Los Angeles; “Dennis McCarthy”

EDITORIALS Daily/Weekly Newspapers over 100,000 Circulation JIM GOGEK – San Diego Union-Tribune “Imperial Water” Comments: “This is the conclusion of one of ten editorials in this outstanding entry. ‘The signatories are a little behind the learning curve on some very complex matters.’ Readers of these editorials, however, are on the cutting edge of a fundamental issue: water supply. This campaign reports in fine detail, connects seemingly counter-intuitive notions and present it with impressive clarity. It uncovers egregious conflicts of interest. It identifies spurious motives. Mostly, though, it prods decision-makers on all sides to act in the public’s long-term best interest. In other words it is a great editorial campaign.” 2nd Place: Daily News Staff – Daily News of Los Angeles; “Yes on Secession” Honorable Mention: Los Angeles Times Editorial Page Staff – Los Angeles Times; “Rights and the New Reality”

ENTERTAINMENT REVIEWS/CRITICISM/COLUMN Daily/Weekly Newspapers Over 100,000 Circulation ELLA TAYLOR – LA Weekly “Reviews (various)” Comments: “Ella Taylor can write. From her first sentence, I’m into it. Her descriptions of emotions, social tensions and motivations are real, palpable – you can feel them. She’s brave – calling women’s films “warmed-over tripe.” Her vocabulary remains grounded and effective. We don’t need to have seen the film to follow her. That’s rare!” 2nd
Place: Nicolai Ouroussoff – Los Angeles Times; “Architecture” Honorable Mention: N/A

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS OR FEATURE Daily/Weekly Newspapers Over 100,000 Circulation ROBERT HILBURN – Los Angeles Times “Johnny Cash” Comments: “Hilburn puts the reader right into Johnny Cash’s kitchen, or dance hall, or backstage. He’s unique in that he writes the story very well but not in his voice. It was Cash and June Carter telling the story. Very nice piece.” 2nd Place: Paul Brownfield – Los Angeles Times; “Rodney Dangerfield” Honorable Mention: Rachel Abramowitz and Dana Calvo – Los Angeles Times; “Sober Companion”

SPORTS NEWS OR FEATURE Daily/Weekly Newspapers Over 100,000 Circulation DIANE PUCIN – Los Angeles Times “Mini Sensation” Comments: “The story we all wonder about – the fall from grace of an icon. Pucin is a sensitive writer and a good reporter. Nicely balanced the past with the present. A tragedy. Very moving.” 2nd Place: Howard Beck – Daily News of Los Angeles; “Shaq” Honorable Mention: N/A

SPECIAL SECTION NEWS OR FEATURES Daily/Weekly Newspapers Over 100,000 Circulation SONIA NAZARIO – Los Angeles Times “The Boy Left Behind” Comments: “In her six-part series, Sonia Nazario told a story that needed to be told in painful detail. Journalists should give the public an authentic picture of life in our time and inform them on matters of consequence. In vast migration that is changing the United States and Nazario’s story of a Honduran boy’s search for his working mother in the United States is a disturbing picture of life in our time. The migration of thousands of children, who travel alone, seeking the mothers who went before them, is a matter of consequence. Nazario’s retracing of the boy’s journey — filled with so much cruelty and so little kindness — is vital to our understanding of our nation’s future.” 2nd Place: Mark Arax – Los Angeles Times; “The Black Okies” Honorable Mention: Terry Mc Dermott – Los Angeles Times; “The Plot”


DESIGN AND LAYOUT Daily/Weekly Newspapers Over 100,000
Circulation JON GERUNG – Daily News of Los Angeles “Star Wars: Attack of the Clones” Comments: “Very well thought out display that works fluidly. An easy walk through the characters and scenes of the ‘Star Wars’ sequel. Beautifully laid out with excellent illustrations and just the right amount of text. Organized and well-planned.” 2nd Place: Matt Moody – Los Angeles Times; “Cathedral for the Ages” Honorable Mention: N/A

HARD NEWS Daily/Weekly Newspapers Under 100,000 Circulation DIANA L. ROEMER – San Gabriel Valley Tribune “Ritual Candles Blamed in Fire” Comments: “Ms. Roemer showed great skill in developing a hard news story that provided a lot of details, good quotes and was highly readable. The construction of the story on deadline shows a master’s touch.” 2nd Place: Debbie Pfeiffer Trunnell, Susan Mc Roberts – Whittier Daily News; “Home Barbecue Fuels Tragedy” Honorable Mention: Anne La Jeunesse – LA Daily Journal; “Dog Mauling Case Ends in Murder Verdict”

NEWS FEATURE Daily/Weekly Newspapers Under 100,000 Circulation CINDY CHANG – Pasadena Star-News “Struggle for Survival – Homeless Women Pursuing Education” Comments: “Well-executed and fundamentally sound. We’d like to know much more about the woman’s transition into an ace student.” 2nd Place: Lawrence Kootnikoff – LA Daily Journal; “Litigious Gadfly” Honorable Mention: Lee Peterson – Daily Breeze; “Trauma 24/7”

INVESTIGATIVE/SERIES Daily/Weekly Newspapers Under 100,000 Circulation MICHAEL COLLINS – Ventura County Reporter “Rocketdyne Ranch” Comments: “A thorough and well-written report, which even included the reporter using his own nuclear radiation monitor to find radiation that had been overlooked in previous inspections.” 2nd Place: Cheryl Romo – Los Angeles Daily Journal, “When Death Comes for the Forgotten” Honorable Mention: Scott Hadly and Josh Molina – Santa Barbara News-Press, “Unnatural Causes”

BUSINESS Daily/Weekly Newspapers Under 100,000 Circulation ANTHONY PALAZZO and CONOR DOUGHERTY—Los Angeles Business Journal “Inside the Books” Comments: “Well-researched and reported. Reporters Palazzo and Dougherty brought the underlying corporate governance problems that led to the Enron and Worldcom scandals a bit closer to home by putting the issues into a context all of the Business Journal’s readers could relate with. The bottom line – a damn fine piece of investigative business journalism!” 2nd Place: Tracy Jai Isaacs – Daily Breeze; “Auto Shops Call Lawsuits a Scare Tactic” Honorable Mention: Joel Kotkin – The Jewish
Journal of Greater Los Angeles; “Breaking the Media Monopoly”

SIGNED COMMENTARY Daily/Weekly Newspapers Under 100,000
Circulation THOMAS D. ELIAS – Southern California Focus
Comments: “Elias is insistent and forward-looking, seizing on today’s headlines to fashion a sense of urgency or gloom, about the future. The writing is straight-forward and as subtle as a right jab.” 2nd Place: Michele E. Buttelman – The Signal
Honorable Mention: Rob Eshman – The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles; “Fuel For The Fire”

COLUMNIST Daily/Weekly Newspapers Under 100,000
Circulation MARK LACTER – Los Angeles Business Journal “Comment”
Comments: “A columnist’s columnist, Lacter takes a variety of issues and makes them his own for 18 column inches or so. In that space he lets us know why we should care about his subject through his observant narrative. Most of the columns have a business basis, but these play to any reader. An excellent collection of work.” 2nd Place: John Bogert – Daily Breeze; “John Bogert” Honorable Mention: Amy Klein – The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles; “Sin – A Memoir of Yom Kippurs Past”

EDITORIALS Daily/Weekly Newspapers Under 100,000
Circulation LARRY ALLISON – Press-Telegram “Welcome, Laser Fiche”
Comments: “An extremely readable dressing down of Long Beach City Hall practices and practitioners that leaves no doubt that local taxpayers are getting neither bang for their buck, nor transparency in city government. This is classic local editorializing.” 2nd Place: Steve Scauzillo – San Gabriel Valley Tribune; “Feds, Fully Fund Urban Forests” Honorable Mention: N/A

ENTERTAINMENT REVIEWS/CRITICISM/COLUMN
Daily/Weekly Newspapers Under 100,000
Circulation COREY LEVITAN – Daily Breeze “Rolling Stones Gather No Moss at Staples Show”
Comments: “From the clever lead through the final kicker, this columnist entertains nearly as well as an aging (shssssh – don’t mention that!) Mick Jagger. By far the best written and entertaining column of the lot.” 2nd Place: Joel Hirsc horn – Variety; “Foibles of Fab Four Enliven Insider Tale” Honorable Mention: Garry Abrams – Los Angeles Daily Journal

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS OR FEATURE Daily/Weekly Newspapers Under 100,000
Circulation JIM FARBER – Daily Breeze “Keeping Track of the Rail Era”
Comments: “An interesting approach to what could have been a dull trip for readers through an art exhibit. Good job of weaving history and scene together.” 2nd Place: Corey Levitan – Daily Breeze; “Hello, Norma
Jeane” Honorable Mention: Naomi Pfefferman – Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles; “Where the Wild Things Come From” Honorable Mention: N/A

SPORT NEWS OR FEATURE Daily/Weekly Newspapers Under 100,000 Circulation JOE STEVENS – Press-Telegram “Return from Tragedy” Comments: “Solid handling of potentially maudlin subject. The reporter avoided overselling the tragedy and didn’t try to make the young girl into a heroine – which she isn’t. She’d just a young person trying to cope with the unthinkable. Nice job.” 2nd Place: Louis Johnson – Press Telegram; “Ramirez Goes Home” Honorable Mention: N/A

SPECIAL SECTION NEWS OR FEATURES Daily/Weekly Newspapers Under 100,000 Circulation TOM HENNESSY and TOM GAPEN – Press-Telegram “Readers Tribute to 9/11” Comments: “An effective way to recall the 9/11 tragedy. Stands out from the general media clutter of scrambling to pay tribute to those who died – brings a perspective many papers missed in the rush to focus on firefighters and police.” 2nd Place: Los Angeles Business Journal Staff – Los Angeles Business Journal; “The Commonplace Millionaires” Honorable Mention: Corey Levitan – Daily Breeze; “Adventures with Corey”


NEWS PHOTO Print CAROLYN COLE – Los Angeles Times “Last to Die” Comments: “We were moved by the haunting beauty of this remarkable image.” 2nd Place: Leo Jarzomb, San Gabriel Valley Tribune; “Tanker Drop” Honorable Mention: Rick Loomis, Los Angeles Times; Hazard Duty”

FEATURE PHOTO Print BEATRICE de GEA – Los Angeles Times “Clerics
Visiting From Around the World” Comments: “Breathtaking” 2nd Place: Sarah Reingewirtz – San Gabriel Valley Tribune; Dismissed Cheerleader” Honorable Mention: Sarah Reingewirtz – San Gabriel Valley Tribune; “Purple Heart”

SPORTS PHOTO Print LORI SHEPLER – Los Angeles Times “Shaquille O’Neal Upended” Comments: “A great impact (literally) photo and great display! Inverting 7 feet and 300 pounds is like standing the Empire State Building on its head.” 2nd Place: Stephen Carr – Long Beach Press Telegram; “Anaheim Angeles Celebrate First World Championship” Honorable Mention: Sarah Reingewirtz – San Gabriel Valley Tribune; “All Hands”

EDITORIAL CARTOON Print PATRICK O’CONNOR – Daily News of Los Angeles “State Budget Crisis” Comments: “His work has passion and is visually pleasing. Makes a strong statement.” 2nd Place: Michael Ramirez, Los Angeles Times; “Today on Martha Stewart Living” Honorable Mention: Stephen P. Breen – San Diego Union-Tribune; “War on Terrorism”

PHOTO ESSAY Print DON BARTLETTI – Los Angeles Times “Enrique’s Journey” Comments: “Emotion derived from photo was apparent told the story so well. Gave us the shivers. Photo had to find the story – a great enterprise.” 2nd Place: Rick Loomis – Los Angeles Times; “The Untold War Series” Honorable Mention: Hans Gutknecht – Daily News of Los Angeles; “An Inspiration to All”

REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWSCAST 35 Minutes or Less JEFF L. WALD, MARCIA BRANDWYNNE, CHRIS FALIN, EMMETT MILLER and SHARON TAY – KTLA “KTLA Morning News” Comments: “Good coverage of all of the morning’s news – with good live elements, traffic and weather reports. Good use of graphics. It is a good sample of essential morning news format.” 2nd Place: N/A Honorable Mention: N/A

REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWSCAST Over 35 Minutes JEFF L. WALD, GERALD J. RUBEN, KIM ROUGGIE, HAL FISHMAN and LYNETTE ROMERO – KTLA “KTLA News@Ten” Comments: “Strong coverage of an important local story – airport shooting. Good on-the-scene reporting. Starts with live coverage with the latest, also recaps the many angels of the day’s event and perspective. Newscast continues with more strong coverage of unrelated plane crash, then moves to good feature coverage of 4th of July. All in all, a strong local newscast that makes good use of live news elements. Solid reporting.” 2nd Place: N/A Honorable Mention: N/A

FEATURES NEWS Television CHRIS BLATCHFORD – KTTV FOX 11 “Gang Mapper” Comments: “Fascinating story, well told. Good use of sound, puts us on the scene with the researcher as he does his work. Well written. Gives an insight into a social problem that needs attention.” 2nd Place: Marley Klaus, Michael Cary – TV California Connected (KCET, KQED, KPBS, KVIE); “Sand Fight” Honorable Mention: Marley Klaus, Michael Cary, TV California Connected (KCET, KQED, KPBS, KVIE); “Life Sentence”


SPORTS NEWS Television TONY HERNANDEZ and MARK BRINKS – KTLA “Female Goalie” Comments: “Great pacing, nice editing, use of music and effects. Lots of good interviews with goalie’s teammates offer perspective. Overall good job.” 2nd Place: Jennifer Gould – KTTV FOX 11; “Baseball Player” Honorable Mention: N/A

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS Television MINDY BURBANO and JD CARGILL – KTLA “SAG Awards” Comments: “Fun reporting from the red carpet. Good soundbites from the event. Good reporter delivery. We liked the bit about actor’s memories of their first SAG card. Good live interview wraps things up.” 2nd Place: N/A Honorable Mention: N/A

TALK/PUBLIC AFFAIRS/DOCUMENTARIES Television MARLEY KLAUS, Executive Producer; DEBORAH CLARK, Show Producer; and BOB MELISSO, Senior Producer “California Connected, Show 108” Comments: “Great program. Good mix of topics and nice packaging/production elements. A very watchable program covering issues of concern and impact. Impressive local production.” 2nd Place: Bill Rosendahl – Adelphia; “Election 2002 Special” Honorable Mention: Ana Garcia, Ruben Romo, Jim Kyle – LA 36; “So Why Is This So Important?”
NEWSCAST Radio – Over 15 Minutes DAVE ZORN, RONNIE BRANFORD, KATHLEEN MENDOZA and RORY ERIKSEN KNX Newsradio “The KNX News at 4:30PM” Comments: “Clear, crisp, concise.” 2nd Place: N/A Honorable Mention: N/A

FEATURE Radio DEBRA BAER KPCC 89.3 FM “Teen Drinking” Comments: “Great subject...This was really a first class job.” 2nd Place: Adolfo Guzman Lopez – KPCC 89.3 FM; “Graffiti” Honorable Mention: Frank Stoltze, KPCC 89.3 FM; “Muslims Organize”

INVESTIGATIVE/BUSINESS/SERIES Radio BOB McCORMICK – KNX Newsradio “Strawberry Fields of Fraud” Comments: “Well researched, excellent presentation.” 2nd Place: Air Talk KPCC 89.3 FM – KPCC 89.3FM; “‘Special Education’ Air Talk with Larry Mantle” Honorable Mention: Talk Of The City, KPCC 89.3 FM – KPCC 89.3 FM; “System in Crisis: Foster Care in Southern California”

ENTERTAINMENT REPORTING/CRITICISM Radio PHILIP BRUCE, Guest Host; JACOB CONRAD, Producer; KAREN RADZINER, Producer; and CATHERINE CUELLAR, Associate Producer –KCRW “To the Point: Television in the Age of Sopranos” Comments: “Direct and to the point, which was a good one.” 2nd Place: Gail Eichenthal, Diane Thompson and Laura Ornest – KNX Newsradio; “Oscar’s Night Out” Honorable Mention: N/A

SPORTS NEWS Radio WARREN OLNEY, Host; PETER GINSBERG, Producer; KAREN RADZINER, Producer; ELHAM GHEYTANCHI, Associate Producer; and KYLE McKINNON, Managing Editor – KCRW “To the Point: On Opening Day, Will Baseball Survive the Season?” Comments: “Wide variety of experts featured in-depth coverage, good analysis. Timely issue. Smooth transition between guests.” 2nd Place: Tom Auclair – KNX Newsradio; “Ryder Cup Radio” Honorable Mention: Steve Julian – KPCC 89.3; “Lakers in Farsi”

USE OF SOUND Radio ILSA SETZIOL – KPCC 89.3 FM “Spotted Owls” Comments: “The last thing (we thought) we wanted to hear was another piece about this creature. But the use of sound was effective enough to pique, then keep, my interest. Well done.” 2nd Place: Stephanie Roberts – KNX Newsradio; “A Wake for Rosie” Honorable Mention: N/A

TALK/PUBLIC AFFAIRS/DOCUMENTARIES Radio WARREN OLNEY, Host;
GISELE REGATAO, Producer; KAREN RADZINER, Producer; and KYLE McKINNON, Managing Editor — KCRW “Which Way L.A?: Split in Black Community Over Parks, Hahn” Comments: “Tough questions, great topic, well-executed.” 2nd Place: Talk of the City, KPCC 89.3 – KPCC 89.3; “Talk of the City – A Townhall Meeting: Stopping the Violence 2002” Honorable Mention: KPCC 89.3 FM; “Portrait of Hedab”

NEWS BUREAU Radio WARREN OLNEY, Host; KI SUNG, Producer; KAREN RADZINER, Producer; PETER GINSBERG, Associate Producer and KYLE McKINNON, Managing Editor — KCRW “To the Point: Cheney in the Middle East” Comments: N/A 2nd Place: Warren Olney – host; Sharon Rembaum – Producer; Karen Radziner – Producer; Catherine Cuellar – Assoc. Producer; Andrea Brody – Assoc. Producer; Kyle McKinnon – KCRW 89.9 FM; “To the Point – Jewish Settlements, Palentinian Territories” Honorable Mention: N/A

MAGAZINE NEWS ARTICLE/INVESTIGATIVE REPORT SUSAN McRAE – Los Angeles Daily Journal “Mine Games” Comments: “A laudable effort to expose the wrong doing by a U.S. company, whose mercury spills sicken an estimated 1,000 Peruvians. The writer exposes all angles of this interesting story, from the efforts of a law firm to expose corruption in the Peruvian justice system to its effort to try the case in the U.S. A complicated story well told.” 2nd Place: Matt Welch – Reason; “The Politics of Dead Children: Have Sanctions Against Iraq Murdered Millions?” Honorable Mention: N/A

MAGAZINE FEATURE/COLUMN/COMMENTARY JOHN RYAN – Daily Journal EXTRA “Keeping the Faith” Comments: “A tight, well-written and balanced history of the legal battle between a rabbi and his congregation and the City of Los Angeles. Gives readers the background needed to weigh the issues presented by both sides.” 2nd Place: Matt Welch – Reason; “Speaking Lies to Power” Honorable Mention: N/A

IN HOUSE OR CORPORATE PUBLICATION WRITTEN BY MAGAZINE Writers Guild of America, West Comments: “A thoughtful and engagingly edited, written and designed issue that focuses primarily on the reaction of LA screenwriters to the 9/11 attacks a year after the event. Beginning with the solemn cover – the image of a blank page – to the end pictures of the famous light show that symbolized the towers, the issue is filled with thoughtful, reflective stories and photos that react to and put into perspective the tragic events of 9/11. A clear winner, this publication attempted to see this tragedy through the lens of professionals who reflect
such catastrophic events in the scripts they write, and succeeded.” 2nd Place: Janet Sutter – Copley News Service Honorable Mention: N/A

DESIGN AND LAYOUT ARIS DAVOUDIAN – Los Angeles Daily Journal Daily Journal EXTRA Comments: “We chose this cover for its interesting arrangement of numerous photos including available images. We liked the use of duotones to add color.” 2nd Place: N/A Honorable Mention: N/A

WIRE SERVICE/DAILY OR WEEKLY NEWSPAPER BUREAU DAVID EVANS – Bloomberg News “Pension Fund Losses” Comments: “Evans is a dogged researcher and reporter. He remains methodical and organized even with the driest of material – accounting practices of pension funds. His far-reaching vision and tight focus uncovered a $200 billion loss in pension funds. His story resulted in changes to accounting methods across the country.” 2nd Place: David Evans – Bloomberg News; “Edison Schools – Financial Deception” Honorable Mention: N/A

MONTHLY PUBLICATION BUREAU SUSAN KARLIN – Continental Inflight Magazine “Smart Thinking” Comments: “The story behind smart cards, plastic cards with embedded information, including identification, authorizations, and billing information. Karlin does a thorough job of researching their use in the oil and gas industry – one of the leaders of this technology.” 2nd Place: N/A Honorable Mention: N/A

ONLINE/NEW MEDIA Single News Story, Feature or Series MATT WELCH – ESPN.com “The Cuban Senators” Comments: “One of the most enjoyable reads I’ve had in a long time. Matt Welch has written a rich, colorful history of Cuban baseball players in the United States, focusing heavily on the old Washington Senators ‘First in war, first in peace, last in the American League.’ Thoroughly researched, nicely written with great anecdotes – read it with a smile.” 2nd Place: N/A Honorable Mention: N/A

ONLINE COLUMN/COMMENTARY/CRITICISM MATT WELCH – Tech Central Station, “Red & Blue Feud Resumes” Comments: “Understandable why Internet users would bookmark Welch. His writing is energetic and entertaining, and his subject matter covers the field like a tarp.” 2nd Place: N/A Honorable Mention: N/A