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New Mexico Press Women Announce Contest Results

Santa Fe (May 14, 2007) – R. Thomas Berner, of Santa Fe, and the Santa Fe New Mexican were the high-point winners in the 2007 New Mexico Press Women Communications Contest.

Berner, professor emeritus of journalism and American studies at Pennsylvania State University, is now a freelance writer and photographer. He was the individual high scorer across multiple categories, followed by Julie Ann Grimm, of the New Mexican, and Emily Drabanski, of New Mexico Magazine.

The New Mexican was the first-place institutional winner, The Weekly Alibi was second, and Sandia National Laboratories was third.

Winners of individual categories are as follows:

News Reporting Non-daily: Christie Chisholm, Weekly Alibi, first; Marisa Damarco, Weekly Alibi, second; Amy Dalness, Weekly Alibi, third.

News Reporting Daily: Julie Ann Grimm, New Mexican, first.

Continuing Coverage: Julie Ann Grimm, New Mexican, first; Marisa Damarco, Weekly Alibi, second; Phaedra Haywood, New Mexican, third.

Investigative Reporting: Julie Ann Grimm, New Mexican, first.

Enterprise Reporting: Julie Ann Grimm, New Mexican, first.

Special Series: Phaedra Haywood, New Mexican, first; Mary Alice Murphy, Silver City Daily Press, second; Meredith Purvis, Silver City Daily Press, third.

Editorial-Opinion, non-daily: Betta Ferrendelli, Rio Rancho Observer, first; Christina Ely, Silver City Daily Press, third; Mary Alice Murphy, Silver City Daily Press, HM.

Editorial-Opinion, daily: R. Thomas Berner, Daily Times, first; Inez Russell, New Mexican, second.

Feature, non-daily: Marisa Damarco, Weekly Alibi, first; Christie Chisholm, Weekly Alibi, second.

Feature, daily: Julie Ann Grimm, New Mexican, first; Arin McKenna, New Mexican, second; Phaedra Haywood, New Mexican, third; Dan Mayfield, Albuquerque Journal, HM.

Feature, general or specialized: Chris Elliot, UNM Today, first; Jean Kepler Ross, Guest Life, second; Emily Drabanski, third; Laurie Mellas, Mirage Magazine, HM.

Personality Profile: Tom Treweek, Rio Rancho Observer, first; Emily Drabanski, New Mexico Magazine, second.

Special Articles, Ag/Business: Darrell J. Pehr, Freedom Newspapers, first.

Special Articles, Arts: Dan Mayfield, Albuquerque Journal, first; Amy Dalness, Weekly Alibi, second; Constance M. Gotsch, Four Corners Free Press, third; Laura Marrich, Weekly Alibi, HM.

Special Articles, Health and Fitness: Jessica Savage, Desert Exposure, first; Iris Aboytes, Sandia Lab News, second.

Special Articles, Education: Iris Aboytes, Sandia Lab News, first.

Special Articles, Science: Darrell J. Pehr, Alamogordo Daily News/Las Cruces Sun News, first; Chris Burroughs, Sandia Lab News, second.

Special Articles, Food: Dan Mayfield, Albuquerque Journal, first.

Special Articles, Government: Julie Ann Grimm, Santa Fe New Mexican, first.

Special Articles, History: Kathy Cordova, La Herencia, first.

Special Articles, Home: Arin McKenna, Santa Fe New Mexican, first.

Special Articles, Religion: Kathy Cordova, La Herencia, first.

Special Articles, Reviews: Emily Drabanski, New Mexico Magazine, first.

Special Articles, Sports: Dan Mayfield, Albuquerque Journal, first; Yvonne Lanelli, Alamogordo Daily News, second.

Special Articles, Travel: R. Thomas Berner, Sunday New Mexican Magazine/State College Magazine, first; Yvonne Lanelli, Alamogordo Daily News, second.

Personal Column, General: Inez Russell, Santa Fe New Mexican, first; Kathy Cordova, Taos News, second; Sherry Robinson, New Mexico News Services, third.

Personal Column, Informational: Yvonne Lanelli, Alamogordo Daily News, first and second;

Personal Column, Specialized: Phaedra Haywood, Santa Fe New Mexican, first; Jim Gordon, Santa Fe New Mexican, second; Andrea Shapiro, Santa Fe New Mexican Pasa Tiempo, third; Laura Marrich, Alibi, HM.

Single Page, regularly edited, non-daily: Laura Marrich, Weekly Alibi, first.

Section, regularly edited, non-daily: Laura Marrich, Weekly Alibi, first;

Supplement, editing: Inez Russell and Deborah Villa, Santa Fe New Mexican, first.

Supplement, editing, general news: Carol Kreis, Newsweek Education Program, first and second.

Publication, regularly edited, non-daily: Steven Robert Allen, Weekly Alibi, first;

Publication, regularly edited, general or specialized: Emily Drabanski, New Mexico Magazine, first; Debora Bluestone, El Palacio, and Steffanie Gibbons, New At Home Magazine, tie for second; Ana Pacheco, La Herencia, third.

Page Layout, Daily: Melissa Martinez, Santa Fe New Mexican, first; Marcella Sandoval, Santa Fe New Mexican, second; Donella Danielson, Albuquerque Journal Entertainer, third.

Headlines: Andrea Shapiro, Santa Fe New Mexican Pasa Tiempo, first.

Captions: Andrea Shapiro, Santa Fe New Mexican Pasa Tiempo, first.

Photography, non-daily, sports: Gary Herron, Rio Rancho Observer, first.

Photography, daily, news: Jane Phillips, Santa Fe New Mexican, first; Stina Sieg, Silver City Daily Press, second; R. Thomas Berner, News Journal, third.

Photography, daily, feature: Stina Sieg, Silver City Daily Press, first; Jane Phillips, Santa Fe New Mexican, second; Mary Alice Murphy, Silver City Daily Press, third.

Photo essay, daily: Jane Phillips, Santa Fe New Mexican, first; Stina Sieg, Silver City Daily Press, second.

Photo, non-newspaper, feature: Jean Kepler Ross, Santa Fe Visitors Guide, first and second; R. Thomas Berner, State College Magazine, third; LaVanda Franco, Eastern New Mexico University, HM.

Photography on the Web: LaVanda Franco, ENMU, first.

Photographer-Writer: R. Thomas Berner, State College Magazine, first.

Prepared report, radio: Constance M. Gotsch, KSJE-FM, first and third.

Special programming, radio: Constance M. Gotsch, KSJE-FM, first.

Interview, radio: Emily Drabanski, KSFR, first; Constance M. Gotsch, KSJE-FM, HM.

Talk Show, TV: Sherri Burr, Comcast Channel 7, HM.

Writing for the Web, non-profit: Sherry Robinson, Albuquerque Tricentennial Committee, first.

Public service program-campaign: Iris Aboytes, Sandia, first.

Annual report, external: Diana Sandoval, New Mexico Workers Compensation Administration, second.

Magapaper, four-color: Christine Burroughs, Sandia Lab News, first; D'Lyn Ford, Eastern New Mexico University, second.

Newsletter, four-color: Carolyn Gonzales, Laurie Mellas, first; Sherry Robinson, Next Generation Economy, third.

Brochure, 1-3 color: Jessica Savage and Lana Gilkison, NMSU, second.

Brochure, 4-Color: Rachel Gallagher, NMSU View Book, first; Duncan Hays, NMSU College of Engineering, second.

Manuals and handbooks: Jean Llorente, NMSU Recreational Sports Calendar, first.

Single News Release, news: Christine Burroughs, Sandia, first; Wendel Sloan, Eastern New Mexico University, second; Jessica Savagre, National Public Observatory, third 3.

Speeches: Sherri L. Burr, U. S. Post Office, first; Robert H. Johnson, New Mexico Foundation for Government, second.

General Non-Fiction Book: Hollis Walker and Bette Brodsky, "Zink: The Language of Enchantment," first; Robert Bauver, "Navajo and Pueblo Earrings 1850-1945," second; R. Thomas Berner, "A Smart Eye in China," third.

Non-fiction book, chapter: Sherri L. Burr, "Screening Justice: The Cinema Law," first.

Non-fiction, biography: Don Bullis, New Mexico: "A Biographical Dictionary 1540-1980," first

Non-fiction, history: Abe Peña, "Stories from New Mexico Villages," first.

Non-fiction book, instructional: Sherri L. Burr, "International Law Quick Review," first.

Fiction, novel: R. Thomas Berner, "Extra, Extra, Read All About It," first.

Fiction, young adult: Sheila Wood Foard, "Harvey Girl," first.

Book edited by entrant: R. Thomas Berner, "The Best Times We Spent Together: Stories from China," first.

New Mexico Press Women (NMPW), organized in 1950, is an affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women. It's open to men and women, holds an annual communications contest with more than 90 categories, provides scholarships, and has local chapter activities in Albuquerque, Northern New Mexico, and Las Cruces.