

Maryland, Delaware, D.C. Press Association

2002 Editorial Contest Winners

Division F: Non-dailies from 10,000 and under

Category	1 st Place	Judges Comments on 1 st Place	2 nd Place
1 F Editorial	Vanessa Harrington Port Towns Gazette “Even the Wrong Candidates Can Give Right Answers”	Straightforward, well thought-out and clearly presents the position and case for each.	Kathryn Sinzinger The Common Denominator “Close the Campaign Loophole”
2 F Local Column	Cooky McClung Kent County News “Peanut the Pony had a Higher Purpose”	Touching, poignant and universal, but not mushy. A well-written moral.	Janice K. Colvin The Record Observer “The Hair’s the Thing”
3 F Spot News	Joel Davis, Rob Perry, Cody Therrien, Nancy Bromley McContay, Jay Friess, Matt Nickols, Dan Gross, Dean Geiser, Andrew Childers, Jonathan D. Jones Recorder “Killer Storm”	The coverage was so thorough. If I lived there, I would save the copy for my grandchildren to read.	Catherine Dolinski, Leah Carlson, Meredith Hooker, Monica Wraga, Eric Kelderman, Greg Simmons, Sean Sedam Kensington Gazette “Questions Fill Aftermath of Wreck”
4 F General News Story	Marcia Ames, Michele Manigault, Patrice Dirican, Katie McClelland, Larry Perl Catonsville Times “9/11: One Year Later”	An original, heart-wrenching read. Excellent gripping writing that elicited tears was laced throughout the 9/11 topic.	Jim Oliphant Legal Times “How the Gun Debate Died”
5 F Continuing Coverage	Vanessa Blum, Jim Oliphant, Siobhan Roth Legal Times “The War on Terrorism and the Legal System”	It’s a shame this work is not in a general circulation publication. Citizens who care about this republic want this information. Well researched and presented in a readable, engaging fashion.	Roger Hughlett Baltimore Business Journal “Contract Brings up CIO’s Past”
6 F Series	Larry Rulison, Roger Hughlett, Keith T. Reed Baltimore Business Journal “CEO’s on the Frontline”	True to its editor’s note: “fun and enlightening.” A novel idea that is well-executed and entertaining.	Meredith Hooker Takoma Park Gazette “Takoma Park: One City, Many Faces”
7 F Investigative Reporting	Tom Schoenberg Legal Times “What Happened to Nettie’s Money?”	A very original approach to a compelling issue that affects many families. The history unfolded in a remarkable style. Keep on digging!	Larry Rulison Baltimore Business Journal “Keeping Stock”
8 F Feature Story	Jim Oliphant Legal Times “The Mission”	Gripping lead that pulls you into the story. You are a great storyteller, very conscious of the order and style to good feature writing.	Julie Ahn Port Towns Gazette “Word Play”

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9 F Local Government	Heather Harlan, Roger Hughlett Baltimore Business Journal “Job Growth Efforts Under Fire”	Good lead. Smooth prose, well-balanced and very complete.	Kristy Wilson The Record “Refuse Lingers on a Lot in Aberdeen”
10 F State Government	Andrew Childers Recorder “Life, Libertarianism and the Pursuit of Annapolis”	Good use of highly quoted subject.	Heather Harlan Baltimore Business Journal “Fence Sitting”
11 F Public Service	Jim Oliphant Legal Times “Health Crisis in America’s Prisons”	Well-written, provocative piece. Could motivate readers to action or at least bring needed awareness.	Mike McClure Seaford Star “Lions Look for Help in Aid of Ground Zero Workers”
12 F General News Photo	Leslie Barbaro Arbutus Times “Dad Wins”	Dad could not have been as thrilled as his kids, or readers who saw this photo.	Brian Krista The Record “Thunderous”
13 F Spot News photo	Alisia Chapman The Record “An Unidentified Woman”	Peek-a-boo puppy and lines on the woman's face tell the story. A great eye on this photographer.	Susan Whitney Kensington Gazette “Train Wreck”
14 F Feature Photo	David Rehor Baltimore Business Journal “Toy Mania”	Posed, but perfect. Excellent illustration for this story.	Jennifer L. Wuest Trident “Teamwork Pays Off”
15 F Photo Series	Sherry DiBari Catonsville Times “Parade of Champions”	Candid, very personal view of some special children. Readers should feel some heart strings pull.	Matt Button The Record “Eye on the Ball”
16 F Sports Photo	Wayne McCrae Trident “Warrior Spirit Shines in Ring”	You almost feel the blow coming.	Sam Friedman Baltimore Messenger “Celebration Time”
17 F Sports Story	Craig Clary Catonsville Times “Catonsville’s Denton Earns McCormick Unsung Hero Award”	Good lead. Smooth prose. Above all, this is an important and touching story. Well-written and not morose.	Derek Toney, Adam Rubenstein, Ted Black, Terron Hampton Greenbelt Gazette “Sniper’s Effect on Local Sports”
18 F Sports Feature Story	Patrice Dirican Catonsville Times “Parade of Champions”	Good depth of coverage and excellent description of the program and its players.	Craig Clary Catonsville Times “A Point in Time”
19 F Sports Column	No Contest		
20 F Editorial Cartoon	Rick Kollinger Kent County News “November 7, 2002”	Nice First Amendment statement. I’d love to know the details of that battle.	Eric Shansby Montgomery County Sentinel “The Dog Days of Summer”

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21 F Business/Economic	Otis Bilodeau, Wheatly Aycock, Jenna Greene Legal Times “The Gold in Enron’s Collapse”	Exceptionally complete, well-organized. A great job of synthesizing varied parts of a complete story.	Roger Hughlett Baltimore Business Journal “Top Money: Ciena Criticized for Executive Pay”
22 F Medical/Science	Meredith Hooker Takoma Park Gazette “The Beat Goes On”	Well-written. Keeps the reader’s interest.	Wendy Kahn The Journal “Eye Doctors Perform Sight-Saving Surgery”
23 F Religion	Lynn R. Parks Seaford Star “Book Tells Story of 70-Year Ministry”	In few words, this writer makes me feel as though I know this amazing elderly minister turned author and interests me enough that I would love to read his book. In fact, I wrote down the ordering instructions.	Larry Rulison Baltimore Business Journal “Godly Pursuit”
24 F Education	Michele Manigault Arbutus Times “Summer Job Opens Arbutus Teacher's Eyes”	The narrative format of this article drew me into it immediately. The writer has great transitions between narrative and quotes.	Karen Welch The Harrington Journal “LF Central Wins State Contest”
25 F Special Section	Editorial Staff, Art Staff Legal Times “Impact: Year in Review 2002”	The front page, of course, grabbed me. Terrific! The entire section flowed well from design and article choice to photo placement and the easy-to-locate table of contents.	Ulric Hetsberger Port Towns Gazette “Investing in the Future”
26 F Headline	Elizabeth Engdahl Legal Times “So a Naked Woman Runs Down Main Street”	If the purpose of a headline is to push the reader to read the story, this one will work every time. Well done.	Kevin Hemstock Kent County News “Ma’med if You Do, Ma’amed if You Don’t”
27 F Page 1 Design	Kathleen Reynolds Jeffersonian “February 28, 2002”	Open, easier on the eye with good direction.	Bryant L. Richardson Seaford Star “June 27, 2002”
28 F Feature/News Page Design	Jennifer L. Wuest, Jennifer Tate, Martha Thorn Trident “August 2, 2002”	Paint ball spatters and effective use of photos make for a page that grabs readers.	Cheryl Parker Montgomery County Sentinel “September 26, 2002”
29 F Sports Page Design	Bill Watts Catonsville Times “June 12, 2002”	Eye candy.	Jennifer Tate, Phil Hoffmann, Alison Harbaugh Trident “August 23, 2002”
30 F Informational graphics/general	Patricia Irwin Jeffersonian “Proposed Regional Rail Plan”	With this map, an outsider should be able to catch the right train.	Kevin Hemstock Kent County News “Kent County MSPAP Scores”
31 F Informational Graphics/Sports	No Contest		

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32 F Art or Illustration	Valery Bochkov, Kristen Mastroianni Legal Times “Dangerous Reading”	Originality in deisgn, use of vibrant color make the art stand out.	Zachary Pullen, Kristen Mastroianni Legal Times “The Many Faces of Washington Counsel”