

# Arizona Press Club 2007 Awards Competition for the Best Journalism in Arizona

## Best of Writing and Reporting (Magazines)

### ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to anyone who regularly works in the production of news for any Arizona newspaper, periodical or news service. Trade publications, student media and house organs do not qualify.

Entries must have been originally published in 2007. All entries must be produced for the editorial department of an Arizona publication, news Web site or wire service. Work produced for advertising, marketing or other departments is not eligible.

A majority of the stories in a series must have been published in the contest year. Online entries are eligible providing they were published under the auspices of an Arizona newspaper, periodical or news service.

Stories that comprise a project can be reported and written by a single news outlet or by more than one Arizona media outlet — i.e., two newspapers within a chain — working together. Stories partially or fully reported or written by newspapers not based in Arizona are not eligible.

### ENTRY FEES

- Daily publications under 25,000 circulation and non-daily newspapers of any size: \$10/person contest fee plus \$5 for each entry.
- Daily publications with circulation of 25,001 and over, and magazines of any size: \$30/person contest fee plus \$10 for each entry.

**NOTE: If a smaller publication is distributed inside a large circulation publication, use the circulation of the larger publication in order to determine which category to enter.**

### IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING MULTIPLE BYLINES

**Entries with at least five contributors may be submitted as a staff entry at an entry fee of \$50. No individuals may be named on the entry form and winning certificates will list only “staff,” not individual names. If you want multiple individuals listed on certificates and in the contest winners’ brochure, each person listed on the entry form must pay a separate category entry fee (\$5 per person for small- and mid-sized publications and \$10 per person for large publications) as well as a one-time contest entry fee (\$10 per person for small- and mid-sized publications and \$30 per person for large publications. The**

**contest fee needs to be paid only once, while the category entry fee needs to be paid for each category entered).**

### **Other entry fees**

- Community Journalist of the Year: \$10.
- Virg Hill, Photojournalist and Designer of the Year awards: \$25.

Note: Entrants in these categories must also pay a contest fee of \$10 for Community Journalist of the Year and \$30 for Virg Hill, Photojournalist and Designer of the Year (That fee allows entry in as many categories as the entrant wishes).

Unpaid or improperly submitted entries will be disqualified and entry fees will not be refunded.

### **DEADLINE**

**Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2008 unless entrants make special arrangements with contest chair Jill Jordan Spitz ([jspitz@azstarnet.com](mailto:jspitz@azstarnet.com) or 520-573-4177) in advance. Entries will not be opened until the Thursday before the Feb. 9, 2008 pack-up day and only by the contest chair.**

#### **Mail entries to:**

Arizona Press Club, P.O. Box 16427, Phoenix AZ 85011-6427

### **JUDGING**

Entries will be judged by out-of-state journalists selected by the board of directors. Judges' decisions are final, unless winning entries do not conform to rules.

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

Winners will be announced at the annual awards banquet, May 10, 2008 at the Heard Museum in downtown Phoenix.

### **GENERAL RULES**

#### **Ethics and disqualification**

The Arizona Press Club promotes ethical journalism and recognizes that contest rules cannot envision every potential breach of professional standards. The club reserves the right to disqualify any entry or withdraw any award, based on ethical violations or violations of the rules as noted in the rules, as deemed by the board. Entries that do not conform to the rules will be disqualified. If an entry is disqualified, the prize will be awarded to the next place winner. Disqualified entrants will forfeit their entry fees.

#### **Circulation categories**

A - Small: Daily and non-daily newspapers with circulation of 25,000 or less.

B – Non-daily newspapers with circulation of 25,001 or more and daily papers with circulation of 25,001 to 75,000.

M – Magazine: Periodical publication containing multiple articles with photographs

and/or illustrations, Magazines are bound and typically on glossy and/or color-coated paper with the publishing date on the cover. They can publish weekly, biweekly, monthly, bimonthly or quarterly.

C - Any publication: No circulation restrictions. Includes wire services.

**Note: If an entry has material that appeared in two or more publications under the same ownership, or a smaller publication is distributed inside a larger one, the combined circulation of those publications must be used to determine the proper category.**

### **Grievance policy**

For problems, concerns and complaints about the contest, the contest chairperson shall notify the Grievance Committee (president and executive officers). The committee will rule on the matter or forward it to the full Press Club board for final approval.

### **Disclaimer**

The Arizona Press Club is not responsible for lost, mislaid or damaged entries but will take reasonable care processing the entries.

### **AWARDS**

- If there is a tie for first place, no second-place award is given. If there is a tie for second, no third-place award is given.
- First place receives an award and a certificate.
- Second place, third place and honorable mention receive a certificate.
- Cash awards of \$100 are given only to the top winner in the following categories: Arizona Community Journalist of the Year, Arizona Designer of the Year, Arizona Photojournalist of the Year, Virg Hill Arizona Journalist of the Year.

### **ENTRY PROCEDURES**

- Entries must be submitted exactly as they were published.
- Nominating letters will be allowed in the following categories only: Breaking news reporting, Don Bolles Award, Virg Hill Award, Photographer of the Year, Designer of the Year and Community Journalist of the Year.
- Breaking news categories may include a letter explaining the circumstances and time pressure under which the story was reported and written.
- All entries must include a signed entry form. The form is the last two pages of this document and may be copied. If more than one person contributed to an entry, only one of the entrants or a representative has to sign. List headlines completely to help identify entries.
- Enter as many times and in as many categories as desired. However, no story may be submitted more than once, except for the Virg Hill Award, Community Journalist of the Year, Photographer of the Year, Designer of the Year and other exceptions only as noted.
- Entries must be neatly packaged in an 8 1/2 x 11-inch file folder with a completed entry form stapled to the outside. Larger folders are allowed for Virg Hill entries. Do not

staple the folder shut. Please do not use more than two staples to affix the entry form to the folder.

• **Spanish-language publications can enter any category provided that — except in Spanish-language writing categories — all stories, headlines and captions are translated into English.**

• Entries will not be returned.

## **ENTRY PREPARATION**

Categories A, B, M and C — writing and reporting

Entries may include clips, tear sheets or legible copies. Complete printouts from electronic databases that maintain verbatim copies may be submitted, provided they include proof of publication. Entries may include headlines, graphics illustrations and photographs.

# **CONTEST CATEGORIES**

## **WRITING CONTEST QUESTIONS?**

Contact Jill Jordan Spitz at (520) 573-4177 or [jspitz@azstarnet.com](mailto:jspitz@azstarnet.com)

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES ARE FOR MAGAZINES ONLY. BUT MAGAZINES ARE WELCOME TO ENTER ANY C WRITING CATEGORIES, G DESIGN CATEGORIES OR METRO PHOTO CATEGORIES. MAGAZINE JOURNALISTS CAN ALSO ENTER THE VIRG HILL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR, PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR OR DESIGNER OF THE YEAR CONTESTS.

## **M - MAGAZINES**

### **M1. News Issues Reporting**

A single news or feature story, and any sidebars, about politics, government, public safety, education, environment, or immigration.

### **M2. Lifestyle and entertainment reporting**

A single feature story, and any sidebars, detailing people, their families, and their lives.

### **M3. Personality profile reporting**

A single feature story, and any sidebars, detailing the life of a person.

## **M. MAGAZINE DESIGN**

### **M6. Magazine single story design**

Treatment of a single article in a glossy magazine.

### **M7. Magazine cover design**

Black-and-white or color cover in a glossy magazine.

# Arizona Press Club 2007 Entry Form

Category Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Headlines and dates of publication. Every headline in the entry must be listed, with the date of publication following. For example: "Dog bites man" (1-24), "Man bites back" (2-3)**

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Word count for C17. Short-form Writing (must be under 750 words) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of entrant \_\_\_\_\_

Publication \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility Certification

**I certify that I am eligible for membership in the Arizona Press Club and have paid all applicable contest fees. IN ENTERING THIS CONTEST, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ALL DECISIONS REGARDING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND JUDGING OF ENTRIES AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF AWARDS IS DONE AT THE COMPLETE AND SOLE DISCRETION OF THE ARIZONA PRESS CLUB. IF AN ENTRY IS DISQUALIFIED, I MAY APPEAL THE DECISION TO THE BOARD OF THE ARIZONA PRESS CLUB, WHOSE DECISION CONCERNING THE APPEAL SHALL BE FINAL. IN ENTERING THE PRESS CLUB CONTEST, I HEREBY RELEASE THE PRESS CLUB, ITS BOARD, OFFICERS AND AGENTS FROM ANY LOSS, CLAIM, DAMAGE OR INJURY THAT I MAY SUFFER FROM ENTERING OR PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST. BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE LANGUAGE AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS.**

**NOTE: Journalists who work in the production of news for any Arizona newspaper, periodical or news service are eligible Press Club members.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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(To be filled out by publication, or individual if not entering as a group; choose one)

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A. No. of people entering \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
B. No. of regular entries \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
C. No. of staff entries \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
D. Virg Hill/POY/DOY \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
E. Comm Journalist \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL DUE (A+B+C+D+E):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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B. No. of regular entries \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Staff entries \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
D. Virg Hill/POY/DOY \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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