



Sun Journalists Win Top 'Front Page' Awards

Baltimore Sun reporter Melissa Harris and *Sun* photographer Chiaki Kawajiri took the top honors in the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild Front Page Awards.

The Bill Pryor Memorial Grand Prize Award for Writing will be presented to Harris for "No Safe Place," and Kawajiri will receive the Bill Pryor Memorial Grand Prize Award for Photography for "Cancer." The photos and the news article were both published in 2008.

The Harris story also received top honors in the Local News category; Kawajiri's photo won the Picture Story category. The annual Front Page Awards honor outstanding writing, photography, and design work produced by employees at WBNG-represented organizations.

"The judges weighed the entries carefully, and saw quality across-the-board," said Mark Gruenberg, WBNG secretary and chair of the Front Page Awards committee.

The judges named winning entries, honorable mentions, or both, in four news categories, five photography categories, and two graphic arts categories:

Local Reporting – Winner: Melissa Harris, *Baltimore Sun*, "No Safe Place." Honorable Mention: Jamie Smith Hopkins, *Sun*, "The Affluent Are Also Losing Their Homes" (series).

Feature Writing – Winner: Scott Calvert, *Sun*, "Then Came Closure." Honorable Mention: Scott Calvert, *Sun*, "Taking a Chance on Change."

Criticism – Honorable Mention: Michael Sragow, *Sun*, "Life Changes in the Blink of an Eye: Memory Helps Man Escape From His 'Diving Bell' Body."

Public Service Reporting – Winner: Stephanie Desmon, *Sun*, "The Trial of Our Lives" (series).

Feature Photography: Algerina Perna, *Sun*, "Burn Notice." Honorable Mention: Algerina Perna, *Sun*, "Giraffe, Zoo."

Local News Photography – Algerina Perna, *Sun*, "Bittersweet Farewell."

Sports Photography – Winner: Doug Kapustin, *Sun*, "Pressure for Flacco." Honorable Mention: John McDonnell, *Post*, "Looking Up to the Giants."

Portrait Photography – Algerina Perna, *Baltimore Sun*, "Shelter." Honorable Mention: John McDonnell, *Washington Post*, "Patrick Ewing Jr."

Picture Story – Winner: Chiaki Kawajiri, *Baltimore Sun*, "Cancer." Honorable Mention: Carl Mark Gail, *Washington Post*, "When the Plebes Go Marching In."

News Graphics – Lamont Harvey, *Sun*, "High Art."

Advertising Design: Gene Russell, *Sun*, "Catch Them While You Can." Honorable Mention: Felicia Hung, *Sun*, "Window Expressions."

See next page for a story on the 2008 Guild Service Awards, which honor the best work by Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild members on behalf of their units, the union, and the community.

Official Notice

WBNG General Membership Meeting Front Page Awards Ceremonies

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.

Center Stage, 700 N. Calvert St., Baltimore

The membership meeting will begin with a reception for Front Page and Guild Service Award-winners. Ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m.

For further information: 202-785-3650

2008 Guild Service Awards

Member of the Year: Bill Salganik (was Sun, now at-large); **Herb Block Community Service Award:** Dan Duncan (at-large); **Steward of the Year:** Tim Fitzgerald (American Postal Workers Union); **Unit Officer of the Year:** Cheray Jones (American Nurses Association); **Organizers of the Year:** Anne Marie Ditchey and James Crudup (Washington Post); “Build the Guild” Award for **Bargaining Unit of the Year:** Baltimore Sun.

In his seventh year as WBNG president, business reporter Bill Salganik accepted a buyout in early 2008. “While Bill could have just packed it in and cut his retirement cake a year ago, he has still paid his Guild dues,” Salganik’s nomination letter said, noting that he continues to serve on the Executive Council. “And, when his onetime employer, Tribune Co., declared bankruptcy in December, Bill helped marshal the necessary details to equip a Newspaper Guild-funded attorney to represent WBNG at the first-day bankruptcy hearing ... [which] enabled the local to get a seat on the creditors’ committee.” Salganik himself is filling that seat.

In the nomination letter for the Community Service Award-winner, at-large member Dan Duncan, president of the Northern Virginia Allied Labor Federation, was lauded for setting into place “the structure that enabled both AFL-CIO and Change to Win-affiliated unions to send members into Virginia to canvass for Barack Obama for president.” The letter recalled how those watching TV on Election Night saw the state turn blue for the first time since 1964: “Dan helped make the change we as a labor movement sought in several other races in Virginia.”

The nomination letter for Steward of the Year Tim Fitzgerald noted that among other activities in 2008, he “artfully negotiated a pre-arbitration settlement” over his employer’s failure to pay the full amount due for a cost-of-living adjustment. “The amount in dispute was approximately \$4 per week; per the settlement, each Guild member was paid a lump-sum amount of \$400.”

The official publication of the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild, the *Guild Forum*, as of May 2009 will be published as a “paper” edition only periodically – as always, official WBNG notices will be posted at www.wbng.org. Upon request, printed versions of the *Forum* will be mailed to WBNG members.

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