



The C.B. Blethen

Memorial Awards were created in 1977 to honor one of the Northwest's most distinguished newspapermen.

C.B. Blethen was publisher of The Seattle Times from 1915 until his death in 1941. He was known in his community and among his newspaper colleagues as one who made the ideals and standards of American journalism a way of life.

He was knowledgeable in almost all phases of the newspaper business - as a reporter, editor, advertising authority, cartoon idea man, innovator and inventor of mechanical processes.

In 1987, C.B. Blethen was inducted into the State Hall of Journalism Achievement at Washington State University for his contributions to the profession and his commitment to the belief that a newspaper's first responsibility is to its readers and to the community.

Feature Writing

Under 50,000 circulation:

- 1st Place: The Tri-City Herald, Kennewick, WA
Sara Schilling, "Learning how to live"
- 2nd Place: The Yakima-Herald Republic, Yakima, WA
Phil Ferolito,
"Burial the natural way in cemetery near Goldendale"

Over 50,000 circulation:

- 1st Place: The Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, UT
Julia Lyon, "A missing peace"
- 2nd Place: The Oregonian, Portland, OR
Larry Bingham,
"Making a difference means making a tough choice"

2010 Winners

Distinguished Coverage of Diversity

Under 50,000 circulation:

- 1st Place: The Herald & News, Klamath Falls, OR
Ryan Pfeil, Intensive parenting series

Over 50,000 circulation:

- 1st Place: The Seattle Times, Seattle, WA
The Seattle Times Staff, Series of stories on diversity
- 2nd Place: The Seattle Times, Seattle, WA
Columns by Jerry Large

Deadline Reporting

Under 50,000 circulation:

- 1st Place: Tri-City Herald, Kennewick, WA
Paula Horton and Kristin M. Kraemer,
"Two young girls in critical condition/Schoolmates struggle with death"
- 2nd Place: Tri-City Herald, Kennewick, WA
Paula Horton and Kristin M. Kraemer, "Stabbing kills Pasco mother"

Over 50,000 circulation:

- 1st Place: The Seattle Times, Seattle, WA
The Seattle Times Staff, "Four Police Officers Slain"
- 2nd Place: The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, WA
Kevin Graman, Sara Leaming, Jody Lawrence-Turner
"Field trip for escapee flies in face of ruling"

Enterprise Reporting

Under 50,000 circulation:

- 1st Place: Tri-City Herald, Kennewick, WA
Paula Horton,
"Bust gone bad/Grower recounts drug bust/Changing hands/
Sniffing out top-level dealers" series
- 2nd Place: The Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Bozeman, MT
Daniel Person, Michael Gibney and Sean Sperry, "Return of the wolf"

Over 50,000 circulation:

- 1st Place: The Oregonian, Portland, OR
Don Colburn, Randy L. Rasmussen and Eric Baker,
"Replacing Chrissy's face"
- 2nd Place: The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, WA
Becky Kramer, "Healthy concern"

Investigative Reporting

Under 50,000 circulation:

- 1st Place: The Herald and News, Klamath Falls, OR
The Herald and News Staff: "Gangs on the rise"
- 2nd Place: The Herald and News, Klamath Falls, OR
Ryan Pfeil, Jill Aho and The Herald and News Staff:
"Living on the edge"

Over 50,000 circulation:

- 1st Place: The Seattle Times, Seattle, WA
Michael J. Berens, "Seniors for sale"
- 2nd Place: The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, WA
Jody Lawrence-Turner,
"The 'golden goose' fund"



Debby Lowman was an optimist and a fighter. She was the consumer affairs reporter for The Seattle Times until her death from cancer in July 1978. The Debby Lowman Memorial Award is a tribute to her and the standards she set for consumer affairs reporting.

2010 Winners

Debby Lowman Award

For Distinguished Reporting of Consumer Affairs

No Circulation Breakdown:

1st Place: The Seattle Times, Seattle, WA
Susan Kelleher, "Snow job"

2nd Place: The Oregonian, Portland, OR
Grant Butler, "Going vegan, in a fashion"

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