

2007 Sunshine State Award Winners

*First-, second- and third-place finishers were announced
at the May 19 Sunshine State Awards dinner in Deerfield Beach*

ALL MEDIA

James Batten Award for Public Service

1. Debbie Cenziper & Larry Lebowitz; **The Miami Herald**; House of Lies
2. Tom Dubocq; **The Palm Beach Post**; Secret Land Trust
3. Jan Hollingsworth; **The Tampa Tribune**; A Broken Mind

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

Deadline News Reporting - Large

1. Government Team; **The Daytona Beach News-Journal**; Worker Dies in Explosion
2. Kelli Kennedy, Curt Anderson & Laura Wides-Munoz; **The Associated Press**; Terrorism Investigation
3. Allyson Bird; **The Palm Beach Post**; Slayings Near Turnpike

Deadline News Reporting - Small

1. Staff; **The Gainesville Sun**; Student Bus Accident
2. Melanie Marquez & Maura Possley; **Bradenton Herald**; Cuban Refugees
3. Staff; **Bradenton Herald**; Southeast Grads Found Dead

Deadline Business Reporting - Large

1. Stephen F. Pounds, Eve Samples & Deana Poole; **The Palm Beach Post**; Luring Torrey Pines
2. Douglas Hanks, Ina Paiva Cordle & Jim Wyss; **The Miami Herald**; High Alert
3. Kristi Swartz; **The Palm Beach Post**; No Merger for FPL, Md. Utility

Deadline Business Reporting - Small

1. Staff; **The Ledger**; Sale of Watkins

Non-Deadline Business Reporting - Large

1. Gregg Fields, Niala Boodhoo, Donna Gehrke-White & Jenny Staletovich; **The Miami Herald**; High Cost of Paradise
2. Jim Wyss; **The Miami Herald**; The Cereal Bowl
3. Ian Katz; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**; White-Collar Crime

Non-Deadline Business Reporting - Small

1. Emily Witt; **Miami New Times**; Never Forget You
2. Jessica M. Walker & Forrest Norman; **Daily Business Review**; Falor's Fall-Outs
3. Trevor Aaronson; **New Times Broward*Palm Beach**; Buy My Rock!

Light Feature Reporting - Large

1. Jamie Malernee; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**; From Pond to Purse
2. Dianna Smith; **The Palm Beach Post**; The Piano Man's Last Song
3. Donna Koehn; **Tampa Tribune**; Unfurl the Curls

Light Feature Reporting - Small

1. Gerald Ensley; **Tallahassee Democrat**; A Love as Good as Gold
2. Brett Sokol; **Ocean Drive Magazine**; The Year of the Cat
3. Jeff Stratton; **New Times Broward*Palm Beach**; Rim Job

Serious Feature Reporting - Large

1. Thomas Lake; **The Florida Times-Union**; A Soldier's Final Journey
2. Audra Burch; **The Miami Herald**; Sherdavia's Story
3. Jan Hollingsworth; **The Tampa Tribune**; A Broken Mind

Serious Feature Reporting - Small

1. Jessie L. Bonner; **Naples Daily News**; FEMA City
2. Emily Witt; **Miami New Times**; Band of Outsiders
3. Gary White; **The Ledger**; Celebration of Heritage

Gene Miller Award for Investigative Reporting - Large

1. Debbie Cenziper & Larry Lebowitz; **The Miami Herald**; House of Lies
2. Tom Dubocq; **The Palm Beach Post**; Secret Land Trust Key to Public Corruption
3. Lindsay Peterson, John Allman & Rich Shopes; **The Tampa Tribune**; Expressway Authority

Gene Miller Award for Investigative Reporting - Small

1. Janine A. Zeitlin & Staff; **Naples Daily News**; Forbidden Freedom
2. Amy Bennett-Williams & Jeff Cull; **The News-Press**; DCF Neglect
3. Duane Marsteller & Rebecca Blue; **Bradenton Herald**; Cops on the Take

Election Reporting - Large

1. Jay Weaver; **The Miami Herald**; Crist: Civil Rights Champion or Opportunist?
2. Anita Kumar; **St. Petersburg Times**; Katherine Harris
3. Staff; **Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers**; Mark Foley

Election Reporting - Small

1. Julia Reischel; **New Times Broward*Palm Beach**; Charlie Crist is NOT Gay
2. Duane Marsteller & Stacey Eidson; **Bradenton Herald**; District 13 Race Has It All
3. Mark Howell; **Solares Hill**; About That Vote...

Civil Law Reporting

1. Dan Christensen & Patrick Danner; **The Miami Herald**; Hidden Docket
2. Ian Katz; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**; Economic/White Collar Crime Stories

Criminal Law Reporting

1. Staff; **The Miami Herald**; Dying Young
2. Susan Spencer-Wendel; **The Palm Beach Post**; Is Eyewitness Testimony Reliable?
3. Jordana Mishory; **Daily Business Review**; Capital Conflict

Medical/Health Care/Science Reporting

1. Cindy F. Crawford; **The Daytona Beach News-Journal**; Survivor: A Portrait of Strength
2. Tim Collie; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**; AIDS Orphans
3. Deborah Circelli; **The Daytona Beach News-Journal**; Living with Mental Illness

Consumer Reporting

1. Bea Garcia; **The Miami Herald**; Property Insurance Crisis
2. Melissa Griggs; **The Daytona Beach News-Journal**; How Safe is Your Roof?
3. Kelly Cramer; **New Times Broward*Palm Beach**; The Art of Piracy

International/War/National Security Reporting

1. Staff; **The Miami Herald**; Children of the Americas
2. Richard Lardner; **The Tampa Tribune**; CentCom Official Investigation
3. Carlos Frias; **The Palm Beach Post**; My Family/Mi Familia

State & Federal Political/Government Reporting

1. Ronnie Greene; **The Miami Herald**; Deadly Express
2. Oscar Corral; **The Miami Herald**; Radio Marti
3. Wes Allison; **St. Petersburg Times**; Stem Cell Congressional Debate

Local Political/Government Reporting - Large

1. Scott Hiaasen & Jack Dolan; **The Miami Herald**; Fire Watch - Money to Burn
2. Jean-Paul Renaud & Buddy Nevins; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**; F for Finance: The \$1 Billion Mistake
3. Matt Galnor & Mary Kelli Palka; **Florida Times-Union**; Chamber Trip: Who Benefits Most?

Local Political/Government Reporting - Small

1. Harris Meyer; **Daily Business Review**; Still in Shock
2. Bob Norman; **New Times Broward*Palm Beach**; For Sale: Keys to the City
3. Oscar Musibay, Jamie Hernandez & Vala Issa; **Daily Business Review**; Campaign Finance

Education Reporting

1. Peter Bailey; **The Miami Herald**; On the Margins
2. Tia Mitchell; **The Florida Times-Union**; The Real Sandalwood
3. Julia Reischel; **New Times Broward*Palm Beach**; See Dick Be Jane

Age Beat Reporting

1. Elisha Pappacoda & Staff; **The Villages Daily Sun**; The Real Fountain of Youth
2. John Dorschner; **The Miami Herald**; Muriel Goes to War
3. Joyce Owen; **The Walton Sun**; Medicare Series

Social Policy Reporting

1. Jason Grotto; **The Miami Herald**; Predators Among Us
2. Molly Bartels & Ed Bierschenk; **Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers**; Homeless Series
3. Jeff Adelson, Amy Reinink & Jack Stripling; **The Gainesville Sun**; The Students Next Door

Deadline Sports Reporting - Large

1. Tim Reynolds; **The Associated Press**; Miami Player Killed
2. Sarah Rothschild; **The Miami Herald**; Death of a Rookie
3. Sports Department; **The Florida Times-Union**; NCAA Coverage

Deadline Sports Reporting - Small

1. John Fineran; **Sun Coast Media Group**; Schembechler Remembered
2. Roger Mooney; **Bradenton Herald**; Bryant's 62-Yard Field Goal
3. Matthew Postins; **Sun Coast Media Group**; Simms Has No Regrets

Non-Deadline Sports Reporting - Large

1. Andrew Carter; **Orlando Sentinel**; Dereck Parker's Death
2. Emily Badger; **Orlando Sentinel**; An Olympic Hopeful's Fall From Grace
3. Rochelle E.B. Gilken; **The Palm Beach Post**; One Puncher's Chance

Non-Deadline Sports Reporting - Small

1. Tom Hanson; **Naples Daily News**; Overage High School Athletes
2. Dana Oppedisano; **Naples Daily News**; Survival Story
3. Dugan Arnett; **Sun Coast Media Group**; Sure Shot

Spanish-Language Publication

1. Staff; **La Palma**
2. Staff; **CENTRO Mi Diario**
3. Staff; **Vision Latina**

Trade/Special Interest Publication

1. Mark Gauert, Michelle Simon, Greg Carannante & Elyse Ranart; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel; City & Shore**
2. Mary Kelley Hoppe, Victoria N. Parsons & Suzanne Cooper; **Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council; Bay Soundings**
3. Editorial Department; **LatinFinance Magazine; Market Outlook Issue**

Special Publication/Section

1. Arts/Features Staff; **The Miami Herald; Philanthropy Section**
2. Sandra Nortunen, Bruce Moore & Eliot Kleinberg; **The Palm Beach Post; Hurricane 2006**
3. Editorial Team; **Tampa Bay Business Journal; 25th Anniversary Issue**

Editorials - Large

1. Elisa Cramer; **The Palm Beach Post**
2. Pierre Tristam; **The Daytona Beach News-Journal**
3. David Wiggins; **The Daytona Beach News-Journal**

Editorials - Small

1. David Klement; **Bradenton Herald**
2. Dan Warner; **The News-Press**
3. John Hackworth; **Sun Coast Media Group**

Editorial Cartooning

1. Jake Fuller; **The Gainesville Sun**
2. Chan Lowe; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**
3. Bruce Beattie; **The Daytona Beach News-Journal**

Religion Reporting

1. Julia Reischel; **New Times Broward*Palm Beach; The God Fossil**
2. Mariah Blake; **Miami New Times; Jesus Redux**
3. Cary McMullen; **The Ledger; Long Walk of Faith**

Real Estate Reporting

1. Shannon Behnken; **The Tampa Tribune; A Rapid Rise**
2. Jeff Ostrowski; **The Palm Beach Post; Property Tax Gap**
3. Susan Stabley; **South Florida Business Journal; Water Woes**

Environmental Reporting

1. Wyatt Olson; **New Times Broward*Palm Beach; Reef Madness**
2. Donna Wright; **Bradenton Herald; Tallevast: A Polluted Community**
3. Craig Pittman; **Sarasota Magazine; Off Our Shores?**

Arts Reporting

1. Drew Sterwald; **The News-Press**
2. Kelly Cramer; **New Times Broward*Palm Beach**
3. Gary Corsair; **The Villages Daily Sun**

Food/Beverage Writing

1. Jeff Houck; **The Tampa Tribune; In Search of the Big Guava**
2. Jen Karetnick; **South Florida Business Journal; Crooked Cukes**
3. Pat Beall; **The Palm Beach Post; Fine Wine or Faux Bordeaux?**

Criticism

1. Michael Browning; **The Palm Beach Post**
2. Brian Ries; **Creative Loafing**
3. Rene Rodriguez; **The Miami Herald**

Travel Writing

1. Leonard Pitts, Jr.; **The Miami Herald**; Return to Africa
2. Kevin Deutsch; **The Palm Beach Post**; Journey to My Father
3. James A. Jones, Jr.; **Bradenton Herald**; Return to Vietnam

Humorous Column Writing/Commentary

1. Brent Batten; **Naples Daily News**
2. Mark Gauert; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**
3. Susan Kahn; **Miami Today**

Serious Column Writing/Commentary

1. Leonard Pitts, Jr.; **The Miami Herald**
2. Ken Ward; **Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers**
3. Gerald Ensley; **Tallahassee Democrat**

Sports Commentary

1. Dave Hyde; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**
2. David Dorsey; **The News-Press**
3. Pat Dooley; **The Gainesville Sun**

NEWSPAPER & MAGAZINE COPY EDITING, PHOTOGRAPHY & GRAPHICS

Breaking News Photography - Large

1. Rick Wilson; **The Florida Times-Union**; Hostage Taker Shot in Standoff
2. Fred Bellet; **The Tampa Tribune**; Molten Windshield
3. C.W. Griffin & Carle Juste; **The Miami Herald**; A Desperate Voice for Haiti

Breaking News Photography - Small

1. Staff; **The News-Press**
2. John David Emmett; **The News-Press**
3. Tracy Wilcox & Doug Finger; **The Gainesville Sun**

Sports Action Photography

1. Tracy Wilcox; **The Gainesville Sun**; Rocky Topped 2
2. Roger Simms; **The Daytona Beach News-Journal**; Miguel Duhamel Crash
3. Wilfredo Lee; **The Associated Press**; No Hit Win

Feature Photography

1. Gary Coronado; **The Palm Beach Post**; Train Jumping
2. Mike Stocker & Joe Amon; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**; AIDS Orphans
3. Nuri Vallbona & Carl Juste; **The Miami Herald**; Dark Side of the Boom

Art/Photo Illustration

1. Mike Orton; **The Villages Daily Sun**
2. Andrea Vigil; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**
3. Erik Lunsford; **The Palm Beach Post**

Front-Page Design - Large

1. Kiely Agliano; **The Tampa Tribune**
2. Joe Mountain & Brian Smith; **Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers**
3. Lydia Enriquez, Dana Fasano & Stephen Komives; **El Sentinel - Orlando**

Front-Page Design - Small

1. Heather Weinsheimer; **The Villages Daily Sun**
2. Staff; **The Gainesville Sun**
3. Staff; **The News-Press**

Local Front Design

1. Sue Pearson; **The Daytona Beach News-Journal**
2. Harry C. Broertjes; **The Miami Herald**
3. Jay R. Davis; **The Miami Herald**

Business Front Design - Large

1. Staff; **The Tampa Tribune**
2. Paul Cheung & Staff; **The Miami Herald**
3. Sue Pearson; **The Daytona Beach News-Journal**

Business Front Design - Small

1. Stacey Shervan; **South Florida Business Journal**
2. Chris Rotar; **Bradenton Herald**
3. Laurie Lawrence; **The Ledger**

Feature Front Design - Large

1. Philip Brooker & Staff; **The Miami Herald**
2. Paul Cheung, Ana Lense-Larrauri & Marco Ruiz; **The Miami Herald**
3. Angela Brennan; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**

Feature Front Design - Small

1. Jennifer Wadsworth; **Sun Coast Media Group**
2. Sergio Patrucco; **La Palma**
3. Pam Shavaliere; **New Times Broward*Palm Beach**

Sports Front Design - Large

1. Robert Cohn; **The Miami Herald**
2. Kevin Scott, Zach Folzenlogen, & Ashley Norton; **The Miami Herald**
3. Staff; **The Tampa Tribune**

Sports Front Design - Small

1. Steve Antley & Chuck Wright; **The Ledger**
2. Keith Pearlman, Don Hunsberger & Miles Smith; **The Villages Daily Sun**
3. Kin fay Moroti, Javier Torres, Erin Berry & Valerie Roach; **The News-Press**

Informational Graphics/Special Page Design

1. Andy Dorsett; **The Tampa Tribune**; Cigar Factory
2. Mark Mattern; **The Miami Herald**; Where's the Bar
3. Hiram Henriquez; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**; Restoring Your Power

Graphic Design

1. Lindi Daywalt; **The News-Press**
2. David Williams; **The Tampa Tribune**
3. Ana Lense-Larrauri; **The Miami Herald**

Headline Writing

1. Gail Gedan Spencer; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**
2. James Kukar; **The Miami Herald**
3. Steven McGrath; **South Florida Sun-Sentinel**

BROADCAST

Deadline Reporting - Television

1. Dave Bohman & Mitchell Wallace; **Tampa Bay's 10 News**; Yankee Town
2. Erik von Ancken & Alfred Mason; **WKMG-TV Local 6**; Firestorm Closes In
3. Tuquyen Mach; **WMBB-TV**; Apalachicola Tornado Victims

Feature Reporting - Television

1. Kelley Dunn, Charlene B. Maville & Randy Brown; **WPTV NewsChannel 5**; The Legacy of Adam Walsh
2. Garrett Hubbard; **Naples Daily News**; Iguanas of Boca Grande
3. Cynthia Smoot, Larry Towe & Stephanie Ottjepka; **WTVT-TV**; Parkour

Deadline Sports Reporting - Television

NO AWARD

Sports Feature/Commentary - Television

1. Justin Herndon & Chris Heikel; **WINK**; Tyler's Tale
2. Angela Jacobs & Paul Thorson; **Tampa Bay's 10 News**; Buccaneer Bodybuilder
3. Scott A. Fais, Neil Petagno; **News 13 Orlando**; Grand Slam Colin

Investigative Reporting - Television

1. Jeff Burnside, Scott Zamost, Pedro Cancio & Ed Garcia; **WTVJ / NBC6**; Puppy Heartbreak
2. Jeff Burnside, Scott Zamost, Pedro Cancio & Ed Garcia; **WTVJ / NBC6**; Citizenship for Sale
3. Sara Dorsey & Mitchell Wallace; **Tampa Bay's 10 News**; Human Trafficking

Election Reporting - Television

NO AWARD

Criminal Justice Reporting - Television

1. Tony Pipitone, Darran Caudle, Tim Arnheim & Brent Singleton; **WKMG-TV Local 6**; Cheerleaders Betrayed
2. Willard Shepard, Scott Zamost, Steve Paine & Felix Castro; **WTVJ / NBC6**; Smash, Grab and You're Gone
3. John O'Connor, Kevin Labrecque, Tony Sotelo & Keary Croskrey; **WTEV CBS47**; Crime Alert: Live Break-In

Consumer Reporting - Television

1. Mike Deeson & Paul Thorson; **WTSP / Tampa Bay's 10 News**; The Insurance Crisis: Five Solutions
2. Joel Connable; **WTVJ / NBC6**; Debit Cards
3. Jaime Martí, Matt McConico & Corey Dierdorf; **WINK**; Whose Water Bill Are You Paying?

International/War/National Security Reporting - Television

NO AWARD

Political/Government Reporting - Television

1. Tony Pipitone, Darran Caudle, Scott Noland & Tim Arnheim; **WKMG-TV Local 6**; Toll Agency Troubles
2. Mike Deeson & Paul Thorson; **WTSP / Tampa Bay's 10 News**; What's That Costing You?
3. Dave Bohman & Adam D. Vance; **WTSP / Tampa Bay's 10 News**; Tallahassee Shuffle

Spanish-Language Newscast - Television

NO AWARD

Public Affairs Program - Television

1. Ray Hays, Bill Retherford, Chris Linke & Jay Pennington; **PRC Digital Media**; The Green Monster
2. Staff; **Villages Media Group**; Faces of Freedom: America's Frontline
3. Mike Buresh, Kevin Labrecque & Jessica Baker; **WTEV / WAWS**; Ready, Set, Play!

Newscast - Television

1. Staff; **Tampa Bay's 10 News**; 10 News at 6 p.m.

Deadline Reporting - Radio

NO AWARD

Feature Reporting - Radio

1. Rick Stone & Rhonda Miller; **Sun-Sentinel / WXEL**; Love Does Return
2. Nicholas Spangler; **WLRN-FM**; Hot Wheels
3. Rhonda Miller & Rick Stone; **Sun-Sentinel / WXEL**; Letters of War

Public Affairs Program - Radio

1. Claudia Hickey, Donna Green-Townsend & Bill Beckett; **WUFT-FM / Mid-Florida Public Radio**; The Long Road: From Poverty to Prosperity in Bradford County
2. Pat Duggins, Judith Smelser & David Pitman; **WMFE-FM**; In Depth: FCAT, Under the Microscope

Spanish-Language Newscast - Radio

NO AWARD

Newscast - Radio

NO AWARD

STUDENTS

College Journalist of the Year

1. Jason Parsley; Florida Atlantic University
2. Jarrett Baker; University of Florida
3. Melissa Patterson; University of Central Florida

INTERNET

News Web Site

1. Shawn Greene & Staff; **The Miami Herald**
2. Staff; **The News-Press**
3. HeraldTribune.com Staff; **HeraldTribune.com**