

2006 APW Communications Contest Winners

1A News Reporting, Nondaily Newspaper

1st Amy Armstrong *Designated sled hill sought after crash* *The Alaska Star*

7A Feature Story, Nondaily Newspaper

1st Amy Armstrong *Cub Scouts still going strong at 75* *The Alaska Star*

7C Feature Story, Publication for General or Specialized Circulation

1st Pat Richardson *Alaska volunteers lead outdoor education* *Pacific Engineer*

2nd Marilyn Jordan George *Southeast communities braced for the worst following '64 quake* *Senior Voice*

8 Personality Profile

HM Amy Armstrong *Military mom provides online support* *The Alaska Star*

9A Special Articles: Business, Agriculture, Agribusiness, Aquaculture

1st Amy Armstrong *Subway manager brings fresh approach/ Handymen in demand in Chugiak-Eagle River* *The Alaska Star*

9C Special Articles: Health

1st Amy Armstrong *Boy trades 74 pounds for better health/ Medical web site planned to empower, inform public* *The Alaska Star*

9D Special Articles: Education

1st Amy Armstrong *New school idea originated—where else? with moms/ Schools enjoy more peace at Christmas—er, holidays* *The Alaska Star*

9E Special Articles: Science, Ecology, Environment

1st Amy Armstrong *Invasive plant alert: Canada thistle among threats/ Taking out trash fun lesson for landfill visitors* *The Alaska Star*

9F Special Articles: Food

HM Amy Armstrong *Locals reveal Thanksgiving traditions/ Expert: Patience main tool in building gingerbread house* *The Alaska Star*

9H Special Articles: History

1st Marilyn Jordan George *Fishing family aboard—or not?/ Beautiful day on I Gotta* *Alaska Women Speak*

9J Special Articles: Religion

1st Amy Armstrong *Church members hope tell-all book spreads Word/ Expanded Catholic church being built on faith* *The Alaska Star*

9P Special Articles: Faces in the Crowd

1st Amy Armstrong *Caralyn Cox battling her way back into classroom/ Local man takes his acromegaly in stride* *The Alaska Star*

10A	Personal Columns, Humorous		
2nd	Elise Patkotak	<i>Rambo grannie earns big applause/ Who angered the mosquito gods?</i>	<i>Voice of Times, Anchorage Daily News</i>
10B	Personal Columns, General		
2nd	Elise Patkotak	<i>George Ahmaogak revived tradition/ Village Health Aides bring smiles</i>	<i>Voice of Times, Anchorage Daily News</i>
3rd	Elise Patkotak	<i>War on drugs is expensive and useless/ Bundy quote cooked Renkes' goose</i>	<i>Voice of Times, Anchorage Daily News</i>
18B	Photography, Nondaily Newspaper, Feature Photo		
HM	Amy Armstrong	<i>Mike Roderick . . . holds Mr. Ugly, whose destiny it is to serve as the main course . . .</i>	<i>The Alaska Star</i>
18D	Photography, Nondaily Newspaper, Photo Essay		
HM	Amy Armstrong	<i>Welcome to Eagle River High</i>	<i>The Alaska Star</i>
18E	Photography, Nondaily Newspaper, Faces in the Crowd		
1st	Amy Armstrong	<i>Megan Ragsdale, a sixth grade student . . . and new member of the . . . honor orchestra</i>	<i>The Alaska Star</i>
25B	Prepared Report, Television		
1st	Rhonda McBride	<i>Mary Schallert's dream</i>	KTUU-TV Channel 2
26B	Special Programming, Television		
1st	Rhonda McBride	<i>Winter of our discontent</i>	KTUU-TV Channel 2
27B	Special Reporting Series, Television		
1st	Rhonda McBride	<i>Toothaches & heartache</i>	KTUU-TV Channel 2
47A	Annual Report, External		
1st	Sherrie Simmonds	<i>Alaska Housing Finance Corporation 2004 Annual Report: an Update on YOUR Corporation</i>	Alaska Housing Finance Corp.
2nd	Carol Gales	<i>Our patients come first: Norton Sound Health Corporation FY04 Annual Report</i>	Norton Sound Health Corp.
3rd	Judy Koskela	<i>Girl Scouts Susitna Council 2004 Report to the Community</i>	Girl Scouts
51B	Brochure, Four-Color		
1st	Carol Gales	<i>Discover the healthy you—Summercise 2005</i>	Norton Sound Health Corp.
71A	Nonfiction Book, General		
1st	Joan Harris	<i>The Least of These</i>	WestWinds Press
71B	Fiction, Novel		
1st	Lesley Thomas	<i>Flight of the Goose: A Story of the Far North</i>	Far Eastern Press

2006 APW Communications Contest Judges

SAM KINCH

Categories 1-5 (News Reporting and Series), 6 (Editorials), 7-8 (Feature Stories and Profiles), and 9 (Special Articles)

Sam Kinch Jr. was a prize-winning reporter on Texas politics and government for 37 years before his retirement in 1998. An honors graduate of The University of Texas, from which he earned a bachelor's degree in history and a master's in journalism, he was editor of the student newspaper, *The Daily Texan*. He began covering the Texas Legislature in 1961, then moved to Washington to cover Texas members of Congress for six years for the *Dallas Times-Herald* and *Dallas Morning News*. In 1970 he returned to Austin, where he was state political editor for the *Morning News* until 1984, when he left to found *Texas Weekly*, the largest political newsletter in the state, which he sold in 1998. He has written three books on Texas politics, *Texas Under a Cloud* (1972), about the Sharpstown stock-fraud scandal; *Too Much Money Is Not Enough*, about the need for campaign-finance reform at the state level; and *Crapshoot Justice*, about the influence of campaign contributions on judges.

NICOLE BRODEUR

Category 10 (Personal Columns)

Nicole Brodeur has been a Metro columnist at *The Seattle Times* since 1999. Before that, she wrote columns at the *Raleigh News & Observer* in Raleigh, N.C., for four years, and at the *Orange County Register* in California for eight years. In 1998, she won the National Headliner Award for local columns, and was a finalist for the Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Award in 2001. A New Jersey native, Brodeur is the mother of a 13-year-old son and lives in Seattle.

HEATHER ANNE THOMAS

Categories 18-23 (Photography)

Heather Anne Thomas attended Hollins College and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a BFA in studio art and a BA in art history. She has been working in the commercial photo industry since 2000, refining her skills in Houston, Texas and NYC. Heather Anne has a photography studio in Maryville, Tennessee which specializes in portraiture.

LAURA GROTT

Categories 24-32 (Radio and TV)

Laura Grott, president of the Wyoming Association of Broadcasters since 1996, has over 25 years of experience with the broadcasters' association. She is the owner of Ray Lansing Advertising & Public Relations. Her agency is a full service agency specializing in TV and radio production as well as statewide media buying. In addition to serving as president of the Wyoming Association of Broadcasters, she also serves as Director for three other associations. In her role of president for the association, she has judged broadcast awards for many state broadcast associations and always looks forward to seeing the creative work people are doing in other states.

RUTH ANNA

Categories 36-39 (Advertising, Electronic and Print), and 42-57 (Public Relations, Promotion, Publicity)

Ruth Anna founded Anna Public Relations Consultants in the Denver area in 1977. She has more than 30 years of diversified experience in both the private and public arenas. Her clients include professional associations, scientific consulting firms, human service agencies, nonprofit agencies, businesses, government agencies, and political candidates. Her services include speech and report writing and editing, media relations, crisis management, workshops and seminars, publications, campaign management, fund raising, and event management. She has been president of the National Federation of Press Women and Colorado Press Women, and has served on the Colorado Freedom of Information Council.

POLLY HORN

Category 71 (Nonfiction Book)

Polly Horn graduated from Allegheny College in Pennsylvania with a degree in American literature and has been a writer and editor in a broad range of industries since then. She began her career as managing editor of an academic journal about Africa, eventually leaving the ivory tower for high finance, where she supervised the creation of analysts' reports for an investment banking firm. After a relatively brief return to university publishing, this time in the pure sciences, she entered the high-tech industry and worked for years as a technical writer and technical-writing manager before moving into her current position in project management, where she gets to talk as well as write.

RICHARD HOFFMAN

Category 72 (Fiction, Novel)

Richard Hoffman is a writer of fiction, nonfiction, essays and poetry who is the current writer-in-residence at Emerson College in Boston. His acclaimed memoir, *Half the House*, led to the arrest of a man with a 40-year history of sexual abuse of young boys. It received the Boston Athenaeum Readers' Prize in 1996 and has been reissued by New Rivers Press. A collection of his poems, *Without Paradise*, was published in 2002. At Emerson, Hoffman teaches a graduate craft seminar on writing the memoir and a graduate literature class, as well as undergraduate courses in fiction and nonfiction.