

A nighttime aerial photograph of Los Angeles. In the foreground, the Los Angeles Times building is brightly lit, with its name and logo visible on the facade. The building has a classical architectural style with columns. Behind it, the city skyline is filled with numerous skyscrapers, many of which are illuminated with lights. The sky is dark blue, and the overall scene captures the vibrant energy of the city at night.

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President's Message

Never before in the history of photojournalism has so much changed in such a short time.

In the very near future, our images will appear in front of the eyes of our readers before they can even be seen by an editor.

To a small degree, it's already happening.

Whenever I shoot an assignment for the Los Angeles Daily News, I am asked to upload images to a web gallery. The decision is left up to me as to what images I will present to the world. I am unfiltered by an editor, at least initially, as I post images to the Internet.

Photographers working for Reuters are on the cutting edge of speedy technology. While shooting the Screen Actors Guild awards, Mike Blake had his camera tethered to a computer small enough to fit in a fanny pack. A wireless modem transmitted images to his editors the moment he pressed the shutter button.

It's the world of instant photojournalism—the world wide web of newsgathering. And it's a time when journalistic ethics must be observed like never before.

For all of us who contribute to web galleries for the newspapers we work for, we have become the front line. We are the editors. We are the publishers. Our captions are the quotes, our photos are the stories.

It is an awesome responsibility, and one that I am confident we can handle.

For years we have talked about the integrity of the news photograph. When Photo-shop was invented, the ability to compromise the integrity of our images became easy.

However, ethical journalism has prevailed. And this book contains some of the very best examples of what the modern photojournalist is capable of achieving.

The camera has allowed us to stay at the scene longer, push deadlines to the limit, and it allows our readers to see the latest possible coverage. In fact, the majority of sports images you see in this book have been transmitted from the sidelines where the game action occurred.

Even more impressive is the ability of the digital camera to make pictures in situations where it would have been nearly impossible a few short years ago. I used to think that the quality of digital would never surpass film. Now digital cameras can shoot at 12800 ISO with very impressive results.

But one thing will never change. Good composition, nice light, and a moment frozen in time are the most important elements of good photojournalism.

It really doesn't matter if the image is captured in the emulsion of film, or in the pixels of a computer chip.

What really matters is that we continue in our craft. It is our obligation to capture the world around us. It is our responsibility to document the news of the day, and the life and times of the city of Angeles.

We are the photographers.



John McElroy
President PPAGLA
Staff Photographer
Los Angeles Daily News

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CALIFORNIA WILD FIRES



By Karen Tapia-Anderson

Staff Photographer - Los Angeles Times

I have been with the Los Angeles Times for the past 17 years. I can honestly say I have never been more emotionally overcome while photographing an assignment.

I've been on many assignments where my heart felt like it was going to beat out of my chest, but the day I witnessed 12 firefighters trapped on a ridge, my heart felt as though it were going to ache out of my chest. Twelve firefighters scrambling up a ridge, struggling to get into their shelters, because the wind was blowing so fierce it was as though the shelters were sheets in the wind. I watched the raging fire begin to surround them from all sides with no help in sight. There were no air units and no water because their hoses had all burned. It was more than I could imagine.

As the firefighters dropped to the ground, the air began to fill with black smoke. For some time I had no visual on them. One could not help but think that they were burning inside their shelters. I kept hoping that an air unit would soon arrive, but that did not happen. Nearly 20 minutes passed before a water drop was made.

There was plenty of time to think about what was happening so I switched from automatic news mode to terrified human mode. I began to pray and shed tears for them. After a water drop was made, I watched them emerge from underneath those shelters and make their way down that ridge completely unscathed. I knew I had truly just witnessed a miracle and heroes in action.



Stan Lim

The Press-Enterprise

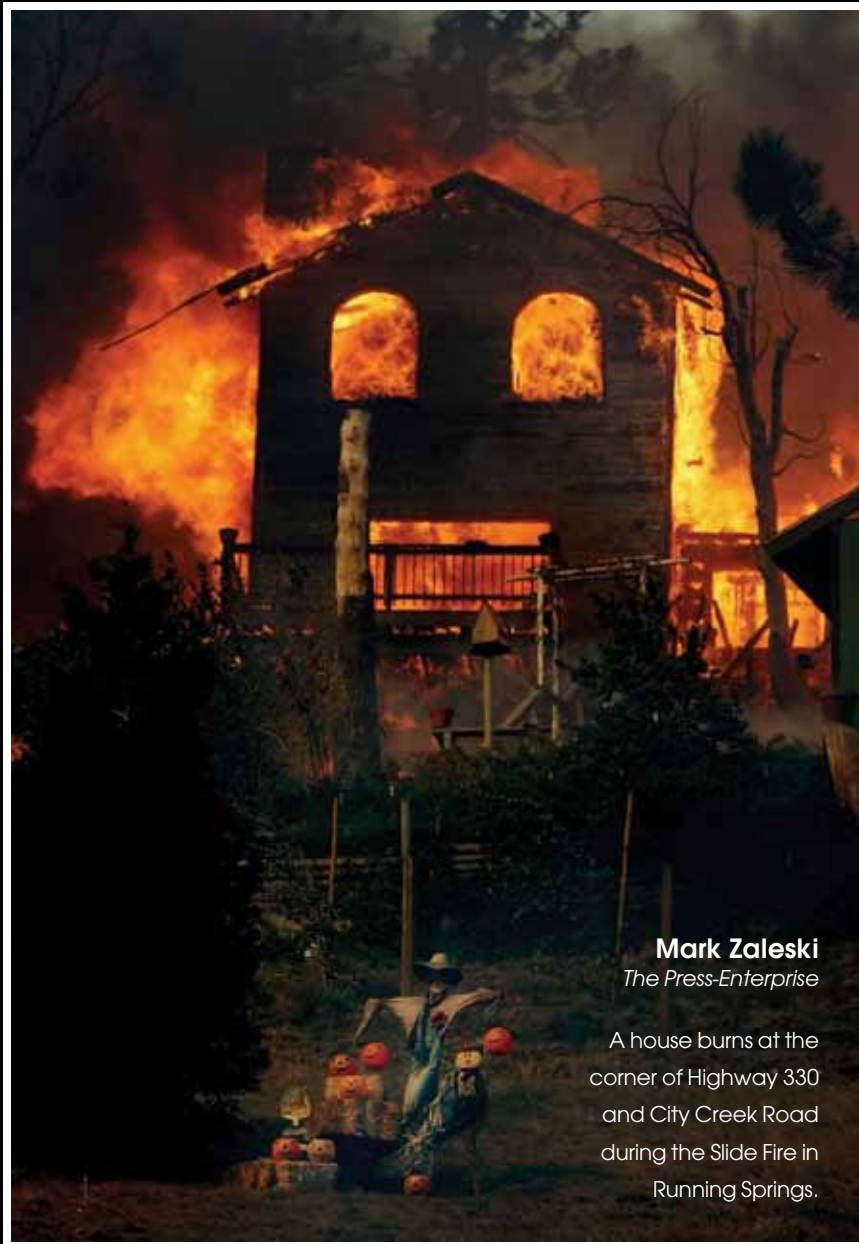
A firefighter walks past a wall of flames to battle a fire along Little Mountain.



Ed Crisostomo

The Press-Enterprise

Running Springs firefighter Scott Limpus battles the Slide Fire which destroyed more than 200 homes.



Mark Zaleski
The Press-Enterprise

A house burns at the corner of Highway 330 and City Creek Road during the Slide Fire in Running Springs.

Robert Gauthier
Los Angeles Times

Homes in Green Valley Lake near Running Springs burn as Running Springs volunteer firefighters work to keep the flames under control.





Mark Zaleski

The Press-Enterprise

A firefighter moves his hose line away from a burning house along Brentwood Lane while battling the Grass Valley Fire in Lake Arrowhead.



Will Lester

Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

A Running Springs firefighter looks for additional water as he battles the Slide Fire while homes burn along Holcomb Creek Drive in Green Valley Lake.



Greg Vojtko
The Press-Enterprise

Tyson Large, a U.S. Forest Service Firefighter from Six Rivers National Forest near Eureka, CA, cuts a burning tree into sections as the battle against the Slide Fire entered the fourth day in the San Bernardino National Forest.



Frank Bellino
The Press-Enterprise

Volunteer firefighter Mike Kittell runs from the fire as a mobile home goes up in flames at the Valley Oaks Mobile Home Park off of Reche Road in Fallbrook.



Mark J. Terrill
Associated Press

A modified DC-10 drops fire retardant on a wildfire that burned more than 50 homes in Malibu, Calif.

Mike Meadows
Freelance

Firefighters battle a huge fire at the Malibu Presbyterian Church on Malibu Canyon Road after embers from a fast moving brush fire ignited the steeple and then the attic. The church was destroyed.





Ringo H.W. Chiu

Freelance

A deer stands among the burned brush after a wild fire raged through Griffith Park north of downtown Los Angeles.

Gerard Burkhardt

Freelance

A helicopter makes a night drop on the ridge above the Bird Sanctuary in Griffith Park.



Cynthia Woodard Perry

Glendale News-Press

A firefighter battles flames at the top of Commonwealth Avenue during a wildfire that burned hundreds of acres in Griffith Park.





Mark Zaleski

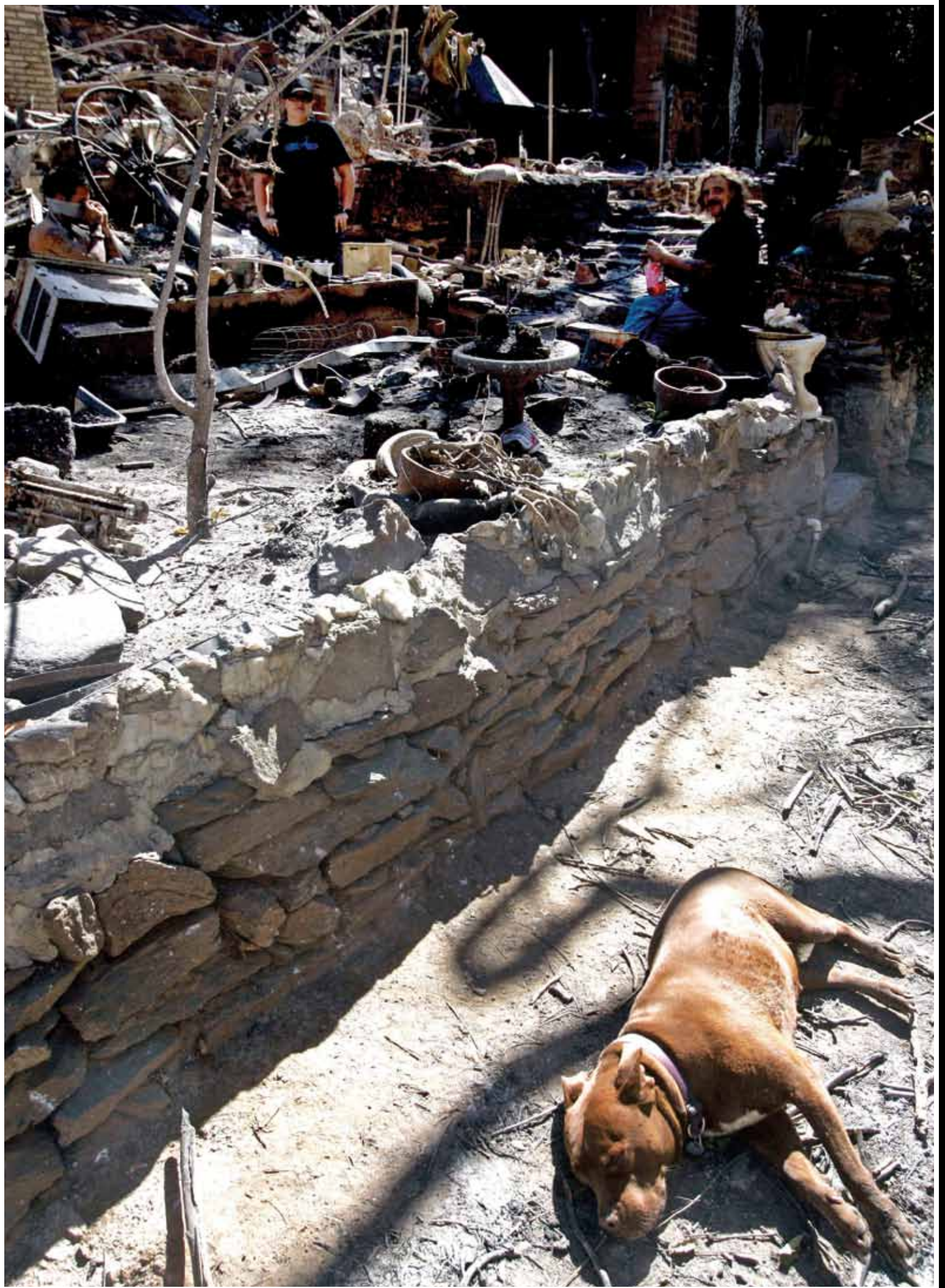
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Dawn Guckin embraces her neighbor Richard Schimdt in front of her destroyed home on Deep Creek Drive in Running Springs. Schimdt also lost his home on Deep Creek Drive to the Slide Fire.

Hans Gutknecht

Los Angeles Daily News

Rowdy Sada's nine-year old Pit Bull, "Something" rests near the cabin where he lived, in the 32900 block of Bouquet Canyon in the Angeles National Forest. The cabin was completely destroyed during the Buckwheat Fire. Sada, whose family has owned the cabin since 1967, has no insurance, and lost most of his family heirlooms in the fire



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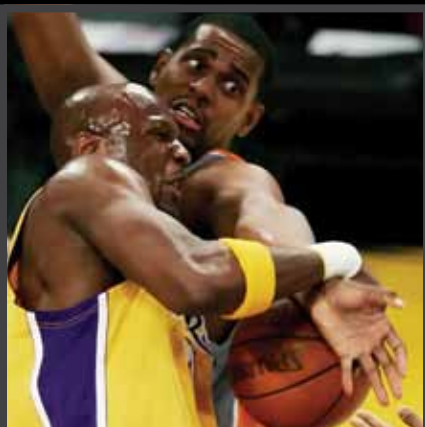


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Spot News Award

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FIRST PLACE

Greg Vojtko

The Press-Enterprise

Former San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy Ivory J. Webb Jr. hugs his attorney Michael Schwartz as not guilty verdicts are read during his trial for attempted voluntary manslaughter and assault with a firearm. Webb was the first sheriff's deputy criminally charged in an on-duty shooting in San Bernardino County history.



SECOND PLACE

Keith Birmingham
Pasadena Star-News

Fans fight during a match as Bonita beat San Dimas 15-5 in the fifth and final set.



THIRD PLACE

Mark Zaleski
The Press-Enterprise

A Riverside City firefighter sits on his engine ladder aiming water below as smoke billows up into the sky and around him during a factory fire at the Unlimited Plastic Inc. plant on Durahart Street in Riverside.



HONORABLE MENTION

Will Lester
Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

Sherry Morton assists Mayra Villarreal with Morton's 3-year old daughter Destiny. Her car stalled in high rain water runoff at the intersection of Francis Street and Grove Avenue in Ontario.



Frank Bellino
The Press-Enterprise

Sandra Aceves tries to comfort Sheila Cobb during the memorial for their sons who died in Iraq.

Leo Jarzomb
San Gabriel News Group

Mourners observe a tribute for U.S. Army specialist and Mountain View High graduate Marisol Heredia, who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq.



Christina House

Freelance

A horse-drawn carriage carries the body of Army Pfc. Joseph J. Anzack Jr., 20, to a service at South High School in Torrance. Anzack was killed in Iraq.



Sarah Reingewirtz

San Gabriel Valley Newspapers

The Figueroa family follows Gabriel Figueroa's casket out of Sky Rose Chapel at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Army honor guards carries the 20-year-old Army medic who was killed in Iraq.



Karen Tapia Anderson
Los Angeles Times

Matthew Nowak, who is among the Marines being deployed to Iraq for seven months, gets emotional as he says goodbye to his wife, Tracy, who is expecting a son.

Joseph A. Garcia
Ventura County Star

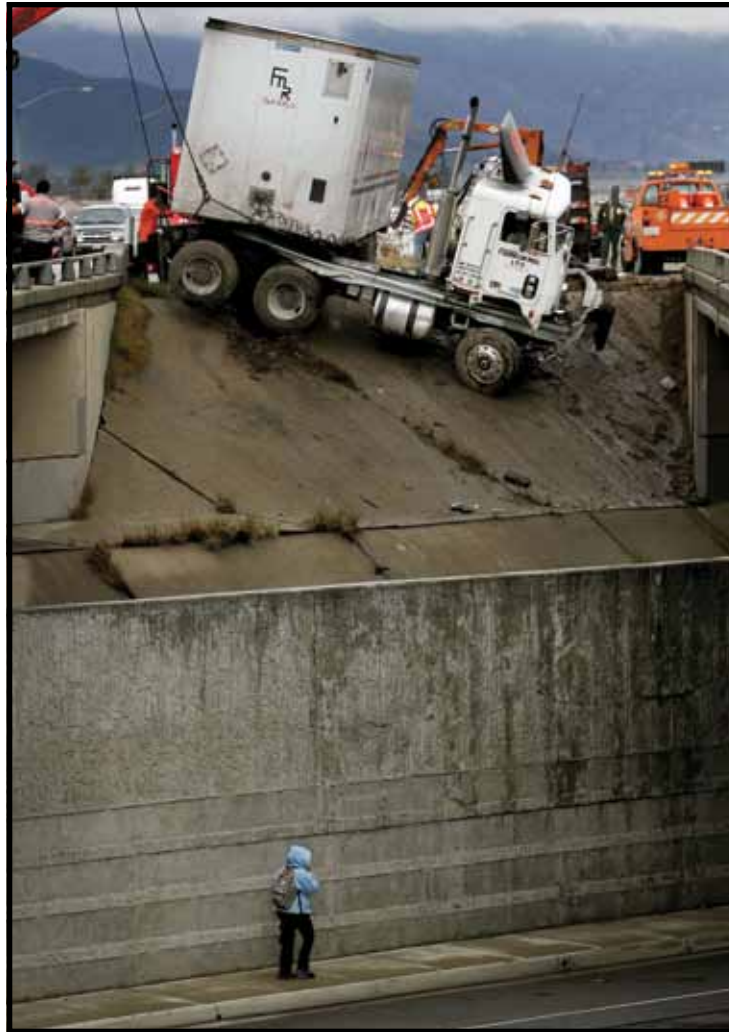
Abigail Spears, 10, and her sister Elizabeth, 6, hug their father Kemit before he joins his Seabee unit, the 30th Naval Construction Regiment, before being deployed to Iraq.



Ringo H.W. Chiu
Freelance

Marines Sgt. Patrick Arend, of Tulsa, Oklahoma waves to loved ones before boarding a plane for deployment to Iraq.





Mark Zaleski
The Press-Enterprise

A pedestrian walks along Foothill boulevard unaware that Victor Barrero, upper left, is running several cables around a truck to stop it from sliding down onto Foothill Blvd. The big rig was traveling south on Interstate 15 when it collided with two other vehicles during a rain storm in Ontario.

Richard Koehler
Freelance

The driver of a big rig, unable to stop, struck a van, killing three small children and injuring two adults.



Michael Owen Baker

Los Angeles Daily News

A pedestrian looks over the scene of an accident where a semi-truck collided with two vehicles, killing two people and injuring a third in the fiery collision on Pacific Coast Highway and Kanan Dume Road in Malibu.

**Will Lester**

Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

California Highway Patrol officer Jaci Parent checks the scene of a fatal traffic accident at the intersection of Wineville and Bellgrave Avenues in Mira Loma.





Robert Gauthier
Los Angeles Times

Thousands of Virginia Tech students, staff, family and supporters fill the University's parade grounds for a somber, emotional candlelight vigil mourning the shooting death of 32 people at the hands of student Sung-Hui Cho.





Keith Birmingham
Pasadena Star-News

African American and Latino hotel workers held a protest about alleged discrimination at the Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. Four year-old Korynn Kinlaw listens as her mother, hotel worker Dionne Kinlaw, speaks during the protest.



Amanda Lucidon
The Press-Enterprise

Betty Ford stands near the enlarged commemorative stamp of her late husband, Gerald R. Ford, during the dedication ceremony. The stamp was unveiled at the McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert.

Mark J. Terrill
Associated Press

The Space Shuttle Atlantis takes off atop its modified Boeing 747 carrier aircraft from Edwards Air Force Base as photographers take pictures.



Alex Collins
Glendale News-Press

A young boy is tentative about approaching the body of Msgr. Arthur J. Lirette during the funeral service held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Glendale.

Tammy Abbott
Glendale News-Press

A Cigna HealthCare representative tries to block the press as Greg Sarkisyn and his family are escorted up to the Cigna offices. Sarkisyn holds a photo of his daughter Nataline who had been denied a liver transplant. Nataline died the next day.



Ringo H.W. Chiu
Freelance

About 10,000 people, some waving Mexican and American flags, marched to City Hall and then descended on MacArthur Park to call for a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants.



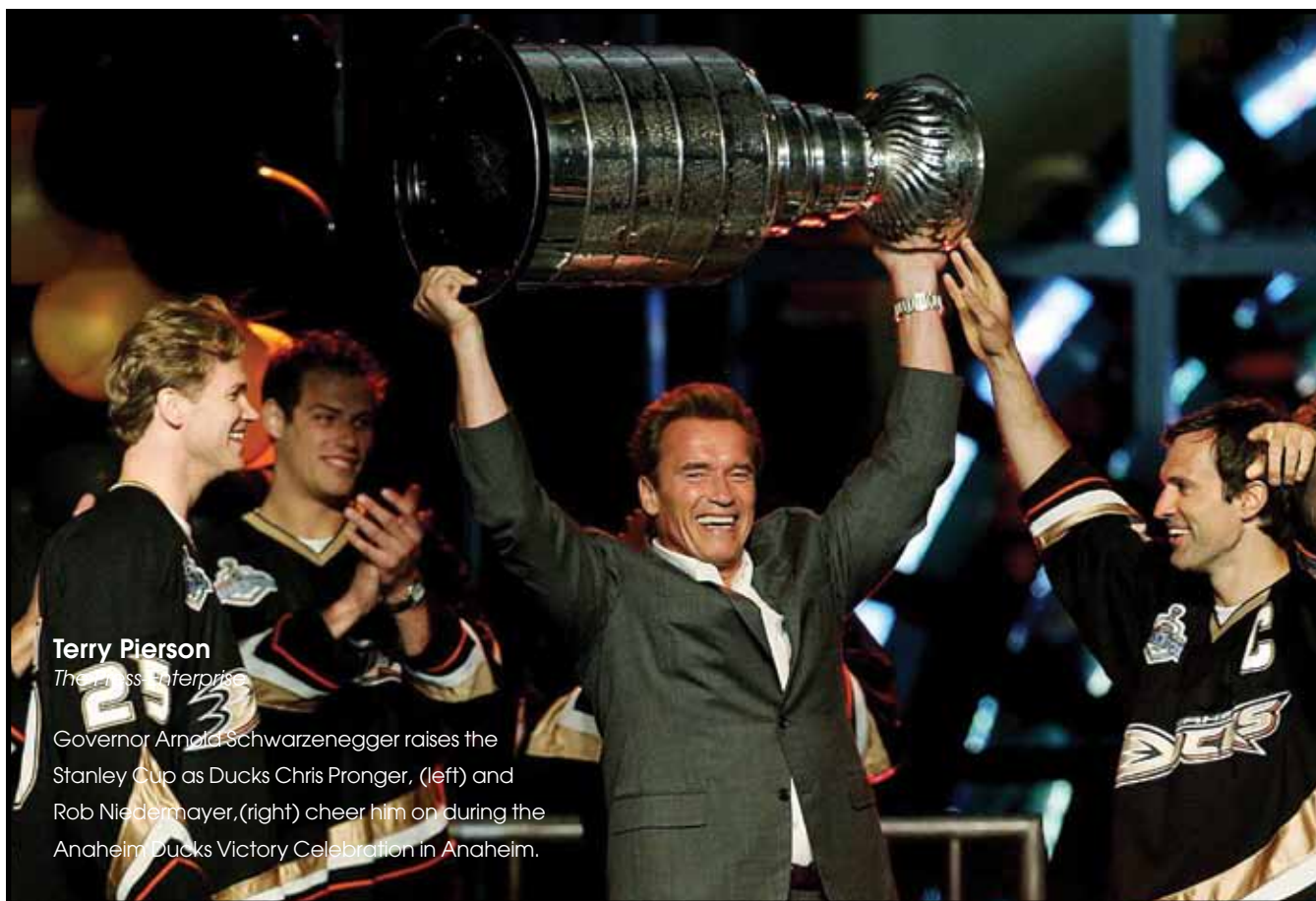
David Sprague
Los Angeles Daily News

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa led marchers down Wilshire Blvd. to MacArthur Park. He spoke of what happened on May 1st at the park, when LAPD engaged the crowd with non-lethal weapons and batons.

Anne Cusack
Los Angeles Times

Maria Reynoso and Tadeo Gonzalez, pay respects to their cousin Mario Daniel Gonzalez who was killed in Iraq. Many came to Arlington West on the Santa Monica Beach to pay their respects to those soldiers who have died in the Iraq war. Some were there to honor a deceased family member. Others placed flowers on a cross of someone they did not know.





Terry Pierson

The Press-Enterprise

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger raises the Stanley Cup as Ducks Chris Pronger, (left) and Rob Niedermayer, (right) cheer him on during the Anaheim Ducks Victory Celebration in Anaheim.



Joseph A. Garcia

Ventura County Star

Moorpark's Zach Geiger, Christie Calle and Alex Orechoff celebrate their team winning the Super Quiz competition at the 28th annual California Academic Decathlon. Moorpark finished third place in the overall team title. El Camino Real High won the team title.

Fire Award

Sponsored By United Firefighters of Los Angeles City IAFF Local 112 AFL-CIO



FIRST PLACE

Ed Crisostomo

The Press-Enterprise

Redlands Fire Department
Capt. Rob Sandberg watches
as the Slide Fire heads his way
destroying homes along Juniper
Lane. More than 200 homes
were destroyed as the wildfire
ripped through the community.

SECOND PLACE

Hans Gutknecht
Los Angeles Daily News

A Los Angeles City Firefighter breaks through the roof of a home in the 1100 block of North Beverly Drive. A brush fire burned more than 30 acres and damaged several homes in Beverly Hills, California.



THIRD PLACE

Stan Lim
The Press-Enterprise

San Bernardino City firefighters work to contain a brush fire that started along a hillside near the 215 Freeway between Orange Show Road and Mill Street in San Bernardino. The fire spread to the opposite side of the freeway and forced the shut-down of the north and south lanes.

HONORABLE MENTION

Craig Durling
Freelance

The Malibu Corral Canyon fire destroyed more than 50 structures and caused millions of dollars in damage.





Sean Hiller
Daily Breeze

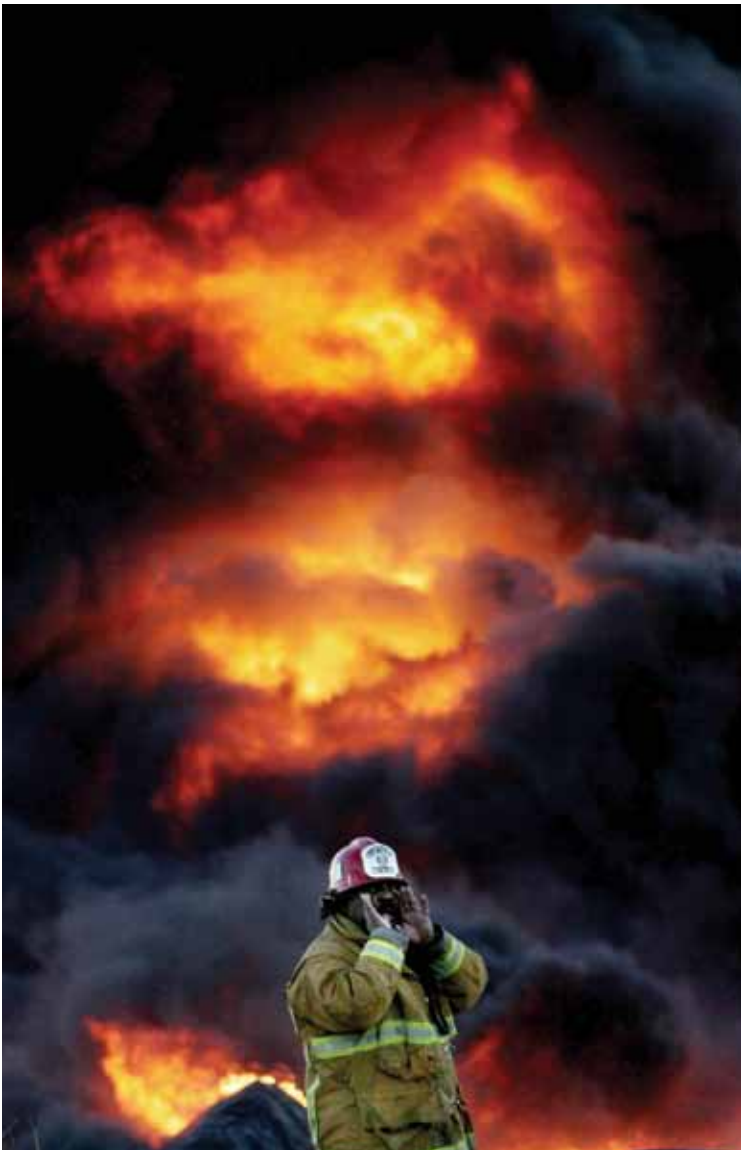
A van carrying a boat on a trailer is engulfed in flames on the Wardlow Road near McHelen Avenue on the Carson/Long Beach border. A black cloud of billowing smoke slowed southbound traffic on the San Diego Freeway in Carson near Alameda Street.

Terry Pierson
The Press-Enterprise

Riverside County Fire Station 72 Captain Rodney McMorris yells as he redirects firefighters from the flames and plumes of hazardous smoke from a residential storage yard in San Jacinto,

Hans Gutknecht
Los Angeles Daily News

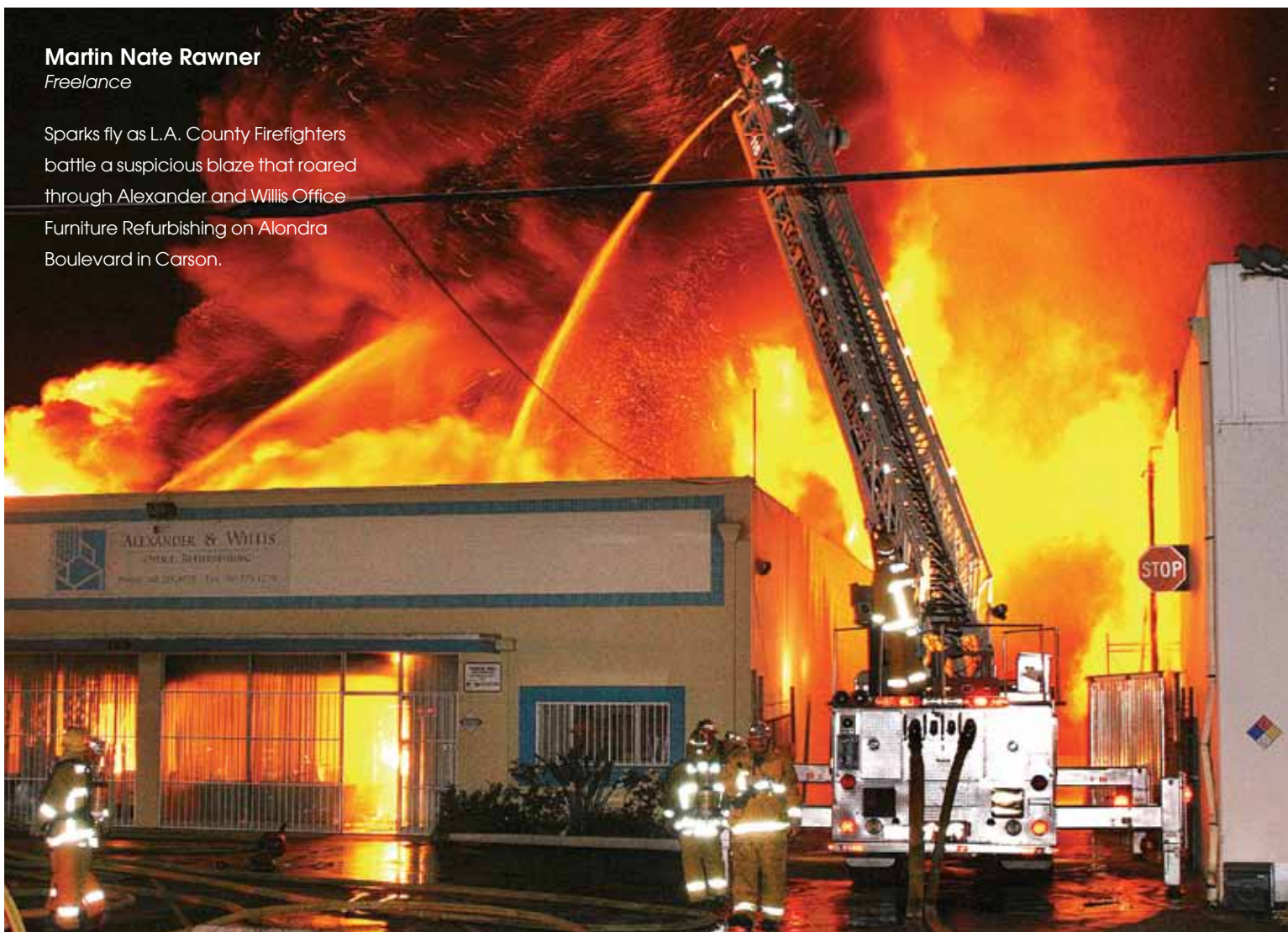
A Los Angeles County firefighter uses a garden hose to keep flames and embers from a home along Camp Plenty Road in Canyon Country.



Martin Nate Rawner

Freelance

Sparks fly as L.A. County Firefighters battle a suspicious blaze that roared through Alexander and Willis Office Furniture Refurbishing on Alondra Boulevard in Carson.



Mark Zaleski

The Press-Enterprise

A Riverside City firefighter is overcome with exhaustion while battling a fire at the Unlimited Plastic Inc. plant on Durahart Street in Riverside.



The officers and members of *United Firefighters of Los Angeles City, Local 112, IAFF, AFL-CIO-CLC* commend the men and women of the *Press Photographers of Greater Los Angeles*.

We continue to admire and respect the incredible work you do in capturing the fire suppression and rescue incidents of our own firefighters and paramedics. We know the dangers that you often face while performing many of your duties as professional photojournalists.

We always look forward to seeing the work of PPAGLA members in your Annual "Just One More" book, and are happy to sponsor the Still and Video Categories at your Annual Awards Dinner.

Steve Tufts
President



Jim Perry
Editor

Feature Award

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FIRST PLACE

Stan Lim

The Press-Enterprise

Movie fans relax in their car while watching a movie at the Smith's Ranch Drive-In in Twentynine Palms.



SECOND PLACE

Frank Bellino

The Press-Enterprise

Redlands High School and Vista Murrieta High School players watch the coin toss before the game.



THIRD PLACE

Mark Zaleski

The Press-Enterprise

Asunsion Rosas of Sotero Fernandez Tree Care in Anaheim hangs from his support rope as he trims a tree.



HONORABLE MENTION

Sean Hiller

Daily Breeze

The Honor Guard from Post 2967 performs the flag folding ceremony at a veteran's funeral service at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes.



Hans Gutknecht

Los Angeles Daily News

Stunts Unlimited member Tim Gilbert works on his high fall technique at Bob Yerkes' place on Roscoe Boulevard in Northridge. Yerkes, a longtime stuntman, has rigs for high falls and other equipment for stuntmen to practice their skills.



Anne Cusack
Los Angeles Times

Southern California's badly needed rain was followed by wet ground and dramatic skies.

Stefano Paltera
Freelance

On the fourth day of a black-out, a Department of Water and Power crew, restores power to the 1800 block of N. Ave 52 in the Highland Park area of Los Angeles.





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Ringo H.W. Chiu
Freelance

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger joins Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for the groundbreaking ceremony of the 54-story J.W. Marriott and Ritz Carlton Hotel in Los Angeles.

Michael Owen Baker
Los Angeles Daily News

A lifeguard on a jet ski waits to leave Ventura Harbor to patrol for surfers stranded in the big surf as a wave breaks on the breakwater.





Bob Chamberlin
Los Angeles Times

A rainbow formed over Los Angeles City Hall at sunset after a stormy day.



Mike Meadows
Freelance

A lone lightning bolt strikes the ground over Victorville near Interstate 15 at sunrise during a summer thundestorm.

John McCoy

Los Angeles Daily News

Storm clouds gather over
downtown Los Angeles.

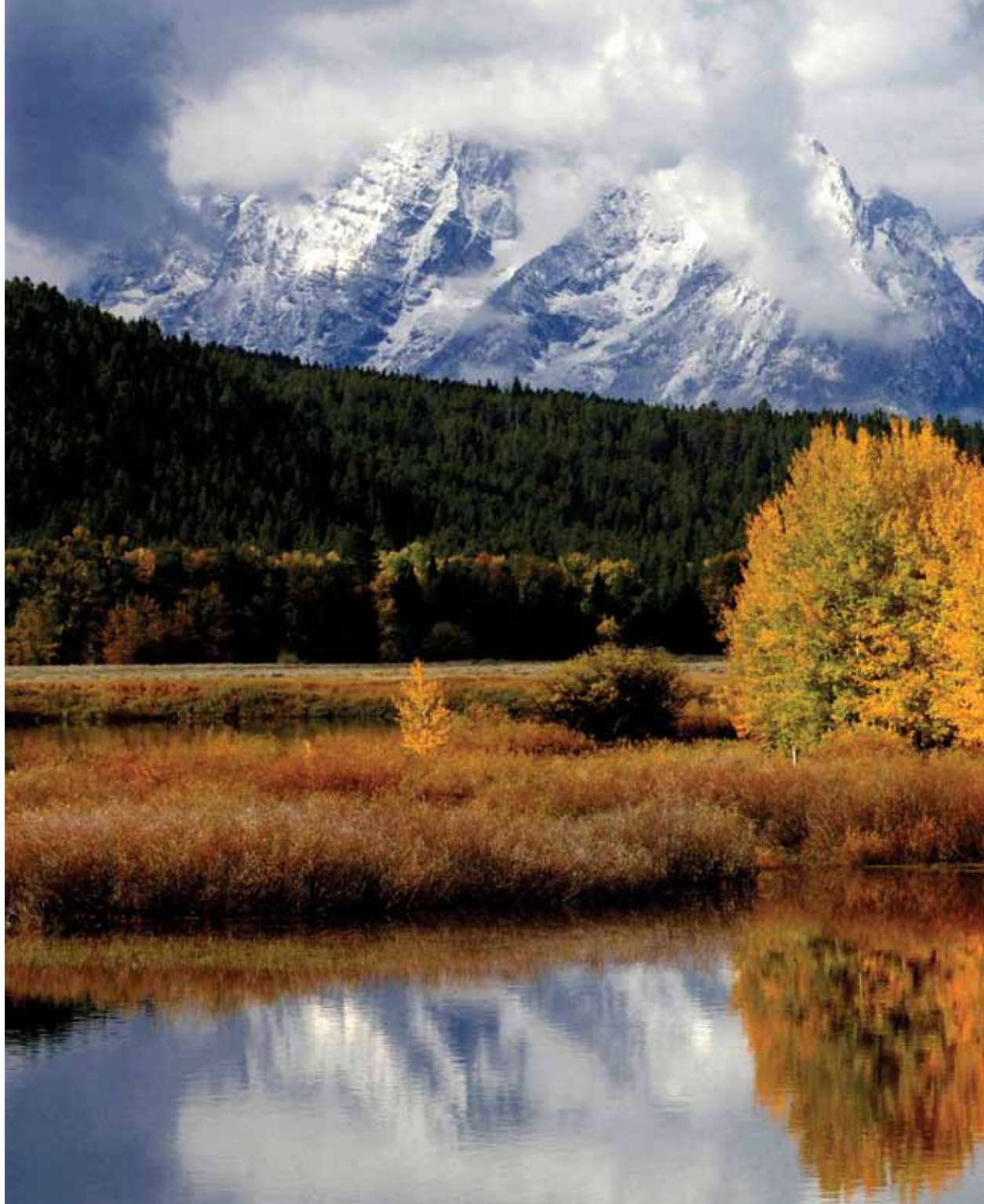


Rodrigo Pena

The Press-Enterprise

Wind turbines are silhouetted
against a sunset near Desert
Hot Springs.





Jeff Lewis
Freelance

Leaves from a tree at
the National Mall turn
red during the fall in
Washington D.C.





Thomas Kelsey

Freelance

The first snowfall at The Oxbow Bend in Grand Teton National Park coincides with the peak of fall color.



Roger W. Vargo

Los Angeles Daily News

Stovepipe Wells sand dune displays a dramatic sunset in Death Valley.

Animal Award

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FIRST PLACE

Mark Zaleski

The Press-Enterprise

A member of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Color Guard rides his horse under the E Street pedestrian bridge while performing with his posse in the Black History Parade in San Bernardino California.

SECOND PLACE

Karen Quincy Loberg

Ventura County Star

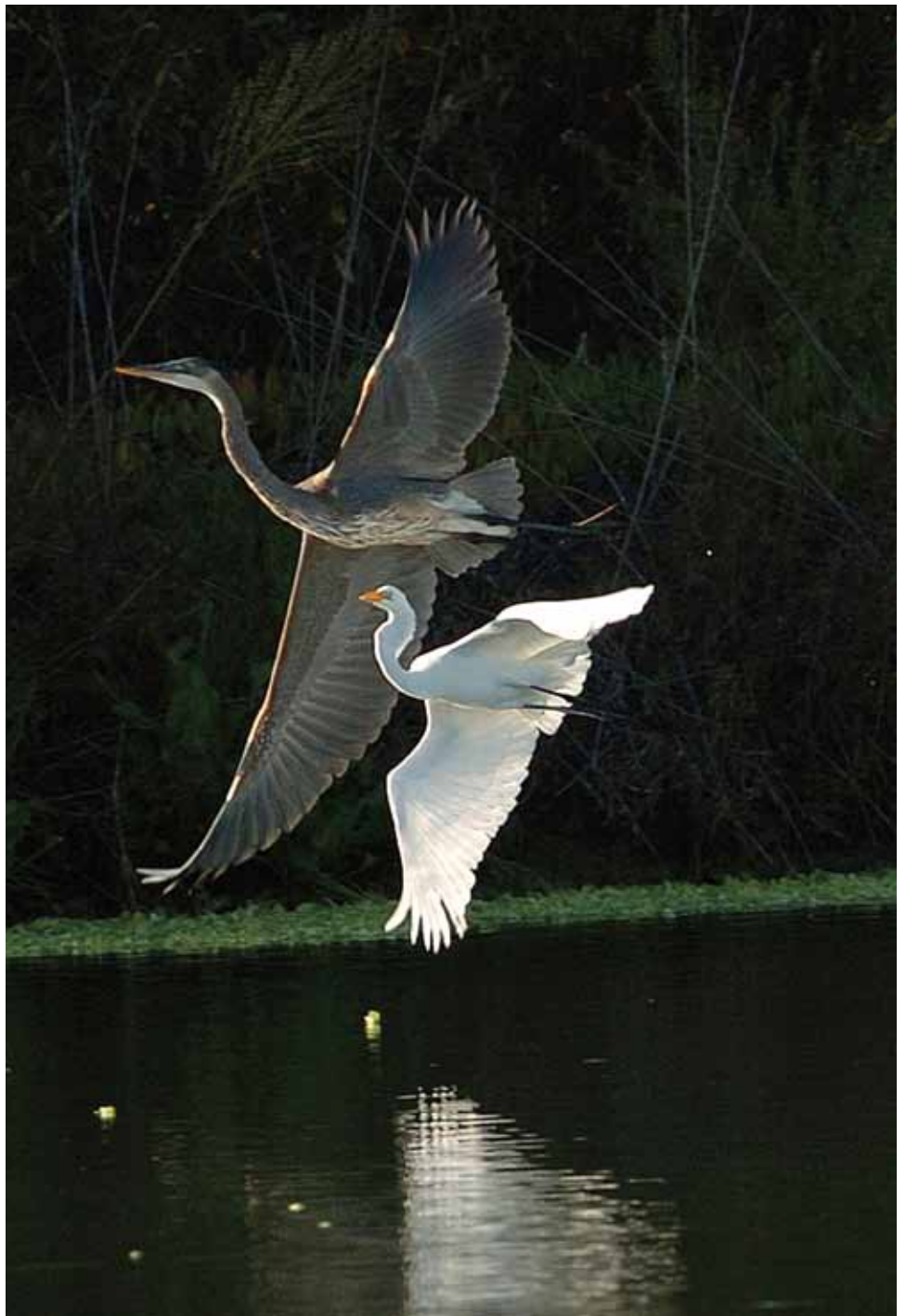
A 1964 Chevy Impala shades Chato during a classic car hop to benefit homeless children in Oxnard.



THIRD PLACE

Dana Rene Bowler
Ventura County Star

A Great Blue Heron and a Great Egret fly together across a wildlife storage pond at the Ventura Waste-water facility near Ventura Harbor.



HONORABLE MENTION

Bob Chamberlin
Los Angeles Times

One of the marked lobsters planted by the Department of Fish and Game to catch a commercial lobster poacher is displayed. The poacher was arrested when he docked his boat in Long Beach.



Thomas R. Cordova

Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

A spider waits for its prey in the center of its web in Bell Gardens.



Mei Melcon

Los Angeles Times

Lulu, a Sumatran tiger, walks with one of her three cubs during their public debut at the Los Angeles Zoo in Griffith Park.

Greg Vojtko

The Press-Enterprise

Valentine, a relatively young bald eagle, gazes out from her enclosure at Moonridge Animal Park.



Will Lester

Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

A grey great owl sits on its perch at sunrise near the Canyon campground in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.

Ken Lubas

Freelance

A bumble bee flies over a lavender field.





Bob Chamberlin

Los Angeles Times

Brightly colored Butterflyfish scavenge for food in the coral reef below the over-water bungalows at the Bora Bora Hotel, one of the first exclusive hotels on the island. Expensive hotels now dot the landscape, most with posh over-water rooms designed to look like Polynesian homes on stilts with air conditioning, Jacuzzis and pools on the decks.

Rodrigo Pena

The Press-Enterprise

Two Blue Poison Dart Frogs look for food at the new "Amazing Amphibians: Frogs on the Edge" exhibit at The Living Desert in Palm Desert. This species is listed as "vulnerable" because it is found only in one locality and occurs only in threatened forest fragments. The exhibit is part of a world-wide effort to save amphibians from extinction.





George Fry
Los Angeles Time-Retired

A baby moose crosses a river near
Dawson City in Yukon Territory, Canada.



Bill Becher
Freelance

A grizzly bear stops to take
a look at photographers
taking pictures in Alaska.



Terry Pierson

The Press-Enterprise

Hiker Tommi Cahill of Riverside puts hiking booties on her dog Buster to protect his paws from cuts while they hike the rocky trails to Holy Jim Falls in Trubuca Canyon.



Armando Brown

Excelsior

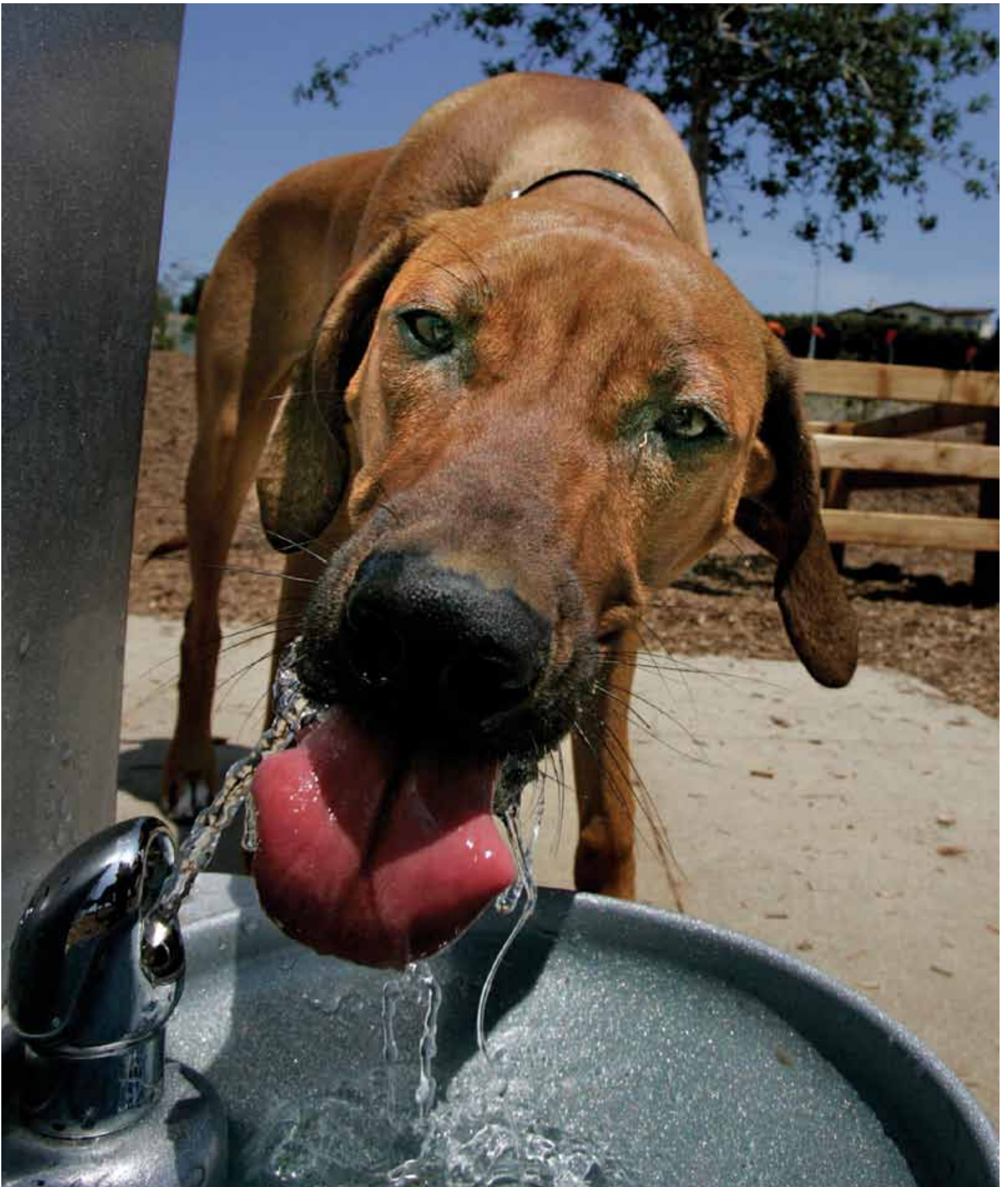
A soaking wet pooch shakes off the water after getting out of the doggy pool at the Pet Expo at the Costa Mesa Fairgrounds.



Hans Gutknecht

Los Angeles Daily News

English Bulldog Biggie Smalls waits in line to be blessed by Cardinal Roger Mahony during the Blessing of the Animals on Olvera Street.



Karen Tapia -Anderson

Los Angeles Times

Tara O'Dowd's Suge gets a drink from the fountain at the new Santa Monica dog park. A decision to bar L.A. dogs has residents of nearby Mar Vista howling mad.

Portrait Award

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FIRST PLACE

Hans Gutknecht

Los Angeles Daily News

Former UCLA and U.S. national team swimmer Kim Vandenberg entered last year's nationals as an underdog in the 200 butterfly, but after winning the title, she went on to enjoy a dominant year, clocking the fastest time in the U.S. and second in the world. Her efforts earned her a silver medal at the World Championships in March in Australia. Vandenberg has now become one of the faces of USA Swimming and will try to defend her national title in preparation for the Olympic Trials.



HONORABLE MENTION

Rodrigo Pena

The Press-Enterprise

G.A. Yoakum of Twentynine Palms, and his wife Ann Yoakum are proud of their son Chief Warrant Officer Keith Yoakum. Keith was killed in action during a mission in Iraq and will be presented posthumously with the rare, Distinguished Service Cross for valor. This is only the seventh award of this kind since the Vietnam War.





SECOND PLACE

Robert Gauthier

Los Angeles Times

Grant Zeitounian, a survivor of the Armenian genocide in Turkey, at his Sierra Madre home.



THIRD PLACE

Terry Pierson

The Press-Enterprise

Separating himself from the pack is San Bernardino County baseball Player of the Year J.J. Constantino of A.B. Miller before the start of the 13th Annual East County All Star Game in San Bernardino.



Sarah Reingewirtz
San Gabriel Tribune

Standing in front of a painting of Dr. Martin Luther King, Anthony Smith, 10, of Duarte, listens as Phil Wilson address an audience on the AIDS crisis during Hands Across Azusa.



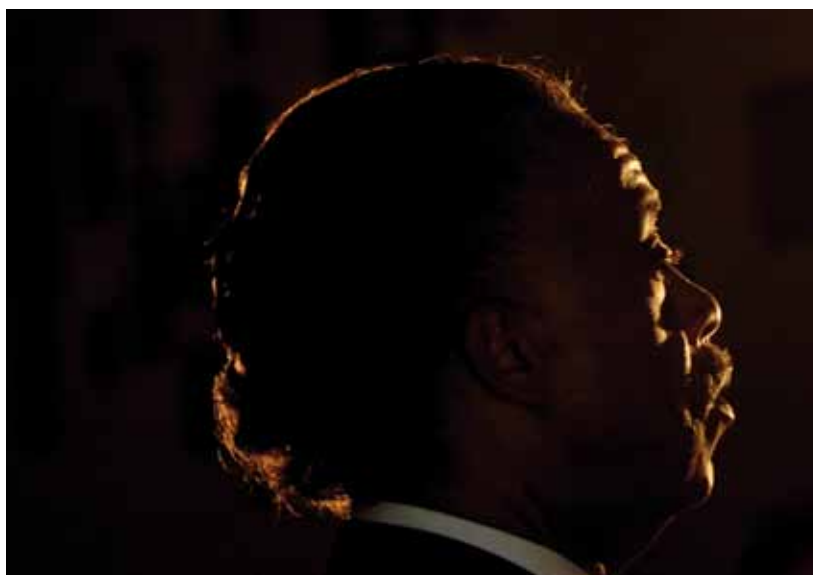
Keith Birmingham
Pasadena Star-News

Laker head coach Phil Jackson during the national anthem before the Boston Celtics vs. Los Angeles Lakers game at the Staples Center in Los Angeles in December.



Sean Hiller
Daily Breeze

Erin Fisher of Torrance is among an online network of thousands of couch surfers. They are people willing to let a perfect stranger sleep on their couch or to use someone else's couch as accommodations while on vacation.



Gabriel Luis Acosta
The Sun

The Rev. Al Sharpton speaks to media before his "Call To Action" speech at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in San Bernardino.

Music and Performing Arts

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FIRST PLACE

Amanda Lucidon

The Press-Enterprise

Celebrity Impersonators get ready backstage before their celebrity revue at CopyKatz Showroom in Palm Springs.



SECOND PLACE

Mark Zaleski

The Press-Enterprise

Jeanne Skrocki of Corona has been a violinist for the Pacific Symphony Orchestra in Orange County for 15 years. The 1747 J.B. Guadagnini violin Skrocki holds was handed down to her from her mother. Skrocki has been playing since she was five years old.



THIRD PLACE

Michael Owen Baker

Los Angeles Daily News

Dancers from the North Carolina School of the Arts School of Dance perform during opening night at the Hollywood Bowl.





Ringo H.W. Chiu
Freelance

Cast members of "The Color Purple" perform at the Ahmanson Theatre.

Sarah Reingewirtz
San Gabriel Valley Newspapers

Kerry Davis and Christina Lim, both 18, of Diamond Bar, model "pimp style" clothing during Diamond Bar High School's prom fashion show in the school's gym.



Robert Gauthier
Los Angeles Times

Jon Stewart, Steven Colbert and Steve Carrell mock accept the EMMY in place of true winner Ricky Gervais during the 59th Annual Prime-time Emmy Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.





Stefano Paltera

Freelance

A country music fan waves his cowboy hat at the end of the two-hour tribute to Hank Williams Jr. at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City.



Jennifer Cappuccio

Freelance

Burlesque dancer Kitten De Ville, of Riverside, teaches her students how to play to the audience during Kitten De Ville's Burlesque for Beginner's class at Back to the Grind in Riverside.



Joseph A. Garcia

Ventura County Star

Jadiel Rodriguez and Gustavo Orozco, trumpet players with Mariachi Tleyotlitzin, rehearse 'El Cascabel' before their performance at Pacifica High's Mariachi Festival.

Mark Zaleski
The Press-Enterprise

Andrew Griswold of Cherry Valley puts great effort into playing a tuba with the help of Kent Broersma during the Redlands Symphony Association instrument petting zoo at the University of Redlands.



Gerard Burkhart
Freelance

Kara DioGuardi works on a tune for singer Jessie James at David Hodge's house.



Ringo H.W. Chiu
Freelance

A dancer performs at the Giant Maximus party in downtown L.A.



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FIRST PLACE

Keith Birmingham

Pasadena star-News

Dodgers catcher Mike Lieberthal is run over at the plate as Angel's Nick Gorneault scores on a Juan Rivera double in the 8th inning of a baseball game between the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

HONORABLE MENTION

Stan Lim

The Press-Enterprise

San Bernardino High School swimmer Danielle McGowan, 17, has become an impressive swimmer in just a short amount of time.





SECOND PLACE

Keith Birmingham

Pasadena star-News

Sacred Heart's Katie Condon celebrates with her teammates during a volleyball game between Santa Barbara and Flintridge Sacred Heart in the semifinal CIF Division 1A volleyball match at Sacred Heart Academy in La Canada-Flintridge.

THIRD PLACE

Keith Birmingham

Pasadena star-News

Dodgers right fielder Matt Kemp slams into the wall off a triple by Rockies Jeff Baker in the 4th inning during a game between the Colorado Rockies and the Los Angeles Dodgers on opening day at Dodger Stadium.



Jeff Lewis
Freelance

Los Angeles Dodgers new manager
Joe Torre poses for the media with
Dodgers owner Frank McCourt in
center field at Dodger Stadium.



Hans Gutknecht
Los Angeles Daily News

Los Angeles Dodger Russell Martin makes
the catch but can't tag out Los Angeles
Angel Orlando Cabrera in the 4th inning
during game two of the Freeway Series.





Mark J. Terrill
Associated Press

Los Angeles Dodgers center fielder Juan Pierre misses a ball hit by Florida Marlins' Alfredo Amezaga.



Hans Gutknecht
Los Angeles Daily News

Los Angeles Dodger Juan Pierre avoids the ball during the ninth inning against the Florida Marlins at Dodger Stadium.

Mark J. Terrill
Associated Press

Baltimore Orioles' Brian Roberts is forced out at second as Los Angeles Angels' Orlando Cabrera jumps out of the way after throwing to first to complete the double play during the seventh inning.



Amanda Lucidon
The Press-Enterprise

Reggie Willits, of the Angels, reacts after hitting a foul ball onto his foot during a game against the Red Sox at Angels Stadium.

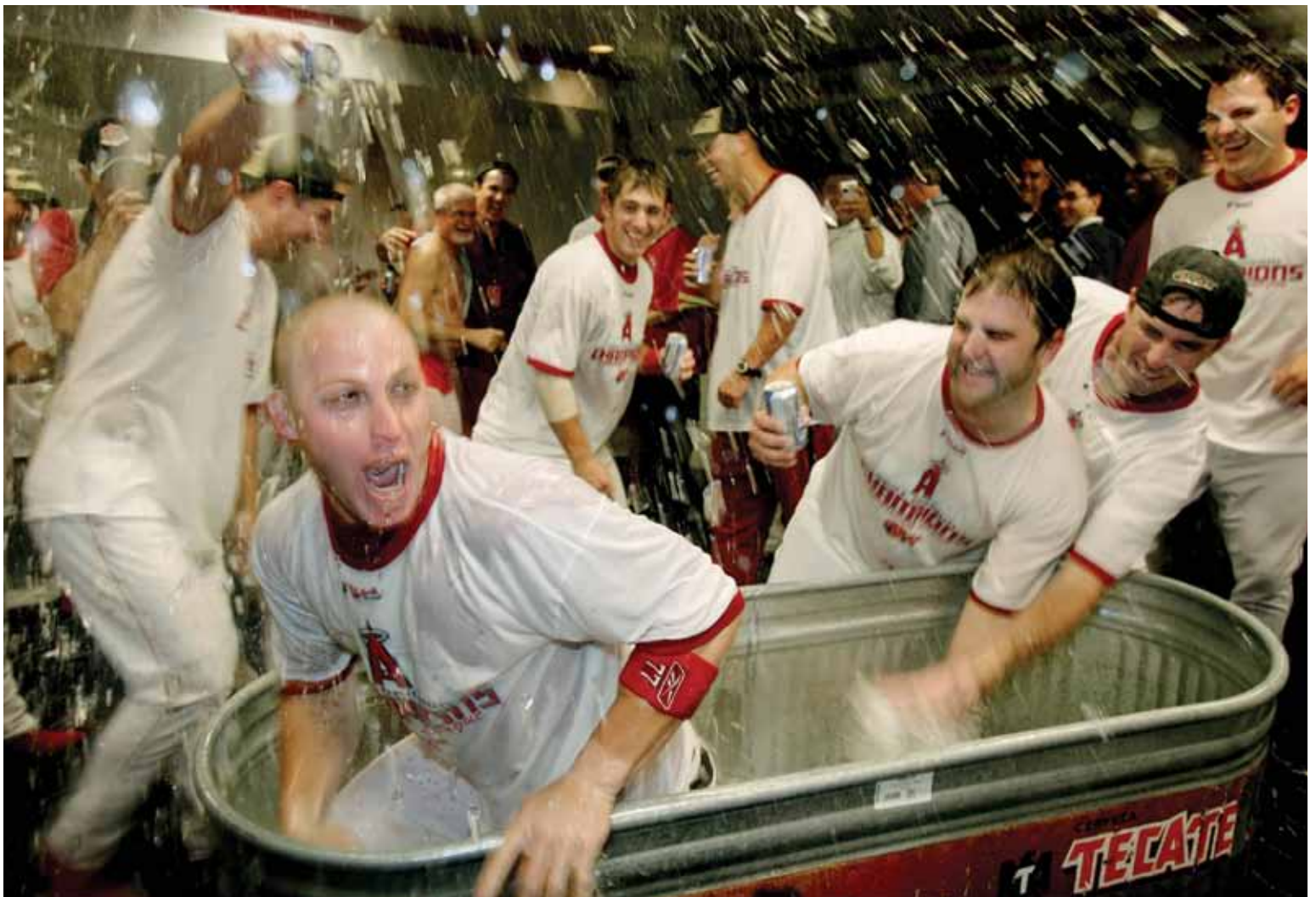
Keith Birmingham
Pasadena Star-News

Angels manager Mike Scioscia argues
with third base umpire Dan Iassogna
over a strike call on Reggie Willits.



Terry Pierson
The Press-Enterprise

Los Angeles Angels Reggie Willits gets out
of an ice filled tub as teammates spray
him with beer in the locker room as they
celebrated the Angels American League
West Division title at Angels Stadium.





Robert Gauthier
Los Angeles Times

UCLA running back Chris Markey tumbles to a short gain against the Oregon State Beavers.



Terry Pierson
The Press-Enterprise

UCLA's Aaron Whittington battles BYU's Manase Tonga for a ball fumbled by BYU quarterback Max Hall.

Keith Birmingham
Pasadena Star-News

USC's Fred Davis leaps for a first down.



Christina House
Freelance

USC's Chauncey Washington scores a touchdown against Arizona during a game at the Los Angeles Coliseum.





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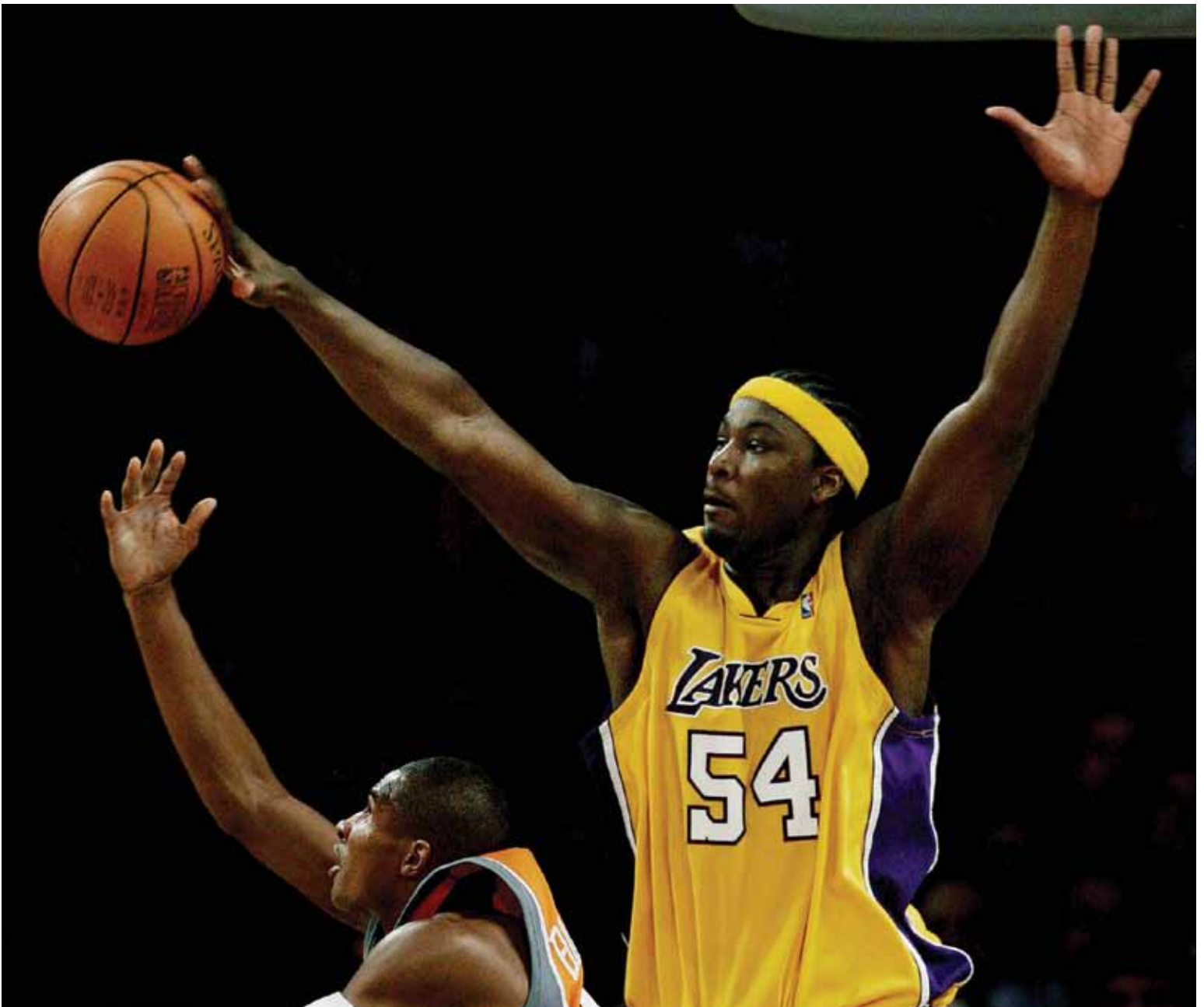
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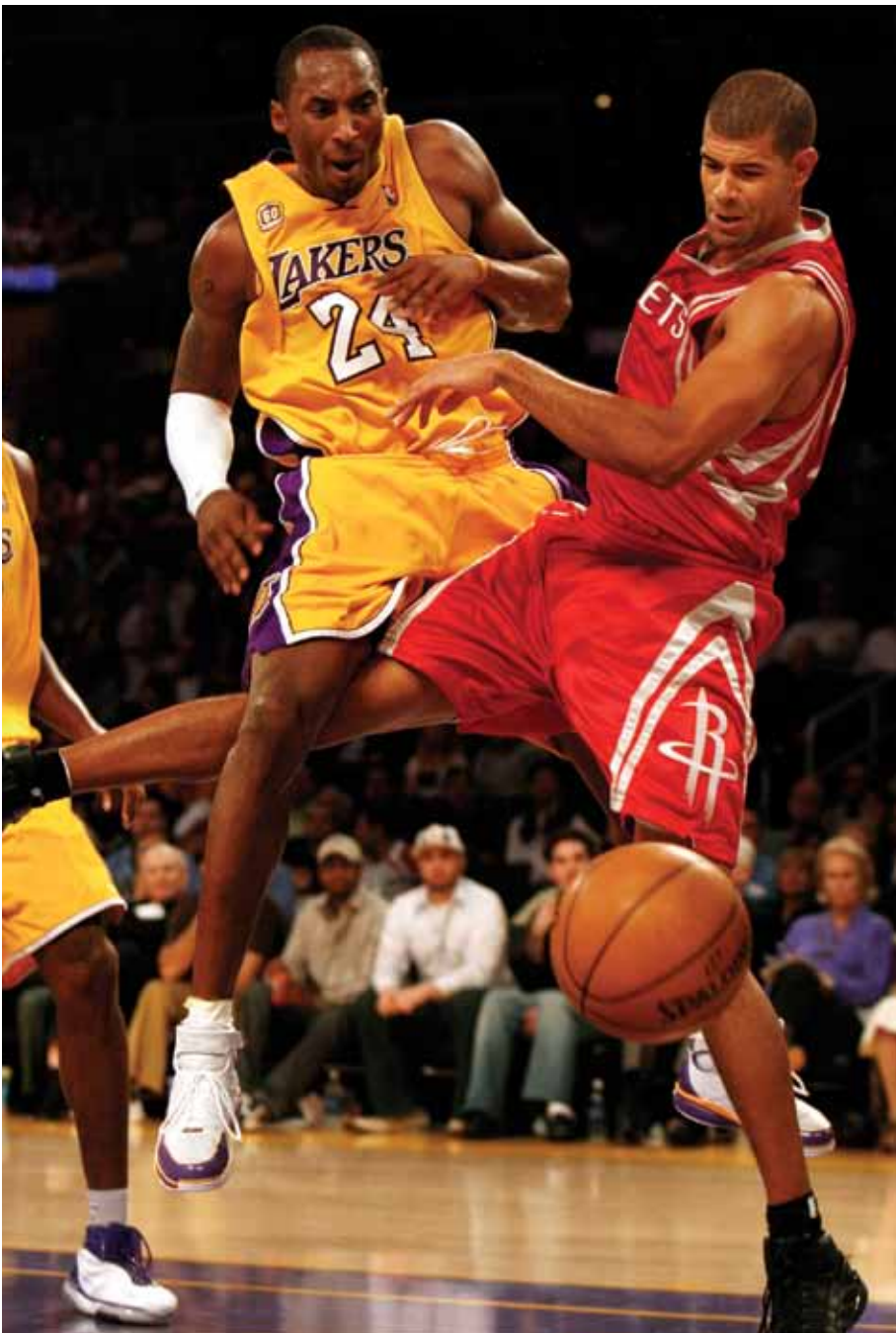
Clippers Jason Hart calls out for help to one of his teammates while being guarded by Lakers Smush Parker.

Terry Pierson

The Press-Enterprise

Los Angeles Lakers center Kwame Brown blocks the shot of Phoenix Suns' Landros Barbosa in the 2nd half of game three of the NBA Playoffs.



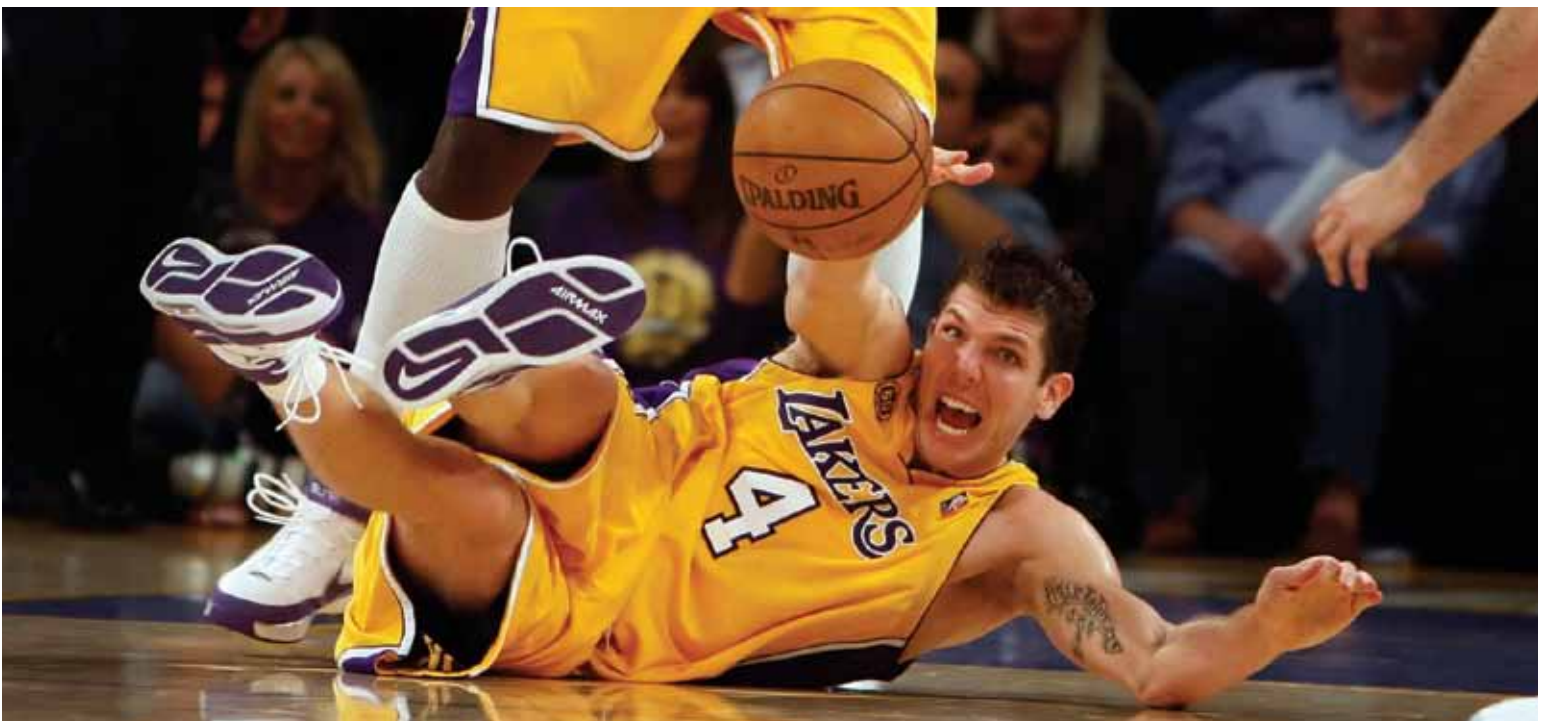


Amanda Lucidon
The Press-Enterprise

Laker Kobe Bryant reacts after being blocked by Shane Battier of the Rockets during the first half of the game at Staples Center in Los Angeles. No foul was called.

Hans Gutknecht
Los Angeles Daily News

Los Angeles Laker Luke Walton grabs a loose ball in the 4th quarter against the Houston Rockets during opening night at Staples Center.





Terry Pierson

The Press-Enterprise

Galaxy's Chris Klein, right, and Troy Roberts celebrate Klein's game tying goal in extended play against C F Pachuca in the 2nd half of the Million dollar SuperLiga Championship game at the Home Depot.



Caitlin M. Kelly

The Press-Enterprise

Kyle Martino, turns to the cheering fans in the stand after he completed a pass across the net to teammate Cobi Jones for a goal.



Will Lester

Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

Chandler's Matt Haggerty celebrates following the 7-3 win over Solana Beach during the Little League Western Regional Championship Game at Al Houghton Stadium in San Bernardino.

David Sprague
Los Angeles Daily News

The pain of losing is on the faces of Kennedy players after their loss to San Pedro in the city section softball championship at UCLA.



Terry Pierson
The Press-Enterprise

Riverside Christian's Asia Alvarez can only watch as Calvary Chapel players receive the CIF Division VI Championship.



Thomas R. Cordova
Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

Norco's coach Rick Thompson comforts Kasey Philyaw after losing to A.B. Miller High School during the Division 2-AA CIF finals in Long Beach.

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FIRST PLACE

Hans Gutknecht

LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS

USC's Chauncey Washington drags a host of UCLA defenders along as he picks up some yards in the 4th quarter during their Pac 10 game at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.



SECOND PLACE

Will Lester

INLAND VALLEY DAILY BULLETIN

UCLA's Dennis Keyes trips up Arizona State's Keegan Herring at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

THIRD PLACE

Anne Cusack

Los Angeles Times

UCLA Lorenzo Mata dunks the ball bringing UCLA to just one point behind Arizona State at 28-29.



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Keith Birmingham

Pasadena Star-News

Dodgers Olmendo Saenz celebrates after hitting a two-run walk-off home run off Blue Jay's Jermy Accardo as Tony Abreu scored in the 10th inning to beat the Blue Jays 4-3.

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Michael comforts Cynthia as they struggle with the decision to rescind their conservatorship of Tiffany, who was found to be using drugs after an apparent suicide attempt in late July. Once Tiffany is turned over to a public guardian, her parents will have no legal rights to monitor her psychiatric or medical treatments. Something they've done diligently since she was first diagnosed with schizophrenia at age 18.

FIRST PLACE

Tiffany's Troubles

Robert Gauthier
Los Angeles Times

Battling the effects of Schizophrenia and drug addiction, Tiffany Sitton, 25, has been in and out of 14 hospitals in the last five years. Despite the constant efforts of her mother, Cynthia, returned to a place she hoped never to return to - Metropolitan State Hospital.



Home on a weekend pass from Royale Mission Viejo in June, Tiffany Sitton is joined by Ruben at the dinner table. During this visit, her parents were encouraged by her progress. They agreed this was the best she's been in years.



Leaving her in an institution she vowed never to return her to, Cynthia Sifton embraces her daughter, Tiffany after a visit at Metropolitan State Hospital. "I'm in here," said Tiffany, "because I messed things up."



Alone and sick, Tiffany lays in an isolation room inside Metropolitan State Hospital, waiting to be seen by a nurse. Tiffany complained of stomach pains for days until she was hospitalized and medicated. Doctors found nothing wrong and she finally admitted she faked illness to get the drugs. "When they're not in my life," Tiffany said about her family, "I get scared, and when I get scared, I get anxious, and when I get anxious, I get delusional. I just don't know what to do anymore."



SECOND PLACE

The Heart of Champions

Robert Gauthier
Los Angeles Times

The California School for the Deaf, in Riverside is a state funded institution that cares for deaf and handicapped children until adulthood. Coming off a championship season where the team went undefeated, the CSDR Cubs suffered through 2006 with only one win. Despite the losses, a small group of kids, led by senior Shawn McDonald, stuck together and persevered.

Huddled together for a pregame prayer, the CSDR Cubs, 19 players strong, prepare to win their first game of the season at Twin Pines High School, October 13, 2006. It would turn out to be their only win for the season.

As the sun sets on a field with no lights, the CSDR field goal unit practices kicks. On the front line are four seniors that, only a year earlier, were on a team that dominated opponents and won the championship. This year's team won only one game.





Maranatha High running back Chaz Fuery plows over California School for the Deaf, Riverside defender David Rolan who prevents a touchdown. Maranatha went on to win the game 50-0. Maranatha, a large, private school, outnumbered, outweighed and overpowered the Cubs, who barely have enough boys to field a team.



Frustrated with his team's performance, senior Shawn McDonald sits alone in the locker room during halftime of a game against Brethren Christian. It was the second game of the season and the team was yet to score any points. Shawn was already losing hope that this year's team would be anywhere near as good as last year's championship team. The Cubs would not score a point until the sixth game of the season.



The final statistics for the CSDR Cubs. One win, nine losses. 40 points scored, 380 points allowed. It was a tough season for the defending State champions.



Terry Johnson-Gonzalez of Riverside says goodbye to her nephews Ronald and Sadie Hanson before traveling to Valley State Prison For Women in Chowchilla during the "Get on the Bus" Mother's Day event early Friday morning at St. James Catholic Church in Perris.



Darryl Taylor, 2, and his grandmother Tammy Allison walk through the prison gates on their way to see Darryl's mother LaTonya Hamilton.



Sonja Bullette embraces her daughter Jada Pointer as her other daughter Marquisha Scout laughs with joy after seeing their mother for the first time in years.

THIRD PLACE

Doing Time With Mom

Mark Zaleski

The Press-Enterprise

In California, about 20,000 children have parents in prisons. Almost 12,000 women are in the state's prisons. Hundreds of children from San Bernardino and Riverside counties participated in "Get On The Bus" Mother's Day event, a program that allowed them to visit their mothers in prisons. The five-hour bus

ride to Valley State Prison and the Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla was a healing journey. It was a day when volunteers work to spoil and entertain children who have learned to do without. For many of the kids it would be the only time they saw their mother this year.



Ericka Schmid comforts her son Randy and daughter, Shannon as her other daughter Tanya looks away while saying goodbye in the visiting area where they spent three hours with each other.

Jada Pointer holds onto her mother, Sonja Bullette, as she says goodbye.



College Photojournalist of the Year

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FIRST PLACE

Brandon Wise

Brandon got his start in photography when a friend died and left him his camera. Formerly a painter (not a house painter), Brandon says that his art background helped him be a better photographer. An anthropology major at Santa Monica College, Brandon hopes to transfer to USC.

He is currently working at the Santa Monica Daily Press and is the Managing Editor of the Santa Monica College Corsair.

Brandon would like to start working for the Daily News or LA Times and eventually end up as a contract photographer for National Geographic, Time, Agency 7 or Magnum.

Brandon says his mentors include people like his father, Gerard Burkhart, Hans Gutknecht, Steve McCurry and W. Eugene Smith to list a few. Brandon says that photography is his passion and reason for living.



RUNNER-UP

William Hallstrom

William has been taking photographs since he was 7 or 8 years old. He also does other kinds of art. He recently rediscovered photography while taking a fine arts photo class, and that led him to photojournalism. William is also shooting and editing video, is interning at the Pasadena Star News and is the web master at the Pasadena City College's newspaper The Courier. William credits the staff photographers at the Pasadena Star-News and San Gabriel Valley Tribune for teaching him a lot and giving him some great opportunities. He looks forward to covering offbeat stories and hopefully lots of sports.

Videographer of the Year

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Animal Television Award

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FIRST PLACE

Sean Browning
KNBC

"Pool Dog Safety"



SECOND PLACE

Thomas Larson
CNN

"Poisoned Sea Lions"



THIRD PLACE

Sean Browning
KNBC

"Rattlesnake Wrangler"

Feature Television Award

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FIRST PLACE

Arturo Quezada
KMEX

"Via Las Vegas: Latin Explosion"



SECOND PLACE

Sean Browning
KNBC

"Silent Painters"



THIRD PLACE

Thomas Larson
CNN

"Operation Purple Summer Camp"



Fire Television Award

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FIRST PLACE

Sean Browning

KNBC

"Santa Monica Crash and Burn"



SECOND PLACE

Arturo Quezada

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"Modjeska Canyon Fire"



THIRD PLACE

Thomas Larson

CNN

"Firefighter Safety"

Spot News Television Award

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FIRST PLACE

Arturo Quezada
KMEX

"The Sky is Falling"



SECOND PLACE

Juan Hernandez
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"ICE Raid"



THIRD PLACE

Sean Browning
KNBC

"May Day Melee"



General News Television Award

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FIRST PLACE

Arturo Quezada

KMEX

"Te Quiero Mucho"



SECOND PLACE

Hector Gonzalez

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"Hot Wheels"



THIRD PLACE

Thomas Larson

CNN

"Marine Memorial"

In- Depth News Television Award

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FIRST PLACE (TIE)

Juan Hernandez
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FIRST PLACE (TIE)

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In Memory



JOHN L. GAUNT

Pulitzer Prize winning photographer John L. Gaunt, Jr. died October 26 in Desert Hot Springs at age 83. The long-time PPAGLA member died of congestive heart failure. John's Pulitzer Prize was awarded to him in 1955 for a photo of a young couple standing by the ocean moments after their young son had been pulled out to sea. John had been at his home in Hermosa Beach when he heard a neighbor shouting. He grabbed his Rolliflex (most photogs used either 4x5 or Rolliflexes at this time) and ran outside, where he saw two people clutching each other at the edge of the surf. He shot a whole roll of the scene – 12 exposures.

John was born on June 4, 1924 in Syracuse, New York and moved to California at a very young age. He attended Redondo Union High School where he worked on the school newspaper. He also contributed photos to the Daily Breeze. After service in World War II, he attended USC with a degree in zoology. Although he had an interest in becoming a doctor, he went back to his days as a photographer, and by 1950 was on staff in the photo department of the LA Times where he worked until his retirement in 1988.

Former Times Reporter Joe Jares remembers riding around with John during his night shift, covering everything from a riot on USC's fraternity row, to fires. Tom Paegel, also a former Times reporter, considered riding around at night with "Gentle Jack" was a rite of passage for young reporters, including a young Otis Chandler when he was doing his stint as a reporter. Tom remembers covering anti-war demonstrations in Santa Barbara when the Isla Vista branch of the Bank of America was torched. Eric Malnic, who also reported for the Times, worked with John during the early 60's and got to hear some of Jack's great stories as they cruised LA in a converted highway patrol Chrysler sedan. In a recent note to members of the OFS, Eric recounted stories of how John lost three airplanes during World War II, without ever serving overseas. "Jack, a P-38 pilot lost the first one while towing a target during gunnery practice near Las Vegas. Someone shot him down instead of the target. ...He lost the second while preparing to land at night at an airfield in Arizona. Someone took off underneath him, and the planes collided. That time, he jumped at an altitude of only about 400 feet, and his chute didn't open all the way. Jack lay in the brush with two broken legs all night before they found him. He said he lost the third plane while flying from Bakersfield to Los Angeles for a hot date with a girl he'd met in Hollywood. At a couple of thousand feet over Castaic, both engines quit. Once again, Jack bailed out, and as he floated gently earthward, he realized he'd forgotten to switch fuel tanks. If Army inspectors found out, he'd be in a lot of trouble. So he hightailed it a couple of miles back to the wreckage, reached into the cockpit and switched the fuel feed lever over to the proper position. Only then, Jack said, did he summon help". John is survived by daughters Jane and Abigail. Mary Elise, his wife and childhood friend, died in 1996 after nearly 50 years of marriage.