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Inside this issue

By *Ronna Austin*
SPJ Secretary

Readers may notice this month's newsletter is larger than past ones.

The reason for the increase is that there is a lot to share with SPJ members.

The SPJ awards banquet has come and gone. Congratulations to the winners and special award recipients.

You'll find several pages of this newsletter devoted to those people.

The SPJ job fair, held at the University of Oklahoma, was also a great success. Readers will find an update on that as well.

Reservation information on the upcoming Writer's Workshop is included in this issue.

Also, all journalists are invited to offer suggestions for the next SPJ contest and awards banquet.

Journalists recognized at SPJ awards banquet

By *Kim Morava*
SPJ Vice President

The Oklahoma Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists recognized the state's top journalists at its annual awards banquet Saturday, Feb. 26.

Held at Applewoods Restaurant and Banquet Center in Oklahoma City, the banquet followed a contest period that drew more than 600 entries from journalists statewide. The entries were judged by three out-of-state SPJ chapters.

Awards in newspaper, television, radio, magazines and public relations were presented in 77 categories.

Presenting awards

were Sue Hale, executive editor for The Daily Oklahoman; Dr. Terry Clark, University of Central Oklahoma; and Dick Pryor, OETA.

Two prestigious awards — a Lifetime Achievement award and First Amendment award also were presented.

Dennie Hall, longtime SPJ, FOI and Gridiron member, retired journalism professor and published writer, received the chapter's coveted Lifetime Achievement award, presented by his former student and SPJ board member Mark Hanebutt.

The First Amendment award went to Joe Worley, executive editor of the Tulsa World who, in 1998, took a stand

against officials who refused to turn over open records in the case of an inmate who died while in custody at the Tulsa County Adult Detention Center.

The court found in favor of the Tulsa World and ordered the defendants to pay all of the newspaper's legal fees.

That money, along with additional funds, was donated by the Tulsa World to create First Amendment Centers in libraries.

Oklahoman staff writer Diana Baldwin presented the award to Worley.

Many others were also recognized for achievements in journalism.

The following list in-

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NEXT Board Meeting, March 10

Make plans to attend the monthly board meetings of the Oklahoma Pro chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, held the second Friday of each month.

The meetings are a great place to be heard and share ideas with other SPJ members or to become a member.

The next meeting is noon, March 10 at the OPA board meeting room located at 3601 N. Lincoln in Oklahoma City.

Bring a brown-bag lunch including a drink and join fellow journalists.

SPJ needs you and your ideas so make plans to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tulsa World editor, staff receive award for battle to defend public's right to know

By *Diana Baldwin*
SPJ Board Member

An example of determination backed with the strong conviction that public records should be open doesn't get much better than the two-year legal battle fought by the 1999 First Amendment Award winner.

Executive editor Joe Worley and his Tulsa World staff were honored for their efforts Feb. 26 by the Oklahoma Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists at the annual awards banquet.

Worley, who was named executive editor on April 1, 1995, accepted the award for the newspaper's court fight during the investigation of the 1997 death of Charles Edward Guffey, an inmate at the Tulsa County Adult Detention

Center.

The World's request to the Tulsa County Sheriff's Department and Wexford Health Sources, Inc., its health care provider, were repeatedly denied.

Sheriff Stanley Glantz claimed the files on Guffey's death were part of a criminal investigation. The World staff disagreed. Worley never backed down and filed a lawsuit. He argued the records were open because the documents were part maintained in the ordinary course of operations.

In April 1998, the court determined some of the records were in whole or in part open, but others were not subject to production because they were investigatory.

As a result, the judge ordered that the defendants pay The World's legal fees.



Joe Worley

The World donated the money to help create First Amendment Centers in libraries.

"Throughout its history, the World has been dedicated to the idea that the public's business should be done in public," Worley said. "When Sheriff Glantz's office refused access to the documents, it was not a difficult decision for us to go to court to force the issue. Important public policy issues were at stake."

Worley served the newspaper as managing editor for 18 months prior to being named the executive editor. He also worked as the Sunday editor for six years.

He was managing editor of the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner from 1983 until 1987. He was also city editor, political editor and copy editor for the afternoon newspaper. He also worked for newspapers in Augusta, Ga. and Johnson City, Tenn.

Worley is a board member of the Oklahoma Press Association. He is a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and is a former member of the Tulsa Press Club.

Outside the newsroom, Worley is a lieutenant colonel in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. He has served for 30 years.

Longtime journalist recognized by peers

By *Mark Hanebutt*
SPJ Board Member

Former University of Central Oklahoma journalism Professor Dennie Hall received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists during the annual awards banquet Feb. 26.

Hall, who labels himself "an avid advocate of open government" with "a reverence for First Amendment principles," has worked in some area of journalism since 1956.

He has established sev-

eral student chapters of SPJ and has been a past president of the Oklahoma Pro Chapter of SPJ.

He is also a former director of the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, and a charter member of Oklahoma Freedom of Information, Inc.

He is a member of the Education Committee of the American Journalism Historians Association, a former member of SPJ's National Ethics Committee and the Bar-Media Relations Committee for the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Before coming to Okla-

homa, Hall worked on newspapers in Missouri and Arkansas and served as news editor and copy desk chief for The Nashville Banner.

He now works in the features department at The Daily Oklahoman.

As a journalist and educator, he has written thousands of stories for newspapers and magazines, as well as the media guide "Press Rights for High School Journalists: A Guide for Students and Faculty Advisers."

Several members of Hall's family, along with more than 200 journalists



Dennie Hall

from across the state, were in attendance to see Hall accept his award.

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From the Contest Coordinators

SPJ contest ideas welcome

This year's contest was the best yet with more entries and a larger crowd of journalists coming together at the awards banquet than in past years.

We'd like to thank everyone who entered the contest and all who helped make the contest and banquet a great success.

As we begin to prepare for the next contest, we welcome ideas that may help us better serve the contest entrants.

We hope to see even

more entries this year.

SPJ is open to ideas and suggestions concerning the following:

- addition and deletion of contest categories.

- increased involvement from college newspapers.

- increased involvement from small dailies and weeklies.

- increased involvement from radio stations.

- future sites of SPJ awards banquets.

We will consider all ideas and suggestions sent.

Deadline is May 1.

This will allow time to consider and make any changes, and get the contest brochures mailed out by the end of July.

Contact Kim Morava at: (405) 214-5520 or kmorava@news-star.com

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—**Kim Morava and
Ronna Austin**
**SPJ contest
coordinators**

Experts offer best career advice

By *Sue Hinton*
SPJ member

Some 50 journalism students and about a dozen representatives from state and regional newspapers and the Associated Press came together for Job and Internship Fair 2000.

The program was held Feb. 25 at Oklahoma Memorial Union on the University of Oklahoma campus.

Students came from six Oklahoma colleges, including OU, Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma City Community College, Cameron University in Lawton, Southwestern state university

in Weatherford, and Southeastern in Durant.

News organizations represented at the fair included the Associated Press, the Daily Oklahoman, Tulsa World, the Wichita (Kansas) Eagle, Shawnee News Star and the Norman Transcript.

Tom Lindley, senior staff writer for the Daily Oklahoman, talked to students about preparing themselves for a career in journalism.

He said success depended on a happy blending of talent, hard work and luck.

A panel of recent graduates now working in journalism admonished students to write all different kinds of stories while in

college.

Several panelists talked about their plans to focus on one kind of writing, such as feature writing, only to find themselves writing lots of hard news stories — or covering beats they hadn't expected to write about, such as medicine.

Editors Susan Ellerbach from the Tulsa World and Carla Hinton for the Daily Oklahoman explained what they look for when interviewing job applicants.

Both pointed out that aspiring journalists should be prepared to take a writing test and a spelling test as part of the application process.

Banquet scripts, press releases available

Copies of the scripts and the press release for the Feb. 26 SPJ banquet are still available by request.

Submit the request to: SPJ, P.O. Box 1727, Shawnee, OK 74802-1727, by e-mail to raustin@okc.cc.ok.us or

by phone to Kim Morava at (405) 214-5520 or Ronna Austin at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7307.

Journalists take honors at annual SPJ banquet

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cludes winners in all categories. Judges did not award a first place in every category.

Newspapers

Division A newspapers have circulations of 18,000 or more. Division B newspapers have a 7,000 to 17,999 circulation while Division C is for newspapers with less than 7,000 circulation.

Newspaper Division A

Investigative/individual: David Fallis, Tulsa World, first; Bob Doucette, The Oklahoman, second; Angie Vega, Muskogee Daily Phoenix and Times-Democrat, third; Phil Bacharach, The Oklahoma Gazette, honorable mention.

Investigative/team: Anthony Thornton, Mark Hutchinson and Charles Jones, The Oklahoman, first; Robby Trammell, Randy Ellis and Nolan Clay, The Oklahoman, second; Michael Overall, Ziva Branstetter and Barbara Hoberock, Tulsa World, third; Robby Trammell, Randy Ellis and Nolan Clay, The Oklahoman, honorable mention.

Enterprise/individual: Bobby Ross Jr., The Oklahoman, first; Thomas Conner, Tulsa World, second; Scott Cooper, Tulsa World, third, Tamie Ross, The Oklahoman, honorable mention.

Enterprise/team: Oklahoman staff writers, first and second place; Shaun Schafer, David Fallis and Julie Bryant, Tulsa World, third; Enid News and Eagle staff, honorable mention.

General reporting: Rik Espinosa and Omer Gillham, Tulsa World, first; Christy Watson, The Oklahoman, second; Phil Bacharach and Holly Bailey, The Oklahoma Gazette, third; John Parker, The Oklahoman, honorable mention.

Spot news: Randy Ellis, The Oklahoman, first; Nicole Marshall, Tulsa World, second; Ashley Parrish, Tulsa World, third; Mark A. Hutchinson, The Oklahoman, honorable mention.

Feature writing: Phil Bacharach, The Oklahoma Gazette, first; Michael Overall, Tulsa World, second; Nicole Nascenzi, Tulsa World, third; Bobby Ross Jr., The Oklahoman, honorable mention.

Personal column: Tamie Ross, The Oklahoman, first; Nolan Clay, The Oklahoman, second; Berry Tramel, The Oklahoman, third; Pam Fleischaker, The Oklahoma Gazette, honorable mention.

Editorial/commentary: Pam Fleischaker, The Oklahoma Gazette, first and third place; Patrick B. McGuigan, The Oklahoman, second place.

Political/government: Tim Hoover, Tulsa World, first; Robby Trammell and Nolan Clay, The Oklahoman, second; Holly Bailey, The Oklahoma Gazette, third; Mick Hinton and John Greiner, The Oklahoman, honorable mention.

Business/general reporting: Bryan Painter, The Oklahoman, first; Russell Ray, Tulsa World, second; Dana Simon, Tulsa World, third; Shaun Schafer,

Tulsa World, honorable mention.

Business/feature: Sonya Colberg, Tulsa World, first and second place; Nicole Nascenzi, Tulsa World, third; Dana Simon, Tulsa World, honorable mention.

Entertainment/feature: Elizabeth Lowry, The Oklahoma Gazette, first; Tamie Ross, The Oklahoman, second; Chris Jones, The Oklahoman, third; Bryan Painter, The Oklahoman, honorable mention.

Entertainment/review: Dennis King, Tulsa World, first; Thomas Conner, Tulsa World, second; James Watts Jr., Tulsa World, third; Thomas Conner, Tulsa World, honorable mention.

Sports/general news: John E. Hoover, Tulsa World, first; Berry Tramel, The Oklahoman, second; Mike Koehler, Muskogee Daily Phoenix and Times-Democrat, third; Phillip Baeza, Muskogee Daily Phoenix, honorable mention.

Sports/feature: Rhett Morgan, Tulsa World, first; Bill Haisten, Tulsa World, second; John Rohde, The Oklahoman, third; Mike Carrels, Muskogee Daily Phoenix, honorable mention.

Sports/column: John Klein, Tulsa World, first and second place; Berry Tramel, The Oklahoman, third; Pam Fleischaker, Oklahoma Gazette, honorable mention.

News page layout: Billy Berkenbile, Tulsa World, first; Phill Spiker, Tulsa World, second; Denise Hillman, The Oklahoman, third; Paul Tyrrell, Tulsa World, honorable mention.

Feature page layout: Susan Cyrus, Tulsa World, first and third place; Renee Lawrence, The Oklahoman, second place and honorable mention.

Headlines: Steve Byerly, The Oklahoman, first; Joan Cuccio, The Oklahoman, second; Bill Hickman, The Oklahoman, third place.

Feature photography: Tom Gilbert, Tulsa World, first; Christopher Smith, Enid News and Eagle, second; Stephen Holman, Tulsa World, third; Jaconna Aguirre, The Oklahoman, honorable mention; and Mike Simons, Tulsa World, honorable mention.

Sports photography: David McDaniel, The Oklahoman, first; Jim Beckel, The Oklahoman, second; Kelly Kerr, Tulsa World, second; Daryl Wilson, Tulsa World, third; Kelly Kerr, Tulsa World, honorable mention.

General photography: Jim Beckel, The Oklahoman, first; Paul Southerland, The Oklahoman, second; Stephen Pingry, Tulsa World, third; Brandi Stafford, Tulsa World, third; and John Clanton, Enid News and Eagle, honorable mention.

Newspaper Division B

Investigative/individual: Justin Juozapavicius, OSU The Daily O'Collegian, first.

Enterprise/individual: James Coburn, The Edmond Sun, first.

Enterprise/team: Quanah Leonard, Lisa Sibenaller, Cary Aspinwall, T.J. Londagin, Emmy

See "Winners," p. 5



Local journalism chapter names award recipients

"Winners," cont. from p. 4

Burdett, Adana Conway, Justin Wilmeth, OSU The Daily O'Collegian, first; The Shawnee News-Star staff, second; Brandy McDonnell, Kimberly D. Morava and Shana Sallaska, The Shawnee News-Star, third.

General reporting: Lori Whitaker, OU Oklahoma Daily, third place and honorable mention.

Feature writing: Sandi J. Craig, The Edmond Sun, first; Kimberly D. Morava, The Shawnee News-Star, second place.

Personal column: Peggy Stevens, The Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise, first; Mat DeKinder, OSU The Daily O'Collegian, honorable mention.

Editorial/commentary: Cary Aspinwall, OSU The Daily O'Collegian, first; Lisa Sibenaller, OSU The Daily O'Collegian, second.

Business/feature writing: April Wilkerson, The Shawnee News-Star, second; Sandi J. Craig, The Edmond Sun, third place and honorable mention.

Entertainment feature writing: April Wilkerson, The Shawnee News-Star, first.

Entertainment review: Cary Aspinwall, OSU The Daily O'Collegian, first; April Wilkerson, The Shawnee News-Star, third.

Sports/general news: Brad Collins, OSU The Daily O'Collegian, honorable mention.

Sports feature: James Gutzmer, The Shawnee News-Star, second.

News page layout: Matthew Clayton, OSU The Daily O'Collegian, first; Paul Rutherford, OSU The

Daily O'Collegian, honorable mention.

Feature page layout: Cary Aspinwall, OSU The Daily O'Collegian, honorable mention.

Headlines: Matthew Clayton, OSU The Daily O'Collegian, second.

Feature photography: Joe Ricketts, OSU The Daily O'Collegian, first; Brandy McDonnell, The Shawnee News-Star, honorable mention.

Sports photography: Ed Blochowiak, The Shawnee News-Star, first.

General photography: Ed Blochowiak, The Shawnee News-Star, second.

Newspaper Division C

Investigative/individual: Melissa Guice, Oklahoma City Community College Pioneer, first.

General reporting: John A. Small, The Johnston County Capital-Democrat, first and second place; Melissa Guice, Oklahoma City Community College Pioneer, third.

Spot news: Darcey Ralls, Oklahoma City Community College Pioneer, second; William Wright, University of Tulsa Collegian, third.

Feature: John A. Small, The Johnston County Capital-Democrat, first.

Personal column: John A. Small, The Johnston County Capital-Democrat, first and second place; Jimmy Rock, University of Tulsa Collegian, third.

Editorial/column: Ray Lokey, The Johnston County Capital-Democrat, first; John Whitlock, University of Tulsa Collegian, second; Melissa Guice, Oklahoma City Commu-

nity College Pioneer, honorable mention.

Entertainment feature: Kristen Maxwell, University of Tulsa Collegian, honorable mention.

Entertainment review: William Wright, University of Tulsa Collegian, first; John A. Small, Johnston County Capital-Democrat, honorable mention.

Sports/general news: Gerry Ratliff, The Johnston County Capital-Democrat, honorable mention.

Sports feature: Jeremy Golden, University of Tulsa Collegian, honorable mention.

Sports column: Gerry Ratliff, The Johnston County Capital-Democrat, honorable mention.

News page layout: Farzana Razak, University of Central Oklahoma Vista, honorable mention.

Feature photography: Valarie Case, Northwestern News, honorable mention.

Periodicals/Magazines

Overall Excellence: Mark Brown, Tulsa World, first; Nichols Hills News, second; Diana Hartley, Moore-Norman Technology Center, third; Terri Angier and Lori Nelson, Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation, honorable mention.

Feature writing: Nick Key, Sooner yearbook, first; Midge Richards, Nichols Hills News, second; Kathryn Yowell Baker, Classen High School Alumni Association, third; Sandi J. Craig, Backstage Pass, honorable mention.

Public Relations

Non-profit newsletter/

small budget: Sharon Burris, The Noble Foundation, first; Ronnie Bloomfield, The Noble Foundation, second; Bruce Ackerman, The Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority, third; April Goode, American Cancer Society, honorable mention.

Non-profit promotional material/small budget: Jason Graham and Diana Hartley, Moore-Norman Technology Center, first; Terri Angier and Lori Nelson, Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation, second; Johnston County Capital-Democrat Staff and THS Booster Club, third; Valarie Case and Angelia Case, Northwestern Public Relations, honorable mention.

Non-profit annual reports/small budget: Sherry Kast, Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency, first; Ann Mundy, Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Center, second; Sharon Burris, Noble Foundation, third.

Non-profit newsletter/large budget: Becky Talent, Oklahoma Bankers Association, first; Jo Welch, Seminole State College, second.

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Corporate newsletter, small budget: Tracy Alford, Oklahoma Dept. of Commerce, first; Marketing Communications at Logix Communications, second.

Corporate promotional material/small budget: Marketing Communications at Logix Communications, first.

See "Recipients," p. 6



Student journalists given sound advice

By Rhonda Hill
OKCCC Student

I could hardly believe the soft spoken, modestly dressed, almost timidly shy individual was a senior staff writer for The Daily Oklahoman.

He also was the keynote speaker at the SPJ journalism job fair Feb. 25.

Tom Lindley led the audience of student journalists into a self-examination of why people choose a career in journalism.

Lindley made his point by sharing some personal experiences.

He also assured students that curiosity and writing talent will enhance a journalism career but,

ultimately, each person has a different reason for choosing to enter into the profession.

Lindley told the tale behind one of his first successful stories.

It came about, he said, when he got the chance to interview a young man who played for a minor league baseball team in Juarez, Mexico.

Lindley said he really didn't have time for the interview but decided to take a few minutes to listen to the baseball player.

A few days later the man was seen stealing in El Paso, Texas, and, in an ensuing chase by police to catch him, he died.

From that experience,

Lindley went on to write an award-winning sports column about the many young athletes who dream of becoming professional.

"In this business it's really not what you put into it, it's what you get out of it," he said.

"You can be moderately successful in this business without ever having a concept of what you really want to do.

"However, you would be cheating yourself and the institution, because eventually you'd get stale or non-productive and this would be just another job for you."

Lindley said each person measures success differently.

Success on the job, he said, is a combination of talent, hard work and the luck of being in the right place at the right time.

Passion for the profession is the personal reason that motivates writers to stay creative in their approach and keeps them sensitive in creating worthwhile stories, he said.

Surf into familiar territory

By Ronna Austin
SPJ Secretary

It's easier than ever to be an active participant in SPJ.

Simply visit the "under construction" website of the Oklahoma Pro chapter at: www.angelfire.com/electronic/SPJ

Once there, members and non-members can gain access to information about local and national SPJ events as well as ask questions, sign-up for membership or renewal, contact local board members and much more.

Future plans include procuring a private domain name so the site will be even easier to find. Look for updates in future newsletters.

In the meantime, send us your ideas, suggestions and comments.

Let SPJ work for you!

PR, television, radio awards given

"Recipients," cont. from p. 5

Corporate newsletter/large budget: Kevan Goff-Parker, Seagate Technology, first place.

Corporate promotional material/large budget: Kevan Goff-Parker, Seagate Technology, first.

Corporate annual reports/large budget: Brian Alford and Tim Hartley, OGE Energy Corp., first.

Radio

Small Market

Spot news: Craig Beeby, Kelly Burley, Emily Eliot, Hannah Barbara Fulton, Carrie Hulsey, Jennifer Johnson and Dan Schroeder, KOSU, honorable mention.

Series/documentary: Craig Beeby, Kelly Burley, Emily Eliot, Hannah Barbara Fulton, Carrie Hulsey, Jennifer Johnson, and Dan Schroeder, KOSU, first; Kelly Burley,

KOSU, second; Carrie Hulsey, KOSU, third; Jason Shackelford, KUCO, honorable mention.

Feature: Carrie Hulsey, KOSU, first; Kelly Burley, KOSU, second; Heather Holeman, KUCO, third; Jason Shackelford, KUCO, honorable mention.

Sports feature: Kelly Burley, KOSU, first; Carrie Hulsey, KOSU, second.

Television

Small Market

Feature: Jason Shackelford, KCSU-TV, honorable mention.

Sports news: Jason Shackelford and Mark Scott, KCSU-TV, honorable mention.

Sports feature: Mark Scott, KCSU-TV, honorable mention.

Television

Large Market

Investigative: Chris

Halsne, KWTW, first.

Political/government: Chris Halsne, KWTW, honorable mention.

Spot news: KWTW News and Weather Staff, first; Chris Halsne and Dave Weed, KWTW, honorable mention.

Series/documentary: Linda Cavanaugh and Tony Stizza, KFOR, first; Scott Thompson and Harry Begay, KOTV, second; KWTW News Staff, third; Chris Halsne and Kim Albro, KWTW, honorable mention.

Feature: Scott Thompson and Catherine Curtin, KOTV, first; Scott Thompson and Grant Gerondale, KOTV, second; Terry Hood and John Florer, KOTV, third.

The contest and awards banquet is a yearly event and fund raiser for the local SPJ chapter. Look for news of the next contest in the June newsletter.



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Mick Hinton, SPJ board member and writer for The Oklahoman, is not pictured.

Austin site of this year's Region 8 conference

By *Ronna Austin*
SPJ Secretary

Austin musicians will have to move over to make room for the hundreds of journalists converging on the music capital in May.

The SPJ Region 8 conference, held in conjunction with the National Writer's Workshop is scheduled for May 13 and 14 in Austin, Texas.

Last year's conference and workshop were held in Edmond at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Speakers at this year's conference will include: Susan Ager, columnist for the Detroit Free Press; Kurt Andersen, author of bestselling novel "Turn of the Century," contributing writer to the New Yorker and past editor-in-chief of New York and Spy magazines; DaNeen



Brown of the Washington Post; former Poynter writing coach Don Fry; David Lewis, CNN; Leonard Pitts, columnist for The Miami Herald; and Leslie Yazel, senior features editor of Glamour magazine.

Conference highlights and additional information including online registration can be found on the Internet at www.austin360.com/nww

Registration is \$75 per person. Organizers say the workshop will sell out fast so make plans early.

Hotel information is available at the Hyatt Regency Austin, 208 Barton Springs, Austin, Texas, 78704. The telephone number is (512)477-1234.

For more information, contact Austin chapter president Kathy Walt at kathy.walt@chron.com or at (517)478-3495.

Society of Professional Journalists 2000 National Convention

This year's convention will be held Oct. 26 through the 28 in Columbus, Ohio.

•Visit www.spj.org for upcoming information•



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