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Judge allows cameras at Nichols preliminary

Ruling expected to be appealed

By *Barbara Hoberock*
SPJ board member

Payne County Associate District Judge Robert Murphy Jr. on Monday agreed to allow the Aug. 7 preliminary hearing of bombing defendant Terry Nichols to be televised.

But his ruling, overturning an Oklahoma canon, is expected to be appealed.

Murphy took under advisement a stay request from Oklahoma County Assistant District Attorney Richard Wintory.

Murphy, who is presiding over pretrial matters, called the canon bad policy and in violation of the state and federal constitution.

"The courtroom is not the private legal domain of the judge, the lawyers and the parties. It belongs to the public."

—Judge Robert Murphy Jr.

The canon bans televising a criminal proceeding when the defendant objects.

Nichols and prosecutors objected the motion, brought by Court TV and television stations in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Murphy's ruling is not expected to be binding on Pittsburgh County District Judge Steven W. Taylor, who will handle a trial if Murphy finds at the Aug. 7 hearing that there is enough evidence for a trial.

In rendering his or-

der, Murphy recited the lengthy history of cameras in the courtroom. His ruling is available at the Oklahoma County Court Clerk's office.

"The courtroom is open to the people," Murphy wrote. "The television camera enlarges the size of the courtroom.

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Television staffers awarded

By *Ronna Austin*
SPJ secretary

The news and weather staffs at KWTV Channel 9 in Oklahoma City emerged winners in the recent 1999 Sigma Delta Chi awards for excellence in journalism.

The television staffers won an award in the Television Spot News Coverage category (non-network) for "May 3rd Tornado."

SPJ National President Kyle Elyse Niederpruem said, "These awards recognize the best and the brightest, work that we should all be proud of."

There were 1,316 entries in 44 categories. Niederpruem said judges are selected "from among the society's members and non-members across the nation, each of whom has established a reputation for journalistic excellence in his or her own right."

NEXT Board Meeting, May 12

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, May 12, 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!

Cameras in the courtroom explored

By *Johnna Howard*
and *Amy Double*
OCCC students

When Judge Edgar S. Vaught allowed cameras into his Oklahoma courtroom in 1933, he did more than let America in on the proceedings of a high-profile kidnapping case.

He helped change history.

About 30 people — including students, professionals and members of the community — attended a seminar April 27 at Oklahoma City Community College to hear facts on the current and past laws regarding cameras in the courtroom.

The highlight of the evening was the viewing of a video showing footage of the Machine Gun Kelly trial held in the original Oklahoma County courthouse with Vaught presiding.

Kelly, in 1933, kidnapped prominent Oklahoma City citizen Charles Urshel for ransom, creating a national sensation.

Bob Blackburn, executive director of the Oklahoma State Historical Society, showed the film and discussed its historical importance.

"The reason we have this video is because we are

dedicated to saving the history of Oklahoma." Blackburn said.

From an era before televisions were in homes, the courtroom footage was processed and sold to local theaters where the breaking news could be seen on screen in a matter of a week.

The Kelly trial was perhaps the second trial to allow cameras in the courtroom. The Scopes trial after World War I set the stage.

The Lindberg baby kidnapping murder trial in 1937 resulted in cameras being banished for decades.

Oklahoma City attorney Michael Minnis also spoke at the meeting. Minnis is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association's Cameras in the Courtroom committee.

He said, in 1937 the American Bar Association passed Canon 35 which restricted cameras in the courtroom.

He said this came about because many believed the presence of the media upset the proceedings of a trial.

However, Minnis told the audience, many studies have been conducted and the assumption has never been proven true.

Oklahoma law provides that a proceeding may be taped or televised if all participants — including the judge and the defendant — agree.

Minnis said each of those individuals has the right to veto the action and anyone can refuse to appear in the final recording or broadcast.

He said access to federal court is a different matter.

"In state trial, filming is allowed unless vetoed by anyone in court... whereas in federal trial there is vir-

tually no access."

Before closing, Minnis took questions from audience members.

When asked what he thought the outcome would be regarding allowing cameras into the Nichols trial, Minnis said he could not predict what District Judge Robert Murphy Jr. might decide but said he would be within his right to refuse access by cameras.

The event was sponsored by the Oklahoma pro chapter of SPJ.

Journalists can search Internet for jobs, advice

There are several sites on the Internet that cater to journalists by offering nationwide job listings, advice for first-time job seekers, internship information and more. A few of those sites are:

•The Journalism and Women Symposium site at: www.jaws.org/jobs

•The University of California at Berkeley: www.journalism.berkeley.edu/jobs/newspapers

•Sunoasis Jobs for Writers, Editors and Copywriters at: www.sunoasis.com

•Journalism Careers at: www.asne.org/kiosk/careers/carerdet.htm

•Jobs Page at: www.freep.com/jobspage

Journalists claim cameras in courtroom victory

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Opening the courtroom doors wider through the camera lens allows the public to better exercise and enjoy this right."

Murphy also noted the

Oklahoma County jail, where pretrial motions have been heard, and the Oklahoma County Juvenile Center, where the preliminary hearing will be held, have limited seating.

Prosecutors and Nichols'

defense attorneys objected to the motion, saying it would impede Nichols' right to a fair trial.

Nichols is serving a federal life sentence for his role in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P.

Murrah Federal building, which left 168 dead.

Oklahoma County District Attorney Bob Macy is seeking the death sentence in connection with the 160 civilians not listed in the federal indictment.

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Chapter NEWS & VIEWS

Sending out an SPJ SOS

By Ronna Austin
SPJ secretary

If it's true that there is power in numbers, the Oklahoma Pro chapter of SPJ — which boasts almost 200 members — should be a force to be reckoned with.

The truth is — we aren't yet but we are close and easily could be with everyone's help.

This is a plea for members to stand up and be counted, to have an active voice in the chapter.

Some people are content

to join an organization and then do nothing but "belong," while others jump in headfirst and never come back up for air.

There IS a middle ground. Membership in SPJ is not an "all-or-nothing" proposition. There are many ways in which a member can contribute, all of which would be greatly appreciated.

For example, you may have an idea for a story you would like to see in the newsletter. Your options are: write it yourself and send it in or send just

the idea, and someone else can follow it up and write the story.

The bottom line is — you can be a lot involved or a little involved. You may choose to be involved one time or many times.

This is your chapter. To thrive it takes ideas, stories, news, organization skills or any other contributions members feel they can make — large or small.

Interested? Contact any of the chapter members listed in the column on this page.

SPJ members, students anticipate Austin trip

Two SPJ board members and several students will attend the Region 8 Convention May 12 and 13 in Austin.

The regional SPJ meeting is being held in conjunction with a National Writers' Workshop, sponsored by the Poynter Institute.

SPJ secretary Ronna Austin, journalism lab director at Oklahoma City Community College, will be attending her first out-of-town SPJ meeting when she goes to the Texas meeting.

Austin is well known for her work in the annual statewide journalism contest.

Also board member Mick Hinton, the Daily Oklahoman capitol bureau, will make the Austin trip, along with his



son, Song Ping (Lucy) Hu, Katherine Ether-ton and Michaela Marx.

The students were given \$50 toward the \$75 registration fee, plus \$50 each in expense money.

The Oklahoma Pro chapter of SPJ set aside \$1,000 to help students attend the Region 8 convention.

Funding was made available to the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University as well as OU and OCCC.

Each student will write a story for the SPJ newsletter *The Source* based on one of the workshops they attend.

The newsletter contribution gives them the opportunity to "write for their supper."

Writing coach shares advice

By *Kim Morava*
SPJ vice president

“Who’s living the story?”

That question could help reporters hone in on the root of a story — before they write it.

Kevin McGrath, writing coach for The Wichita Eagle, shared his insight about story ideas at the annual AP One workshop in Tulsa April 8.

McGrath addressed a group of newspaper editors and reporters at the downtown Doubletree.

The key to discovering great story ideas is getting past the burden of what to write when no meetings or events are taking place, he said.

“News is people doing stuff,” McGrath said, adding that “not all life is public life.”

More often, he said, the daily tasks of taking the kids to school or getting the trash to the curb are more important to people than just reading about actions of the city council.

“Find the people living the news, then you’ve got a good story. News events are part of the unfolding fabrics of life.”

McGrath urged reporters to use several devices to hone their ideas.

Using reference material of his own, McGrath shared advice and visions.

He offered the following suggestions:

- Story mapping — taking one idea and carrying it through all phases.

He said this is a technique that can bring about ideas, cause and effect, as

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—Kevin McGrath
Wichita Eagle Writing Coach

well as ideas for sources and points of view.

- Find the heart of the story.

McGrath said this is important as is finding the universal element that allows readers to see themselves in others. Targeting the drama of the story — the moment everything changes or the last 30 seconds before someone’s world is turned upside down — gives great power to the reader.

- Personalize a story.

Let the readers know why they should care.

- Find the emotional center — the joy, the aggravation.

This enables readers to remember emotional connections McGrath said.

- Personify the story or show the person living the story.

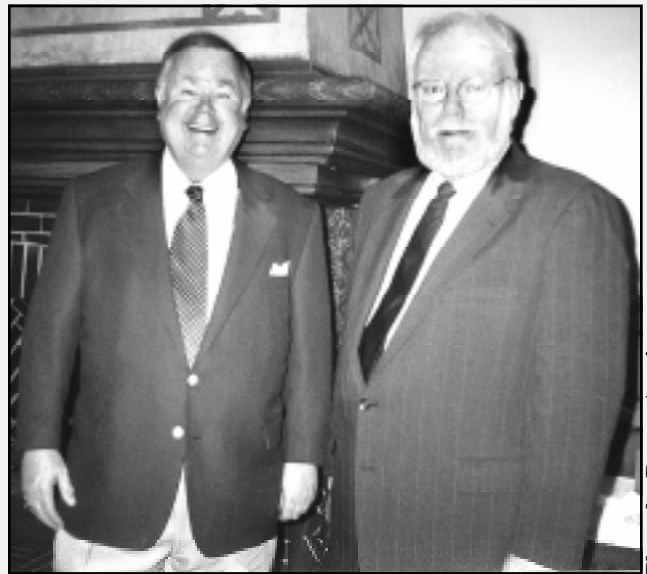
This can carry authority with the reader as the voice of experience.

- Recognize the power and drama of everyday life.

This, he said, can carry a lot of weight in storytelling.

Questions and in-depth discussion continued as McGrath found unique ideas to the most average

Dary bids farewell...



University of Oklahoma President David Boren, left, bids farewell to Director David Dary at a retirement party held for Dary April 28, his last day in office. Dary retired as the director of OU’s H.H. Herbert School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Dary said he plans to remain active in the goings-on of the school — particularly as it evolves into a journalism and mass communications college. Boren said Dary played an important role in making that particular dream a reality.

Several people and groups honored Dary with presents and awards. Dick Pryor, JayMac president, presented the outgoing director with a replica of a rocker like the one used by John F. Kennedy when he was in the White House. The Ad Club gave Dary a plaque called the “Hank” award — a thanks too big to fit onto the paper so that the only letters completely showing were HANK.

of stories.

His techniques were only some that were shared at the AP One event.

Others, including Toby Massey, assistant director of the AP State photo center in Washington D.C., outlined ideas during

other sessions held throughout the day.

The AP One awards banquet brought the day to a close.

A complete listing of AP One winners can be found on pages five, six and seven in this issue.

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chapter to Ronna Austin at:
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Winners of 1999 Carl Rogan awards named

(AP)Winners were announced April 8 in the 1999 Carl Rogan awards program sponsored by The Associated Press/Oklahoma News Executives:

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING **Division A**

First: Diana Baldwin, Penny Owen, Randy Ellis and Robby Trammell, The Daily Oklahoman; Second: Shaun Schafer, David Fallis and Julie Bryant, Tulsa World; Third: Robby Trammell, Randy Ellis and Nolan Clay, The Daily Oklahoman; Honorable Mention: Angie Vega and Donna Hales, Muskogee Daily Phoenix & Times Democrat; Angie Vega, Muskogee Daily Phoenix & Times-Democrat.

Division B

First: Justin Juoza-pavicius, The Daily O'Collegian; Second: James Coburn, The Edmond Sun.

Division C

First: Doyle Barlow, Tahlequah Daily Press; Second: Bob Sherrill, Sapulpa Daily Herald; Third: Becky Young-mark, Okmulgee Daily Times.

PUBLIC SERVICE REPORTING **Division A**

First: Tom Lindley, The Daily Oklahoman; Second: Ziva Branstetter and Barbara Hoberock; Third: Omer Gillham and Rik Espi-nosa; Honorable Mention: Staff, Southwest Times Record; Staff, Southwest Times Record; Honorable Mention: Angie Vega, Muskogee Daily Phoenix & Times-Democrat.

Division B

First: Virginia Bradshaw, Mike McCormick, Nancy Cook-Senn and Ed

Deck will go here

Blochowiak, The Shawnee News-Star; Second: Staff, The Norman Transcript; Third: James Coburn, Debbie Blossom and Carol Hartzog, The Edmond Sun.

Division C

First: Kent Bush, Shannon Prechtel, Lee White and Jenese Epperson, Chickasha Express-Star; Second: Kim Poindexter and Sarah Hart, Tahlequah Daily Press; Third: Troy Buchanan, Pat Reeder, Dave Story and Clarice Doyle, Claremore Daily Progress.

BUSINESS REPORTING **Division A**

First: Shaun Schafer and Michael Overall, Tulsa World; Second: Business Writers, The Daily Oklahoman; Third: Russell Ray, Tulsa World.

Division B

First: Sarah Cavanah, The Oklahoma Daily; Second: Randall Turk, The Norman Transcript; Third: Michelle Peller, The Edmond Sun.

Division C

First: Kirby Davis, The Journal Record; Second: David Page, The Journal Record; Third: Helen Mossman, Woodward News.

SPOT NEWS REPORTING **Division A**

First: Staff, The Daily Oklahoman; Second: Staff, Muskogee Daily Phoenix & Times-Democrat; Third: Nicole Marshall, Tulsa World; Honorable Mention: Michael Smith and Scott Cooper, Tulsa World.

Division B

First: Staff, The Norman Transcript; Second:

Marsha Miller, The Daily Ardmoreite; Third: Tom Chaney and Bill Scott, The Edmond Sun; Honorable Mention: Susan Woolsey, McAlester News-Capital & Democrat.

Division C

First: Kent Bush, Regina Garvie, Shannon Prechtel, Jenese Epperson, Chickasha Express-Star; Second: Matt Swearingin, Durant Daily Democrat; Third: Bob Gibbins, Tahlequah Daily Press; Honorable Mention: Darren Currin, Gregory Potts, Kirby Davis, Marie Price and Mark Hancock, The Journal Record.

GENERAL NEWS REPORTING **Division A**

First: Staff, Tulsa World; Second: Newsroom Staff, The Daily Oklahoman; Third: Ginnie Graham, Tulsa World.

Division B

First: Ann Kelley, The Ada Evening News; Second: Jane Cannon, The Norman Transcript; Third: Lisa Chamley, Stillwater NewsPress; Honorable Mention: Shana Hawk, Mike McCormick and Ed Blochowiak, The Shawnee News-Star; Honorable Mention: Tom Chaney, Madhumathi Krishnamurthy, Michelle Peller, The Edmond Sun; Honorable Mention: Ann Kelley, The Ada Evening News.

Division C

First: Darren Currin, Gregory Potts, Kirby Davis, Bill May and Marie Price, The Journal Record; Second: Chad Love, Woodward News; Third: Francine Gustafson, Sapulpa Daily Herald; Honorable Mention: Robyn Hoffman, Weatherford Daily News.

FEATURE **Division A**

First: Michael Overall, Tulsa World; Second: Ron Jackson, The Daily Oklahoman; Third: David Gerard, Muskogee Daily Phoenix & Times-Democrat; Honorable Mention: Gene Triplett, The Daily Oklahoman.

Division B

First: Marsha Miller, The Daily Ardmoreite; Second: Tom Blakey, The Norman Transcript; Third: Stefanie Brickman, The Norman Transcript; Honorable Mention: Kim Morava, The Shawnee News-Star; Susan Woolsey, McAlester News-Capital & Democrat.

Division C

First: Helen Mossman, Woodward News; Second: Matt Swearingin, Durant Daily Democrat; Third: Bill May, The Journal Record; Honorable Mention: Herman Brown, Okmulgee Daily Times.

SPOT SPORTS REPORTING **Division A**

First: Bryan Painter, The Daily Oklahoman; Second: Penny Owen, Andrea Pricer, Mac Bentley, John Rohde and Mel Bracht, The Daily Oklahoman; Third: Sports Staff, Muskogee Daily Phoenix & Times-Democrat; Honorable Mention: Dan O'Kane, Tulsa World.

Division B

First: Justin Harper, The Norman Transcript; Second: Clay Horning, The Norman Transcript; Third: Eddie Hibbs III, McAlester News-Capitol & Democrat.

Division C

First: Doyle Barlow, Tahlequah Daily Press; Second: Jim Perry, Claremore Daily Progress;

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State journalists converge on Tulsa for to gather awards

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Third: Johnny McMahan, Woodward News.

SPORTS FEATURE

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Division B

First: Howie Magner, The Norman Transcript; Second: Justin Harper, The Norman Transcript; Third: Jay Upchurch, The Norman Transcript; Honorable Mention: Adam Wilmoth, The Oklahoma Daily.

Division C

First: Harold Harmon, Durant Daily Democrat; Second: Jim Perry, Claremore Daily Progress; Third: Robyn Hoffman, Weatherford Daily News; Honorable Mention: Chad Love, Woodward News.

SPORTS COLUMNS

Division A

First: Jenni Carlson, The Daily Oklahoman; Second: Nick Gholson, Wichita Falls Times Record News; Third: Joey Goodman, The Lawton Constitution; Honorable Mention: Berry Tramel, The Daily Oklahoman.

Division B

First: Justin Harper, The Norman Transcript; Second: Howie Magner, The Norman Transcript; Third: Jay Upchurch, The Norman Transcript; Honorable Mention: Stefanie Brickman, The Norman Transcript.

Division C

First: John Brock, Sapulpa Daily Herald; Second: Jim Perry, Claremore Daily Progress;

Third: Max Nichols, The Journal Record; Honorable Mention: Doyle Barlow, Tahlequah Daily Press.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

Division A

First: Jeff Mullin, Enid News & Eagle; Second: Carroll Wilson, Wichita Falls Times Record News; Third: Joe Bean, Muskogee Daily Phoenix & Times-Democrat; Honorable Mention: Berry Tramel, The Daily Oklahoman; Jana Thompson, Wichita Falls Times Record News; Jack Moseley, Southwest Times Record.

Division B

First: Andy Rieger, The Norman Transcript; Second: Andrea Perry, The Daily Ardmoreite; Third: Glen Seeber, The Duncan Banner; Honorable Mention: Mike Wingo, The Ada Evening News; Adam Muchmore, The Oklahoma Daily.

Division C

First: Harold Harmon, Durant Daily Democrat; Second: Paula Glancy, Pryor Daily Times; Third: Kim Poindexter, Tahlequah Daily Press; Honorable Mention: Pete Crow, The Grove Sun Daily.

EDITORIALS

Division A

First: Jack Moseley, Southwest Times Record; Second: J.E. McReynolds, The Daily Oklahoman; Third: Joe Bean, Muskogee Daily Phoenix & Times-Democrat; Honorable Mention: Patrick B. McGuigan, The Daily Oklahoman.

Division B

First: Glen Seeber, The Duncan Banner; Second: Linda Henley, The Norman Transcript; Third:

Carol Hartzog, The Edmond Sun.

Division C

First: Kim Poindexter, Tahlequah Daily Press; Second: John Gillette, The Grove Sun Daily; Third: Dave Story, Claremore Daily Progress.

REVIEWS

Division A

First: John Dunn, Southwest Times Record; Second: Thomas Conner, Tulsa World; Third: Dennis King, Tulsa World.

Division B

First: Leah Simmons, The Daily Ardmoreite; Second: James Beaty, McAlester News-Capital & Democrat; Third: April Wilkerson, The Shawnee News-Star; Honorable Mention: Nancy Cook-Senn, The Shawnee News-Star.

Division C

First: Nancy Seher, Woodward News; Second: Shannon Prechtel and David Pettit, Chickasha Express-Star; Third: Helen Mossman, Woodward News; Honorable Mention: John Lyon, The Elk City Daily News.

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Division B

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Division C

First: Rick Horn, Sapulpa Daily Herald;

Second: Lorrie J. Quinnely, Sapulpa Daily Herald; Third: Dorothy Willman and Clarice Doyle, Claremore Daily Progress.

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Division B

First: Michelle Hansen, The Norman Transcript; Second: Matthew Clayton, The Daily O'Collegian; Third: Christian Potts, The Edmond Sun; Honorable Mention: Rick Hoover, Stillwater NewsPress.

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First: Kent Bush, Chickasha Express-Star; Second: David Page, Jessica Mitchell, Kirby Davis, Mark Singletary, Mark Hancock, The Journal Record; Third: Clarice Doyle, Claremore Daily Progress.

HEADLINES

Division A

First: Jana Thompson, Wichita Falls Times Record News; Second: Bill Hickman, The Daily Oklahoman; Third: Doug Simpson, The Daily Oklahoman; Honorable Mention: Rusty Lang, Tulsa World.

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Oklahoma newspaper staffers recognized at luncheon

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First: Christopher Smith, Enid News & Eagle; Second: Phil Spiker, Tulsa World; Third: Mike Maddux, Enid News & Eagle; Honorable Mention: Todd Pendleton, The Daily Oklahoman.

Division B

First: James Coburn, The Edmond Sun; Second: Carlton Lane, McAlester News-Capital & Democrat; Third: Seth Prince and Mike Steele, The Oklahoma Daily.

Division C

First: Eddie Glenn and Kim Poindexter, Tahlequah Daily Press; Second: Clarice Doyle, Claremore Daily Progress; Third: Shelly Roark, Weatherford Daily News.

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Division A

First: The Daily Oklahoman; Second: Tulsa World; Third: Wichita Falls Times Record News.

Division B

First: The Norman Transcript; Second: Stillwater NewsPress; Third: The Daily Ardmoreite.

Division C

First: Tahlequah Daily Press; Second: Cushing Daily Citizen; Third: Miami-News Record; Honorable Mention: Claremore Daily Progress.

AP/ONE PHOTOS SPOT NEWS PHOTO

Division A

First: Paul Hellstern, The Daily Oklahoman; Second: Brandi Stafford, Tulsa World; Third: Mike Simons, Tulsa World; Honorable Mention: Brandi Stafford, Tulsa World; Stephen Holman, Tulsa World; Jim Beckel, The Daily Oklahoman.

Division B

First: Jerry Laizure, The Norman Transcript; Second: Todd Stubing, The Edmond Sun; Third: James Gutzmer, The Shawnee News-Star; Honorable Mention: Chris Landsberger, The Edmond Sun.

Division C

First: Kevin Tew, The Elk City Daily News; Second: Sheri Ishmael-Waldrop, Sapulpa Daily Herald; Third: Chad Love, Woodward News; Honorable Mention: Bob Sherrill, Sapulpa Daily Herald; Bob Sherrill, Sapulpa Daily Herald.

SPORTS PHOTO

Division A

First: John Clanton, Enid News & Eagle; Second: Paul Rutherford, Tulsa World; Third: Stephen Holman, Tulsa World; Honorable Mention: John Clanton, Enid News & Eagle; Mike Simons, Tulsa World.

Division B

First: Chris Landsberger, The Edmond Sun; Second: Todd Stubing, The Edmond Sun; Third: Don Alquist, The Daily Ardmoreite; Honorable Mention: Ed Blochowiak, The Shawnee News-Star.

Division C

First: Chad Love, Woodward News; Second: Tina Fowble, Altus Times; Third: Christian Potts, Sapulpa Daily Herald;

Honorable Mention: Sheri Ishmael-Waldrop, Sapulpa Daily Herald.

GENERAL NEWS

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First: Jim Beckel, The Daily Oklahoman; Second: Mike Simons, Tulsa World; Third: Mike Simons, Tulsa World.

Division B

First: Kevin Harvison, McAlester News-Capital & Democrat; Second: Becky Burch, Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise; Third: Todd Stubing, The Edmond Sun.

Division C

First: Mark Hancock, The Journal Record; Second: Chad Love, Woodward News; Third: Tina Fowble, Altus Times.

PICTURE STORY

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First: Mike Simons, Tulsa World, Second: Harry Tonemah, Wichita Falls Times Record News; Third: Christopher Smith, Enid News & Eagle; Honorable Mention: Christopher Smith, Enid News & Eagle.

Division B

First: Paul Rutherford, The Daily O'Collegian; Second: Steve Biehn, The Daily Ardmoreite; Third: Becky Burch, Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise; Honorable Mention: Becky Burch, Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise.

Division C

First: Sheri Ishmael-Waldrop and Bob Sherrill, Sapulpa Daily Herald; Second: Tina Fowble, Altus Times; Third: Billie Been, Henryetta Daily Free-Lance; Honorable Mention: Mark Hancock, The Journal Record.

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Tulsa World, tie: Billy Berkenbile, Page One Deadline Layout; and Staff, General News.

Division B

The Ada Evening News, Ann Kelley, General News.

Division C

Chickasha Express-Star, Kent Bush, Shannon Prechtel, Lee White and Jenese Eppersen.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Mike Simons, Tulsa World, picture story.

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tidbits...

SPJ website

•The Oklahoma Professional chapter SPJ website can be found at: www.angelfire.com/electronic/SPJ

Soon, the domain name, or website address, will be www.OklahomaSPJ.org

It's a great place to keep up with the local chapter and find helpful links to the national chapter.

College chapters should send links to raustin@okc.cc.ok.us

Ohio or bust!

•Oct. 26 through 28 are the dates set for the 2000 SPJ National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Those wanting to attend may register at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Columbus.

For more information online, visit the National SPJ website at: www.spj.org or contact: Bruce Cadwallader, local conference chairman at: bcadwall@dispatch.com

Additional numbers are listed at the website.

Students needed

•National SPJ is looking for 12 "bright, motivated and hardworking student journalists" to staff the Working Press Oct. 26 through 28 at its 2000 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

The interns will produce a daily tabloid newspaper which covers convention events.

Student writers, photographers and designers are needed.

For application details, visit www.spj.org

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