

**Richmond Times-Dispatch** (two awards)

"Flue-cured Leaf Quota Cut by 18 Percent"

**Winner:** Chip Jones

"Motorola Puts Chip Plant on Hold"

**Winners:** Bob Rayner and J. Leffall

**Certificates of Merit:** *The Gazette (Colorado Springs)*

"West Pac Workers Wait"

**Winners:** John Branch and Jane Turnis

#### SMALL NEWSPAPERS

Circulation: up to 100,000

*Durham (N.C.) Herald-Sun*

"Mitsubishi Semiconductor to Close"

**Winner:** Claire Cusick

*The Times of Northwest Indiana* "Inland Sold"

**Winners:** Russell Pearlman, Robin Biesen, Julie Fustanio, Andrea Holecek, Bob Tita and Thomas Stevens

**Certificates of Merits:** *The Register-Guard (Eugene Ore.)*

"Monaco will add 200 jobs"

**Winner:** Joe Harwood

#### WEEKLIES

*Crain's Detroit Business* "Rising Son Casts Shadow"

**Winner:** Joseph Serwach/Staff

*Investment News (New York City)*

"Yacktman Battling to Dump Directors"

**Winner:** Steve Daniels

#### WIRE SERVICE

**Bloomberg News** "Travelers/Citicorp Merger"

**Winner:** News Staff

**Certificate of Merits:** *Reuters* "Former Employee Says

Acer Bowed to Microsoft"

**Winner:** David Lawsky

**Kathy Kristof, presenter**

**Spot News Judges:** **Becky Bisbee**, business editor, *Austin American-Statesman*; **Steve Dinnen**, finance editor,

**Family Money**; **Ralph Vartebedian**, deputy business editor, *Los Angeles Times*; and **Jim Schachter**, Sunday business editor, *The New York Times*

**Introduction of new contest chairman**

**Frank Brill**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Reception continues**

# SABEW

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**Honoring 1998's Best business journalism and  
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**M**ore than 230 entries from daily newspapers, business weeklies and wire services entered the contests, which recognized the best overall publications and deadline reporting in business journalism during 1998. Eighteen newspapers were named Best in Business for overall excellence, and seven were recognized for certificates of merit. Eight news organizations were named Best in Business for spot news coverage. Five were recognized for honorable mentions. The category recognizes news organizations that produced superior work under tight deadlines. The SABEW Best in Business contest was started in 1995 to help set standards and recognize role models for outstanding business journalism.

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# Best in Business Awards

6:30 p.m.  
**President's Welcome**  
Susan Wells

**Master of Ceremony**  
Frank Brill, Contest Chairman

Presentation of Awards

## SECTIONS WINNERS

### GIANT NEWSPAPERS

**Circulation:** 350,001 and above  
*The Boston Globe*  
*The Dallas Morning News*  
*Los Angeles Times*  
*USA Today*

**Rex Seline, presenter**

**Judges:** John Brecher, page one editor, *The Wall Street Journal*; Robert Safian, managing editor, *Money* magazine; and Mark Vamos, business editor, *Newsweek* magazine.

### LARGE NEWSPAPERS

**Circulation:** 225,001-350,000  
*Rocky Mountain News (Denver)*  
*San Antonio Express-News*  
*Sun-Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale)*

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**Certificates of Merit:** *The Detroit News, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Omaha World-Herald and The Tampa Tribune*

**Bill Barnhart, presenter**

**Judges:** Joseph Winski, Chicago bureau chief, *Bloomberg News*; Jane Light, editor-in-charge/equities, *Reuters America*; and Jim Siepman, financial copy chief, *Chicago Tribune*

Best publisher Company

### MID-SIZED NEWSPAPERS

**Circulation:** 100,001-225,000  
*Hartford Courant*  
*The Montreal Gazette*

**Certificates of Merit:** *Austin American-Statesman and Contra Costa Times*

**Sougata Mukherjee, presenter**

**Judges:** Bill Roberts, Washington bureau chief, *The Journal of Commerce*; Jon Talton, executive business editor, *The Charlotte Observer*; and Thomas F. O'Boyle, assistant managing editor/features, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

### SMALL NEWSPAPERS

**Circulation:** under 100,000  
*The Bakersfield Californian*  
*The Press Democrat (Santa Rosa, Calif.)*  
*Reno Gazette-Journal*  
*The Times of Northwest Indiana*

Head to Success Small Biz instructor

**Certificate of Merit Winner:** *The Durham Herald-Sun*

**Randy Picht, presenter**

**Judges:** Bob Hetherington, business editor, *Memphis Commercial Appeal*; Brahm Resnick, business editor, *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle*; and Jessica Korn, adjunct professor, Columbia University School of Business

### BUSINESS WEEKLIES

*Atlanta Business Chronicle*  
*Cincinnati Business Courier*  
*Los Angeles Business Journal*  
*Philadelphia Business Journal*  
*San Francisco Business Times*

Focus on Business

**Certificates of Merit:** *Denver Business Journal and Puget Sound Business Journal*

**Jon Eansner, presenter**

**Judges:** Scott Fagerstrom, business editor, *Union-Tribune (San Diego)*; Cathy Taylor, vice president/editorial director, *Orange County Register (Calif.)*; Mike White, business reporter, *The Associated Press (Los Angeles)*; and Wesley Mann, editor, *Investor's Business Daily*

### SPOT NEWS WINNERS

#### GIANT NEWSPAPERS

**Circulation:** 350,001 and above  
*The Wall Street Journal "New World Order"*  
**Winner:** Steve Lipin

**Certificates of Merit:** *Philadelphia Inquirer "Bankruptcy and Sale for Allegheny"*

**Winners:** Karl Stark, Andrea Gerlin and Joshua Goldstein

*Star Tribune (Minn.) "Tobacco Settlement"*  
**Winner:** Business News Staff

#### LARGE NEWSPAPERS

**Circulation:** 225,001-350,000  
**Winner:** None

#### MID-SIZED NEWSPAPERS

**Circulation:** 100,001-225,000  
*The Birmingham (Ala.) News "Bruno's Chapter 11"*  
**Winner:** Business News Staff