

Billy Calzada

### Journalism Experience

September 2006 to present: Multimedia and still photojournalist for the San Antonio Express-News, a 400,000 Sunday circulation newspaper in Texas. Gather audio, video and still photos on assignment and produce packages for internet presentation using Audacity, Final Cut Pro, Soundslides and Macromedia Flash software. Use photos and videos to cover the U.S.-Mexico border and sports at all levels, and general news. Proficient in still digital and video photography. Adobe Photoshop, Apple Macintosh and Windows computers, many methods of remote photo transmission and internet connectivity.

February 2000 to present: Staff photographer for the San Antonio Express-News, a 400,000 Sunday circulation newspaper in Texas. Cover the U.S.-Mexico border and sports, general news, photo essays and features photos. Proficient on digital cameras, AP Leafdesk, Adobe Photoshop, HTML web publishing, Apple Macintosh and Windows computers, many methods of remote photo transmission.

April 1998 to February 2000: Staff photographer for the Orlando Sentinel, a 300,000-daily, 400,000-Sunday circulation newspaper in Central Florida. Highlights included coverage of the extensive wildfires that devastated the state during the summer of 1998.

October 1997 to March 1998: Freelance photographer based out of El Paso, Texas. Regular clients included Associated Press, Dallas Morning News, El Paso Times, Christianity Today, Los Angeles Times and others. During this period I traveled to Beirut, Lebanon, where I explored the Palestinian situation.

July 1987 to October 1997: Staff photographer for the El Paso Herald-Post, a 20,000-circulation afternoon daily in an international region of 2 million people. While at the Herald-Post, the newspaper was a Pulitzer finalist in two categories in the same year. It also produced an NPPA Photo Editor of the Year. Highlights of my years at the Herald-Post included coverage of narco-trafficking, immigration, free trade and Mexico politics.

June to August, 1986: Photography internship for the Herald-Post.

September 1985 to May, 1986: Photo editor for The Prospector, an 11,000-circulation twice-weekly student newspaper at the University of Texas at El Paso. Managed staff photographers and stringers, developed and designed photo pages and special sections and stocked and maintained darkroom facilities.

January to September, 1985: Sports editor and photographer for The Prospector. Duties included assigning, writing and editing stories.

## Awards and Education

William Randolph Hearst Journalism Fellow  
Media, Middle Eastern and minority issues studies, spring 1998

Best of Hearst Honors for 2006  
News photography, third place

Hearst Newspapers Monthly  
First place, news photography, August 2006  
Second place, sports photography, October 2005  
Third place, sports photography, November 2004  
First place, team news coverage, September 2004  
Second place, sports photography, May 2002  
Second place, news photography, March 2002

Knight-Ridder Tribune photo wire  
Best of 1998

National Press Photographers Association  
National third place, audio slide show, February 2008  
National second place, multimedia team video, March 2007  
Region 8 second place, spot news, March 2002  
Region 8 second place, picture story, January 2001  
Region 8 third place, spot news, March 2000  
Region 8 first place, picture story, July 1997  
Region 8 third place, picture story, August 1995  
Region 8 third place, picture story, August 1993  
Region 8 second place, sports, February 1992  
Region 8 third place, sports, February 1992  
Region 8 third place, picture story, February 1992  
Region 8 third place, picture story, October 1991  
Region 8 third place, picture story, February 1991  
Region 8 first place, picture story, August 1990  
National third place, feature, June 1988  
Region 8 first place, feature, June 1988  
National third place, picture story, July 1987  
Region 8 first place, picture story, July 1987

President's Medal for volunteerism, 2006

Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Association  
Honorable mention, spot news, 2005  
Honorable mention, spot news, 1996  
Second place, photojournalism, 1995  
Second place, photojournalism, 1994

Honorable mention, sports, 1994  
First place, team reporting, 1993  
Honorable mention, series, 1990  
Honorable mention, photojournalism, 1987

National Association of Hispanic Journalists  
Honorable mention, feature, 1992

Scripps Howard Newspapers  
First place, team reporting, September 1995  
First place, team reporting, August 1992  
Honorable mention, portfolio, August 1992  
First place, team reporting, February 1992  
Honorable mention, portfolio, February 1992  
Honorable mention, portfolio, August 1990  
Honorable mention, team reporting, August 1990  
First place, portfolio, June 1989  
Honorable mention, portfolio, July 1987

El Paso Herald-Post  
Terrific co-worker of the year 1989, 1994

El Paso Press Club  
First place, sports photo, 1989

Texas Intercollegiate Press Association  
First place, sports feature photo, 1986  
First place, live feature photo contest, 1986  
Second place, series, 1986

Society of Professional Journalists  
First place, series, 1986

University of Texas at El Paso  
September 1979 to June 1986, majoring in journalism.

Published credits

Time magazine, New York Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, Sports Illustrated, The Dallas Morning News, Albuquerque Tribune, Birmingham Post-Herald, Rocky Mountain News, Orange County Register, Associated Press, Agency France Presse, Honolulu Advertiser, Texas Monthly, Scripps-Howard News Service, Cleveland Plain-Dealer, San Antonio Express-News, Houston Chronicle, USA Today

Memberships, activities and volunteerism

Gallery coordinator NPPA region 8 website

National Press Photographers Association, NPPA Mentorship program, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Christians in Photojournalism, photography instructor at Boys & Girls Club of Volusia County, guest lecturer at Texas State University, San Antonio College Urban Journalism Workshop

Native Spanish speaker

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