

The Oregonian receives two Pulitzer prizes

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PORTLAND — The Oregonian won two Pulitzer prizes Monday, for public service and feature writing, bringing the newspaper's Pulitzer count to three in the past two years.

The public service award honored coverage by a team of four reporters that pointed out problems within the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service, triggered by complaints from passengers detained by INS agents at Portland International Airport.

Tom Hallman Jr. won the feature-writing award for his four-part series about a facially disfigured teenager.

Hundreds of Oregonian staff crammed into the company's conference room at noon Monday, waiting for the list of Pulitzer winners to appear on an enlarged computer screen as bottles of champagne chilled in the background.

As the awards appeared on the screen, Hallman's father wiped tears from his eyes as champagne bottles popped. The award was particularly sweet for Hallman, who has been named a Pulitzer finalist three times, but hadn't won until Monday.

"I am a product of The Oregonian," said Hallman, who started as a copy boy changing reporters' typewriter ribbons. "This is really where I learned to be a reporter. Great work doesn't come in a vacuum. It comes in an environment with freedom to do the best and freedom to grow."

Hallman's series, called "The Boy Behind the Mask," documented 14-year-old Sam Lightner's months-long ordeal as he underwent extensive and dangerous surgery to remove a mass on his face.

The day the last article ran in the newspaper, Sam suddenly fell into a coma, from which he has since awakened.

The INS stories — written by reporters Richard Read, Julie Sullivan, Kim Christensen and Brent Walth, edited by Amanda Bennett and editorialized by Rick Attig — detailed abuses of power by the agency, especially among immigration officials in Portland.

The city had been dubbed "Depotland" by some Asian publications because of reports of unfair treatment of Japanese and other travelers at Portland International Airport. The Oregonian also discovered that immigrants seeking asylum in other states, including California, had been jailed for years without being convicted of a crime.

The newspaper's coverage resulted in the early retirement of Oregon INS director David Beebe and a call for a review of INS policy.

"I really want to thank the sources. It took a lot of courage to tell their stories to us. Many had already been

through the mill with the INS," said Read, who won a Pulitzer for explanatory reporting in 1999. "It must have been daunting for them to retell their story to reporters."

Bennett, who edited the stories, said the Pulitzer validated The Oregonian's reputation as a nationally recognized publication.

"We didn't say, it's a Miami story, it's a New York story. We didn't settle for it being a local story. We took on a big national story, big national players and big local players," she said. "We were speaking for people who were outside the realm of the courts, and who can help people like that? Only a newspaper and the people who speak for it."

Oregonian editor Sandra Rowe said the INS coverage won because the Pulitzer board saw the reporters expanded a local story to a national level. She also said the story won because it created "real change" in

the INS. "Clearly this was important to this community and this paper was ambitious enough to take it national," she said.

The Oregonian has a paid daily circulation of 350,000 and 450,000 on Sunday.

Read, a member of the INS reporting team, won a 1999 Pulitzer in explanatory journalism for a series that traced a shipment of potatoes from the fields of Eastern Oregon to Asian markets to demonstrate economic globalization.

Hallman has also won the American Society of Newspaper Editors Award, the Ernie Pyle Award and the Sigma Delta Chi award for "The Boy Behind the Mask."

"It is a pride and pleasure to be editor of The Oregonian at this time in our history," Rowe said. "It is phenomenal."

Art

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gy degree, but those who knew her artistic past asked her to try scientific illustrating.

"I had kind of given up art before, but being able to blend these two disciplines has been kind of cool," she said.

To create her illustrations, Dartt first takes measurements of the artifacts she uses as models, then sketches them. She next uses a technique called stippling, which involves punching many tiny holes through the sketch onto paper. The end result produces a shaded effect.

"Journals usually don't use photographs because it's difficult to see the detail that can be seen in illustrations," she said.

Besides publications, Dartt said sci-

entific illustrating is also used in the archaeology field.

"People are needed on archaeology sites to illustrate things that can't be removed from the site," she said. "There are few archaeologists that seem to have the skill."

Although some of Dartt's drawings will soon be displayed in professional publications, she said she has no plans to stray from archaeology.

"Illustrating will be a great way to supplement my income, but I want to be an archaeologist," she said.

Eliza Schmidkunz, marketing and public relations coordinator for the museum, said the high quality of the display impresses her.

"What's amazing is how many scientific illustrators live in Eugene," she said. "I think it has a lot to do with the natural beauty of Oregon."

Stockton

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Stockton sold pirated CD-ROMs with Adobe programs such as Photoshop to some University students and others, using an alias on the Internet. Adobe's retail loss was estimated to be \$490,644.

Stockton will have to pay \$87,391.81 to Adobe to help compensate for the loss, but he will not have to pay any additional fines.

Also during the raid on Stockton's apartment, investigators discovered that Stockton had visited and downloaded images from more than 100 pornographic Web sites, including ones that contained

child pornography. As part of his sentencing, Stockton must undergo a psychiatric evaluation to ensure he does not pose a threat to children.

Until the evaluation is complete, Stockton is prohibited from interacting with minors unless approved by his parole officers and the court, which means he will have to discontinue some of his volunteer work with his church.

Chief Judge Michael Hogan of the U.S. District Court also ruled that Stockton's computer may be inspected during his three-year probation period. The judge's sentencing restricts Stockton from using the Internet to download pornography.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean

Hoar said that Stockton agreed to the mental health evaluation in exchange for the prosecution not bringing charges regarding the child pornography issue.

"Our concern is based on what we saw," Hoar said. "If someone has a tendency to be a predator to children, we want to do what we can to protect his access to children."

Because Stockton had his wisdom teeth pulled Friday, he could not speak at his sentencing. But his attorney, Mark Weintraub, relayed his messages to the court.

"He just wants the court to know that he's sorry," Weintraub said.

Resistance

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with people were civil.

While most people have supported the efforts the tax resistors are putting forth, some people disagreed with the idea of reducing military spending, Weaver said, mentioning one person whose business held military contracts.

"I love paying my taxes, this is a great country, man," one taxpayer shouted sarcastically while entering the post office.

At the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza, located just outside the Lane County Courthouse, the festivities were more interactive and entertainment-oriented.

Activities included a penny-poll, where people could take 10 pennies and place them into jars symbolizing where they would most like their tax dollars to go, and the opportunity to throw bean-bags labeled with dollar signs into the "Military Bottomless Pit."

The game involved throwing the bean-bags at a wheel partitioned into five military spending areas the protestors highly opposed: School of the Americas, nuclear weapons, arms exports, cost overruns, chemical weapons and "Plan Colombia."

"It's the bottomless pit of military spending," said Rob Castleberry, who recently became involved with tax resistance. "Throw your

money away here, you won't have another chance until next year."

The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee organized several local, state and national protests on tax day this year. In addition to merely protesting, Military Tax Resistance of Lane County was able to donate \$1,000 to a variety of peace-focused groups that included Cascadia Forest Defenders, Oregon PeaceWorks, the National Peace Tax Fund and School of the Americas Watch. The latter is a group that works to close the Army School of the Americas, which opponents argue is functioning as a training ground for international terrorism.

Some people at the events urged

taxpayers to consider military tax resistance.

"We cannot, in good conscience, pay for war," said Mary Loehr, coordinator of the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee. "We are outraged at how the U.S. government is determining its priorities, and we encourage others to consider refusing to pay for some or all of their federal taxes. We will take that money and give it to groups that are supporting life, not death."

Inside the post office, Eugene resident Mike Davenport waited patiently to part with his money.

"Some of this money goes to good programs," he said. "I'd like to see more social services and educa-

tion funding, less B2 Bombers, Star Wars, all that crap serves no purpose — it's wasted money."

Sue Barnhart of Eugene is actively involved with Military Tax Resistance of Lane County and has been a tax resistor for many years.

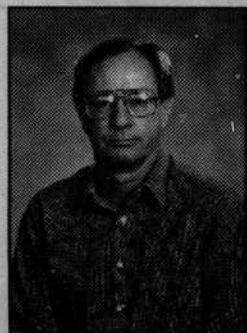
"If all my tax money was going to serve people and work for peace and justice, I would be happy to pay," Barnhart said. "But since so much of it goes for killing and war, my conscience tells me I must resist."

Now that Barnhart has adopted a child, the tax credit she receives allows her avoid taxation. Barnhart now donates part of the money she keeps from that credit to programs promoting peace.

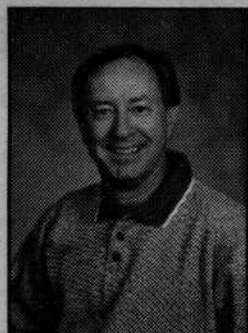
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