

Pulitzer Prizes

2009 – National Reporting – Staff for PolitiFact.com for its fact-checking Web site devoted to helping voters sort out the truth in politics during the 2008 presidential campaign.

2009 – Feature Writing – Lane DeGregory for her story about the discovery of a “feral child” completely shut off from the world until she was found by police and adopted by a brave and supportive family.

1998 – Feature Writing – Thomas French for his detailed and compassionate narrative portrait of a mother and two daughters slain on a Florida vacation, and the three-year investigation into their murders.

1995 – Editorial Writing – Awarded to Jeffrey Good for his editorial campaign urging reform of Florida's probate system for settling estates.

1991 – Feature Writing – Sheryl James for a compelling series about a mother who abandoned her newborn child and how it affected her life and those of others.

1985 – Investigative Reporting – Lucy Morgan and Jack Reed picked up an award for their thorough reporting on Pasco County Sheriff John Short, which revealed his department's corruption and led to his removal from office by voters.

1980 – National Reporting – Bette Orsini and Charles Stafford won the Times a second Pulitzer Prize for their investigation of the Church of Scientology.

1964 – Meritorious Public Service – The Times won its first Pulitzer Prize in 1964 for writer Martin Waldron's coverage of the Florida Turnpike Authority and its reckless expenditure of public money.

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Pulitzer Prize Finalists

2010 - Finalist in Local Reporting - Ben Montgomery, Waveney Ann Moore and photographer Edmund D. Fountain for their dogged reporting and searing storytelling that illuminated decades of abuse at a Florida reform school for boys and sparked remedial action.

2009 - Finalist in Feature Writing – John Barry for story on Winter, the Bottlenose Dolphin, who was rescued and fitted with a prosthetic tail.

2000 - Finalist in National Reporting, and Finalist in Feature Writing - Anne Hull for her quietly powerful stories of Mexican women who come to work in North Carolina crab shacks, in pursuit of a better life.

1998 Finalist in Explanatory - David Barstow for his narrative portrait of the legal struggle against the tobacco industry, centered on the personalities who were key in reaching a tentative settlement of billions of dollars.

1998 - Finalist in Investigative – Staff for its investigation of the corrupt financial practices charged to the Rev. Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention.

1997 - Finalist, Spot News Reporting – Staff for its thorough and balanced reporting of the circumstances surrounding the shooting of a young black man by a white police officer and the rioting that followed.

1995 Finalist, Feature Writing – Anne V. Hull For her account of a local businessman's secret life of drug addiction and consorting with prostitutes.