APME Announces International Perspective Award Winners

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NEW YORK The Associated Press Managing Editors announced today the three newspaper winners of its International Perspective Awards.

The winner in the large-circulation category (more than 150,000) was the Raleigh (N.C) News & Observer, honored for its four-part series about a sergeant in the North Carolina National Guard who was struggling with the death of a fellow Guardsman. He had promised the boy’s mother that her son would return safely from Iraq.

The Arizona Daily Star won the mid-sized circulation award for a story in the paper’s Spanish-language edition La Estrella de Tucson. The story chronicled the paper’s efforts to identify the body of Jesus Alberto Cabral Lopez, a 22-year-old Mexican immigrant who had crossed the border illegally into the United States. His body was found in the Arizona desert nearly a year after he had left his home in Mexico.

The small-paper category winner (under-40,000) was the Bronsville (Texas) Herald, for its reporting on the marked difference between public schools in Brownsville and the schools just across the border in Matamoros, Mexico.

The judges were Hank Klibanoff, managing editor-enterprise, Atlanta Journal-Constitution; Jill Nevels-Haun, executive editor/director of content and audience development, The News-Messenger, Fremont, Ohio; and Mary Rajkumar, AP assistant international editor for enterprise.

The winners will be honored at the APME’s upcoming convention in Las Vegas, set for Sept. 8-11.