

Religion Communicators Council

An Interfaith Association of Religion Communicators since 1929

2000 Wilbur Awards for work completed in 1999

Presented March 31, 2000 in Chicago, IL

Magazines: Local/Specialized Circulation,

M Magazine, Star-Banner, Ocala, Florida, "A Matter of Faith," July, 1999, Virginia Lewis and Richard Anguiano, managing editors

Books, Non-Fiction,

Simon & Schuster, New York Listening for God: A Minister's Journey Through Silence and Doubt, Renita J. Weems, writer

Radio Programs, Series

WGBH, Boston, Sound and Spirit, Program 444: "The Afterlife," 58:59 Ellen Kushner, host; Helen Barrington, producer; Jan Solins, executive producer, week of October 31, 1999

Newspapers: Newspapers, single article

The Associated Press, "Battle for Souls," Julia Lieblich, AP Religion Writer, January 16, 1999

Special Wilbur: Fred Rogers

Films, Short

Ergo Media, Teaneck, New Jersey, god@heaven, Joseph Neulight, filmmaker 20 minutes.

Newspaper Columns,

The Tennessean, Nashville, TN, "Tim Chavez Commentary," Tim Chavez.

(4 columns) "Groseclose story has another side," "Thank God for mother, other things," "Prayer as the answer hits home," "Huge flock shows respect for shepherd." tchavez@tennessean.com

Television, News/Local 6D

WBMA-ABC 33/40-TV, Birmingham, AL, "Matters of Faith," Continuing Report Series, Dave Baird, reporter/producer, anchor.

Newspapers: Other Markets (1 of 2 other is Poughkeepsie Journal)

Richmond Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Virginia, "Carrying Zana," Sunday April 4, 1999. Sibella C. Giorello, writer; Dean Hoffmeyer, photographer.

Television Films, Comedy

Home Box Office, Everybody Loves Raymond, "The Sister," October 25, 1999, 30 minutes

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The council has presented Wilbur Awards annually since 1949.

They honor excellence by individuals in secular media – print and online journalism, book publishing, broadcasting, and motion pictures – in communicating religious issues, values and themes.

Winners receive a stained-glass trophy.

The award is named for the late Marvin C. Wilbur, a pioneer in religious public relations and longtime council leader.



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Time Magazine, "Should All Be Forgiven?" April 5, 1999, David Van Biema, writer Reported by Emily Mitchell, (senior editor?) New York, et al.

Television: Drama

NYPD Blue, "Safe Home," May 25, 1999, Steven Bochco, David Milch, Mark Tinker, executive producers; Bill Clark, co-executive producer, 44 minutes

TV Spot

RE/MAX International, "Meditation," David Rea, creative director.

Special Wilbur, Charles Schulz

Newspapers: Other Markets (2 of 2 --other winner is Richmond Times-Dispatch) Poughkeepsie Journal, "Heralding the New Millennium," Sunday, December 12, 1999, Margarette Downey and Poughkeepsie Journal Staff, STUART SHINSKE, MANAGING EDITOR

Television: Documentary

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, "Man Alive: Bishop John Spong," from ten-part series, "Man Alive: Facing God in the Next Millennium." Broadcast on CBC, October 24, 1999, Frank Faulk, producer 26:50

Newspapers: Religion Section,

The Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas, Diane Connolly, religion editor

Still Photography,

The Sun-Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, "Year 2000: Christians in the Holy Land," three part series, September 5-7, 1999, Mike Stocker, photographer E. A. Torriero writer.

Comic Strip,

United Media, "Grand Avenue," Steve Breen, cartoonist

Films, Television

Showtime, "Devil's Arithmetic," March 28, 1999, Punch Productions, Millbrook Farm Productions, 1 hour 38 minutes.

Television: News-Network or National Syndication,

Dateline NBC, "The Healer," December 27, 1999, Geoff Stephens, producer; Andy Finkelstein, editor; Stone Phillips, correspondent

Theatrical Films

Warner Bros., "The Green Mile," Frank Darabont, Director

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