



# WHITE HOUSE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION

2007 White House News Photographers Award Winner Announced:  
Michael Robinson-Chavez and Chip Somodevilla Win Top Honors

**Nation's Leading Photojournalists Compete for Top Industry Awards**

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(WASHINGTON, D.C. – Jan 28, 2007) – The White House News Photographers Association announced Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, that *Washington Post* photographer Michael Robinson-Chavez has been named “Photographer of the Year” and Getty Images photographer Chip Somodevilla has won “Political Photo of the Year” in the 2007 “Eyes of History” contest judging over the weekend at the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C.

Michael Robinson-Chavez of the *Washington Post* has won the White House News Photographers Association “Eyes of History” Photographer of the Year award for the second time with the 2007 contest. Robinson-Chavez was the Photographer of the Year in 2004. Robinson-Chavez’s first place in the picture story-international news category was an account of the brutal month long conflict in Southern Lebanon in July 2006. He also won first place in the International News category with a dramatic image taken in the morgue of Beith Hanoun hospital in Lebanon along with an award of excellence in the Picture Story /Feature category with a story titled: La Violencia: San Salvador’s Plague. “The contest gets tougher every year because the quality of photographs is better every year,” said Robinson-Chavez after learning of his victory.

The “Political Photo of the Year” was awarded to Chip Somodevilla of *Getty Images* for his image of United States House of Representatives Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California reflected through a plastic podium while addressing supporters on Nov. 7, 2006.

“The White House News Photographers Association ‘Eyes of History’ contest brings the best images of the President, political leaders, and major domestic and international news stories of the year to be judged by the finest photographers and directors of photography in the news business,” said White House News Photographers Association president Dennis Brack. “The best of the best have been selected and we are extremely proud of the excellent images and intelligent choices of the judges.”

The principle judges for “Eyes of History 2007” stills are 2004 Pulitzer Prize winner Carolyn Cole, staff photographer for the *Los Angeles Times*; David Griffin, Director of Photography for *National Geographic Magazine*, and Janet Reeves, Director of Photography for the *Rocky Mountain News*.

The top winners of the still and television contests will be honored at the annual “Eyes of History” Gala on April 28, 2007, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington. The black-tie event celebrates all the winning photojournalists and the president of the United States. Nearly 1,000 guests, including government dignitaries and industry celebrities, and The President of the United States attend.

The television competition will be judged Feb. 10 and 11, also at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington. The WHNPA is an 86-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the efforts of Washington’s professional photojournalists. The WHNPA aims to provide professional and educational outreach to its members and the community through scholarships, programming, an annual competition and a celebration of the industry at the annual Eyes of History Gala.

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