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Amos E. Voorhies

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recipient of the
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for his 63-year career with the
Grants Pass Courier



Bob Caldwell

Editorial Page Editor,
The Oregonian

2009 recipient of the

*Amos E.
Voorhies Award*



BOB CALDWELL is an Oregon native who graduated from La Grande High School in 1967. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Oregon School of Journalism in 1971.

During his last two years at the University of Oregon, Caldwell worked part-time as a reporter for the Register-Guard in Eugene. After graduation, he left the Register-Guard to become a full-time reporter at the Albany Democrat-Herald. He began writing editorials for that paper after a few years, and was named managing editor in 1977. After a brief stint as managing editor for the Fournier Papers in Kent,

Washington, he returned to Oregon in 1979 to become editor of the Springfield News, and subsequently became publisher of The Outlook in Gresham.

Caldwell joined the editorial staff of The Oregonian in 1983 and became its metro editor in 1985. When Sandra Rowe became the Oregonian's editor in 1993, she made Caldwell its first public editor. This was an "ombudsman" post whose intent, in Caldwell's words, was to "explain how the paper works and to address reader complaints, comments, and questions about news coverage." Caldwell remained in that post until 1995, during which time he also served as a consultant and editor-in-residence for two new daily newspapers in Romania.

In 1995, Caldwell became the Oregonian's editorial page editor, a position he still holds. In that position, he writes often for the editorial board and directs the newspaper's daily commentary pages and Sunday opinion section.

Caldwell has been active in many professional organizations and is a past president of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association, the Oregon Newspapers Foundation, and the Western Oregon chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. He also is a member of the Oregon Press-Bar-Bench-Broadcasters Committee.

He and his wife Lora Cuykendall live in Portland with their youngest daughter, Ellie, a high school student. They have two grown daughters who live, work, and go to school in Portland.



Bob Caldwell (left) celebrates the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing with associate editors Doug Bates and Rick Attig, who wrote the winning series, along with Publisher Fred Stickel (right) and Editor Sandy Rowe (front).



Bob Caldwell and Editor Sandy Rowe listen as Publisher Fred Stickel (left) addresses the newsroom after *The Oregonian* won a Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing in 2006.



Bob Caldwell and *Oregonian* editor Sandy Rowe congratulate editorial cartoonist Jack Ohman on winning the John F. Kennedy Journalism Award in early 2009.