

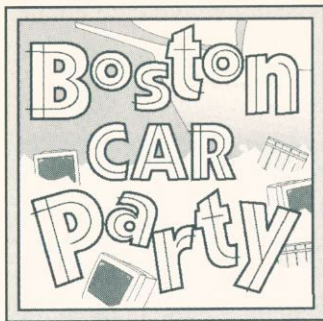


The National Computer-Assisted Reporting Conference

March 11-14, 1999

Boston, Mass.

presented by Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc.,
the National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting
and The Boston Globe



Welcome to the Boston CAR Party '99

It's been 10 years since computer-assisted reporting switched into a higher gear.

In 1989, two CAR institutes sprang up, one at the University of Missouri School of Journalism in Columbia, Mo., and one at the Indiana University School of Journalism at IUPUI in Indianapolis.

In the same year, Nine-Track Express – software making it easier to transfer data from a computer tape to a personal computer – freed journalists from complete reliance on data processing departments and mainframes.

Now that the future of journalism is here and thriving, this conference will display the incredible distance we have come from those days when most journalists doubted the practicality and eventual popularity of these techniques.

These panels and training sessions will not only cover the basic tools of CAR – online resources, spreadsheets and database managers – but also the continued sophisticated use of mapping tools, statistics, and other software.

Yet, we won't lose sight of the purposes of the on-site, virtual journalism school we create each year at these conferences: better reporting, better editing, better stories and the best journalism that we can practice whether in print, broadcast or online.

And, of course, when our minds get too taxed and our systems crash we have Boston and all its history, restaurants and music to distract us.

Quick Overview

In the Oval Room, from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, you'll get a quick overview of the conference, an update on last-minute changes, and the opportunity to meet the conference organizers of the Boston CAR Party '99.

Panels

Panels are marked as beginning (B), intermediate (I), advanced (A), or for everyone (E). Each lasts a rapid-fire 50 minutes. We're offering several sequential panels this year that build on each other.

Hands-on Training

Hands-on training is what makes IRE and NICAR conferences special. This year, we offer more than 60 classes on the Internet, spreadsheets, database managers, statistics, mapping and more advanced topics.

Paid conference participants should have received hands-on classroom assignments in their packets when they registered.

The Internet training will be offered at Boston University on Saturday. Buses will come and go from the front of the hotel. When you go there, watch for signs directing you to board a bus in front of the hotel to make the short trip to the university.

As often as possible, hands-on assignments have been made with your skill level and preferences in mind. If you signed up for hands-on training and did not get an assignment sheet, or if it doesn't match your skills, see the classroom coordinator at the IRE registration desk.

Reprints, Videos, Vendors and Jobs

IRE and NICAR bring information and expertise to one location. Demonstrations of new technology, and reprints and dubs of great CAR work show you ways to make your job easier. In addition, vendors will show you some of the best new products they have.

Demonstration Room

The demonstration room will feature top reporters revealing computer-assisted reporting techniques, software secrets, story analyses, research methods, and more. The demo room will be operating Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Check the program insert for specific times and topics. Some of the discussions include: Check it out: How to verify a database's details; Understanding how significance testing can lead your reporting; Sampling in the newsroom: Testing court records, on-time performance and other independent studies; and Data integrity check-up: Tips and tricks for keeping your data clean and your confidence high.

For speakers in the Demo Room, we will have a computer with a LCD projector, VHS, slide projector, and Internet access. There also will be computers for one-on-one, hands-on tutorials.

The demo room will also have samples from NICAR's data library. Staff members will show you the databases we have and how to analyze them.

Broadcast Training and the Show and Tell Room

This year we again offer the Show and Tell Room for broadcasters where they can show their videotapes, tell how they did the story, and get comments, criticism and support from their colleagues. We also have ensured there are relevant panels for broadcasters and hands-on training that can be applied quickly back at broadcast newsrooms.

How to reach IRE and NICAR

By mail at: IRE and NICAR, The Missouri School of Journalism, 138 Neff Annex, Columbia, MO 65211

By phone at: (573) 882-2042 or (573) 882-0684

By fax at: (573) 882-5431

By e-mail at: info@nicar.org

Web sites: www.ire.org and www.nicar.org

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THE BOSTON GLOBE

Thanks to The Boston Globe for acting as host for this conference and its generous support, which provided general operating funds.

GANNETT

Thanks to the Gannett Foundation for its generous support of the conference, providing funds for diversity and computers.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Thanks to Boston University for providing computer lab space, allowing hands-on training on the Internet.

NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

Thanks to NENA for its support in mailings to regional news organizations.

WEDNESDAY FEATURES

Grand Ballroom

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Registration, Hands-on Class Sign-up

THURSDAY ALL-DAY FEATURES

Grand Ballroom

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration, Vendors, Reprints,
Book Sales, Job Fair

Suite 501

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Computer-Assisted
Reporting Demo Room

Director's Room

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TV Show & Tell

Rostrum Room

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Video Dubbing Room

THURSDAY PANELS

Suggested Audience:

beginning (B) intermediate (I) advanced (A) everyone (E)

	Ballroom Foyer	Oval Room	Venetian Room
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.		(E) OPENING REMARKS Teresa M. Hanafin, <i>The Boston Globe</i> Brant Houston, IRE and NICAR	
10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	(I) Tackling the school report card: Evaluating your school system's performance Linda J. Johnson, <i>Lexington Herald-Leader</i> Jay Reeves, <i>The Associated Press</i> Heather Newman, <i>Detroit Free Press</i>	(E) Everyone's CAR: A quick look at beat and project stories from the past year Shawn McIntosh, <i>The Clarion-Ledger (Jackson, Miss.)</i>	(A) Running an Intranet the right way: Performance and maintenance issues to problem solving and user warnings Matt Carroll, <i>The Boston Globe</i> George Landau, <i>NewsEngin</i> John Moran, <i>The Hartford Courant</i>
11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	(I) From portable classrooms to new buildings: Covering your school system's capital budget Heather Newman, <i>Detroit Free Press</i> Neil Reisner, <i>The Miami Herald</i> Doug Smith, <i>Los Angeles Times</i>	(B) Beginning computer-assisted reporting: The tools of the trade Tom McGinty, IRE and NICAR Jennifer LaFleur, <i>San Jose Mercury News</i>	(A) Building a data warehouse: What to update and how often without creating a monster David Heath, <i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> Justin Mayo, <i>The Seattle Times</i> Tom Torok, <i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i>
12:00 noon	Lunch on your own		
1:30 - 2:20 p.m.	(B) Online quick-start, Part 1: Getting the most out of Internet search engines and alert services Christopher Callahan, University of Maryland Nora Paul, The Poynter Institute Randy Reddick, FACSNET	(I) Covering welfare reform, urban housing and other social issues Kevin W. Concannon, Maine Dept. of Human Services David Herzog, <i>Providence Journal-Bulletin</i>	(A) Putting it on the Web: Share your hard-fought databases with the newsroom and readers with PERL, VBA and other software Matthew Ericson, <i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i> Ted Mellnik, <i>The Charlotte Observer</i> Hal Straus, <i>WashingtonPost/NewsweekInteractive</i>
2:30 - 3:20 p.m.	(B) Online quick-start, Part 2: Getting what you pay for online – the strengths and weaknesses of pay services Kitty Bennett, <i>St. Petersburg Times</i> Christopher Callahan, University of Maryland	(E) Editing the story: How to ask questions when you don't know the data Mark Braykovich, <i>Akron Beacon Journal</i> Rich Galant, <i>Newsday</i>	(E) CAR on deadline: What you can do in an hour – if you're prepared Neil Reisner, <i>The Miami Herald</i> Janet Roberts, <i>St. Paul Pioneer Press</i>
3:30 - 4:20 p.m.	(E) Tips for building your own database when you can't beg or borrow one that someone else made Shannon Harrington, <i>The Roanoke Times</i> Sharon Theimer, <i>The Associated Press</i>	(E) Partnering with News Research (the Library) in CAR M. J. Crowley, <i>The Star-Ledger</i> Margot Williams, <i>The Washington Post</i>	(A) Cool tools to get past the drudge work and get back to your story David Heath, <i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> David Milliron, <i>The Atlanta Journal-Constitution</i>

FRIDAY ALL-DAY FEATURES

Grand Ballroom 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration, Vendors, Reprints, Book Sales, Job Fair	Suite 501 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Computer-Assisted Reporting Demo Room	Director's Room 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. TV Show & Tell	Rostrum Room 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Video Dubbing Room
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	Ballroom Foyer	Oval Room	Venetian Room
9:00 - 9:50 a.m.	(B) Local Reporting In-Depth, Part 1: Adding depth with budgets and salaries Cheryl Phillips, <i>The Detroit News</i> Stephanie Reitz, <i>The Hartford Courant</i>	(E) Investigative reporting in an online world: Pitfalls and opportunities Rose Ciotta, <i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i> Bob Tieman, <i>Newsday</i> David Weir, <i>Salon</i>	(E) Back to the future: Using CAR to organize your shoe-leather reporting David Herzog, <i>Providence Journal-Bulletin</i> George Landau, <i>NewsEngin</i>
10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	(B) Local Reporting In-Depth, Part 2: Covering the election, from campaign finance to election night Francis Gilpin, <i>The Tampa Tribune</i> Cheryl Phillips, <i>The Detroit News</i> David Washburn, <i>The Morning Call</i>	(E) Dead voters to deadly workplaces: Five classic CAR stories, and what you need to do them yourself Paul Adrian, <i>WTNH-TV</i> Chris Farnsworth, <i>Phoenix New Times</i> Mark Lagerkvist, <i>News 12 Long Island</i>	(E) Training models that work: Tactics for spreading CAR through the newsroom Frank Bass, <i>The Associated Press</i> Diane Weeks, <i>The Washington Post</i> Debbie Wolfe, <i>St. Petersburg Times</i>
11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	(B) Local Reporting in-depth, Part 3: Following the dollar in public spending – Vendors, grants and contracts Rose Ciotta, <i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i> Michael Diamond, <i>The Press of Atlantic City</i> Cheryl Phillips, <i>The Detroit News</i>	(I) Covering the university: Sports, crime and enrollment Kit Lively, <i>The Chronicle of Higher Education</i> Greg Reeves, <i>The Kansas City Star</i>	(E) Training by doing: First stories to get reporters' juices flowing and skills growing while building a data library for deadline Stephen C. Miller, <i>The New York Times</i> Anne Saul, <i>Gannett Company, Inc.</i>
12:00 noon	(E) Brown Bag Lunch: Weaving The Web Into Workplace Reporting S. Beville May, Esq., Attorney		
1:30 - 2:20 p.m.	(E) Census In-Depth, Part 1: Data sets to profile your community – from the Census and its cousins D'Vera Cohn, <i>The Washington Post</i> Paul Overberg, <i>USA Today</i> Paige St. John, <i>Tallahassee Democrat</i>	(B) CAR Quick Hits: Setting your sites on daily enterprise and short weekenders Dave Gulliver, <i>Dayton Daily News</i> Chris Roberts, <i>The State</i>	(I) Giving at home: How state campaign finance stories shook up the '98 elections Ford Fessenden, <i>The New York Times</i> Brendan Riley, <i>The Associated Press</i> Toni Whitt, <i>The Virginian-Pilot</i>
2:30 - 3:20 p.m.	(E) Census In-Depth, Part 2: Census 2000 nuts and bolts: Details you need to get ready and stories you can do now Peter Bounpane, <i>Census Bureau</i> Stephen K. Doig, <i>Arizona State University</i>	(A) Satellite imagery on your desktop: Practical projects for journalists Christopher Simpson, <i>American University</i> Robert Chen, <i>CIESIN Deputy Director</i>	(I) Federal campaign finance: Before and after the elections Kent Cooper, <i>Public Disclosure Inc.</i> Dwight Morris, <i>Campaign Study Group</i> Tony Raymond, <i>Public Disclosure Inc.</i> Derek Willis, <i>Congressional Quarterly New Media</i>
3:30 - 4:20 p.m.	(A) Census In-Depth, Part 3: Gini, diversity, dissimilarity and other tools to profile your community Philip Meyer, <i>University of North Carolina</i> Jennifer LaFleur, <i>San Jose Mercury News</i>	(B) CAR on a shoestring: Getting the story when you're on your own without a budget Frank Kummer, <i>Courier-Post, N.J.</i> David McPherson, <i>Cape Cod Times</i> David Washburn, <i>The Morning Call</i>	(E) CAR around the world: Updates from Scandinavia, Latin America, Australia and the U.K. Pedro Armendares, <i>Periodistas de Investigacion (Mexico)</i> Tommy Kaas, <i>Danish Association of CAR</i> Stephen Quinn, <i>Deakin University (Australia)</i> Milverton Wallace, <i>City University (London)</i>
4:30 - 5:20 p.m.	(E) Intranet models from around the country Russell Clemings, <i>The Fresno Bee</i> Rob Gebeloff, <i>The Record (Hackensack, N.J.)</i>	(E) CAR after 10 Years: A look at where it has been and where it's going James W. Brown, <i>Indiana University</i> Brant Houston, <i>IRE and NICAR</i> Nora Paul, <i>The Poynter Institute</i> Sarah Cohen, <i>The Washington Post</i>	

SATURDAY ALL-DAY FEATURES

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	Ballroom Foyer	Oval Room	Venetian Room
9:00 - 9:50 a.m.	(I) Crime In-Depth, Part 1: Incident reports from start to finish Carol Napolitano, <i>Omaha World-Herald</i> Toni Whitt, <i>The Virginian-Pilot</i>	(I) Marrying science and CAR on the environment beat Russell Clemings, <i>The Fresno Bee</i> Ken Ward Jr., <i>Charleston Gazette</i>	(E) CAR without public data: Getting the story from observations, compilations and other sources Laura Frank, <i>The Tennessean</i> Jennifer LaFleur, <i>San Jose Mercury News</i> Bob Port, <i>The Associated Press</i>
10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	(I) Crime In-Depth, Part 2: Policing your police David Armstrong, <i>The Boston Globe</i> Jo Craven, <i>The Washington Post</i> Geoff Dougherty, <i>St. Petersburg Times</i>	(I) Three nursing home stories that made a difference Michael J. Berens, <i>Chicago Tribune</i> Mark J. Rochester, <i>The Indianapolis Star & The Indianapolis News</i> Doug Stanley, <i>Tampa Tribune</i>	(E) Writing the story: Getting people in and numbers out while building the CAR narrative David Dietz, <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> James Neff, Kiplinger Reporting Program
11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	(I) Crime In-Depth, Part 3: Corrections records and how they can help you cover stories from prison and beyond Robert Benincasa, Gannett News Service Joseph T. Hallinan, Newhouse News Service	(I) Understanding health care databases, from birth to sickness to death Dave Davis, <i>The Plain Dealer</i> Ford Fessenden, <i>The New York Times</i> Patrick L. Remington, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine	(E) News and Numbers: A primer on responsible use of numbers in the newsroom Victor Cohn, author, "News and Numbers" Marie Tessier, IRE and NICAR
12:00 noon	Lunch on your own		
1:30 - 2:20 p.m.	(E) Public records supersession, Part 1: Negotiating for data with reluctant local officials Dan Keating, <i>The Miami Herald</i> Alan Levin, <i>USA Today</i> Bob Warner, <i>The Philadelphia Daily News</i> Roger R. Myers, Esq., Steinhart & Falconer LLP	(I) From collisions to congestion: Covering transportation with CAR Nancy Amons, WSMV-TV Rob Gebeloff, <i>The Record</i> Andy Lehren, Dateline NBC	(I) Taxes, sprawl and land scams: Using CAR to report on property Neill Borowski, <i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i> Dan Browning, <i>Star Tribune</i> Thomas Maier, <i>Newsday</i>
2:30 - 3:20 p.m.	(E) Public records supersession, Part 2: Privacy and privatization, the latest threats to public access Wendell Cochran, American University Edward J. Davis, Esq., Davis Wright Tremaine LLP Eric E. Jorstad, Esq., Faegre & Benson LLP Roger R. Myers, Esq., Steinhart & Falconer LLP David B. Smallman, Esq., Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett	(I) If it flies, it crashes: Big or little, getting ready for the plane crash in your area John Goglia, National Transportation Safety Board Elizabeth Marchak, <i>The Plain Dealer</i> Jim Morris, Airline Pilot Richard O'Reilly, <i>Los Angeles Times</i>	(I) From newsroom to classroom: Translating what you've learned for the next generation Teresa Allen, Boston University - College of Communications Brant Houston, IRE and NICAR Jeff South, Virginia Commonwealth University
3:30 - 4:20 p.m.	(E) Public records supersession, Part 3: What you can do to preserve public records or open them when they're closed Dan Keating, <i>The Miami Herald</i> Jennifer LaFleur, <i>San Jose Mercury News</i> Edward J. Davis, Esq., Davis Wright Tremaine LLP Eric E. Jorstad, Esq., Faegre & Benson LLP	(B) The latest investigative projects from broadcast Paul Adrian, WTNH-TV Wes Williams, KPXX-TV	(E) Shepherding CAR in the newsroom: Thinking critically while selling the stories Neill Borowski, <i>The Philadelphia Inquirer</i> William Casey, Journalist Ira Chinoy, <i>The Washington Post</i>

SUNDAY FEATURES

Grand Ballroom

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Book and T-shirt Sales

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Ballroom Foyer

Oval Room

Venetian Room

10:00 - 10:50 a.m. (E) **Taking it all back home:** Tricks for making the conference stick when you get back to the newsroom
Sarah Cohen, *The Washington Post*

(E) **Getting involved with IRE:** Interested in training or organizing, come talk to the IRE staff.
Tom McGinty, IRE and NICAR
Cindy Eberting, IRE and NICAR

(E) **Wrap-up for database editors and CAR coordinators:** The best of the conference to spread to your newsroom
Heather Newman, *Detroit Free Press*

11:00 - 11:50 a.m.

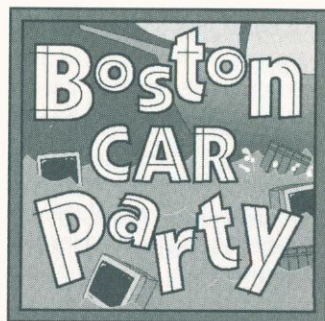
(E) **One last chance to swap great materials from your newsroom, your classroom or the conference**

Boston Speaker Bios

PAUL ADRIAN is the investigative reporter at WTNH-TV in Connecticut. He joined the station's investigative team in October after leaving an investigative job at WBNS-TV in Columbus, Ohio. Before that, he had worked as a general assignment reporter for WAVE-TV in Louisville, Ky., and also at KETK-TV in Tyler, Texas. He has used elements of computer-assisted reporting for about five years to help build foundations for his investigative reports.

TERESA ALLEN is an associate professor in the Department of Journalism at Boston University. She teaches a graduate course on research methods, crime reporting and writing. She worked as a newspaper reporter, mostly on the West Coast, for 15 years before joining the BU faculty.

NANCY AMONS has been a news reporter with WSMV-TV in Nashville for 10 years. She is currently assigned to the Focus 4 unit where she specializes in investigative reporting and CAR. Among her honors are two National Headliner awards, a Green Eyeshade award, seven Associated Press awards, a Silver Gavel, an Iris and three Emmy awards. She was Tennessee AP's Broadcast Journalist of the year in 1995. Before Nashville, she worked as a producer in Tampa and a photographer, editor, reporter and anchor in Savannah, Ga.



PEDRO ENRIQUE ARMENDARES, director of IRE-Mexico/Periodistas de Investigacion, is the author of a guide for Spanish-speaking journalists on Internet resources and regularly gives workshops on CAR and the Internet for Spanish-speaking reporters as part of Periodistas' team. He also is editor of La Red, Periodistas' bi-monthly newsletter in Spanish. Armendares previously worked at La Jornada newspaper as an investigative reporter, and also has experience in television and radio. He operates from Mexico City.

DAVID ARMSTRONG is a reporter for The Boston Globe. He recently completed a three-part series on spending abuses and discriminatory practices at the Boston Fire Department. He has also reported on elevator/escalator safety, the cover-up of police suicides, the liquor industry, abuse of the mentally ill and retarded, and non-profit organizations. His stories have won several awards, including the Polk Award and the IRE Award.

FRANK BASS has been director of CAR at The Associated Press since 1997. He has also worked at the Wall Street Journal's Texas Journal, The Houston Post and The Alabama Journal. He shared the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for General News Reporting and was the 1993 Texas Headliners Foundation Reporter of the Year.

ROBERT BENINCASA is special projects/database editor at Gannett News Service in Washington. He is formerly a database reporter for The Burlington (Vt.) Free Press. His recent projects include an analysis of furloughed prisoners' recidivism rates, and special interest campaign contributions to freshman members of Congress. Benincasa is a graduate of Villanova University and holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland.

KITTY BENNETT is a news researcher for the St. Petersburg Times. She created and maintains the Times' newsroom intranet. She was the researcher for a series of stories on Florida's probate system that won a Pulitzer in 1995. She was also a researcher for the Times' stories on Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention USA. The coverage was a 1998 Pulitzer finalist. She was a researcher for the Internet Kids Yellow Pages and contributor to Find it Online.

MICHAEL J. BERENS is an investigative project reporter for the Chicago Tribune. Within the last year, his stories have included:

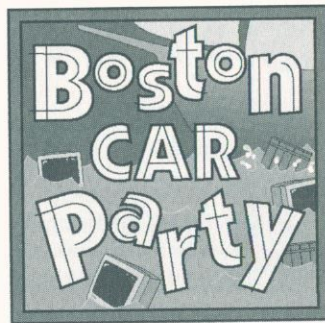
exposing flaws and a public deception involving the U.S. Department of Justice's annual Hate Crime Report; discovery of a Pentagon memo outlining potentially dangerous electrical wiring problems in commercial jetliners; and a three-day series uncovering a secretive state plan to warehouse young and violent psychiatric patients in geriatric nursing homes.

NEILL BOROWSKI is director of CAR/analysis at The Philadelphia Inquirer, a position he's held since 1993. He formerly was a business reporter specializing in economics and demographics. He co-authored a series on non-profits that was a Pulitzer finalist for 1993 and won the Goldsmith Prize in Investigative Reporting at Harvard. He joined The Inquirer in 1983 to cover the break-up of the Bell System. Borowski also serves as co-chair of KRICAR, Knight Ridder's CAR task force. He teaches CAR at Temple University and statistics for API's online training program.

MARK BRAYKOVICH is assistant managing editor for business, projects and CAR at the Akron Beacon Journal. He oversees the paper's six-member investigative and enterprise team, as well as the business section and CAR instruction for reporters. Prior to joining the Beacon in 1998, he was a database editor and investigative reporter for The Cincinnati Enquirer, where his work included investigations of police brutality, Ohio's parole system, juvenile criminals, and stockbrokers who bilked clients.

JAMES W. BROWN is associate dean and professor of journalism at the Indiana University School of Journalism and is director of the Indianapolis program. He founded Brown, Jensen and Garloff, a Minneapolis-based media production and has won numerous awards for his photography. He is executive director of IU's National Institute for Advanced Reporting (NIAR). He developed one of the first college courses on CAR and NIAR held six annual national conferences on the topic beginning in 1990. He has helped train more than 1,000 journalists to use data analysis as a reporting tool.

DAN BROWNING is CAR editor at the Star Tribune in Minneapolis, which he joined in September 1998. Previously, he worked as CAR specialist on the St. Paul Pioneer Press investigative team and at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch as a general assignment reporter, courts reporter and CAR specialist. He also has worked at The Arizona Daily Star in Tucson, The Anchorage Times and The Register in Orange County, Calif. He has an M.A. in international journalism from the University of Southern Cali-



fornia, where he was a Times Mirror fellow and a master's degree in print journalism from the University of Oregon.

LEN BRUZZESE is deputy director of IRE and an assistant professor at the Missouri School of Journalism. He oversees IRE's publications, its Web site, the IRE Resource Center, the Campaign Finance Information Center and IRE's diversity efforts. He also assists in the administration of IRE and the running of IRE's national and regional conferences. He comes to IRE after 20 years in newspapers, including editing and writing stints at USA Today, The Clarion-Ledger (Jackson, Miss.), the Pensacola News Journal and Gannett News Service. He most recently served as editor of The Olympian in Olympia, Wash.

PETER BOUNPANE has over 33 years of experience at the Census Bureau. His census-taking experience ranges from developing statistical techniques in the 1970 census, to day-to-day management of the census process in 1980, to developing and managing census promotion in 1990. He also spent several years on assignment to the U.N. advising countries in transition on census planning. He received a degree from Georgetown University, continued his studies at George Washington University and completed the program for Senior Managers in Government at Harvard University. He also has taught statistics at Georgetown University.

CHRISTOPHER CALLAHAN is associate dean of the University of Maryland's College of Journalism and senior editor of the American Journalism Review. A former Associated Press Washington correspondent, his new book is *A Journalist's Guide to the Internet: The Net as a Reporting Tool*.

MATT CARROLL is a reporter on The Boston Globe's investigative unit, where he handles most CAR work. He established the Globe's first Intranet site in 1995, linking to a wide variety of resources and an ever-expanding library of databases, ranging from driver licenses to campaign donations. He is the editor of a newsroom newsletter devoted to

CAR. He has run numerous workshops and seminars on CAR and the Internet for reporters and editors. Before the Globe, he worked for five years at the Boston Herald.

WILLIAM CASEY formerly served as director of CAR for The Washington Post, assisting reporters and editors from various departments with stories and projects and instituting training courses for the newsroom. He is president of SystemCraft Inc., an independent computer consultant. He also has worked as a research analyst and taught college geography.

DR. ROBERT S. CHEN is Deputy Director of CIESIN, the Center for International Earth Science Information Network, at Columbia University, and Manager of the NASA Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center (SEDAC). He is a geographer with a focus on the human dimensions of global environmental change. He has held research appointments at Brown University, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, and the U.S. National Research Council. At SEDAC, he's led the development of numerous award-winning Internet-based interactive data products. He has recently published a guide to earth remote sensing data and information in the National Research Council report, "People and Pixels: Linking Remote Sensing and Social Science."

IRA CHINOY is the director of CAR at The Washington Post, where he has worked on topics including campaign finance, aviation, banking and the use of deadly force by police. He previously was an investigative reporter at the Providence Journal, where he won a Polk Award in 1992 and was part of a team that won a Pulitzer Prize and IRE Medal in 1994. He also worked at the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune in Massachusetts and the Pine Bluff Commercial in Arkansas.

ROSE CIOTTA is the assistant director of CAR and analysis for The Philadelphia Inquirer. She joined The Inquirer in September after 21 years at The Buffalo News where she was the computer-assisted reporting editor. She also did a wide range of investigative reporting for which she won state and national awards. In 1990, she was awarded the John S. Knight Fellowship at Stanford University. In Buffalo, she was an adjunct at SUNY College at Buffalo where she taught CAR and investigative reporting. She is a member of the IRE Board.

RUSSELL CLEMINGS covered science and the environment from 1982 to 1995 for newspapers in California and Florida and now

does CAR for The Fresno Bee, the largest newspaper in California's San Joaquin Valley. He is a Society of Environmental Journalists board member, created SEJ's Web site, and was co-chairman of its 1997 national conference. In 1989, he used an Alicia Patterson Fellowship to study the environmental side-effects of desert agriculture. This work resulted in a book, *Mirage: The False Promise of Desert Agriculture*.

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SARAH COHEN is database editor for The Washington Post. Previously, she spent two years traveling the country as training director for IRE and NICAR. She worked as a reporter for the St. Petersburg Times and The Tampa Tribune. Her previous jobs include a decade-long career as an economist in Washington.

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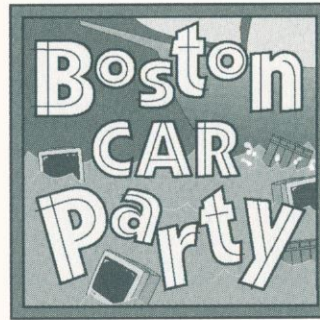
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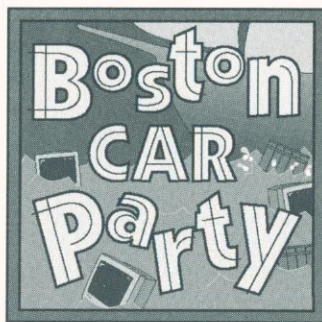
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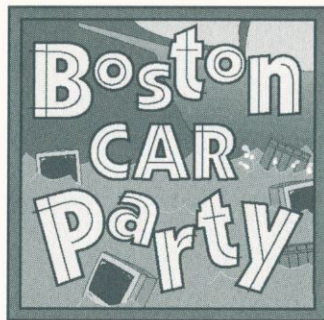
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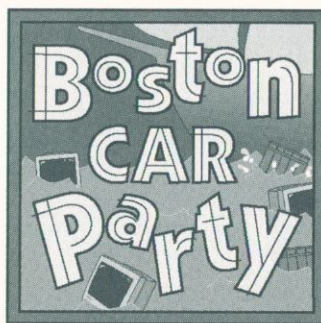
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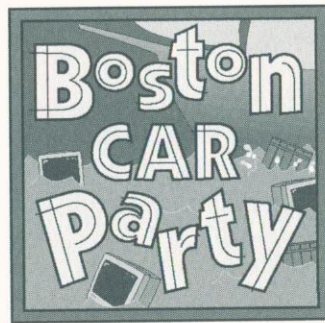
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DREW SULLIVAN is a city government reporter at The Tennessean in Nashville where he does a combination of beat and CAR work. Before that, he was news data manager for the Associated Press in New York where he worked on investigative stories, training staff and building computer tools for the newsroom. He worked for NICAR while at the Missouri School of Journalism and helped build its data library and analysis capabilities. He also has been a structural dynamicist for Rockwell International Space Systems.

MARIE TESSIER is a Maine freelancer working at IRE and NICAR for a semester while teaching at the Missouri School of Journalism. She has worked at the St. Petersburg Times, The Washington Post, National Public Radio and has been a stringer for a number of publications. She has received Harvard Goldsmith Research Award and a Maine Press Association award for opinion writing.

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DAVID WASHBURN is the electronic information editor for The Morning Call newspaper in Allentown, Pa. His job is to write stories, produce Web projects and buy government databases. He is currently about two years into his second tour of duty with The Morning Call. He worked at The Morning Call as a reporter from 1992 to 1996, then left for a year to work as an assistant producer for Dateline NBC in Washington. He was part of a three-member team at Dateline that won a 1998 IRE Award for a story on misuses and abuses of drug forfeiture money in a Louisiana sheriff's department.

DIANE WEEKS is the manager of computer training for the newsroom at The Washington Post.

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TONI WHITT is CAR editor for The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk. In more than a dozen years at the paper, she has covered general assignment and local government for 12 cities in North Carolina and Southeastern Virginia. Before becoming an editor, she was the Pilot's projects/investigative reporter. She left the paper for a time to earn a master's degree in journalism at Ohio State University, where she was a Kiplinger Public Affairs Reporting fellow. At Ohio, she taught journalism classes and served as adviser to the student newspaper, The Lantern.

MARGOT WILLIAMS is the new research editor at The Washington Post, after nine years there as researcher, manager of research and resource director for metropolitan news. She is the co-author (with Nora Paul) of the upcoming Great Scout! CyberGuides for Subject Searching on the Web, and writes a regular column about the Internet in the Post's business section.

WES WILLIAMS is the investigative producer and newsroom computer specialist at KPNX-TV in Phoenix. A normal day may include producing a story for the 12 Investigates team, working with public record databases, finding people who don't want to be found, and rebooting crashed computers. He created a networked application with Microsoft Access to help the investigative team track story tips from viewers. He also produces weekly reports about Web sites and Internet travel discounts. He also has worked at stations in Waco, Texas.

DEREK WILLIS joined Congressional Quarterly's new media department in 1998 and writes about campaign finance issues.



He is an editor of CQ's Federal PACs Directory and a contributor to Politics in America. From 1995 to 1998 he was metro technology coordinator and a reporter at The Palm

Beach Post in West Palm Beach, Fla., where he specialized in CAR.

DEBBIE WOLFE is technology training editor at the St. Petersburg Times, where she is the full-time teacher for 400 journalists and helps supervise beat projects related to technology and public records. She has been a reporter, managing editor, photojournalist, design editor, special projects editor, college-level journalism educator and news researcher. Her education includes a certificate in printing/graphic arts design, a B.A. in journalism from Michigan State University and an M.A. in mass communication from the University of South Florida, Tampa.

IRE and NICAR Office Staff Bios

LISA BARNES is assistant director of operations for IRE. She coordinates national and regional conferences and manages the IRE Awards. (Lisa was unable to attend this conference due to illness. She will be back for Kansas City.)

WENDY CHARRON is designer for all IRE and NICAR newsletters and promotional materials. She is art director for Missouri Magazine and graduates in May in Magazine Design.

JEANINE DAVIS is a NICAR staffer who copyedits Uplink and Tracker, among other responsibilities. After receiving a bachelor's degree in May, she begins a year-long editing internship with Knight-Ridder.

DAWN FALLIK is a NICAR data analyst, an award-winning investigative reporter and AP veteran. She's the Reader's Digest Fellow at the Missouri School of Journalism focusing on computer-assisted reporting and public policy.

JOHN GREEN is IRE's membership coordinator. He came to IRE following many years working in event planning, organization, coordination and management.

JASON GROTTO is NICAR's acting database library administrator and a graduate student at the Missouri School of Journalism. He was assistant to the publisher of Catalyst, a monthly news magazine covering the problems, progress and politics of Chicago's public schools.

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PAUL WALMSLEY is a former NICAR programmer and among many other accomplishments, designed the search engine for databases on the Campaign Finance Information Center Web site.

PANELS AT-A-GLANCE

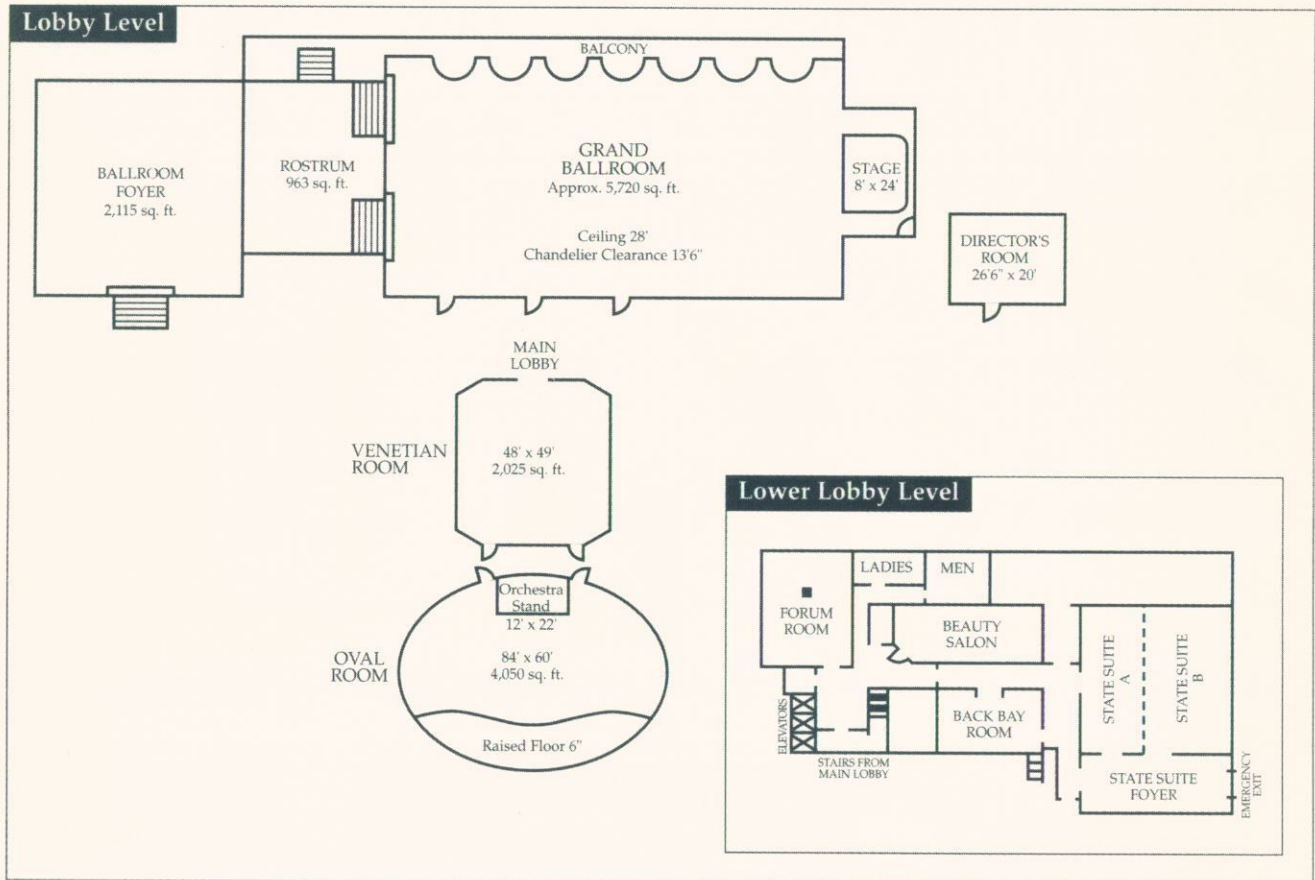
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	Ballroom Foyer	Oval Room	Venetian Room	
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.		(E) Opening Remarks	
	10:00 a.m.	(I) Tackling the school report card	(E) Everyone's CAR: Year in review	(A) Running an Intranet the right way
	11:00 a.m.	(I) Schools capital budget	(B) First steps in CAR	(A) Building a data warehouse
	1:30 p.m.	(B) Online quick-start, Part 1	(I) Covering social issues	(A) Putting it on the Web
	2:30 p.m.	(B) Online quick-start, Part 2	Editing the story	CAR on deadline
	3:30 p.m.	(E) Tips for building your own database	(E) Partnering with News Research in CAR	(A) Cool tools
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	(B) Local Reporting: Budgets	(E) Investigative reporting in an online world	(E) Back to the future
	10:00 a.m.	(B) Local Reporting: Elections	(E) Classic CAR: Dead voters/deadly workplaces	(E) Training models that work
	11:00 a.m.	(B) Local Reporting: Contracts	(I) Covering the university	(E) Training by doing
	12:00 noon	(E) Brown Bag Lunch		
	1:30 p.m.	(E) Census: Community profile	(B) CAR Quick Hits	(I) State campaign finance
	2:30 p.m.	(E) Census: Ready for 2000?	(A) Satellite imagery on your desktop	(I) Federal campaign finance
	3:30 p.m.	(A) Census: Stats methods	(B) CAR on a shoestring	(E) CAR around the world
	5:00 p.m.	(E) Intranet models	(E) CAR after 10 Years: What next?	
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	(I) Crime In-Depth, Part 1	(I) Science and CAR on the environment beat	(E) CAR without public data
	10:00 a.m.	(I) Crime In-Depth, Part 2	(I) Three nursing home stories	(E) Writing the story
	11:00 a.m.	(I) Crime In-Depth, Part 3	(I) Understanding health care databases	(E) News and Numbers
	1:30 p.m.	(E) Public records: Negotiating	(I) Traffic: From collisions to congestion	(I) Taxes, sprawl and land scams
	2:30 p.m.	(E) Public records: Privacy	(I) Air safety: If it flies, it crashes	(I) From newsroom to classroom
	3:30 p.m.	(E) Public records: Keeping them open	(B) The latest investigative broadcast projects	(E) Shepherding CAR in the newsroom
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	(E) Taking it all back home	(E) Getting involved with IRE	(E) Wrap-up for database editors
	11:00 a.m.		(E) One last chance to swap great materials	



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BOSTON AREA MAP

1. N.E. Aquarium/Faneuil Hall Marketplace
2. North End Commercial St. at base of Fleet Street
3. U.S.S. Constitution/"Old Ironsides"
4. Boston Common/Trolley Stop/City/Place
5. State House/Boston Welcome Center
6. West End/Holiday Inn - Government Center
7. Cambridge Marriott/Kendall Square
8. Beacon Hill/Charles Meeting House/Antique Row
9. Sheraton Hotel/Hilton/Hynes Convention Center
10. Colonnade Hotel/Prudential Center Shopping/Skywalk
11. Boston Marriott Copley Hotel
12. Newbury Street/Copley Plaza Hotel/Westin Hotel
13. Hard Rock
14. Radisson Hotel/Park Plaza
15. Boston Tea Party Ship/Museum Wharf
16. Boston Harbor Hotel/Rowes Wharf/Ferry Terminal

