

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFILE

Nationally prominent writer on environmental health issues. Associate professor of journalism at New York University and director of the NYU Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program, a premier science journalism training program.

Twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize during fourteen-year stint as the environmental reporter at *Newsday*. Recipient of the two best-known science journalism prizes in the United States, from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Association of Science Writers, for stories about environmental epidemiology.

Author of an award-winning investigative book, *Toxic Deception*, on the failures of chemical regulation. Writing second book, *Toms River*, under contract to Bantam/Random House, about the history of environmental cancer research, the current science of gene-environment interaction in cancer, and the half-century saga of the Toms River, New Jersey, childhood cancer cluster.

Freelance magazine writer for *Scientific American*, *New Scientist*, *Nieman Reports* and other publications. Frequent commentator in broadcast and print stories about science and environmental journalism.

Past president of the 1,500-member Society of Environmental Journalists, the largest association of journalists covering environmental issues. Recipient of a Templeton-Cambridge Journalism Fellowship in Science and Religion at the University of Cambridge.

EDUCATION

Dartmouth College

1981-1985

A.B. degree, with honors in government major. President and editor-in-chief of the independent daily college newspaper, *The Dartmouth*. Honors

thesis on campaign attempts to influence press coverage during the 1984 early primaries. Reporting internships at *Time*, *National Journal* and the *MacNeil-Lehrer Report*.

Templeton-Cambridge Journalism Fellow in Science and Religion 2005

Three-month fellowship to study interactions between science and religion at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. Topics included cosmology, evolutionary biology, bioethics, neuroscience, psychology, sociology of belief, artificial intelligence, theology, history of science, climate change, genetics and stem cell biology. Researched fundamentalist attitudes toward scientific discovery.

Science Journalism Fellow, Marine Biological Laboratory 2000

Week-long fellowship to study marine biology, hydrology and atmospheric chemistry at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Science Journalism Fellow, Institute of Arctic Biology 2000

Ten-day fellowship to study tundra ecosystem and climate change at Institute of Arctic Biology at Toolik Lake, Alaska.

ACADEMIC WORK

Director, NYU Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program 2006-present

Direct one of the oldest and best-regarded science journalism training programs in the world. Graduates of the sixteen-month SHERP sequence are granted a Master of Arts in journalism and an advanced New York State certificate in science, health and environmental journalism. SHERP's annual applicant pool (sixty) and enrollment yield (seventy-one percent) are now higher than at any time during the program's twenty-six year history, and its acceptance rate (thirty-five percent) has never been lower.

Duties include hiring and overseeing nine adjunct professors, selecting incoming class of fifteen students, managing budget and raising funds (typically \$40,000 in outside funding per year) from foundations, government sources and alumni.

Created and now publish the student-run SHERP webzine, Scienceline, which attracts two thousand daily page views worldwide (more than one million views since launch in June 2006). Brought more than eighty journalists and scientists to campus to speak on campus. Conceived and

organized major symposia on synthetic biology and the pseudo-science of “intelligent design”.

Completed first overhaul of the SHERP curriculum in twenty years by creating and launching five new courses, revamping internship program, conceiving Scienceline, and initiating (and securing grant funding for) the “Bench Press” program that sends students into university laboratories to cover cutting-edge science. New courses include Multimedia Science Journalism Workshop, part of a larger effort to fully incorporate video and audio podcasting, web design and other multimedia storytelling techniques into the SHERP curriculum.

Associate Professor, NYU Department of Journalism 2005-present

Taught seven different courses, each designed from scratch. Four SHERP classes: Current Topics in Science Health and Environmental Journalism (case studies and beat coverage), Writing, Reporting and Research Workshop II (advanced science reporting and writing), Environmental Reporting, and Journalistic Judgment (press ethics and science ethics). Three undergraduate classes: Issues and Ideas: God, Science & Culture Wars (interactions between science and religion), Journalism and Society: Covering the Earth (environmental journalism class for both journalism and environmental studies majors), and Feature Writing.

Coordinator, NYU Science Communication Initiative 2008-present

Conceived new program to train approximately eighty Ph.D. science students at NYU each year in the basics of communicating science to mass audiences. Developed syllabus for four-week workshop courses. Collaborated on program design with chairs of eight science departments, Dean of Science and Senior Vice Provost. Secured implementation funding from university. Program will launch in January 2009.

Affiliated Faculty, NYU Environmental Studies Program 2006-present

Collaborated on design of new undergraduate major in environmental studies. Developed environmental writing course for environmental studies majors and journalism majors.

Associate Director, NYU SHERP 2005-2006

Assisted Professor William Burrows, now director emeritus of SHERP.

Visiting Instructor, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University 2003

Journalist-in-residence for four days. Delivered three lectures on investigative environmental health reporting, mentored students.

Editor-in-residence 2000-present

Mentor student newspaper staffs at Yale University, Dartmouth College and Ohio University.

Adjunct Professor, NYU Department of Journalism 1998-2004

Designed and taught environmental journalism course for SHERP students.

Guest Lecturer 1993-2005

Lectured on science, health and environmental reporting in journalism classes at Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Michigan State University, University of St. Thomas and City University of New York.

BOOKS

Author, *Toms River* (in process) 2007-present

Under contract to Bantam imprint of Random House for book that intertwines three narrative threads: the three thousand-year history of environmental cancer epidemiology, the half-century saga of the Toms River, New Jersey, childhood cancer cluster, and current research into gene-environment interactions (molecular epidemiology, ecogenetics and toxicogenomics). More than one hundred interviews conducted so far. Anticipated manuscript of approximately 125,000 words.

Co-author, *Toxic Deception* 1994-1996

Co-wrote book on pervasive flaws in chemical regulation. More than one hundred interviews, extensive use of databases and documents obtained through freedom of information requests. First published in 1997 and still available in paperback (Common Courage Press), 294-page book triggered investigation by the Inspector General of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, op-ed columns in the *New York Times* and elsewhere, and appearances by authors on CNN, National Public Radio, C-SPAN, and more than twenty other television and radio programs. Favorable reviews in *Publisher's Weekly*, *Booklist*, *Library Journal* and more than twenty other publications.

Contributing Author 1999-present

Contributed chapters to *Covering Pollution: An Investigative Reporters Guide* (Investigative Reporters and Editors, 2004) and *The Piracy of America: Profiting in the Public Domain* (Clarity Press, 1999).

NEWSPAPERS**Environment Writer, *Newsday*** 1991-2005

Covered a broad range of global, national, state and regional environmental and science issues, with an emphasis on investigative and enterprise projects for the Sunday edition. Produced multi-day series on cancer epidemiology, pesticides and breast cancer risk, leaking underground tanks, indoor air pollution, decline of fish stocks, the dysfunctional Northeast electric power grid, pollution in Long Island Sound and the natural history of Long Island, as well more than fifty other Sunday cover stories. Wrote approximately eight hundred articles on environmental, energy and science topics.

Energy Reporter, *Newsday* 1995-1997

Covered the \$7 billion dollar state takeover of Long Island's electric company, LILCO.

Politics and Government Reporter, *Newsday* 1989-1991

Covered Suffolk County and New York State politics, with an emphasis on enterprise reporting for the Sunday edition.

Albany Bureau Reporter, *Newsday* 1990 and 1991

Covered the state legislature and governor.

Town Government Reporter, *Newsday* 1987-1989

Covered government and politics in Islip Township, population 300,000.

Special Projects Reporter, *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* 1987

Produced front-page investigative and enterprise stories for Sunday paper.

County Government Reporter, *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* 1986-1987

Covered government and politics in Sarasota County, population 350,000, with and emphasis on growth management and environmental issues.

Police, courts and political reporter, *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* 1985-1986

Covered criminal justice and politics in suburban bureaus.

MAGAZINES

Freelance magazine writer, recent major articles (since 2002) 2002-present

Numerous articles on environmental, science and political topics in various magazines, including *Scientific American*, *New Scientist*, *Nieman Reports*, *Mademoiselle*, *Family Circle*, *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine* and *SEJournal*. A representative sample since 2002:

“Children of Smoke”, 4,300-word feature on molecular epidemiology research in China, in *Scientific American*, August, 2008.

“Second Thoughts About Fluoride”, 4,500-word feature about the toxicology of fluoride in *Scientific American*, January, 2008.

“Are We Poisoning Ourselves on an Industrial Scale?” 800-word book review in *New Scientist*, October 27, 2007.

“Science and Journalism Fail to Connect,” *Nieman Reports*, winter 2005.

“After September 11, Headlines About Air Quality Were Everywhere,” *Nieman Reports*, winter 2002.

“Mercury Poisoning: The Hidden Danger in Your Home,” *Family Circle*, March 2002.

SPEECHES, PANELS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

Conference and symposium speaker, recent appearances (since 2002) 2002-present

Organizer and moderator, “Making the Science Sing: A Multimedia Workshop for Journalists, Scientists and Communicators.” Annual conference of the Society of Environmental Journalists, Roanoke, Virginia, October 16-19, 2008.

Participant, annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Boston, Massachusetts, February 15-17, 2008.

Keynote panelist, “Inside Award-Winning Investigative Science Journalism.” Annual conference of the District of Columbia Science Writers Association, March 29, 2008.

Respondent, “Troubled Land: Who’s Watching Over Russia’s Environment?”. A panel discussion organized by the Paul Klebnikov Fund, the NYU Department of Journalism and the World Wildlife Fund, November 5, 2007.

Invited participant, “The Effect of Environmental Pollutants on Foetal and Child Development: A Global Issue”, a conference sponsored by the Programme for Global Paediatric Research, Hangzhou, China, October 26-29, 2007.

Organizer, “Life by Design: Synthetic Biology’s Implications for Science, Society and Media.” A symposium featuring geneticist J. Craig Venter and a panel of scientists and journalists, organized to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program at New York University, September 29, 2007.

Panelist, “Disease Detectives: How to Train a Journalistic Eye on Environmental Causes of Illness”. Annual conference of the Society of Environmental Journalists, Palo Alto, California, September 7-10, 2007.

Speaker, “Cells and Souls: The Science, Politics and Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research”. Symposium organized by New York University Department of Journalism, May 13, 2007.

Moderator, “Global Warming and Human Health: Moving Beyond Rhetoric and Toward Solutions”. A panel discussion organized by the New York University Center for Global Affairs, January 5, 2007.

Panelist, “And Now a Word from Our Critics...” Annual conference of the Society of Environmental Journalists, Burlington, Vermont, October 26-29, 2006.

Organizer and moderator, “Darwin, ‘Design’ and the Reporter’s Dilemma”. A panel discussion of scientists and journalists organized by the Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program at New York University, March 29, 2006.

Organizer and moderator, “Heaven and Earth: The Christian Right Meets the Environmental Movement”. Annual conference of the Society of Environmental Journalists, Austin, Texas, September 28-October 1, 2005.

Lecturer, “Investigative Science Journalism Boot Camp.” A training program for mid-career journalists organized by the Knight Science Journalism Fellowships at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, March 20-24, 2005.

Keynote panelist, “When Ethics Collide: Reconciling Professional Calling With Personal Conviction.” Annual Whalen Symposium on Media Ethics at the University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, Minnesota, March 16, 2005.

Panelist, “Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Environmental Journalism But Were Afraid to Ask”. Annual conference of the Society of Environmental Journalists, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 20-24, 2004.
 Panelist, “Environmental Journalism Workshop.” Annual convention of the South Asians Journalists Association, New York City, June 18, 2004.

Invited participant, “Coming to Terms with Complexity: Covering the Environment in the 21st Century”. A conference organized by the Nieman Foundation at Harvard University, March 13-15, 2004.

Participant, annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Seattle, Washington, February 14-16, 2004.

Organizer and moderator, “Inside EPA: From Science to Policy to Enforcement”. Annual conference of the Society of Environmental Journalists, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 10-14, 2003.

Organizer and panelist, “Understanding Cancer Clusters: On the Verge of a Breakthrough, or Just Spinning Our Wheels?”. Annual conference of the Society of Environmental Journalists, Baltimore, Maryland, October 10-13, 2002.

Media commentator, recent appearances (since 2002)

2002-present

“The Power of Words: Are Books in the Realm of Science Influential Enough to Affect or (Mis)inform Public Opinion?”. Quoted extensively in EMBO Reports, the journal of the European Molecular Biology Organization, Vol. 9, No. 12, 2008.

“NBC Touts ‘Green Week’ for Earth Day”. Quoted in Associated Press story, April 18, 2008.

“Animal Planet Aims to Get Edgier”. Quoted in Associated Press story, March 24, 2008.

“Global Warming Skeptics Conference”. Interviewed for CNN taped segment broadcast worldwide March 4, 2008.

“Presenting a Phony Balance”. Interviewed on Accuweather Television’s *Headline: Earth* program, February 8, 2008.

“Biased Global Warming Coverage in the Media”. Interviewed on Accuweather Television’s *Headline: Earth* program, February 1, 2008.

“Fluoride: Beyond Dr. Strangelove”. Interviewed on Seattle, Washington, National Public Radio station KUOW, January 7, 2008.

“Reporting on the Environment”. Interviewed on National Public Radio’s nationally syndicated *Living on Earth* program, April 20, 2007.

“Media Coverage to Face Spotlight in Sen. Inhofe’s Final Hearing”. Quoted in *Environment and Energy News* story, December 1, 2006.

“SEJ Panel With Morano, Blakemore, Fagin and Revkin. Quoted in *Huffington Post* story, October 20, 2006.

“Senate’s Top Climate Skeptic Turns Up Heat on Media”. Quoted in *Environment and Energy News* story, July 19, 2006.

“The Whole World, In Whose Hands?” Quoted in *USA Today* story, October 11, 2005.

“Conversations Where God Meets Science:” Quoted in *Chicago Tribune* column, August 11, 2005.

“Enduring Freedoms: The Bill of Rights”. Quoted in *Spokane Spokesman-Review* column, July 4, 2003.

“Christine Todd Whitman Resignation from EPA”. Interviewed live on CNN, broadcast worldwide May 25, 2003.

“Sea Change for the Beat or Just the Doldrums?”. Quoted in *Environment Writer* story, May 2003 issue.

“Black & White – & Green”. Interviewed on National Public Radio’s nationally syndicated *Living on Earth* program, April 18, 2003.

“The Epidemic That Never Was”. Quoted in *BMJ* (British Medical Journal) story, October 5, 2002.

“The Air Down There”. Quoted in *Poynter Online* story, January 24, 2002.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Managing Committee, AAAS Science Journalism Awards 2006-present

Serve on committee overseeing the most prestigious science journalism competition in the United States, administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Judge, Society of Environmental Journalists Awards 2007

Judged investigative reporting category.

Awards Committee Chair, Society of Environmental Journalists 2004-2006

Oversaw the world's largest and most comprehensive annual environmental journalism contest, attracting more than two hundred entries in nine categories offering \$1,000 awards.

President, Society of Environmental Journalists 2003-2004

Elected by board to two one-year terms as the president of SEJ, a 1,500-member association of environmental journalists from U.S. and 25 other countries. Set policy and priorities in consultation with board, supervised \$900,000 budget and eight-person staff, and made numerous appearances on national and local media to promote the organization's goal of "improving the quality, accuracy and visibility of environmental reporting." Launched a new program to speak out against curbs on freedom of information.

Vice President for Programs, Society of Environmental Journalists 2001-2002

Elected by board to two one-year terms as the vice president of SEJ. Designed and launched the SEJ Awards for Reporting on the Environment, now the world's largest environmental journalism contest, and "EJ Today", a daily e-mailed digest of the best environmental journalism from around the world. Also revitalized a mentoring program that pairs veteran reporters with newcomers to the beat.

Board Member, Society of Environmental Journalists 2000-2004

Elected twice (in 2000 and 2003) to fifteen-member board that oversees the association.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

Finalist, Pulitzer Prize for Deadline Reporting 2004

Principal member of team honored for coverage of the 2003 Northeast blackout.

1st Place, AAAS Science Journalism Award 2003

For "Tattered Hopes", 10,000-word investigation of the politics of cancer epidemiology and the flawed search for neighborhood cancer clusters. Presented by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

- 1st Place, National Association of Science Writers Science in Society Award** 2003
For “Tattered Hopes”.
- 2nd Place, National Headliner Award for Health and Science Writing** 2003
For “Tattered Hopes”.
- 1st Place, Newsday Publisher’s Award for Enterprise Reporting** 2002
For “Tattered Hopes”.
- Finalist, National Book Award from Investigative Reporters and Editors** 1998
For “Toxic Deception”.
- 1st Place, New York State Press Association Deadline Writing Award** 1998
For coverage of the state takeover of the Long Island Lighting Co.
- 1st Place, N.Y. Newspaper Pub. Assoc. Award for Breaking News Coverage** 1997
For coverage of the state takeover of the Long Island Lighting Co.
- 1st Place, Society of Silurians Science and Health Writing Award** 1996
For an eight-part series of articles about Long Island Sound.
- Finalist, National Press Club Kozik Award for Environmental Writing** 1996
For an eight-part series of articles about Long Island Sound.
- Finalist, Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting** 1994
One of three principal reporters on a team honored for coverage of breast cancer.
- 1st Place, N.Y. Newspaper Publishers Assoc. Award for Community Service** 1994
For stories about pesticides and breast cancer.
- 1st Place, New York State Associated Press Award for Depth Reporting** 1994
For stories about pesticides and breast cancer.
- 1st Place, Newsday Publisher’s Award** 1993

For stories about pesticides and breast cancer.

1st Place, N.Y. Newspaper Publishers Assoc. Award for Public Service

1992

For coverage of the impact of state budget cuts on the poor.

PERSONAL

Born February 1, 1963, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Married with two daughters, ages seventeen and fourteen.

SELECTED *NEWSDAY* ARTICLES, 2002-2005

Following is a list of substantial (more than 750 words) *Newsday* articles published since 2002:

“Ozone's lingering effects, Smog from city damages plant life on Long Island”. July 17, 2005.

“Deal limits dumping in the Sound”. Front page story. May 20, 2005.

“A picture-perfect Fire Island for sale”. May 16, 2005.

“Planet's health at center stage, Conservationist and fossil hunter Richard Leakey hosts 3-day conference on effects of global warming”. May 6, 2005.

“Troubled-water repair, On the East End, a restoration experiment is under way to bring a stagnant harbor back to life by digging an opening to Gardiners Bay”. Front page story. April 25, 2005.

“Race to save LI's open space, Money is available for undeveloped land but prices are rising and there are few parcels left”. Paper-leading story, with sidebars. April 17, 2005.

“LI energy answer comes with risks, Plan for terminal in Sound fuels debate over dangers of liquefied natural gas”. Front page story, with sidebars. April 3, 2005.

“Guidelines proposed to protect living donors. Rules would require hospitals to detail risks more fully or lose funding; some critics say it's not enough”. April 1, 2003.

“New mercury rule fuels critics, President's plan is a giveaway to power plants, say opponents of the effort to reduce the toxic substance”. March 16, 2005.

“Report: Diesel fumes kill thousands”. Front page story. February 23, 2005.

“New war on the Sound, Activists hope to block natural gas terminal just as similar effort kept nuclear plant from opening”. Paper-leading story, with sidebars. February 13, 2005.

“Lawmakers seek cleaner heating oil, Push to revise state law to promote sale of low-sulfur fuel, thought to generate much less pollution”. Front page story. January 30, 2005.

“Skepticism greets plan for plant, Residents are wary of the biggest power facility on the Island in 32 years, though LIPA and energy firm say it'll be clean and efficient”. January 6, 2005.

“NY disputes EPA pollution list, LI is included as a violator of soot limits, though tests show it meets the standards; federal funding at risk”. December 18, 2004.

“A cleanup transfer, Federal government likely to take over at plant that produced nuclear fuel rods, saving Verizon millions”. December 17, 2004.

“A grease trap: Increased costs due to plant closures have pumpers dumping illegally, with no one to monitor their actions”. Front page story. November 14, 2004.

“Erasing the rules: Committed to making the EPA more business-friendly, the Bush administration has staffed key positions with industry lawyers and lobbyists”. Front page story, with sidebars. October 12, 2004.

“This finding is no fluke: Despite common belief, in some cases sportsmen are taking more fish than are commercial anglers”. Front page story. August 27, 2004.

“Beach Regulations: Nassau swims alone. County won't follow EPA guidelines, on bacteria warnings, despite Suffolk, NYC adhering to measures”. Paper-leading story, with sidebars. July 24, 2004.

“NYC, eight states sue power firms over carbon dioxide emissions”. July 22, 2004.

“Debate over air quality decision”. July 1, 2004.

“Brookhaven Breast Cancer Mystery: Still no clue to cluster's causes”. Front page story. June 30, 2004.

“Vanishing research tools: An unused database and a long-delayed study thwart attempts to better understand disease clusters on LI.” Front page story, with sidebar. June 24, 2004.

“Toxic chemical pollution rose in 2002”. June 23, 2004.

“Gutsy Decision: Turkey waste turned into oil”. June 4, 2007.

“Environmentalists Cheer, EPA toughens rules on diesels”. Front page story. May 12, 2004.

“Protecting Swimmers: Two ways to test the waters, Suffolk will adhere to stricter rules about bacteria, but Nassau opts for lesser limits to keep its beaches open”. Paper-leading story, with sidebar. April 21, 2004.

“New Federal Pollution Standard”. April 16, 2004.

“Environmental crimes: \$10M fine for oil spill, A Melville barge company will pay stiff penalty for accident that damaged 90 miles of Massachusetts coast”. April 9, 2004.

“Turning garbage into oil - and cash”. Paper-leading story, with sidebars. April 4, 2004.

“Asbestos Scare: Hempstead High shuts down this week”. Front page story. March 30, 2004.

“New EPA Regulation: Fish-friendly power plants”. February 24, 2004.

“Gore Blasts Bush as ‘Moral Coward’ ”. January 16, 2004.

“New Clean-Air Debates”. Front page story. December 15, 2003.

“Ethanol in the Mix: Requirement may hike price of gas”. Front page story. November 30, 2004.

“New York Ignores Global Warming Threat”. November 21, 2003,

“One Tangled Web. Experts agree: Nation's electric system aging, Byzantine”. Paper-leading story, with sidebars. November 17, 2003.

“In a Blink, Power Problems Revealed: Blackout highlighted LI's and city's precarious position”. Paper-leading story, with sidebars. November 9, 2003.

“Senate OKs Forest-Thinning Bill. Measure gets help from Calif. Wildfires”. November 3, 2003.

“Clean-Air Rewrite Finalized, Finally. Dozen states, environmentalists sue”. October 28, 2003.

“Stink in Congress Over Gas Additive”. October 9, 2003.

“In a Flash, Power Fell Like Dominos. In just a matter of minutes, the power grid collapsed”. Paper-leading story, with sidebars. August 15, 2003.

“ ‘Moderate’ Utah Gov. Is Bush's EPA Nominee”. August 12, 2003.

“Down the Road, Portable Power. Hydrogen hailed as fuel source of the future”. Paper-leading story, with sidebar. August 10, 2003.

“No Cancer Link to Wires”. Front page story. June 25, 2003.

“Linking Weak Sperm, Pesticides”. June 18, 2003.

“Veteran Pol Takes Environmental Post”. May 28, 2003.

“Whitman To Quit EPA”. Front page story. May 22, 2003.

“Fuel Additive Focus of Ban, Exemption”. May 13, 2003.

“Wanted: Environment Chief. DEC retirement leaves big shoes”. April 21, 2003.

“Cutting Nitrogen Seen Key. Air, water study targets emissions”. April 16, 2003.

“NY to Sue Over 'Safe' Pesticide. Company disputes false advertising”. April 3, 2003.

“Clearing the Air Over Changes. State rips revised U.S. pollution rules”. April 1, 2003.

“Tougher Restrictions on Power Plant Pollution OK'd”. March 27, 2003.

“Huge Explosion Rocks Terminal. 2 dead, 1 critical after barge loaded with fuel ignites”. Paper-leading story, with sidebar. February 22, 2003.

“NY Unprepared for Fuel Additive Ban. Experts: High cost of complying will hit wallet, air quality”. Front page story. February 19, 2003.

“NASA's Immense Task. Amid terrible sorrow, search begins for cause of Columbia's fatal plunge”. Front page story, with sidebars. February 3, 2003.

“Study Probes Bodies' Toxicity. Looks at race, age differences”. Front page story. February 1, 2003.

“Spitzer to EPA: Tell Parents of Toxins, Cites day care near Superfund site”. January 23, 2003.

“LI Pesticide Use High, Dropping”. January 17, 2003.

“A New Environment: Bush seeks to reshape laws of the land (and air)”. Front page story, with sidebars. January 12, 2003.

“More Plans to Fix Sound: Agreement tackles beach closures, dying eelgrass”. December 5, 2002.

“Report: Area Coastlines at Risk”. December 3, 2002.

“Suffolk Studies Cancer Cluster Theory”. November 14, 2002.

“Areas Had High Water Nitrate Levels”. Sidebar to front page story. November 9, 2002.

“Overdue Fete for \$7M Peconic Eco-Rescue Plan”. October 31, 2002.

“Nassau Sludge a Murky Issue. Hauling firm faces allegations”. October 7, 2002.

“9/11 One Year Later: Fear Lingers On”. Front page story. September 8, 2002.

“Tattered Hopes. High-Tech Help: New Computer-Aided Methods May Help Researchers Identify the Hidden Causes of Cancer”. Front page story. August 13, 2002.

Tattered Hopes. Flaws in the System: The Anatomy of a Cancer Cluster Probe”. Front page story. August 12, 2002.

Tattered Hopes. Prescription for Failure: Poorly Designed, Superficial Studies Mean the State Can't Answer Key Questions About Cancer Clusters in New York”. Paper-leading story. August 11, 2002.

“ ‘No Closed Doors’. Activists to push studies on toxins, breast cancer link”. Front page story. August 7, 2002.

“Cause Still Elusive. Study: No clear link between pollution, breast cancer on LI”. Paper-leading story, with sidebar. August 6, 2002.

“Tattered Hopes. Still Searching: A Computer Mapping System Was Supposed to Help Unearth Information About Breast Cancer and the Environment”. Front page story, with sidebars. July 30, 2002.

“Tattered Hopes. Study in Frustration: Ambitious Search for Links Between Pollution And Breast Cancer on LI Was Hobbled From the Start, Critics Say”. Front page story, with sidebars. July 29, 2002.

“Tattered Hopes: A \$30-Million Federal Study of Breast Cancer and Pollution On LI Has Disappointed Activists and Scientists Alike”. Paper-leading story, with sidebars. July 28, 2002.

“State Studies Cancer Rate: Brookhaven communities face highest incidence in NY”. June 6, 2002.

“Target: Cancer Cluster. State will do its first follow-up probe on LI”. Front page story. May 21, 2002.

“Clean Air Plan Hits the Trail. Bush pushes it on Adirondack hike”. April 23, 2002.

“Two Efforts Seek to Halt Pesticide Use”. Front page story. April 18, 2002.

“In Gear: Push for Electric Cars”. Front page story. January 5, 2002.