

Lakota Times Editor wins H.L. Mencken Award

Tim Giago, editor of *The Lakota Times*, of Martin, South Dakota, received the prestigious H.L. Mencken Writing Award sponsored by the *Baltimore Sun* for newspaper writing of high literary quality in the spirit of H.L. Mencken, a famous columnist and reporter for the Baltimore paper. Giago, an Oglala Sioux, received a plaque and a check for \$2,500 September 18 in Washington, D.C. The award was given for Giago's column, *Notes from Indian Country*, published in a number of South Dakota papers and the *Denver Post* as well as his own paper. An editorial in the *Sun* described the columns as "a clear and lucid voice of Indian life today." After citing some examples of Giago's work, the editorial concluded, "We are proud to bring attention to Tim Giago." Hazel Elbert, acting head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said in a letter to Giago: "In addition to congratulating you for this honor you have received, I want to congratulate you for creating and maintaining a really excellent Indian newspaper, *The Lakota Times*."