
Times Facts

Janet joined the *Times* in 1992 as a copy editor. She then became Assistant Newsfeatures Editor/Production from 1993-2000. She was named Food Editor in 2000, and in 2006 she added Travel Editor to her responsibilities and now oversees the Sunday Travel section.

Talking Points

• Cooking & Cookbooks • Celebrity Chefs • TV Cooking Shows • Pop Culture • Florida vacations • Travel

Janet is a regular guest on local television, has been an adjunct professor at University of the Pacific and frequent guest lecturer. She also hosts a regular Web feature called “Janet’s Kitchen” at tampabay.com.

Education

Janet earned her journalism degree from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo.

Background

Her journalism career began in 1979 as the sports editor for the *Central Coast Sun-Bulletin* in Morro Bay, CA where she wrote and edited a weekly sports section covering six communities and two high schools. Janet then had stints as a reporter for the *Lodi News-Sentinel* in Lodi, CA; as National/World/State wire editor at the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; as wire editor then features editor at the *Stockton Record* in Stockton, CA; then joined the *St. Petersburg Times* as assistant special sections editor. In that capacity Janet edited and designed a monthly magazine of fashion, food and home news. She also planned and produced a weekly children’s science page, teen page and other special projects for children. As an assistant news-features editor for the *Times*, Janet supervised the copy desk and oversaw production of 11 weekly sections including Taste, Travel and Weekend. Janet’s story, “The Crock-Pot that Saved Dinnertime,” was included in Best Food Writing 2001, edited by Holly Hughes. She was also a contributing writer to Collier’s 1985 Encyclopedia Yearbook, and in 1982, to *Dodger Blue*, the in-house publication of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Awards

Janet won a 2002 first place Best Section award and a 2003 third place Food News Reporting award from the Association of Food Journalists. In 1987, ‘88 and ‘90 she was recognized by the California Newspaper Publishers Association with Best Lifestyle Section awards and in 1979 won the Bette Betz Kempf Award for Excellence in Journalism from the Cal Poly journalism faculty.

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