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For Distinguished Service to Journalism is presented to:**

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Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Alex MacLeod

Managing Editor
The Seattle Times

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for magazines

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Past Recipients

June Anderson Almquist Award For Distinguished Service to Journalism

In the late 1960s, the chapter defined two awards: "Courage in Journalism," an award presented at the discretion of the chapter to a news organization rather than an individual, and "Service to Journalism," an award given to an individual for a special contribution toward the betterment of journalism within Washington state. They were combined into one under the moniker of the "Distinguished Service to Journalism Award." The award was renamed in 2000 to the "June Anderson Almquist Award For Distinguished Service to Journalism." Almquist, who had a long career as a reporter, columnist and editor at The Seattle Times, was a leader in SPJ in the Western Washington Pro Chapter and nationally.

- 1965 Hu Blonk, The Wenatchee World
- 1970 Murlin B. Spencer, Associated Press
- 1972 Jack Jarvis, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Henry Ladd Smith, University of Washington
Maynard Hicks, Washington State University
- 1973 Justice Robert Finley, Washington Supreme Court
- 1974 Donald N. Crew, Fournier Newspapers
- 1975 Paul Ashley, Seattle attorney
- 1976 June Anderson Almquist, The Seattle Times
- 1977 Justice Charles Stafford, Washington Supreme Court
- 1978 Paul Conrad, Allied Daily Newspapers
- 1979 Gerson Miller, Western Washington University
- 1980 Dorothy Bullitt, KING Broadcasting, William Warren, KOMO (Fisher Broadcasting)
- 1981 Edward C. Thomas, Port Angeles Evening News
- 1982 William F. Johnston, University of Washington
- 1983 John M. McClelland, Jr. Longview Publishing Co.
- 1984 Donald A. Pugnetti, Tacoma News Tribune
- 1985 Jerry Zubrod, WA Newspaper Publishers Assoc.
- 1986 James B. King, The Seattle Times
- 1987 Cliff Rowe, Pacific Lutheran University
- 1988 Chris Little, The (Everett) Herald, Gary Larson, The (Everett) Herald
- 1989 Barbara Krohn, University of Washington
- 1990 Frank Wetzel, AP, Journal American, Seattle Times
- 1991 Ancil Payne, KING-TV
- 1992 Dorothy McPhillips, High school journalism teacher
- 1993 Donald Pember, University of Washington
- 1994 Phil Sturholm, KING/KIRO-TV, Seattle University
- 1995 Hilda Bryant, Retired
- 1996 Constantine "Gus" Angelos, The Seattle Times
- 1997 David Brewster, Seattle Weekly
- 1998 Emmett Watson, The Seattle Times
- 1999 Henry Gay, The Shelton-Mason County Journal
- 2000 Assunta Ng, Seattle Chinese Post/Northwest Asian Weekly
- 2001 Cameron DeVore, Davis Wright Tremaine
- 2002 Solveig Torvik, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
- 2003 Joann Byrd, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Alex MacLeod, The Seattle Times

SPJ 2003-2004 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year's awards were announced at the chapter's annual Pacific Northwest Excellence in Journalism Awards banquet at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bellevue. During the ceremony, the Western Washington Pro Chapter awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to students attending universities in Washington state. Here are the winners:

Kristin Henderson of the University of Washington, winner of the Almquist Memorial Scholarship. Henderson has been an editor at The Daily for two years, serving twice as managing editor with additional stints as features and sports editor. She was the Washington State High School Journalist of the Year in 1999. She was a panelist at the national SPJ convention in 2001.

Jace Krause of Pacific Lutheran University. He serves as The Mast's arts and entertainment editor and shoots videos for the school television station. During a holiday visit to his hometown weekly, he took a breaking news assignment to cover a local fire and landed a front-page story.

Natasha Jaksich of Washington State University. Jaksich is a previous winner of the Seattle Times/Blethen Family Minority Scholarship. She has free-lanced with the Renton Reporter and held an internship last year with KCPQ-TV. This summer she is due to serve as an intern at The Olympian. She was on the student paper at Bellevue Community College and is now on staff with WSU's newspaper.

Sean Reid of Seattle University. He worked with Seattle University's alumni magazine, The SUN, and interned with The Stranger. He also worked on the student paper as arts and entertainment editor, and as documentary video editor for Seattle University Professor Mara Adelman.

Laine Walters of Pacific Lutheran University. She is assistant news editor for the student paper, The Mast, and interned last summer with Planned Parenthood. In high school, she worked as a free-lance reporter for The Oregonian.

SPJ EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM COMPETITION

Community college and high school entries were judged by members of the Western Washington Pro Chapter.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN WESTERN WASHINGTON

1. The Olympian, Olympic College, Bremerton
2. The Thunderword, Spring 2002, Highline College, Des Moines
3. The Riptide, Vashon Island High School Jaron Berliner, editor; Greg McElroy, adviser

HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS

Category C (Enrollment less than 500)

1. Academy Times, Charles Wright High School Mike Zeeck, editor; Steve Matson, adviser
2. The Stag, Deer Park High School Brittany Hansen, editor; Cheryl Perry, adviser
3. The Riptide, Vashon Island High School Jaron Berliner, editor; Greg McElroy, adviser

H.M. Golden I, Ilwaco High School Nate Appel/Jon Fagerland, editors; Brigid Byrne, adviser
Bruin Voice, Columbia High School Chris Preston, editor; Rae Meaney, adviser

Category B (Enrollment 500-1,000)

1. "C," W.F. West High School Keegan Hamilton, editor; Joyce Fink, adviser
2. The Blazer, Timberline High School Gary Clark and Maria Mammina, editors;
Dan Hardebeck, adviser
3. Knight Life, Newport High School, Alisha Barney, editor; Terry LaRussa Banton, adviser

Category A: (Enrollment greater than 1,000)

1. No first place given
2. Sandstrom, Richland High School, Maren Disney, Jenny Hamons, editors; Robin Morris, adviser
3. The Sound, Gig Harbor High School Hana Shipman, editor; Joel Peyton, adviser

H.M. JagWire, Emerald Ridge High School
James Eberline, III, editor; Sharyn Mehner, adviser
Wa-High Journal, Walla Walla High School
Jeff Moore, editor; Terry Willcuts, adviser

SPJ WESTERN WASHINGTON PRO CHAPTER EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM COMPETITION

What follows is the full list of awards for Web sites, non-daily newspapers, and magazines, Professional entries were judged by the Greater Oregon Pro Chapter of SPJ.

WEB SITES

Special report

1. The Seattle Times, "In Her Mother's Shoes"
 2. Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "An Uneven Hand: The Discipline Gap in Seattle Schools"
 3. The Seattle Times, "The Terrorist Within"
- Honorable mentions:
The Seattle Times, "Two Peoples, One Land"
Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Our Troubled Sound"

Regular news feature

1. Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "4 O'Clock News"
2. The Seattle Times, "Natural Wonders"
3. MSNBC, "Cosmic Log"

Spot news report

1. Mike Thompson, Candace Heckman, Gene Stout, Seattle P-I, "Death of Layne Staley"
2. Staff, The Seattle Times, "Sniper Arrests"

Sports reporting

1. Shannon Fears, Mike Thompson; Seattle P-I, "2002 Mariner Player Cards"
 2. Shannon Fears, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "2002 Baseball Preview"
3. Sarah Rupp, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "2002 High School All-Stars"

Arts and entertainment reporting

1. Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Survivor: Thailand (Season 5)"
2. Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Games for Every Level"

Business reporting

1. The Seattle Times, "Washington's Bruised Economy"
 2. Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Birth of a Start-up"
 3. The Seattle Times, "The Taxes You Pay"
- Honorable mentions:
Christopher Elliott, Microsoft bCentral, "Power Trip"
Monte Enbysk, Microsoft bCentral, "Small Tech"

Web site design

1. SeattlePI.com
2. SeattleTimes.com

Best overall Web site

1. SeattleTimes.com
2. SeattlePI.com
3. EverettHerald.com

Best non-daily Web site

1. Sequim Gazette
2. Enterprise Newspapers

NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Spot news reporting

1. Rick Anderson, Seattle Weekly, “Confessions of an Anti-tax Crusader”
 2. Stacy Goodman, The Issaquah Press, “Gasoline Tanker Ignites”
 3. Armando Machado, Catholic Northwest Progress, “Bellingham Pastor Reflects on Mysterious Telephone Call”
- Honorable mentions:
Doug Schwartz, Capitol Hill Times, “A Community Says Good-bye”
Robert Strenge, Peninsula Gateway, “Fire Destroys Historic Key Peninsula Hotel”

General news reporting

1. Elaine Wilson, Anacortes American, “On a Collision Course”
 2. Rick Anderson, Seattle Weekly, “Did They Get Their Man?”
 3. Callie White, Peninsula Gateway, “A Very Anticipated Christmas”
- Honorable mentions:
Vanessa Blackburn, John Thompson, Bellingham Business Journal, “Park Place: What’s Next for the Waterfront?”
Michael Hood, Seattle Weekly, “Murder in Ballard”

Government/political reporting

1. Erica Barnett, Seattle Weekly, “Not so Fast”
 2. Rick Anderson, Seattle Weekly, “Assassination on Queen Anne Hill”
 3. George Howland, Jr., Seattle Weekly, “This Ain’t Softball”
- Honorable mention:
Karen Rothboeck, The Coupeville Examiner, “Town’s Proposal for Future Land Use Aired”

Consumer and environmental reporting

1. Terry McGuire, The Catholic Northwest Progress, “The Columbia: River of Symbolism, Sustenance and Stewardship”
2. Andy Ryan, Seattle Weekly, “Chainsaw Politics”

3. Keith Fullerton, Seattle Weekly, “Battle Creek”

Honorable mention:

Tim St. Clair, West Seattle Herald, “Beach Dumping Concerns Neighbors”

Science and health reporting

1. Joel Ozretich, Puget Sound Business Journal, “FDA Slows Down, Frustrating Biotechs”
2. Philip Dowdy, Seattle Weekly, “Welcome to the Monkey House”
3. Michael Dashiell, Sequim Gazette, “Teen Meets, Defeats Deadly Disease with Help of Friends, Family and Good Doctors”

Social issues reporting

1. Mike Dillon, North Seattle Herald-Outlook, “The Nightmare Beneath the Surface: One Man’s Tale of Sex Abuse”
2. Nina Shapiro, Seattle Weekly, “The New Faces of AIDS”
3. The Enterprise, “Silence is an International Language”

Education reporting

1. Nina Shapiro, Seattle Weekly, “What Money Can Buy”
 2. Nina Shapiro, Seattle Weekly, “Where Is the Arithmetic”
 3. Sara Bader, The Issaquah Press, “Grievance Alleges Unsafe Classroom”
- Honorable mention:
Mary Grady, Mercer Island Reporter, “Integrated: It’s Not Your Father’s Math Class”

Personalities

1. Brian Miller, Seattle Weekly, “The Road to Utah”
2. Larry Johnson, Issaquah Press, “Harold’s Home”
3. David Pan, Enterprise Newspapers, “Making a Difference”

Personalities

Honorable Mentions:

- Paul Cocke, Anacortes American, "Escape from Iran"
- Mary J. Grady, Mercer Island Reporter, "An American Odyssey"

Leisure and lifestyle

- 1. DeAnn Rossetti, Mercer Island Reporter, "Oh Rats!"
- 2. Yvette Cardozo and Bill Hirsh, Puget Sound Business Journal, "Fire and Ice"
- 3. Callie White, The Peninsula Gateway, "Spinning Wheel Forever"

Arts criticism

- 1. None awarded
- 2. Mark Fefer, Seattle Weekly, "Bite the Big Apple"
- 3. Tim Appelo, Seattle Weekly, "Kurt Cobain's Last No. 1 Hit"

Business news

- 1. Roger Downey, Seattle Weekly, "The \$8 Latte"
 - 2. Vanessa Blackburn, The Bellingham Business Journal, "Kathy Sitker: Through Hell and Out the Other Side"
 - 3. Mike Folger, The Everett Business Journal, "The Drug Runners"
- Honorable Mention:
Robert Strenge, Peninsula Gateway, "Venture Offers Gaming Crowd Some Serious Asylum"

Sports reporting

- 1. Trevor Pyle, North Kitsap Herald, "For Swimming Salwei, It's All Pain, All Gain"
 - 2. Owen Perkins, Seattle Weekly, "Fear and Loathing at the Olympics"
 - 3. Michael Dashiell, Sequim Gazette, "The Mouth"
- Honorable Mention:
Charlie Laughtland, The Enterprise Newspapers, "Man in the Middle"

Editorials

- 1. Stephen M. Kent, The Catholic Northwest Progress, "Connect the Dots"
- 2. Don Nelson, Puget Sound Business Journal, "Snuff Out Raid on Tobacco Dollars"
- 3. John Thompson, The Bellingham Business Journal, "Railroad Avenue Cleanup Needs to Begin Now"

Headlines

- 1. Rami Grunbaum, Puget Sound Business Journal
- 2. Matt Phelps, Mercer Island Reporter
- 3. Rob Smith, Puget Sound Business Journal

Humorous writing

- 1. Rami Grunbaum, Puget Sound Business Journal, "Americans Answer 'Nigerian Scam'"
- 2. Mark Fefer, Seattle Weekly, "Econoboxed! Can't a Poor Guy Keep His Car?"
- 3. Donald R. Nelson, Puget Sound Business Journal, "Elitist Coffee Lingo Gives Us Jitters"

Columns

- 1. Larry Johnson, Issaquah Press
 - 2. Knute Berger, Seattle Weekly
 - 3. Scott Gorman, Anacortes American
- Honorable mention:
George Howland, Jr., Seattle Weekly

Page/cover design

- 1. Jim Applegate, Peninsula Gateway, "After Shocks"
- 2. Jim Applegate, Peninsula Gateway, "We Remember"

Cartoons/illustrations

- 1. Milt Priggee, Puget Sound Business Journal, "Massive Boeing Layoffs"
 - 2. Milt Priggee, Puget Sound Business Journal, "On Strike"
 - 3. Jim Winters, Seattle Weekly, "Is This the Green River Killer?"
- Honorable mention:
Milt Priggee, Puget Sound Business Journal, "Gridlock vs. State Transportation Plan"

Photography - spot news

1. Bradley Enghaus, Pacific Publishing (Queen Anne News, Magnolia News), "Three Alarm Blaze"

Photography - general news

1. Dusty Locke, The Enterprise Newspapers, "Just a Drill"
2. Dusty Locke, The Enterprise Newspapers, "September 11, 2002"

Photography - sports

1. Greg Farrar, The Issaquah Press, "Incredible Finish"
2. Nick Haney, Mercer Island Reporter, "Move"
3. Steve Heeb, The Puyallup Herald, "Purple Crush"

Photography - feature

1. Patricia Ridenour, Seattle Weekly, "Eat Out 2002"

MAGAZINES

General news reporting

1. Andrew Engelson, Horizon Air Magazine, "Identity Crisis"
2. Lisa Wogan, Seattle Magazine, "Cold Comfort"
3. Lisa Cohn, Horizon Air Magazine, "Winds of Change"

Government/political reporting

1. Tim Connor, Washington Law and Politics, "The Worst Parking Space in Spokane"
2. Todd Matthews, Washington Law and Politics, "Whistle While You Work"
3. Silva J.A. Talvi and Brian Brasel-Awehali, "Broken Promises"

Consumer and environmental affairs reporting

1. Andrew Engelson, Washington Law and Politics, "Postcards from the Dark Side"

2. Dan Schlatter, Puget Sound Business Journal, "Game Developer"

3. Nick Haney, Mercer Island Reporter, "Ladies and their Rats"

Photography - portrait

1. Dan Schlatter, Puget Sound Business Journal, "Touch of Glass"
2. Mike Penney, The Catholic Northwest Progress, "40 Years a Bishop"
3. Elaine Wilson, Anacortes American, "Portrait of a Champion"

Photography - photo essay

1. Dan Schlatter, Puget Sound Business Journal, "40 Under 40"

Photography - pictorial

No awards given

2. Beth Cahape, Horizon Air Magazine, "Did You Forget Something?"

3. Trevor Griffey, ColorsNW Magazine, "Community Coalition for Environmental Justice"

Science and health news

1. Dayton Fandray, Alaska Airlines Magazine, "Virtual Viewpoints"
2. Scott Holter, Columns, "Fatal Inheritance"
3. Scott Driscoll, Horizon Air Magazine, "Health Care Hardware"

Social issues

1. Silja J.A. Talvi, ColorsNW Magazine, "City of Lost Children"
2. Margie Slovan, Washington Law and Politics, "In Search of Innocents"

Education reporting

1. Mary Feingold, Midwest Express Magazine, "E-literacy in the Classroom"
2. Nick O'Connell, Midwest Express Magazine, "Digital Degrees"
3. Scott Driscoll, Horizon Air Magazine, "Learning by Experience"

Personalities

1. Jon Marmor, Columns Magazine, "Inside Story"
2. Lisa Wogan, Washington Law and Politics, "Trees, Lakes, and Audiotape"
3. Beth Luce, PhotoMedia Magazine, "Gary Braasch: A Change in the Weather"

Honorable mentions:

- Steven Hill, Columns Magazine, "History Lessons"
- Beth Taylor, Seattle Magazine, "No More Mr. Nice Guy"

Leisure and lifestyle

1. Eric Lucas, Horizon Air Magazine, "Driving Passion: Proud Vintage-vehicle Owners Relish the Chance to Race"
2. David Volk, Tekbug, "Get Real: Man Becomes Human Cork"
3. Vanessa McGrady, Tekbug, "Surfing for Love in All the Wrong Places"

Arts and criticism

1. Trevor Griffey, ColorsNW Magazine, "A Change of Art: Maasai Man Transforms Seattle Art Museum"
2. Chuck Luce, Arches Magazine, "The Wanderer"
3. Andrew Engelson, Horizon Air Magazine, "Cultural Revolution"

Honorable mention:

- Brooke Kempner, ColorsNW Magazine, "Conductors of Color"

Business news

1. None awarded
2. Eric Lucas, Alaska Airlines Magazine, "All in the Family"

Sports reporting

1. Jon Marmor, Columns Magazine, "On the Ball"
2. Drew Olson, Midwest Express Magazine, "Diamonds in the Desert"
3. Nick O'Connell, Horizon Air Magazine, "Sheer Excitement"

Editorials and opinion

1. Naomi Ishisaka, ColorsNW Magazine, "Editor's Note: MLK Holiday 2002"
2. Knute Berger, Washington Law and Politics, "Race, The Seattle Way"

Headlines

1. Rachel Hart, Susan Wilson, Ali Basye, Miriam Bulmer, Seattle Magazine
2. Nathan Adams, Alison Peacock, Tekbug
3. Staff, Horizon Air Magazine

Humorous writing

1. Ali Basye, Seattle Magazine, "Singing in the Rage"
2. Ericka Chickowski, Tekbug, "GameGirl's Guilty Pleasure"
3. James Goldsmith and Lisa Wogan, Seattle Magazine, "Worst of 2003"

Columns

1. Knute Berger, Washington Law and Politics, "On Politics"
 2. William C. White, Washington Law and Politics, "All Seriousness Aside"
 3. Arthur Gorlick, Marine Digest and Cargo Business, "Tradelinks"
- Honorable mention:
Nathan Adams, Tekbug, "Strip Club"

Page/cover design

1. Nancy O'Connell, Horizon Air Magazine, "Offshore Trilling, Learning the Ropes, Out and About in Idaho"
2. Nathan Adams, Reseller Advocate Magazine, "RAM Layouts"

3. Ken Shafer, Columns Magazine, "Jewel Renewal"

Honorable mention:

Ken Shafer, Columns Magazine, "A Place Apart"

Cartoons/illustrations

1. Chuck Luce, Arches Magazine, "Illustrations of Alumni Who Rock"

2. Barton Stabler, Alaska Air Magazine, "Market Returns"

3. John Riley/Getty Images, Horizon Air Magazine, "Identity Crisis"

Honorable mention:

Anton Bogaty, Tekbug, "Spam Illustration"

Photography - general news

1. Jonathan Selkowitz, Horizon Air Magazine, "Aerial Skier"

Photography - sports

1. Shahn Rowe, Alaska Airlines Magazine, "Course Work"

2. Jeremy Koreski, Horizon Air Magazine, "Surfin' Safari"

3. Tom Hauck, Alaska Airlines Magazine, "Any Given Saturday"

Photography - feature

1. Tom Bol, Alaska Airlines Magazine, "Photopage"

2. Jay Krajic, Horizon Air Magazine, "Out and About in Idaho"

3. Jean Arthur, Horizon Air Magazine, "Learning the Ropes"

Photography - portrait

1. Tim MacPherson, Alaska Airlines Magazine, "Photopage"

2. Mark Lisk, Horizon Air Magazine, "Music to Your Ears"

3. Rick Dahms, Washington Law and Politics, "Seattle's Black Panther"

Photography - photo essay

1. Stewart Hopkins, Loyd Heath, William Thomson, Mary Levin; Columns Magazine, "Jewel Renewal"

Honorable mention:

Robert Winters, various photographers, Alaska Airlines, "Showcase 2002"

Photography - pictorial

1. Chuck Luce, Arches Magazine, "James Champa Winter Photography"

2. Gary Braasch, Alaska Airlines Magazine, "Photopage"

3. Bob Krist, Midwest Express Magazine, "Play's the Thing"

SPJ Pacific Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition

The annual contest is sponsored by the six professional chapters of the Society of Professional Journalists in Region 10, covering Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Alaska.

Daily Newspapers Circulation 25,000 and under

The judging was done by professional journalists from SPJ chapters in Southern California, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Spot News

1. Teri Anderson, Matthew Evans, Post Register, "Day that began with kidnapping"
 2. Luke Bogues, Philip Watness, Peninsula Daily News, "Rain, flood threat to ebb"
 3. Jill Carnell, Don Jenkins, Sally Ousley, The Daily News, "Shooter injures 2"
- HM. Luke Bogues, Peninsula Daily News, "1929 mystery solved"
- HM. Brian Mittge, The Chronicle, "Whirlwind touches down in Chehalis"

Comprehensive Coverage (1 day's issue)

1. Staff, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, "Spirit of a nation (Sept. 11)"
 2. Staff, The Daily World, "AHS landmark gutted by raging blaze"
 3. Ted McDonough, Alan Solan, Brent Champaco, Moscow-Pullman Daily News, "Suicide: Life and death decisions"
- HM. Brent Champaco, Moscow-Pullman Daily News, "The big brush off"
- HM. Staff, The Chronicle, "9/11, A day that changed America"

Comprehensive Coverage (multiple issues)

1. Marmian Grimes, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, "On their own"
 2. Ron Tschida, Kayley Mendenhall, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Census 2000"
 3. Staff, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, "Health care: Chronic? Curable? Critical?"
- HM. John Harrington, Independent Record, "Helena's smoking question"
- HM. Rob Rogers, Stephen Brashear, The News-Review, "Serving in the Sinai"
- HM. Staff, Grants Pass Daily Courier, "A monster called Biscuit"

Investigative Reporting

1. Eve Byron, Independent Record, "Growing green"
2. James Geluso, Skagit Valley Herald, "On the road again"
3. Barbara LaBoe, The Montana Standard, "Stetzner school series"

Criminal Justice

1. Lisa Curdy, The Daily World, "To catch a killer"
 2. Scott Gutierrez, Skagit Valley Herald, "The hunt"
 3. Don Jenkins, The Daily News, "The cure that killed"
- HM.Carolynn Bright, Independent Record, "Meth's maze"
- HM. Scott Gutierrez, Skagit Valley Herald, "On the prowl"

Government Reporting

1. Ron Tschida, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "On the bench"
2. Staff, Grants Pass Daily Courier, "The crunch hits home"
3. Rob Burns, The Daily World, "A man's home is his hassle"

Consumer Reporting

1. Kayley Mendenhall, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Online tickets vs. travel agents"
2. M.L. Madison, The Daily News, "Plastic or plastic?"
3. Brad Bolchunos, The Daily Astorian, "Post office fees rankle Cannon Beach"

Health Reporting

1. Maggie Walsh, Post Register, "Suffering of siblings"
 2. Kayley Mendenhall, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Hunters' dilemma"
 3. Staff, Grants Pass Daily Courier, "Failing the ailing"
- HM. Ron Tschida, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Living with pain"

Science Reporting

1. Roger Harnack, Peninsula Daily News, "Capitol preview"
2. Benjamin Romano, The Daily Astorian, "The secret life of bugs"
3. James Geluso, Skagit Valley Herald, "Scientists read trends in N. Cascade glaciers"

Environmental Reporting

1. Rob Thornberry, Post Register, "The watermaster"
 2. Eric Apalategui, The Daily News, "A dam that isn't cursed"
 3. Scott McMillion, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Wild work crew"
- HM. Jennifer Sandmann, The Times-News, "Time guardians"
- HM. Ron Tschida, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Seeds for thought"

Social Issues

1. Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Faced with a challenge"
 2. Tom Lutey, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Gun-friendly Democrats"
 3. Tom Paulu, The Daily News, "Someone to talk to"
- HM. Brad Bolchunos, The Daily Astorian, "New opportunities"
- HM. Jennifer Sandmann, The Times-News, "They answered the call"

Education

1. Jennifer Collins, The Daily Astorian, "Olney students say goodbye"
2. Barbara LaBoe, The Montana Standard, "School behind bars"
3. Brad Bolchunos, The Daily Astorian, "Exploring the estuary"

- HM. Darren Dunlap, The Daily Astorian, "Special report – college accreditation"
- HM. Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "She's listening"

Personalities

1. Corey Taule, Post Register, "End of an era"
2. Erin Everett, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Professional pioneer"
3. Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Fighting the status quo"

Food, Fashion, and Home

1. Larissa Pfeifer, Skagit Valley Herald, "The choice of generations"
2. Jan Roberts-Dominguez, Corvallis Gazette-Times, "Party in the kitchen"
3. Zeller Westabrook, Peninsula Daily News, "Luscious lavender"

Lifestyles

1. Erin Everett, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "King of the cans"
 2. Larissa Pfeifer, Skagit Valley Herald, "Writ small"
 3. Kayley Mendenhall, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Fishing on faith"
- HM. Mike Johnston, Daily Record, "Mug o' memories"
- HM. Kathleen Obenland, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, "Bonsai masterpiece"

Short Feature

1. Larissa Pfeifer, Skagit Valley Herald, "Soon-to-be Spielbergs?"
2. Jacob Goldstein, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "The Grinch who stole the show"
3. Shawn O'Neal, Moscow-Pullman Daily News, "Leader by example"

Feature Story

1. Scott McMillion, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Edee's bar now just a memory"
2. Larissa Pfeifer, Skagit Valley Herald, "A whole new life"
3. Tom Paulu, The Daily News, "Finding Adrienne"

Arts Coverage

1. Scott McMillion, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "A literary journey"
2. Brad Bolchunos, The Daily Astorian, "At Fisher poets"
3. Laura Tucker, Peninsula Daily News, "Breaking glass barriers"
HM. Roberta Forsell Stauffer, The Montana Standard, "Brush with greatness"

Business Reporting

1. Eric Apalategui, The Daily News, "The best medicine?"
2. Jeff Duewel, Grants Pass Daily Courier, "Rough and ready mill nears end"
3. Roger Harnack, Peninsula Daily News, "Yacht-maker picks PA"

Business Features

1. Scott McMillion, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Perfect pooh"
2. Ron Tschida, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Drugs made to order"
3. Kaitlin Manry, The Daily World, "Cranberry fields forever?"
HM. Scott McMillion, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Captured by the corral"
HM. Rob Thornberry, Post Register, "Two turntables"

Sports News

1. Travis Moore, Grants Pass Daily Courier, "Track can't get handle on betting dollars"
2. Rick Anderson, The Daily World, "Running low"
3. Tom Cotton, Francis Davis, John Ebelt, Sandra Kelly, Independent Record, "Carroll beats Georgetown"
HM. Rick S. Alvord, The Daily News, "Tug of war"
HM. Charles Bingham, Juneau Empire, "Carlos goes to Cleveland"

Sports Features

1. Rob Thornberry, Post Register, "Hunting for life"
2. Rick S. Alvord, The Daily News, "Return to blue"
3. Jacob Goldstein, Bozeman Daily Chronicle,

"Chasing a dream"

- HM. Charles Bingham, Juneau Empire, "One leg up on the field"
HM. Ben Zimmerman, The Daily News, "Gambling with a dream"

Sports Columns

1. Joe Paisley, The Times-News
2. Ben Zimmerman, The Daily News
3. Rick S. Alvord, The Daily News
HM. Kevin Brown, Skagit Valley Herald
HM. Dennis Clay, Columbia Basin Herald

Editorials

1. Rick Eskil, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
2. Bill Wilke, Bozeman Daily Chronicle
3. Norm Lewis, Skagit Valley Herald
HM. Tim Engstrom, Daily Record
HM. Staff, Peninsula Daily News

Editorial Commentary

1. Gordon MacCracken, The Chronicle
2. John C. Hughes, The Daily World
3. Steve Reed, Juneau Empire
HM. Sheila Hagar, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
HM. Marty Trillhaase, Post Register

Headlines

1. Niki Price, Corvallis Gazette-Times
2. TIE: Dan Abshier, Skagit Valley Herald; David M. Lemery II, The Times-News
3. Chris Thomas, The Chronicle
HM. Will Koenig, The Daily Astorian
HM. Michael Yawitz, Bozeman Daily Chronicle

General Columns

1. John C. Hughes, The Daily World
2. Brad Bolchunos, The Daily Astorian
3. Peter Kelley, Skagit Valley Herald

News Page Design

1. Dax Lowery, Corvallis Gazette-Times
2. Craig Staszko, Moscow-Pullman Daily News
3. Ryan Ford, The Daily News
HM. Sue McNally-Worrell, Skagit Valley Herald
HM. Elizabeth M. Vernon, Skagit Valley Herald

Feature Page Design

1. Al Knauber, Bozeman Daily Chronicle
 2. Ryan Ford, The Daily News
 3. Craig Staszko, Moscow-Pullman Daily News
- HM. Lana Brown, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
HM. LuAnn Rod, Bozeman Daily Chronicle

Spot News Photography

1. Karl Maasdam, Corvallis Gazette-Times, "Sunday standoff"
2. Greg Ebersole, The Daily News, "Pancaked"
3. Gary J. Cichowski, The Chronicle, "Not lost anymore"

General News Photography

1. Eric Engman, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, "High-tech heating"
 2. Mark Ylen, Albany Democrat-Herald, "Retired logger"
 3. Keith Thorpe, Peninsula Daily News, "Daddy's home"
- HM. Erik Petersen, The Livingston Enterprise, "Annual roundup"

Feature Photography

1. Erik Petersen, The Livingston Enterprise, "Santa hat woes"
 2. Eric Engman, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, "Shadow play"
 3. Frank Varga, Skagit Valley Herald, "Center of attention"
- HM. Greg Ebersole, The Daily News, "Cool spray"
HM. Karl Maasdam, Corvallis Gazette-Times, "Nathan Robbing"

Sports Photography

1. Derek Pruitt, The Montana Standard, "Jump ball"
 2. Alex Sutherland, The Chronicle, "Little League joy"
 3. Scott Terrell, Skagit Valley Herald, "Eyes on the ball"
- HM. Greg Ebersole, The Daily News, "Armed and dangerous"

HM. Karl Maasdam, Corvallis Gazette-Times, "Receiver James Newsom"

Pictorial Photography

1. Matt Wallis, Skagit Valley Herald, "Crossing into evening"
2. Karl Maasdam, Corvallis Gazette-Times, "Women softball players"
3. David Dick, Daily Record, "Twilight league"

Photopage Photography

1. Thomas Lee, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, "Tina, give me a hug"
 2. Greg Ebersole, The Daily News, "Faces"
 3. Eric Engman, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, "Questward moments"
- HM. Erik Petersen, The Livingston Enterprise, "The rodeo life"

Portrait Photography

1. Kevin Hong, The Daily World, "Charlotte Kalama"
2. Lori Assa, The Daily Astorian, "Target acquired"
3. Alex Sutherland, The Chronicle, "Glass artist"

Daily Newspapers Circulation 25,001 - 65,000

The judging was done by professional journalists from SPJ chapters in Tennessee and Utah.

Spot News

1. Staff, The Bellingham Herald, "Sniper suspects"
2. Cara Murez, Susan Tom, Janet Davies, Statesman Journal, "Family of six slain"
3. Sarah Lemon, Mail Tribune, "Fire frenzy"
HM. Erik Robinson, The Columbian, "Yale Canal collapses"

Comprehensive Coverage (1 day's issue)

1. News Staff, Yakima Herald-Republic, "Common ground"
2. Staff, Billings Gazette, "On strike!"
3. Staff, The Sun, "9/11 anniversary"
HM. James Sinks, Tom Peterson, Julia Lyon, The Bulletin, "Former sheriff ... guilty"
HM. Staff, The Olympian, "Locke budget plan"

Comprehensive Coverage (multiple issues)

1. John H. Trumbo, Kristin Kraemer, Nathan Isaacs, Tri-City Herald, "Déjà boom"
2. Stephen Maher, Laurie Smith, The Wenatchee World, "P.U.D. Inc."

Investigative Reporting

1. John H. Trumbo, Tri-City Herald, "After meth"
2. James Sinks, The Bulletin, "Community justice"
3. Scott North, Jim Haley, The Herald, "It's a revolving door at jail"

Criminal Justice

1. Ken Olsen, Stephanie Thomson, The Columbian, "SSOSA – broken trust"
2. Jesse A. Hamilton, Yakima Herald-Republic, "The other end of life"
3. Alan Gustafson, Statesman Journal, "Property crime series"
HM. Aubrey Cohen, The Bellingham Herald, "Meth has arrived"
HM. Scott North, The Herald, "Good man gone"

Government Reporting

1. Chris Barron, The Sun, "Green to the Corps"
2. Scott North, The Herald, "Jailers back up big overtime bills"
3. Dori Harrell, Yakima Herald-Republic, "Port district under the microscope"
HM. Scott Sandsberry, Yakima Herald-Republic, "River path divides community"
HM. Peter Wong, Steve Law, Shawna Rorem, Statesman Journal, "Oregon's recession: Then and now"

Consumer Reporting

1. Brian Willoughby, The Columbian, "What we drive"
2. Cydney Gillis, Eastside Journal, "Hotmail series"
3. Ericka Pizzillo, The Bellingham Herald, "Organic foods"
HM. Rick Steigmeyer, The Wenatchee World, "Straddling two worlds"
HM. Karen Spears Zacharias, Tri-City Herald, "Many depot neighbors uneasy"

Health Reporting

1. Rebecca Merritt, The Bulletin, "Frontier medicine"
2. Ken Olsen, The Columbian, "Top dollar"
3. Charlene Koski, Yakima Herald-Republic, "Broken system, broken promises"
HM. Ken Olsen, Stephanie Thomson, The Columbian, "A child cheated"
HM. Janice Podsada, The Herald, "Great comebacks"

Science Reporting

1. Ken Olsen, The Columbian, "Botox injections ease"
2. Mike Archbold, South County Journal, "Hatching a success"
3. Sonya Senkowsky, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, "Fossil finders: Unburied treasure"
HM. John Stang, Tri-City Herald, "Public lecture offers look"
HM. Amy Trask, The Sun, "High wire act"

Environmental Reporting

1. Erik Robinson, The Columbian, "Non-native species take hold"
2. Sherry Devlin, Missoulian, "Two rivers, two choices"
3. Ericka Pizzillo, The Bellingham Herald, "Glaciers"
HM. Michelle Partridge, The Wenatchee World, "Saving the sage lands"

Social Issues

1. Kelly Adams, The Columbian, "Time's up"
2. Adriana Janovich, Yakima Herald-Republic, "Fraternal groups dislodged"
3. Janice Podsada, Scott North, The Herald, "Meth: A year in hell"
HM. Vicki Adame, Tri-City Herald, "Reaching out en español"
HM. Alex Davis, Statesman Journal, "The great divide"

Education

1. Jane Rider, Missoulian, "Education for everyone"
2. Marietta Nelson, The Sun, "Business 101 for public education"
3. Erik Stevick, The Herald, "Faces of graduation"
HM. Mhari Doyle, The Columbian, "Student-teacher sex: Crossing a forbidden line"
HM. Ted Taylor, The Bulletin, "Living and learning"

Personalities

1. Michael Moore, Missoulian, "Vision of grace"
2. Amy Linn, Missoulian, "Hot Kat"
3. Mike Bailey, The Columbian, "Midlife success"
HM. Diana Hefley, The Herald, "Duty bound"
HM. Emily Weiner, The Bellingham Herald, "Zach Dockins"

Food, Fashion, and Home

1. Julie Johnson, The Bulletin, "Latkes: Hanukkah just wouldn't be the same"
2. John Branton, The Columbian, "This little house was made of straw"
3. Genoa Sibold-Cohn, Tri-City Herald,

"Busting out"

- HM. Denise Holley, The Wenatchee World, "Servings for students"
HM. Kate Reardon, The Herald, "Paella king"

Lifestyles

1. Ginny Merriam, Missoulian, "Safe haven"
2. Christina Harper, The Herald, "The house love built"
3. Annie Rusunen, The Columbian, "It's all relative(s)"
HM. Angela Allen, The Columbian, "Match play"
HM. Mark Freeman, Mail Tribune, "Tell-tails"

Short Feature

1. Andrew Wineke, The Herald, "County corners"
2. Rial Cummings, Missoulian, "Ice dreams"
3. Tricia Jones, The Columbian, "Relax: August offers"
HM. Jane Gargas, Yakima Herald-Republic, "The path to glory"
HM. Heidi Hagemeyer, The Bulletin, "Over the hill and back up again"

Feature Story

1. Todd Frankel, The Herald, "Day zero"
2. Kie Relyea, The Bellingham Herald, "Teen addiction"
3. Mike Lee, Tri-City Herald, "Dreams run dry"
HM. John Branton, Stephanie Thomson, The Columbian, "Comic capers"
HM. Vince Devlin, Missoulian, "Frozen in place"

Arts Coverage

1. Ron Cowan, Statesman Journal, "Drive-ins endure with nostalgia"
2. Jane Gargas, Yakima Herald-Republic, "Treasures to be cherished"
3. Brett Oppegaard, The Columbian, "When the cash heads out of town"

Business Reporting

1. Kevin Max, Lisa Rosetta, Monica Lee, The Bulletin, "Corporate crime and punishment"
2. Jan Falstad, Billings Gazette, "Touch America coverage"

Business Reporting

3. David A. Grant, Eastside Journal, "Owners to halt Lincoln Square"
- HM. Jeffrey Mize, The Columbian, "Bridging the jobs gap"
- HM. James Sinks, Lisa Rosetta, The Bulletin, "Oregon: Bad for business?"

Business Features

1. Bennett Hall, Mid-Valley Sunday, "Center of inventions"
 2. Eric Fetters, The Herald, "Nod if you're having fun"
 3. TIE: Maisey Fernandez, Yakima Herald-Republic, "Local FM deejays"; Mike Lee, Tri-City Herald, "Giant killer?"
- HM. Theresa Goffredo, The Herald, "Door to door"
- HM. Brian Willoughby, The Columbian, "Battle for Rosemere's soul"

Sports News

1. Rial Cummings, Missoulian, "Gamble costs Bergoust"
 2. Jefferson Robbins, The Wenatchee World, "2002 Olympic Winter Games"
 3. Dave Thomas, Yakima Herald-Republic, "Sun Kings ownership turmoil"
- HM. Jeff Morrow, Tri-City Herald, "Stanton provides big finish"
- HM. Michelle Nolan, Mike Allende, The Bellingham Herald, "Sehome soccer title"

Sports Features

1. Kim Wetzel, The Columbian, "Black and blue and"
 2. Don Hunt, Mail Tribune, "Leaving them in awe"
 3. Kim Wetzel, The Columbian, "X marks the sport"
- HM. Vince Devlin, Missoulian, "Things that go boom"
- HM. Nathan Fenno, Eastside Journal, "Beaten, but not for long"

Sports Columns

1. Greg Johns, Eastside Journal
2. Jeff Rosen, The Sun
3. Rial Cummings, Missoulian

- HM. Larry Henry, The Herald
- HM. Greg Jayne, The Columbian

Editorials

1. Barbara Curtin, Statesman Journal
 2. Mike Oakland, The Olympian
 3. Greg Jayne, The Columbian
- HM. Chris Sivula, Tri-City Herald

Editorial Commentary

1. Elizabeth Hovde, The Columbian
2. Michael Zuzel, The Columbian
3. Rob Woutat, The Sun

Headlines

1. Scot Heisel, Missoulian
 2. Dana Haynes, Statesman Journal
 3. Jon Bauer, The Herald
- HM. Dave Fielder, The Columbian

General Columns

1. Gregg Herrington, The Columbian
2. Ed Kemmick, Billings Gazette
3. Julie Muhlstein, The Herald

News Page Design

1. Chris Thomas, The Olympian
 2. Marsha Matta, The Columbian
 3. Darcy L. Himes, The Sun
- HM. Vanessa McVay, The Wenatchee World
- HM. Eric Schoenborn, The Sun

Feature Page Design

1. Marsha Matta, The Columbian
 2. Ken Barnedt, Missoulian
 3. Tamara M. Peterson, The Sun
- HM. Maria D. Hughes, South County Journal
- HM. Audra J. Stephens, Mid-Valley Sunday

Spot News Photography

1. Bob Pennell, Mail Tribune, "Warehouse fire"
 2. Michael Gallacher, Missoulian, "River rescue"
 3. Larry Steagall, The Sun, "Fireball"
- HM. David Nelson, South County Journal, "Easing the trauma"
- HM. Steve Zugschwerdt, The Sun, "Horns of a dilemma"

General News Photography

1. Tom Bauer, Missoulian, "Sound treatment"
 2. Pete Kendall, The Bellingham Herald, "Summer dunk"
 3. Steve Zugschwerdt, The Sun, "Burnin' up the links"
- HM. Patrick Hagerty, South County Journal, "Beverly Abernathy"
- HM. Bob Pennell, Mail Tribune, "Back burn"

Feature Photography

1. Larry Steagall, The Sun, "Break time"
 2. Richard J. Dickin, Tri-City Herald, "She's got mail"
 3. Dan Bates, The Herald, "Tai Chi prodigy"
- HM. Pete Erickson, The Bulletin, "Eyeing the ball"
- HM. Gary Kissel, South County Journal, "Ready to get to work"

Sports Photography

1. John Warner, Billings Gazette, "Blocked kick"
 2. Timothy Gonzalez, Statesman Journal, "Interrupted"
 3. Gordon King, Yakima Herald-Republic, "Rough bareback ride"
- HM. Tom Bauer, Missoulian, "Foul trouble"
- HM. Jay Drowns, The Bellingham Herald, "Anticipation"

Pictorial Photography

1. Rob Kerr, The Bulletin, "Snow-kissed sisters"
 2. Brian Fitzgerald, Yakima Herald-Republic, "Duck's day begins"
 3. Pete Erickson, The Bulletin, "Fire starter"
- HM. Steve Shelton, Eastside Journal, "Sunset for the soul"

Photopage Photography

1. Stephanie S. Cordle, The Herald, "Day zero"
 2. Steve Shelton, Eastside Journal, "Beaten, but not for long"
 3. Carolyn J. Yaschur, The Sun, "Recovering meth mom"
- HM. Brian Fitzgerald, Yakima Herald-Republic, "The last generation"

Portrait Photography

1. Sandy Summers, Yakima Herald-Republic, "Old fisherman"
 2. Kurt Wilson, Missoulian, "Fred"
 3. Kurt Wilson, Missoulian, "Homeless"
- HM. Larry Steagall, The Sun, "Flight through history"
- HM. Sandy Summers, Yakima Herald-Republic, "Surprised by life"

Daily Newspapers Circulation more than 65,000

The judging was done by professional journalists from SPJ chapters in Minnesota, Illinois and Florida.

Spot News

1. Staff, The Seattle Times, "DC sniper coverage"
 2. Staff, The Oregonian, "They all disappeared"
 3. Staff, The Oregonian, "Remains found"
- HM. Susan Gordon, The News Tribune, "Puyallup settlement"
- HM. Jon Little, Anchorage Daily News, "Frigid swim for life"

Comprehensive Coverage (1 day's issue)

1. Staff, The Oregonian, "Crater Lake"
2. Drew DeSilver, Cheryl Phillips, The Seattle

Times, "Adding up your taxes"

3. Lucas Wall, Anchorage Daily News, "Fire razes Aspen hotel"

Comprehensive Coverage (multiple issues)

1. Michelle Roberts, The Oregonian, "Out of the shadows"
2. Jason Hagey, The News Tribune, "A counterfeit life"
3. Janet Tu, Ray Rivera, Alex Tizon, The Seattle Times, "Sexual abuse and the Catholic Church"

Investigative Reporting

1. Staff, The Oregonian, "Digging deeper"
2. Mike Carter, Hal Bernton, David Heath, The Seattle Times, "James Ujaama, Seattle terrorist"
3. Hal Bernton, Mike Carter, David Heath, James Neff, The Seattle Times, "The terrorist within"

Criminal Justice

1. Patrick Harrington, The Oregonian, "Deceptive abilities"
2. Angie Gaddy, The Spokesman-Review, "The death of Carissa Benway"
3. Bryan Denson, Matt Sabo, The Oregonian, "On the run"
HM. Mike Carter, The Seattle Times, "Huge cocaine bust"
HM. Staff, The Oregonian, "Anatomy of an investigation"

Government Reporting

1. Kim Christensen, Brent Walth, The Oregonian, "PERS"
2. Angela Galloway, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Prison health care"
3. Les Zaitz, James Long, The Oregonian, "Oregon's troubled bridges"
HM. Dan Hansen, The Spokesman-Review, "Money to burn"
HM. Tom Kizzia, Anchorage Daily News, "Sen. Rick Halford"

Consumer Reporting

1. Staff, The Oregonian, "Prosperity lost"
2. Jolayne Houtz and staff, The Seattle Times, "The Seattle Times school guide"
3. Scott McCredie, The Seattle Times, "Prescription treasure hunt"
HM. Gail Hill, The Oregonian, "PGE rates are highest"
HM. Ann Potempa, Anchorage Daily News, "Health insurance"

Health Reporting

1. Carol Smith, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Fate and fortitude"
2. Jonathan Martin, The Spokesman-Review, "Lost children series"
3. Julie Sullivan, The Oregonian, "Sterilization

series"

HM. Tim Christie, The Register-Guard, "Gastric bypass surgery"

HM. Marsha King, The Seattle Times, "Losing Betsy"

Science Reporting

1. Lynda Mapes, Eric Sorensen, The Seattle Times, "Natural wonders"
2. Eran Karmon, The Seattle Times, "Stairway to heavens"
3. Doug O'Harra, Anchorage Daily News, "Sea enemies"

Environmental Reporting

1. Robert McClure, Lisa Stiffler, Lise Olsen, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Our troubled Sound"
2. Beth Quinn, The Oregonian, "Monster in the woods"
3. Karen Dorn Steele, Benjamin Shors, The Spokesman-Review, "Dirty work"
HM. Craig Welch, Eric Sorensen, The Seattle Times, "Saving the Sound"

Social Issues

1. Ruth Teichroeb, Carol Smith, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Children in a state of neglect"
2. Torsten Kjellstrand, The Spokesman-Review, "A man and his mountain"
3. Alex Fryer, Florangela Davila, Justin Mayo, The Seattle Times, "I-200 series"
HM. Alex Fryer, The Seattle Times, "The trouble with Eli"
HM. Ruth Schubert, Heath Foster, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Who's minding daycare?"

Education

1. Rebekah Denn, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "An uneven hand"
2. Betsy Hammond, The Oregonian, "SOS for teachers"
3. Ann Potempa, Anchorage Daily News, "Junior's gift"
HM. Debby Abe, Paula Sullivan, The News Tribune, "Poverty vs. achievement"
HM. Virginia de Leon, The Spokesman-Review, "Wellpinit school at head of the class"

Personalities

1. Don Colburn, The Oregonian, "A voice for the voiceless"
2. Tom Hallman Jr., The Oregonian, "Changing channels"
3. Debra McKinney, Anchorage Daily News, "The thing about Al"
HM. Karen McCowan, The Register-Guard, "Gogi's voice"

Food, Fashion, and Home

1. Judith Blake, The Seattle Times, "Where do babies come from?"
2. Vivian McInerny, The Oregonian, "Thrift stores get a makeover"
3. Nancy Leson, The Seattle Times, "Sushi 101"
HM. Hsiao-Ching Chou, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Pam's salmon"
HM. T. C. Mitchell, Anchorage Daily News, "Oyster wranglers"

Lifestyles

1. Jeanette White, The Spokesman-Review, "Auxiliary mom"
2. Sean Robinson, The News Tribune, "Feeding a passion for the game"
3. Steve Woodward, The Oregonian, "And the worst job"

Short Feature

1. Andy Dworkin, The Oregonian, "20:02, 02-20-2002"
2. Paul Turner, The Spokesman-Review, "Positively, the best"
3. Beth Bragg, Anchorage Daily News, "Seal skinning"

Feature Story

1. Erin Hoover Barnett, The Oregonian, "Between father and son"
2. Marc Ramirez, The Seattle Times, "The everyday adventures of Superman"
3. Mark Baker, The Register-Guard, "Twists of fate"

Arts Coverage

1. David Stabler, The Oregonian, "Lost in the music"

2. Steve Duin, The Oregonian, "Ambrose to local war hero"
3. Misha Berson, The Seattle Times, "Hairspray adds to Seattle's sheen"
HM. Debra McKinney, Anchorage Daily News, "Hungry for sharks"
HM. Dan Webster, The Spokesman-Review, "Speaking from experience"

Business Reporting

1. Staff, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "A clear victory for Microsoft"
2. John Cook, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Znetix founder Lawrence arrested"
3. Kyung M. Song, David Bowermaster, The Seattle Times, "Boeing strike vote"
HM. Paula Dobbyn, Anchorage Daily News, "Usibelli's last shipment to South Korea"
HM. Wesley Loy, Anchorage Daily News, "Horde of reds slams Main Bay"

Business Features

1. Wesley Loy, Anchorage Daily News, "On the rocks: Bristol Bay bust"
2. Jeffrey Kosseff, The Oregonian, "Telecom ruins"
3. Staff, The Seattle Times, "Washington's bruised economy"
HM. Sharon Pian Chan, The Seattle Times, "Worlds apart on wireless"

Sports News

1. Craig Medred, Anchorage Daily News, "Wilderness classic racers court death"
2. Sandy Ringer, The Seattle Times, "Title IX turns 30"
3. Craig Hill, The News Tribune, "What's in a word?"
HM. Les Carpenter, The Seattle Times, "How three athletes defeated despair"
HM. Katy Muldoon, John Nolen, The Oregonian, "Unspoken opponent"

Sports Features

1. Les Carpenter, The Seattle Times, "Villain, hero? Debate lingers"
2. Bud Withers, The Seattle Times, "Cougars confidential"

Sports Features

3. Inara Verzemnieks, The Oregonian, "Learning the ropes"
HM. George Bryson, Anchorage Daily News, "Aiming at excellence"
HM. Jason Quick, The Oregonian, "Builder of bonds"
HM. Doyle Woody, Anchorage Daily News, "Rough and tumble"

Sports Columns

1. Ron C. Judd, The Seattle Times
2. Steve Kelley, The Seattle Times
3. John McGrath, The News Tribune

Editorials

1. Susan Nielsen, The Oregonian
2. Matt Zencey, Anchorage Daily News
3. Rick Attig, The Oregonian

Editorial Commentary

1. Kate Riley, The Seattle Times
2. Joni Balter, The Seattle Times
3. Lynne Varner, The Seattle Times

Headlines

1. Guy Ham, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
2. Wendy Fawthrop, The Seattle Times
3. Gil Aegerter, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
HM. Jim McNett, The Oregonian
HM. Robert Teodosio, Eastside Journal

General Columns

1. Doug Clark, The Spokesman-Review
2. Margie Boule, The Oregonian
3. Steve Duin, The Oregonian
HM. Mike Doogan, Anchorage Daily News
HM. Robert Jamieson, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

News Page Design

1. Mark Friesen, The Oregonian
2. Denise Clifton, The Seattle Times
3. Ralph Walter, The Spokesman-Review

Feature Page Design

1. Jeff Neumann, The Seattle Times
2. Julie Simon, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
3. Boo Davis, The Seattle Times

Spot News Photography

1. Peter Haley, The News Tribune, "Squirrel bite"
2. Chris Pietsch, The Register-Guard, "Firefighters use golf cart"
3. Peter Haley, The News Tribune, "Trench collapse"
HM. Ross Hamilton, The Oregonian, "Jumper"

General News Photography

1. Erik Hill, Anchorage Daily News, "A tearful salute"
2. Alan Berner, The Seattle Times, "Tears for 9/11"
3. Colin Mulvany, The Spokesman-Review, "In the line of duty"
HM. Fredrick Joe, The Oregonian, "Camouflaged"

Feature Photography

1. Jim Bates, The Seattle Times, "Blazing down the home stretch"
2. Alan Berner, The Seattle Times, "Santa blues"
3. Ellen M. Banner, The Seattle Times, "Headlong into another world"
HM. Drew Perine, The News Tribune, "Gotcha"

Sports Photography

1. Christopher Anderson, The Spokesman-Review, "Blurry skaters"
2. Mark Harrison, The Seattle Times, "Summer of frustration"
3. Bruce Ely, The Oregonian, "Ice skating gold"
HM. Jim Bates, The Seattle Times, "Soccer celebration"
HM. Mike Urban, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "The agony and the ecstasy"

Pictorial Photography

1. Meryl Schenker, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Day tripping"
2. Brian Plonka, The Spokesman-Review, "Scapes ... when we see the light"
3. Bob Hallinen, Anchorage Daily News, "Bohemian waxwing"

HM. Rob Finch, The Oregonian, "Winter's retreat and return"

Photopage Photography

1. Betty Udesen, The Seattle Times, "In her mother's shoes"
 2. Brian Davies, The Register-Guard, "Almost gone"
 3. Rob Finch, The Oregonian, "Patience of Job"
- HM. Jim Lavrakas, Anchorage Daily News, "Junior's gift"

Portrait Photography

1. Tom Boyd, The Register-Guard, "After Sept. 11 – Binford"
 2. Mike Urban, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Rainier Beach standouts"
 3. Alan Berner, The Seattle Times, "Rod Stevens of Yaletown"
- HM. Mike Urban, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "Legal steps"

All circulation classes judged together

Arts Criticism

1. David Stabler, The Oregonian, "Sound of one hand playing"
2. Misha Berson, The Seattle Times, "Memo to Hollywood"

Radio stations in Region 10

The judging was done by professional journalists from SPJ chapters in South Florida and Southern California.

Radio Stations with 3 or fewer news staffers

Spot News Reporting

1. Robyne Martin, KUAC, Fairbanks, "Ad protest"

Feature News Reporting

1. Harriet Baskas, Reel Women Productions, Seattle, "Bing Crosby: 25th anniversary"
2. Robyne Martin, KUAC, Fairbanks, "Calypso farm"
3. Brian Prawitz, KQEN, Roseburg, "Morris

3. Jake Tenpas, Corvallis Gazette-Times, "Punch Drunk Love"

HM. Ron Cowan, Statesman Journal, "Oregon Shakespeare Festival"

HM. Bob Hicks, The Oregonian, "Grace, falling like rain"

Business Columns

1. Bill Virgin, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
2. Nick Ehli, Bozeman Daily Chronicle
3. Cydney Gillis, Eastside Journal

Graphics

1. David Badders, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
2. Steve Cowden, The Oregonian
3. Mark Nowlin, The Seattle Times

Illustrations

1. David Badders, Seattle Post-Intelligencer
2. Bridget Sawicki, The Spokesman-Review
3. Wendy Wahman, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Editorial Cartoons

1. Peter Dunlap-Shohl, Anchorage Daily News
2. Jack Ohman, The Oregonian
3. David Horsey, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Taylor montage"

HM. Steve Jackson, Spokane Public Radio, "Robot museum"

HM. Doug Nadvornick, Spokane Public Radio, "Teen sexual health"

General Newscast

1. Brian Prawitz, KQEN, Roseburg, "Noon News"
2. Brandi Elings, New Media Broadcasters Inc., Havre, "Afternoon local newscast"

Radio Stations with 4 or more news staffers

Spot News Reporting

1. Ruby de Luna, KUOW, Seattle, "Bellingham ... sniper connection"
 2. Colin Fogarty, KOPB, Portland, "Portland terror cell"
 3. Derek Wang, KUOW, Seattle, "Police shooting protest"
- HM. Ellen Lockyer, Alaska Public Radio Network, Anchorage, "Redistricting"

Feature News Reporting

1. Keith Seinfeld, KPLU, Tacoma, "American requiem"
 2. Ruby de Luna, KUOW, Seattle, "Lessons from Tacoma's alcohol ban"
 3. Jessica Cochran, Alaska Public Radio Network, Anchorage, "Native youth Olympics"
- HM. Colin Fogarty, KOPB, Portland, "Oregon troops on guard"
- HM. Steve Krueger, KPLU, Tacoma, "Protecting wetlands"

General Newscast

1. Staff, KOPB, Portland, "Oregon Considered"
2. APRN News Team, Alaska Public Radio Network, Anchorage, "Alaska News Nightly"
3. Deborah Brandt, KUOW, Seattle, "General newscast"

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Investigative Reporting

1. Keith Seinfeld, KPLU, Tacoma, "Tukwila beetle invasion"
2. Gordon Black, KUOW, Seattle, "Suquamish

tribe housing"

3. Robyne Martin, KUAC, Fairbanks, "Supremacist group comes to Fairbanks"
- HM. Christy George, KOPB, Portland, "Hijacking 9/11"

HM. Jennifer Niessen, KPLU, Tacoma, "Sick school syndrome"

Documentary

1. Marcie Sillman, KUOW, Seattle, "Hawaiian language preservation"
 2. Ronald Bruschi, New Media Broadcasters Inc., Havre, "Bright shining lights"
 3. Jeff Brady, KOPB, Portland, "Enron's Oregon connections"
- HM. Cathy Duchamp, KUOW, Seattle, "Orca odyssey"
- HM. Doug Nadvornick, Spokane Public Radio, "On the record: Strokes"

Sports Reporting

1. APRN News Team, Alaska Public Radio Network, Anchorage, "Iditarod module"
2. Deborah Brandt, KUOW, Seattle, "Adults on the edge"
3. Allison Frost, KOPB, Portland, "Eco-challenge"

Commentary, Analysis and Editorial

1. Knute Berger, Arvid Hokanson, Steve Scher, KUOW, Seattle, "Nader, righteous alternative?"
2. Jeff Siddiqui, KPLU, Tacoma, "9/11 anniversary"
3. Mona Eltahawy, Arvid Hokanson, Steve Scher, KUOW, Seattle, "Strangers on a bus stop"

Television stations in Region 10

The judging was done by professional journalists from SPJ chapters in Southern California.

TV Stations in markets 161 and smaller

Breaking News

1. KPAX News Team, KPAX, Missoula, "Day of the grizzly"
2. Heidi Meili, KECI, Missoula, "River rescue"
3. Lee Stoll, KCFW, Kalispell, "Bergert"

General News

1. Emily Apel, KTVZ, Bend, "Universal health care"
2. Alia Mahi, KECI, Missoula, "Street girls"
3. Suzie Suh, KCFW, Kalispell, "Dreadlocks"

Sports

1. Todd Reed, KECI, Missoula, "Two a days"
 2. Todd Reed, KECI, Missoula, "Bike ride"
 3. Lee Stoll, KCFW, Kalispell, "Bill Johnson"
- HM. Jill Valley, KPAX, Missoula, "Snowmobile hillclimbing"

Feature

1. Ysabel Bilbao, KIFI, Idaho Falls, "Roundabout"
 2. Jay Hildebrandt, KIFI, Idaho Falls, "Medical miracle"
 3. Jill Valley, KPAX, Missoula, "Skydiving family"
- HM. Dara Freimann, KECI, Missoula, "Squirrels"

TV Stations in markets 76 - 160

Breaking News

1. Jodi Unruh, Loren Ruark, KVAL, Eugene, "Westfir Fire"

General News

1. Maria Downey, Rich Jordan, KTUU, Anchorage, "Wildwood therapy"
2. Meghan Waller, Peter Schlemmer, KTUU, Anchorage, "911 emergency"
3. Rhonda McBride, Laura Papetti, Phil

Walczak, Shawn Wilson, Dan Jackson, KTUU, Anchorage, "Women of Mary Magdalene"
HM. Pat McGillivray, Mark Wilson, KVAL, Eugene, "Crowded kindergarten"

Sports

1. Rob Lehocky, KVAL, Eugene, "Jordan Kent"
 2. Tom Clyde, KDRV, Medford, "Sarah's battle"
 3. Tom Ward, KVAL, Eugene, "Glove man"
- HM. Sam Adams, KDRV, Medford, "Boomer's big adventure"
HM. Kevin Uretsky, KNDU, Kennewick, "The most unique rookie"

Feature

1. Tim Sakahara, KDRV, Medford, "Mikaela's story"
2. Amanda Butterfield, Jeff Horwitz, KMTR, Springfield, "Hometown hero"
3. John Tracy, Eric Sowl, KTUU, Anchorage, "Round Island"

TV Stations in top 75 markets

Breaking News

1. Staff, KATU, Portland, "Breaking news"
2. News Staff, KING, Seattle, "Stratoliner"

General News

1. TIE: Chris Ingalls, Tyrone Maxie, Kellie Cheadle, KING, Seattle, "Russian hackers"; Paul Bukta, Mike Fousie, Bryon Garvin, KATU, Portland, "Smoke detectors: Sounding the alarm"
 2. Josephine Cheng, Tom Voelk, KING, Seattle, "Born addicted"
 3. Dan Tilkin, Chris Wilkinson, KATU, Portland, "Freedom fighters"
- HM. Robert Mak, Tyrone Maxie, Mike Blakey, KING, Seattle, "Eyman's reality"

General News

HM. Dan Tilkin, Bryon Garvin, KATU, Portland, "Courting addiction"

Sports

1. Greg Bailey, Tony White, Gary Burckhardt, Scott Fifield, KING, Seattle, "Miracle league"
 2. Michael King, Laddy Kite, KING, Seattle, "Key Arena ballerina"
 3. Joan Kinsey, Eric Ripple, Tim Jensen, Keven Strehle, Blake Hurley, KING, Seattle, "From chumps to champs"
- HM. Dan Christopher, Monty Orrick, KATU, Portland, "Deaf baseball team"
- HM. Allen Schaufler, Ken Jones, KING, Seattle, "Ohno"

Feature

1. Eric Wilkinson, Ken Jones, KING, Seattle, "Haunted tavern"
2. Anna Song, Bryon Garvin, KATU, Portland, "The littlest patient"
3. Allen Schaufler, Ken Jones, KING, Seattle, "Al Skates"

TV Combined for all-size markets

Investigative Reporting

1. Susannah Frame, Tyrone Maxie, Kellie Cheadle, KING, Seattle, "Fugitive aid"
 2. Linda Byron, Tyrone Maxie, Kellie Cheadle, KING, Seattle, "Department of licensing"
 3. Eric Mason, Jeff Walker, Monty Orrick, KATU, Portland, "Throwaway planes, throwaway pilots"
- HM. Alia Mahi, KECI, Missoula, "Strip search"

Documentary

1. Keven Strehle, Blake Hurley, KING, Seattle, "The making of a hero"
2. Anna Song, Tamara Duricka, Chris Wilkinson, Kris Gurrad, KATU, Portland, "Two missing girls"
3. Thom Jensen, Paul Young, Kyle Jordan, Mark J. Hatfield, KDRV, Medford, "Sentries in the Sinai"

HM. John Crancer, Pat Metzler, Ricardo Ochoa, Bruce Reichert, Idaho Public Television, Boise, "Gold rush days and ghost towns"

HM. Jim Peck, Alan Austin, Joan Cartan-Hansen, Tom Hadzor, Jennifer Eisenhart, Idaho Public Television, Boise, "Outdoor Idaho: Our dogs"

Health and Science

1. Nick LaFave, KECI, Missoula, "Cochlear"
2. Scott Miller, George Stark, KING, Seattle, "Medicine mines"
3. Josephine Cheng, Tom Bishop, KING, Seattle, "Elimination communication"

Business, Economic and Consumer Affairs Reporting

1. Ian Marquand, KPAX, Missoula, "Under the big sky"
2. Sarah Johns, KIFI, Idaho Falls, "Dry farming in drought"
3. Robert Mak, Michael Cate, Mike Blakey, KING, Seattle, "Whose advantage?"

News Photojournalism

1. Bill Goetz, Mary Brandenberger, KVAL, Eugene, "Deputy memorial service"
2. Ron Sanford, KING, Seattle, "Maggie's leg"
3. Keven Strehle, KING, Seattle, "The making of a hero"

Feature Photojournalism

1. Bill Skok, KIRO, Seattle, "Your face is made of stories"
2. Ken Jones, KING, Seattle, "Spring"
3. Mike Rosborough, KATU, Portland, "The heart of a coach"