

# SPRING

2009 SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST • NORTHWEST EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARDS

HONORING 2008'S BEST IN NEWSPAPERS, ALT-WEEKLIES, MAGAZINES, ONLINE, TELEVISION AND RADIO



## **JUNE ANDERSON ALMQUIST AWARD**

This year's June Anderson Almquist Award for "Courage in Journalism" is being given to **MICHAEL R. FANCHER**, a thoughtful journalist and editor who is known for his passion, vision and integrity. A 2008-2009 Donald W. Reynolds Fellow, Fancher retired from The Seattle Times after 20 years as executive editor. He recently spent his fellowship year answering the question, "What is the journalist's creed for the 21st century?" During his tenure at The Times, he won four Pulitzer Prizes and was a Pulitzer finalist 13 other times. In 2002, Fancher was inducted into the Hall of Achievement at the University of Oregon's Journalism and Communication School.

## **SUSAN HUTCHISON BOSCH AWARD**

The Susan Hutchison Bosch Award is being given to **LEONARD J. HANSEN** posthumously. Hansen was an award-winning author, journalist, writer, director, producer and mentor and long-time SPJ proponent. In addition to hosting press club events in Whatcom County, he served on the Western Washington SPJ Board. Hansen embodied everything that Susan Hutchison Bosch stood for – honesty, a deep understanding of people, fairness, grace, perseverance and quiet courage. Hansen passed away after a fall in December 2008. He is missed by many.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

# JUNE ANDERSON ALMQUIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**PARISA SADRZADEH** is the winner of the June Anderson Almquist Memorial Scholarship. It is given each year to a female undergraduate majoring in journalism at the University of Washington. Almquist was one of the first women editors at the University of Washington's student newspaper. She concluded her professional journalism career as assistant managing editor of the Seattle Times.

Sadrzadeh is a sophomore at the University of Washington. She began working at the The Daily in September and was promoted to copy chief in March.

She is fluent in Farsi and English and is conversational in French. She works about 35 hours a week at The Daily, has a second part-time job, and, while taking a full course load, has a 3.9 grade point average. She has been selected as an intern at Seattle Metropolitan this summer. She also will travel to Argentina later this summer as part of a study abroad program.

# SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**MELISSA BRINKS** is co-editor in chief of The Clipper, the student newspaper at Everett Community College. She plans to complete her work there in the fall and then hopes to transfer to the University of Washington. She has experience in photography, reporting, page and graphic design, and Web design and would like to pursue a journalism career using these skills.

**AMINA AL-SADI** hosted an hour long radio program at KUOW, Our Time: Teens and Politics, the summer she finished her senior year in high school. She attended Edmonds Community College before transferring to the University of Washington. Although she plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Near Eastern Language, Civilization and Psychology in 2011, she has a strong commitment to journalism.

After graduation, she hopes to either go to graduate school or work in radio. She has a goal of going to Iraq to talk with various groups there, such as the Shia's in the south, Sunni's in the North, the Kurds and the Marsh Arabs. She would like to report on how suppression and war have changed or affected these groups and shaped Iraqi society.

**MARTIN JARMICK** is a student at Seattle Central Community College and will transfer to the University of Washington in the fall. Jarmick has experience in both video documentary and print reporting. He worked as an editor and producer for his college newspaper, The City Collegian. Jeb Wyman, a faculty adviser to the paper said of Jarmick: "He is a staunch believer in the need for the free press. He is a kindred spirit to everyone who cares deeply about our society and the utter necessity of journalists."

**PETER SESSUM** is editor in chief of the Triton Review at Edmonds Community College. Rob Harrill, one of his instructors, said of Sessum: "From the first day, Peter distinguished himself as one of the most motivated students in the class. He jumped into his assignments with passion and purpose, was fearless about contacting sources to get the story and consistently hit his deadlines. As editor in chief...he demands excellence from himself and from other members of his staff..."

Sessum plans to transfer to the University of Washington and upon graduation film a documentary on Afghanistan. He has served in the Army and is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists, the Asian American Journalists Association, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



A stack of magazines is shown from a top-down perspective, with the pages fanned out. The word "MAGAZINES" is written across the center in a large, bold, white font with a black outline. The background is a warm, orange-brown gradient.

# MAGAZINES

## GENERAL NEWS/FEATURES

**FIRST PLACE:** James Ross Gardner, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Things they lost in the flood*

**SECOND PLACE:** Roger Brooks, Seattle Metropolitan  
*The lost slipper*

**THIRD PLACE:** Bruce Barcott, Seattle Metropolitan  
*The savior of Hamm Creek*

**H M:** Kari Costanza, World Vision  
*Drought-ravaged Zimbabwe: Why hope still reigns*

## GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL NEWS/FEATURES

**FIRST PLACE:** Francesca Biller-Safran, ColorsNW Magazine  
*History in the making*

**SECOND PLACE:** Eric Scigliano, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Urban brawl: lay down tracks or boost the buses?*

**THIRD PLACE:** Arches, University of Puget Sound  
*The candidate cometh*

**H M:** Ted Katauskas, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Mr. Clean's last stand*

## CONSUMER NEWS/FEATURES

**FIRST PLACE:** Eric Scigliano and Bruce Barcott, Seattle Metropolitan  
*12 easy pieces*

**SECOND PLACE:** Paul Clarke, Alaska Airlines Magazine  
*Can we stop spam?*

**THIRD PLACE:** Elizabeth Rhodes, Horizon Air Magazine  
*Savvy selling*

**H M:** Roger Brooks, Ashley Griffin and Carolyn McConnell, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Where to live now?*

## SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS NEWS/FEATURES

**FIRST PLACE:** Dean Paton, Washington CEO  
*Debugging the body*

**SECOND PLACE:** Eric Lucas, Horizon Air Magazine  
*Sustainable farming*

**THIRD PLACE:** Joe Follansbee, Horizon Air Magazine  
*Smart materials*

## SOCIAL ISSUES

**FIRST PLACE:** James Ross Gardner, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Urban brawl: clear the campus or let sleeping bags lie?*

**SECOND PLACE:** L.D. Kirshenbaum, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Skin trade 2.0*

**THIRD PLACE:** James Addis, World Vision  
*The Lazarus effect*

## MINORITIES

**FIRST PLACE:** Juliette Guilbert, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Divided it stands*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kevin Phinney, Seattle Metropolitan  
*CTRL ALT Delete*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jim Gullo, Seattle Metropolitan  
*The big bet*

## PERSONALITIES

**FIRST PLACE:** David Laskin, Seattle Metropolitan  
*A Pilgrim of The Great War*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jim Gullo, Horizon Air Magazine  
*The art of costume design*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jenny Lynn Zappala, 425 Magazine  
*Roaming with Rick Steves*

## PERSONAL SERVICE NEWS/FEATURES

**FIRST PLACE:** Wendy Call, Yes! Magazine  
*Grief's hidden gift*

**SECOND PLACE:** Meri-Jo Borzilleri, Roger Brooks, James Ross Gardner and Jessica Voelke, Seattle Metropolitan  
*The fit parade*

**THIRD PLACE:** Matthew Halverson, Seattle Metropolitan  
*This is your life*

## MAGAZINE DEPARTMENTS

**FIRST PLACE:** Wenda Reed, Tara Hayes and Roberta Greenwood, Seattle Woman Magazine  
*Health & Wellness Department*

**SECOND PLACE:** James Addis, World Vision  
*Frontlines*

## TRAVEL NEWS/FEATURES

**FIRST PLACE:** Kathryn Robinson, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Weekend pass: Rocky Mountain Express*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jim Gullo, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Not another roadside attraction*

**THIRD PLACE:** Scott Driscoll, Horizon Air Magazine  
*Naturally appealing*

## LEISURE/LIFESTYLE NEWS/FEATURES

**FIRST PLACE:** Kathryn Robinson, Seattle Metropolitan  
*2008 best restaurants*

**SECOND PLACE:** Roger Brooks, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Island fantasy*

**THIRD PLACE:** Terry Sheely, Alaska Airlines Magazine  
*Magic time*

## ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT NEWS/FEATURES

**FIRST PLACE:** Steve Wiecking, Seattle Metropolitan  
*The most influential musicians*

**SECOND PLACE:** Dean Paton, Alaska Airlines Magazine  
*Reel success*

## BUSINESS NEWS/FEATURES

**FIRST PLACE:** Jim Gullo and Jessica Voelker, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Hot companies*

**SECOND PLACE:** Eric de Place, Washington Law & Politics  
*Big deal*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jenny Lynn Zappala, Seattle Business Monthly  
*Taking charge of change*

## SPORTS NEWS/FEATURES

**FIRST PLACE:** James Ross Gardner, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Lord of the reins*

**SECOND PLACE:** Roger Brooks, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Can Jake Locker save Husky football*

**THIRD PLACE:** Craig Hill, Horizon Air Magazine  
*Hitting it big*

## EDITORIALS

**FIRST PLACE:** Naomi Ishisaka, ColorsNW Magazine  
*Editor's Note: Race and the 2008 election*

**SECOND PLACE:** Naomi Ishisaka, ColorsNW Magazine  
*Editor's Note: Historic preservation*

**THIRD PLACE:** Marianne Scholl, Karen Reed-Matthee, Nancy Silk and Sue Ellingson, Seattle Woman Magazine  
*Weighing in on women and politics*

## HEADLINES

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Alaska Airlines Magazine  
*Soaring success, Going with the floe, Can we stop spam, All in the family, Reel success, Iron will*

**SECOND PLACE:** Ethan Chung, 425 Magazine  
*What floats your boat, Growing roots, Dream dinners, The raw report, Everett's bloom town*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, Horizon Air Magazine  
*Show me a story, Pulling for a win, See-worthy, Team spirit, Hitting it big, Mobilize me*

## HUMOROUS WRITING

**FIRST PLACE:** Matt Halverson, Seattle Metropolitan  
*The six least influential people in Seattle music*

**SECOND PLACE:** Beth Taylor, Washington Law & Politics  
*Turkeys*

**THIRD PLACE:** Michael Stusser, Washington Law & Politics  
*Along for the ride*

## COLUMNS/ESSAYS

**FIRST PLACE:** Rich Stearns, World Vision  
*Voting our values*

**SECOND PLACE:** Lisa Wogan, Alaska Airlines Magazine  
*Canine points of view*

## FEATURE DESIGN

**FIRST PLACE:** Chris MacManus, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Top doctors 2008*

**SECOND PLACE:** Deborah Richardson, Scotsman Guide, commercial edition  
*8 creative financing methods*

**THIRD PLACE:** Melissa Kennedy, Seattle Metropolitan  
*2008 best restaurants*

**H M:** Melissa Kennedy, Seattle Metropolitan  
*History in the making*

## COVER DESIGN

**FIRST PLACE:** Mike Martin, Arches  
*Autumn '08 cover*

**SECOND PLACE:** Heather Stajgr, South Sound Magazine  
*Summer '08 cover*

**THIRD PLACE:** William Quinby, Seattle Metropolitan  
*January 2008 cover*

## SPREAD DESIGN

**FIRST PLACE:** Deborah Richardson, Scotsman Guide, commercial edition  
*Environmental regulations untangled*

**SECOND PLACE:** Robert Winters, Seattle Metropolitan  
*The big bet*

## CARTOONS/ILLUSTRATIONS

**FIRST PLACE:** Stan Shaw, Washington Law & Politics  
*Pacific connection*

**SECOND PLACE:** Dennis Wunsch, Scotsman Guide, commercial edition  
*Training traps: take heed*

**THIRD PLACE:** Stan Shaw, Washington Law & Politics  
*Rematch*

**H M:** Keith Negley, Scotsman Guide, residential edition  
*From the editor*

## PHOTOGRAPHY - GENERAL NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** John Keatley, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Night sky*

**SECOND PLACE:** Chad Coleman, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Good wheel ambassadors*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jon Warren, World Vision  
*Zimbabwe drought relief*



## PHOTOGRAPHY - SPORTS

**FIRST PLACE:** Jules Frazier, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Emerald Downs*

**SECOND PLACE:** Chad Coleman, Seattle Metropolitan  
*What flies beneath*

**THIRD PLACE:** Josh Whitling, South Sound Magazine  
*Jazzin' it up*

## PHOTOGRAPHY - FEATURE

**FIRST PLACE:** Terry Donnelly, Horizon Air Magazine  
*Exploring the great Northwest*

**SECOND PLACE:** Andy Reynolds, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Wexley*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jon Warren, World Vision  
*Albanian church candles*

**H M:** Rick Dahms, Washington Law & Politics  
*The royal flush*

## PHOTOGRAPHY - PORTRAIT

**FIRST PLACE:** Jon Warren, World Vision  
*Zimbabwe: to eat or not eat*

**SECOND PLACE:** Andy Reynolds, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Ruckleshaus*

**THIRD PLACE:** John Keatley, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Jon Waters*

**H M:** Jeff Hobson, South Sound Magazine  
*Portrait*

## PHOTOGRAPHY - PHOTO ESSAY OR PAGES

**FIRST PLACE:** Sophie Pangrazzi, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Top doctors*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jon Warren, World Vision  
*Drought-ravaged Zimbabwe*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jim Henkens, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Top 100 Northwest wines*

**H M:** Will Austin, Seattle Metropolitan  
*Broadmoor home*

## GENERAL EXCELLENCE

**FIRST PLACE:** Beth Taylor, Washington Law & Politics

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, South Sound Magazine

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, 425 Magazine





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rescue  
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# NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS

## SPOT NEWS REPORTING

**FIRST PLACE:** Terry McGuire, Catholic Northwest  
Progress

*Priest asks: Why do you want to take the lives of your friends?*

**SECOND PLACE:** Matthew G. Miller, Ballard News-Tribune  
*'Party' for viaduct held*

**THIRD PLACE:** Myke Folger, Queen Anne/Magnolia  
News  
*Jumper snarls rush-hour traffic*

## GENERAL NEWS REPORTING

**FIRST PLACE:** Rosette Royale, Real Change  
*The man who stood on the bridge*

**SECOND PLACE:** Lance Henderson and Isaac Bonnell,  
Bellingham Business Journal  
*What is affordable housing?*

**THIRD PLACE:** Deirdre Gregg, Puget Sound Business  
Journal  
*'Bus crush' series*

**H M:** Sue Ellen White, The Whidbey Examiner  
*Comprehensive coverage of PUD ballot issue*

## GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL REPORTING

**FIRST PLACE:** Oscar Halpert, The Enterprise  
*Open meetings?*

**SECOND PLACE:** Neil Pierson, The Herald  
*Councilmember John Knutsen threatens to sue city*

**THIRD PLACE:** Christopher Fyall, The Enterprise  
*Caught in the sales tax shuffle*

## CONSUMER/ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

**FIRST PLACE:** Eric Engleman, Puget Sound Business  
Journal  
*It came from the swamp—to fill your tank*

**SECOND PLACE:** Sue Ellen White, The Whidbey Examiner  
*State files to gut PSE rate hike*

**THIRD PLACE:** Laura Geggel, SnoValley Star  
*Taking out the trash*

## SCIENCE/HEALTH NEWS/FEATURES

**FIRST PLACE:** Steve Wilhelm, Puget Sound Business  
Journal  
*Tiny invader*

**SECOND PLACE:** Christopher Fyall, Edmonds Enterprise  
*Taking her pain public*

**THIRD PLACE:** Elizabeth Griffin, Journal Newspapers  
*Team Peggy provides vital support in battle against ALS*

## SOCIAL ISSUES

**FIRST PLACE:** Rosette Royale, Real Change  
*Walking away from tragedy*

**SECOND PLACE:** Lance Henderson, Bellingham Business  
Journal  
*A new way to be*

**THIRD PLACE:** Matthew G. Miller, West Seattle Herald  
*Tyler stalks Styrofoam*

## MINORITIES

**FIRST PLACE:** Rosette Royale, Real Change  
*Pulling for lost treasures*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kendall Watson, Kirkland Reporter  
*Family pleads for mercy*

## EDUCATION REPORTING

**FIRST PLACE:** Clay Holtzman, Puget Sound Business  
Journal  
*Falling down*

**SECOND PLACE:** Erik Hansen, Beacon Hill News, South  
District Journal  
*Seward Park Environmental Center unveiled*

**THIRD PLACE:** Chantelle Lusebrink, Issaquah Press  
*Time in a bottle*

## PERSONALITIES

**FIRST PLACE:** Clay Holtzman, Puget Sound Business  
Journal  
*Paul Allen*

**SECOND PLACE:** Terry McGuire, Catholic Northwest  
Progress  
*Former Lutheran pastor nears completion of long journey to  
Catholic priesthood*

**THIRD PLACE:** Alexis Bacharach, The Enterprise  
*The final stretch*

**H M:** Greg Lamm, Puget Sound Business Journal  
*A driving force*

**H M:** Rosette Royale, Real Change  
*The fortunate life of Samuel Snow*

## LEISURE/LIFESTYLE REPORTING

**FIRST PLACE:** Heidi Dietrich, Puget Sound Business  
Journal  
*Condo kids*

**SECOND PLACE:** Isaac Bonnell, Bellingham Business  
Journal  
*Diver down*

**THIRD PLACE:** Paige Richmond, The Peninsula Gateway  
*Work of a lifetime*

**ARTS/CRITICISM NEWS/FEATURES**

**FIRST PLACE:** Lance Henderson, Bellingham Business Journal  
*MBT takes an intermission*

**SECOND PLACE:** Becky Monk, Puget Sound Business Journal  
*Arts mean business*

**THIRD PLACE:** Becky Monk, Puget Sound Business Journal  
*Supporting role*

**H M:** Katherine Luck, Journal Newspapers  
*Find your brew love in Fremont*

**BUSINESS NEWS/FEATURES**

**FIRST PLACE:** Deirdre Gregg, Puget Sound Business Journal  
*Caught in crisis*

**SECOND PLACE:** Hilary Reeves and Paul Schrag, Business Examiner  
*Conversion Crisis*

**THIRD PLACE:** Steve Wilhelm, Puget Sound Business Journal  
*Southern states eye Boeing*

**H M:** John Cook, Todd Bishop and Eric Engleman, Puget Sound Business Journal  
*Tech in turmoil: Startups face fallout from financial crisis*

**SPORTS REPORTING**

**FIRST PLACE:** Greg Lamm, Puget Sound Business Journal  
*Patch job*

**SECOND PLACE:** David Pan, The Enterprise  
*Overcoming obstacles*

**THIRD PLACE:** J.B Wogan, Sammamish Review  
*The recruit*

**EDITORIALS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Kendall Watson, Kirkland Reporter  
*Time to Let Malkandi go*

**SECOND PLACE:** Vanessa Blackburn, Bellingham Business Journal  
*Port and city*

**HEADLINES**

**FIRST PLACE:** Vera Chan-Pool, North Seattle Herald-Outlook  
*Patients get new shot at less knee pain*

**SECOND PLACE:** Katherine Luck, Journal Newspapers  
*Headlines by Katherine Luck*

**THIRD PLACE:** Terry McGuire, Catholic Northwest Progress  
*Lunch with saints*

**HUMOROUS WRITING**

**FIRST PLACE:** George Le Masurier, The Peninsula Gateway  
*Like a bad cliché, we didn't see it coming*

**SECOND PLACE:** Matt Wilemski, North Seattle Herald-Outlook  
*To beard or not to beard*

**THIRD PLACE:** Rosette Royale, Real Change  
*White, like me?*

**COLUMNS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Alwyn Scott, Puget Sound Business Journal

**SECOND PLACE:** Jeff Green, Shelton-Mason County Journal

**THIRD PLACE:** Matthew Wilemski, North Seattle Herald-Outlook

**PHOTOGRAPHY - SPOT NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Damian Mulinix, Chinook Observer  
*Fire hoses*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jesse Beals, Central Kitsap Reporter  
*Suspicious fire destroys cabin*

**PHOTOGRAPHY - GENERAL NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Jesse Beals, Port Orchard Independent  
*Rehearsing a tragedy*

**SECOND PLACE:** Mike Penney, Catholic Northwest Progress  
*Archbishop celebrates special Mass*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jesse Beals, Central Kitsap Reporter  
*Miss Kitsap*

**PHOTOGRAPHY - SPORTS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Jesse Beals, Port Orchard Independent  
*Drew Saddler pitching*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jesse Beals, Bremerton Patriot  
*Hanging by the boot*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jesse Beals, Central Kitsap Reporter  
*Homeland pride rodeo*

**PHOTOGRAPHY - FEATURE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Jesse Beals, Bremerton Patriot  
*Midnight fog*

**SECOND PLACE:** Damian Mulinix, Chinook Observer  
*Courthouse weddings*

**THIRD PLACE:** Mike Penney, Catholic Northwest Progress  
*Hospices provide death with dignity*



## PHOTOGRAPHY - PORTRAIT

**FIRST PLACE:** Mike Penney, Catholic Northwest Progress  
*A precious gift from China*

**SECOND PLACE:** Dan Schlatter, Puget Sound Business  
Journal  
*Glass*

## PHOTOGRAPHY - PHOTO ESSAY OR PAGES

**FIRST PLACE:** Greg Farrar, Issaquah Press  
*Beatin' the heat*

**SECOND PLACE:** Lee W. Giles III, The Peninsula Gateway  
*A plunge to start the new year*

**THIRD PLACE:** Dan Schlatter, Puget Sound Business  
Journal  
*Sublime slime*

## PORTFOLIO PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Damian Mulinix, Chinook Observer

**SECOND PLACE:** Lee W. Giles III, The Peninsula Gateway

**THIRD PLACE:** Christopher Huber, Sammamish Review

## GENERAL EXCELLENCE

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Peninsula Gateway

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Puget Sound Business Journal

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, Issaquah Press



**NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS**



A stack of newspapers is shown, with several pages visible. The text on the pages is partially legible, including phrases like "It's my opinion that the Planning Department", "said.", "The government would also examine, in consultation with the", "During the therapy, water flows through the colon through a tube insert", "Taiwanese food giant Uni-President has operational control over", and "The scheme, announced in the policy address, restricts vouchers". The word "DAILY" is written in large, white, outlined letters across the top of the stack, and "NEWSPAPERS" is written in large, white, outlined letters across the middle of the stack.

# DAILY NEWSPAPERS

The judging was done by professional journalists from SPJ chapters in Hawaii, North Carolina, California, and Pennsylvania.

## GENERAL EXCELLENCE

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Skagit Valley Herald  
*April 10, October 19, September 4*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*April 10, May 4, March 22*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, The Daily News  
*April 10, July 27, October 19*

## SPOT NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** Marta Murvosh, Skagit Valley Herald  
*Killing Spree Claims Deputy*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin  
*Winds Tear Up Valley*

**THIRD PLACE:** Chelsea Duncan, Teresa Williams, The News-Review  
*Deadly Fire Suspicious*

## COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE (SINGLE DAY)

**FIRST PLACE:** Eve Byron, Independent Record  
*Uneasy Access*

**SECOND PLACE:** Barbara LaBoe, Leila Summers, The Daily News  
*Emergency in Crisis*

**THIRD PLACE:** Mike Johnston, Don Gronning, Daily Record  
*Dealing with Debt*

## COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE (MULTIPLE DAYS)

**FIRST PLACE:** Scott McMillion, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Wealth in Montana series*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, The News-Review  
*Without a Net*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, The Times-News  
*River of Stone*

**H M:** Staff, Skagit Valley Herald  
*Skagit Economy: The leaner days ahead*

## INVESTIGATIVE

**FIRST PLACE:** Stacy D. Stumbo, Grants Pass Daily Courier  
*Who Is Jim Raffenburg?*

**SECOND PLACE:** Bennett Hall, Corvallis Gazette-Times  
*Unhealthy Situation ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Eve Byron, Independent Record  
*\$20M Tug-of-war over Cabin Funds*

**H M:** Jessica Musicar, The World  
*Driving into Danger ...*

## WATCHDOG

**FIRST PLACE:** Jared S. Hopkins, The Times-News  
*Hopping the Money Plane*

**SECOND PLACE:** Joe Gamm, The Daily Astorian  
*Klatsch Them If You Can*

**THIRD PLACE:** Sharyn L. Decker, The Chronicle  
*Drug Bust Gone Bad? Maybe*

**H M:** Phil Wright, East Oregonian  
*'This Girl Shouldn't Have Died'*

## CRIME AND JUSTICE

**FIRST PLACE:** Jessica Musicar, Damian Boudreau, The World  
*Prisoner in His Own Body*

**SECOND PLACE:** Phil Wright, East Oregonian  
*Study of a Predator*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jodi Hausen, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Training Can Make All the Difference*

## GOVERNMENT

**FIRST PLACE:** Ralph Schwartz, Elliott Wilson, Skagit Valley Herald

### TIGHT GOVERNMENT

**SECOND PLACE:** Brian Mittge, The Chronicle  
*Great Wolf Lodge Disputes Taxes*

**THIRD PLACE:** Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Moo Shu U? MSU Earmarks*

**H M:** Amanda Ricker, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Red Means Stop*

## EDUCATION

**FIRST PLACE:** Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Clean Water, Bright Future*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kara Hansen, The Daily Astorian  
*Class of 2008*

**THIRD PLACE:** Flynn Espe, East Oregonian  
*Language of the Elders*

**H M:** Kyle Odegard, Corvallis Gazette-Times  
*Legacies for Sale*

## HEALTH

**FIRST PLACE:** Amanda Ricker, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Kiersa's Story*

**SECOND PLACE:** Sandra Swain, The Daily Astorian  
*Is the Competition Healthy?*

**THIRD PLACE:** Josh Lintereur, Skagit Valley Herald  
*Intensive End-of-life Care Wastes Billions*

**DAILY NEWSPAPERS**  
**CIRCULATION LESS THAN 25,000**

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**FIRST PLACE:** Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Daddy Dinosaurs Get Their Due*

**SECOND PLACE:** Cassandra Profita, The Daily Astorian  
*Forest Research Helps Scientists ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** David Holley, The Daily Astorian  
*As Global Climate Changes ...*

## ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

**FIRST PLACE:** Stefan Milkowski, John Wagner, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner  
*Alaska's Changing Climate*

**SECOND PLACE:** Eve Byron, Independent Record  
*Struggle for Balance*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nate Poppino, The Times-News  
*No One's Mess*

## CONSUMER

**FIRST PLACE:** Elliott Wilson, Skagit Valley Herald  
*Fuming About Gas Prices?*

**SECOND PLACE:** Sandra Swain, The Daily Astorian  
*Testing Your Home for Radon*

**THIRD PLACE:** Tahlia Ganser, Skagit Valley Herald  
*A Boom in Gun Sales*

## BUSINESS

**FIRST PLACE:** Vicki Hillhouse, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin  
*Clock Ticks on Redevelopment*

**SECOND PLACE:** Bennett Hall, Corvallis Gazette-Times  
*Burn Debate Flares Up*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jessica Mayrer, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Vanishing Legacy*

## MINORITIES

**FIRST PLACE:** David Holley, The Daily Astorian  
*Dishing Up Credit*

**SECOND PLACE:** Daniel Person, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Opening the West*

**THIRD PLACE:** Alfred Diaz, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin  
*Local Man Recalls Encounter with Rev. King*

## SOCIAL ISSUES

**FIRST PLACE:** Melissa Davlin, The Times-News  
*A New Deal ...*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jessica Mayrer, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Homeless Teens Left with Few Options ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Kathy Korengel, The News-Review  
*No Home for the Holidays ...*

**H M:** Kyle Odegard, Corvallis Gazette-Times  
*Nearly A Ghost Town*

## PERSONALITIES

**FIRST PLACE:** Tony Lystra, The Daily News  
*Dan Smith's Dark Search*

**SECOND PLACE:** Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Irrepressible Robert, the Boy Nobody Wanted*

**THIRD PLACE:** Franny White, Skagit Valley Herald  
*Paper Lady*

**H M:** Marissa Harshman, The News-Review  
*The Boy on the Mountain*

## LIFESTYLES

**FIRST PLACE:** Kathy Aney, East Oregonian  
*Oasis Under the Stars*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kathy Hall, The Chronicle  
*Kitchen of Terror*

**THIRD PLACE:** Cassandra Profita, The Daily Astorian  
*'Ax Men' Is Cutting-edge of Reality TV*

**H M:** Rachel Thomson, The Daily World  
*Legend of the Clam-napping*

## SHORT FEATURE

**FIRST PLACE:** Jessica Musicar, The World  
*Tales—or Tails—of a Rat Bike Owner*

**SECOND PLACE:** Eric Schwartz, The Chronicle  
*After Long Ordeal, Woman Gets New Home*

**THIRD PLACE:** Amy M.E. Fischer, The Daily News  
*No Slowing This Dog Down*

## LONG FEATURE

**FIRST PLACE:** Erik Olson, The Daily News  
*Hunt for a Saviour*

**SECOND PLACE:** Joe Sunnen, The Bellingham Herald  
*Kings of Cool*

**THIRD PLACE:** Melissa Davlin, The Times-News  
*Oh, Baby, Baby ...*

**H M:** Dick Clever, Skagit Valley Herald  
*The Breakfast Club*



## ARTS

**FIRST PLACE:** Elliott Wilson, Skagit Valley Herald  
*In the Eye of the Beholder*

**SECOND PLACE:** Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Notes of Comfort*

**THIRD PLACE:** Cara Pallone, The News-Review  
*Autism through Art*

**H M:** Beverly Crichfield, Skagit Valley Herald  
*Mixed Reviews*

## SPORTS NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** Sean Forbes, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*White-knuckle Ride*

**SECOND PLACE:** Rick Alvord, The Daily News  
*Civil War Revise ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Bradley Guire, The Times-News  
*Miles Before New Victories*

## SPORTS FEATURE

**FIRST PLACE:** Joe Sunnen, The Bellingham Herald  
*A Coach in the Family*

**SECOND PLACE:** Rick Alvord, The Daily News  
*Just Another Golfer*

**THIRD PLACE:** Eric Francis, Skagit Valley Herald  
*A Balancing Act*

## SPORTS COLUMN

**FIRST PLACE:** Rick Alvord, The Daily News

**SECOND PLACE:** Dan Jones, The News-Review

**THIRD PLACE:** David Bashore, The Times-News

## EDITORIAL/COMMENTARY

**FIRST PLACE:** Steve Crump, The Times-News

**SECOND PLACE:** Brian Mittge, The Chronicle

**THIRD PLACE:** Dick Clever, Skagit Valley Herald

**H M:** Rick Eskil, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

## GENERAL COLUMN

**FIRST PLACE:** Brian Mittge, The Chronicle

**SECOND PLACE:** Vickie Aldous, The Ashland Daily Tidings

**THIRD PLACE:** Steve Crump, The Times-News

## NEWS PAGE DESIGN

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Bozeman Daily Chronicle

**SECOND PLACE:** Doug Harvey, The News-Review

**THIRD PLACE:** Sheyna Watkins, The Chronicle

**H M:** Dawn Hagerman, Skagit Valley Herald

## FEATURE PAGE DESIGN

**FIRST PLACE:** Sheyna Watkins, The Chronicle

**SECOND PLACE:** Kathleen Strecker, The Daily Astorian

**THIRD PLACE:** Julie Breslin, The Daily News

**H M:** Greg Fiscus, Skagit Valley Herald

## HEADLINES

**FIRST PLACE:** Patrick Webb, The Daily Astorian

**SECOND PLACE:** Max Charlton, The Daily Astorian

**THIRD PLACE:** Annie Charnley Eveland, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

## SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Holly Pederson, The Chronicle  
*Trapped*

**SECOND PLACE:** Scott Terrell, Skagit Valley Herald  
*Killing Spree Suspect Arrest*

**THIRD PLACE:** Walter Hinick, The Montana Standard  
*Firemen Respond*

**H M:** Holly Pederson, The Chronicle  
*Furry Rescue*

## GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Holly Pederson, The Chronicle  
*A Gruesome Tale to Tell*

**SECOND PLACE:** Holly Pederson, The Chronicle  
*Growing Pains*

**THIRD PLACE:** Matthew B. Zimmerman, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin  
*Red, White and Love*

**H M:** Danny Gawlowski, The Bellingham Herald  
*Murder Sentencing*

## FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Scott Terrell, Skagit Valley Herald  
*Food Fight*

**SECOND PLACE:** Walter Hinick, The Montana Standard  
*Late Spring Snow*

**THIRD PLACE:** Matthew B. Zimmerman, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin  
*Screams of Fire*

**H M:** Frank Varga, Skagit Valley Herald  
*Blacksmithing*

**DAILY NEWSPAPERS**  
**CIRCULATION LESS THAN 25,000**

## **SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY**

**FIRST PLACE:** Andy Bronson, The Bellingham Herald  
*College Football ...*

**SECOND PLACE:** Alex Pajunas, The Daily Astorian  
*Emotions Erupt at Volcanoes Stadium*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jeff Horner, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin  
*Vertical Victory*

**H M:** Sean Sperry, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Under the Lights*

## **PHOTOPAGE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Mike Salisbury, The Chronicle  
*Faces of the Fair*

**SECOND PLACE:** Sean Sperry, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Kiersa: One child's battle*

**THIRD PLACE:** Alex Pajunas, The Daily Astorian  
*'Champions!'*

**H M:** Eliza Wiley, Independent Record  
*Tired of Being Tired?*

## **PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY**

**FIRST PLACE:** Nick Wolcott, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Mother and Daughter*

**SECOND PLACE:** Sean Sperry, Bozeman Daily Chronicle  
*Earl*

**THIRD PLACE:** Holly Pederson, The Chronicle  
*Meth and Murder*

## **PHOTO PORTFOLIO**

**FIRST PLACE:** Matthew B. Zimmerman, Walla Walla  
Union-Bulletin

**SECOND PLACE:** Danny Gawlowski, The Bellingham  
Herald

**THIRD PLACE:** Alex Pajunas, The Daily Astorian

**H M:** Holly Pederson, The Chronicle

# **CIRCULATION** **25,0001 - 65,000**

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## **GENERAL EXCELLENCE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Olympian  
*April 10, October 19, October 26*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Mail Tribune  
*April 10, September 16, October 19*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, The Herald  
*March 4, April 10, October 19*

**H M:** Staff, Tri-City Herald  
*April 10, June 29, October 19*

## **SPOT NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Paula Horton, Tri-City Herald  
*Brothers Die in Wreck*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Mail Tribune  
*Colver House Fire*

**THIRD PLACE:** Yoshiaki Nohara, Diana Hefley, Alejandro Dominguez, The Herald  
*Fire Too Fast to Save 4*

## **COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE** **(SINGLE DAY)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Herald  
*The War at Home*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Mail Tribune  
*They Held the Line*

**THIRD PLACE:** Lauren Dake, The Bulletin  
*Bend Surfer's Family Recalls Harrowing Day ...*



## COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE (MULTIPLE DAYS)

**FIRST PLACE:** Alan Gustafson, Statesman Journal  
*State Hospital: Rebuilding an institution*

**SECOND PLACE:** Matt Batchelder, The Olympian  
*Battle Over Building Heights*

**THIRD PLACE:** Joe Chapman, Paula Horton, Kristin M. Kraemer, Tri-City Herald  
*Baby Cut From Womb*

## INVESTIGATIVE

**FIRST PLACE:** Leah Beth Ward, Yakima Herald-Republic  
*Hidden Wells, Dirty Water*

**SECOND PLACE:** Krista J. Kapralos, The Herald  
*Stormy Paul ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Michael Moore, Missoulian  
*Officer in Probe Had Issues in Prior Job*

## WATCHDOG

**FIRST PLACE:** Chris Mulick, Tri-City Herald  
*Coming in Second*

**SECOND PLACE:** Chris Bristol, Yakima Herald-Republic  
*Sealed Records*

**THIRD PLACE:** Michael Rose, Jillian Daley, Chris Hagan, Statesman Journal  
*Putting Off Parks*

## CRIME AND JUSTICE

**FIRST PLACE:** Diana Hefley, The Herald  
*Cold Case Cards*

**SECOND PLACE:** Anita Burke, Mail Tribune  
*Nobody's Child ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Greg Tuttle, Billings Gazette  
*Justice Served?*

**H M:** John Branton, The Columbian  
*Hot on the Trail of Bail Jumpers ...*

## GOVERNMENT

**FIRST PLACE:** Matt Hagengruber, Billings Gazette  
*The Landfill Play*

**SECOND PLACE:** Chris Bristol, Phil Ferolito, Yakima Herald-Republic  
*Joe Morrier's Ramp*

**THIRD PLACE:** John Trumbo, Tri-City Herald  
*Benton County Coroner*

**H M:** Joe Chapman, Tri-City Herald  
*Chocolate: Nowhere to Call Home*

## EDUCATION

**FIRST PLACE:** Isolde Raftery, The Columbian  
*Building Literacy, Teaching Life*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kaitlin Manry, The Herald  
*The Belly That Shocked*

**THIRD PLACE:** Rachel Schleif, The Wenatchee World  
*A New Kind of Kindergarten*

## HEALTH

**FIRST PLACE:** Erin Golden, Cindy Powers, The Bulletin  
*'Please Help Me,' Mental Health Cases Growing*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jim Haley, Sharon Salyer, The Herald  
*The Worth of a Heart*

**THIRD PLACE:** K.C. Mehaffey, The Wenatchee World  
*The Decision of Her Lifetime*

**H M:** Lorna Thackeray, Billings Gazette  
*In Alzheimer's Shadow*

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**FIRST PLACE:** Sharon Salyer, The Herald  
*Psychiatry Meets 'Star Trek'*

**SECOND PLACE:** Annette Cary, Tri-City Herald  
*Vegetable Oil ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Bill Sheets, The Herald  
*Lumpy, Dumpty and Crunchy*

## ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

**FIRST PLACE:** Beth Casper, Henry Miller, Statesman Journal  
*Invasive Species of Oregon*

**SECOND PLACE:** Christine Pratt, The Wenatchee World  
*New Life for a Thirsty Gorge*

**THIRD PLACE:** Mark Henckel, Brett French, Billings Gazette  
*The Access Divide*

**H M:** Jackson Holtz, The Herald  
*Great Train Disaster*

## CONSUMER

**FIRST PLACE:** Paris Achen, Mail Tribune  
*Dollars and Sense*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Billings Gazette  
*Feeling the Pinch*

**THIRD PLACE:** Eric Fetters, The Herald  
*Price Check*

## BUSINESS

**FIRST PLACE:** Tom Lutey, Billings Gazette  
*No Shortcuts*

**SECOND PLACE:** Damian Mann, Mail Tribune  
*Memories of the Fall*

**THIRD PLACE:** Debra Smith, Eric Fetters, The Herald  
*Barclay's North: The decline ...*

## BUSINESS COLUMN

**FIRST PLACE:** Mai Hoang, Yakima Herald-Republic

**SECOND PLACE:** Eve Nicholas, The Herald

**THIRD PLACE:** Steve Tytler, The Herald

**DAILY NEWSPAPERS**  
**CIRCULATION 25,001 - 65,000**

## MINORITIES

**FIRST PLACE:** Sharon Salyer, Alejandro Dominguez, The Herald  
*Alone Among Us*

**SECOND PLACE:** Lorna Thackeray, Billings Gazette  
*Natives and Newcomers*

**THIRD PLACE:** Katya Yefimova, The Herald  
*When Every Vote Is a Question of Trust*

**H M:** Paul Fattig, Mail Tribune  
*The Last of a Dying Breed*

## SOCIAL ISSUES

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Statesman Journal  
*Raising a Community*

**SECOND PLACE:** Tristan Scott, Missoulian  
*Prescription for Addiction*

**THIRD PLACE:** Isolde Raftery, The Columbian  
*Young and Exploited*

**H M:** Anita Burke, Mail Tribune  
*We Know We Are Losing Kids ...*

## PERSONALITIES

**FIRST PLACE:** Chelsi Moy, Missoulian  
*Sacrifices for Freedom*

**SECOND PLACE:** Rick Steigmeyer, The Wenatchee World  
*'She Would Be a Good Mom'*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jeff Switzer, The Herald  
*J.P. Patches*

**H M:** Michael Moore, Missoulian  
*The Sun Shines Another Day*

## LIFESTYLES

**FIRST PLACE:** Betsy Cohen, Missoulian  
*Close Knit*

**SECOND PLACE:** Adriana Janovich, Yakima Herald-Republic  
*Soul Food*

**THIRD PLACE:** Dan Bates, The Herald  
*Farm Dreams*

**H M:** Sarah Lemon, Mail Tribune  
*Snow Dogs*

## SHORT FEATURE

**FIRST PLACE:** Adriana Janovich, Yakima Herald-Republic  
*Happily, It's Over*

**SECOND PLACE:** Rachel Schleif, The Wenatchee World  
*Ashley Is Finding Her Voice*

**THIRD PLACE:** Rolf Boone, The Olympian  
*Scooter Sales Take Off ...*

**H M:** Josh Farley, Kitsap Sun  
*He Died So Misunderstood*

## LONG FEATURE

**FIRST PLACE:** Brynna Grimley, Kitsap Sun  
*The True Meaning of Survival*

**SECOND PLACE:** Brett French, Billings Gazette  
*Shot But Not Shattered*

**THIRD PLACE:** Laura Tode, Billings Gazette  
*Drawn Together*

**H M:** Scott North, The Herald  
*A Truth Beyond*

## ARTS

**FIRST PLACE:** Jefferson Robbins, The Wenatchee World  
*The Artist's Dilemma*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jefferson Robbins, The Wenatchee World  
*That's a Wrap ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Andy Rathbun, The Herald  
*Brothers Bring Down the House*

**H M:** Joe Nickell, Missoulian  
*Pensive Music, Powerful Delivery*

## SPORTS NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** René Ferrán, Tri-City Herald  
*Defending Champ*

**SECOND PLACE:** John Boyle, The Herald  
*Booster's Outburst Unusual*

**THIRD PLACE:** Tom Hintze, Dan Sargent, The Herald  
*Shut Out*

**H M:** Luke Andrews, Mail Tribune  
*Major Decisions*

## SPORTS FEATURE

**FIRST PLACE:** Scott Sandsberry, Yakima Herald-Republic  
*Hoosiers '08*

**SECOND PLACE:** Gail Wood, Tony Overman, The Olympian  
*David Golden*

**THIRD PLACE:** Mike Cane, The Herald  
*The Comeback*

**H M:** Sarah Lemon, Mail Tribune  
*Back in the Race*

## SPORTS COLUMN

**FIRST PLACE:** John Boyle, The Herald

**SECOND PLACE:** Greg Jayne, The Columbian

**THIRD PLACE:** Jeff Graham, Kitsap Sun

## EDITORIAL/COMMENTARY

**FIRST PLACE:** Gary Nelson, Mail Tribune

**SECOND PLACE:** Dick Hughes, Statesman Journal

**THIRD PLACE:** Carol MacPherson, The Herald

## GENERAL COLUMN

**FIRST PLACE:** Michael Moore, Missoulian

**SECOND PLACE:** Julie Muhlstein, The Herald

**THIRD PLACE:** Bill Varble, Mail Tribune

## NEWS PAGE DESIGN

**FIRST PLACE:** Rob McDonald, James Goossen, Billings Gazette

**SECOND PLACE:** Katie Mayer, The Herald

**THIRD PLACE:** Gary Nelson, The Herald

**H M:** Bill Epperheimer, Yakima Herald-Republic

## FEATURE PAGE DESIGN

**FIRST PLACE:** Doug Parry, The Herald

**SECOND PLACE:** Dan Page, Billings Gazette

**THIRD PLACE:** Ben Henry, Kitsap Sun

## SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Paul Ruhter, Billings Gazette  
*Fire Victim*

**SECOND PLACE:** Michael O'Leary, The Herald  
*Water Search*

**THIRD PLACE:** Larry Mayer, Billings Gazette  
*Pilot Survives Crash*

**H M:** Kai-Huei Yau, Tri-City Herald  
*Piggy Back Rescue*

## GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Dan Bates, The Herald  
*A Child Pays for War*

**SECOND PLACE:** Richard Dickin, Tri-City Herald  
*Hummingbird Feeder*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jamie Lusch, Mail Tribune  
*Team Effort*

**H M:** Steve Bloom, The Olympian  
*The Verdict*

## FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Jim Craven, Mail Tribune  
*Mutton Busting*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jamie Lusch, Mail Tribune  
*Harvest Mood*

**THIRD PLACE:** James Woodcock, Billings Gazette  
*Aerial Courtship*

**H M:** Steven M. Herppich, The Olympian  
*Clam Diggers*

## SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Jamie Lusch, Mail Tribune  
*A Community Behind Them*

**SECOND PLACE:** Bob Zellar, Billings Gazette  
*Soccer Save*

**THIRD PLACE:** Paul Ruhter, Billings Gazette  
*One Last Shot*

**H M:** Paul T. Erickson, Tri-City Herald  
*Lights Washdown*

## PHOTOPAGE

**FIRST PLACE:** Carolyn Yaschur, Kitsap Sun  
*An Alaskan Odyssey*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kurt Wilson, Missoulian  
*Game of Beauty*

**THIRD PLACE:** Dan Bates, The Herald  
*Farm Dreams*

## PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Bob Pennell, Mail Tribune  
*Video Artist*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kevin Nortz, The Herald  
*Denver Canaday*

**THIRD PLACE:** Larry Steagall, Kitsap Sun  
*Beijing Dancers*

## PHOTO PORTFOLIO

**FIRST PLACE:** Kevin Nortz, The Herald

**SECOND PLACE:** Dan Bates, The Herald

**THIRD PLACE:** David Grubbs, Billings Gazette

**H M:** Casey Riffe, Billings Gazette

**DAILY NEWSPAPERS**  
**CIRCULATION 25,001 - 65,000**

## **CIRCULATION MORE THAN 65,000**

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### **GENERAL EXCELLENCE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Seattle Times  
*April 10, October 19, November 30*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, The Oregonian  
*April 10, October 19, December 7*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, The Spokesman-Review  
*April 10, July 11, October 19*

### **SPOT NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Sara Jean Green, The Seattle Times  
*Stuck in the Muck*

**SECOND PLACE:** Vanessa Ho, Moises Mendoza, Brad Wong, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Friends, State Saw Two Very Different Sides ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Sara Jean Green, The Seattle Times  
*Tale of Death Unfolds after Strange Encounter*

**H M:** Staff, The Oregonian  
*Firefighter Air Crash*

### **COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE (SINGLE DAY)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Oregonian  
*Columbia River Gorge*

**SECOND PLACE:** Eric Pryne, The Seattle Times  
*MLK Makeover*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, The Spokesman-Review  
*Multiple Fires in One Day*

### **COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE (MULTIPLE DAYS)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Seattle Times  
*The Sonics Saga*

**SECOND PLACE:** Eric Nalder, Daniel Lathrop, Lewis Kamb, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*The Strong Arm of the Law*

**THIRD PLACE:** Julie Sullivan, The Oregonian  
*Iraq War Vets*

**H M:** Staff, The Register-Guard  
*Hynix Closure*

### **INVESTIGATIVE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Brent Walth, Bryan Denson, The Oregonian  
*Getting Disability Payments Can Be a Fight ...*

**SECOND PLACE:** Michael J. Berens, Ken Armstrong, The Seattle Times  
*Culture of Resistance*

**THIRD PLACE:** Susan Gordon, The News Tribune  
*Chlorine*

**H M:** Eric Nalder, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Demoted to Private ...*

### **WATCHDOG**

**FIRST PLACE:** Amy Hsuan, Melissa Navas, Bill Graves, The Oregonian  
*Schools Let Sex Abuse Cases Slide*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kevin Graman, The Spokesman-Review  
*Lives Lost at Home*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nick Perry, Bob Condotta, Ken Armstrong, The Seattle Times  
*Huskies Booster Offered \$100K ...*

### **CRIME AND JUSTICE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Susan Goldsmith, The Oregonian  
*The Trials of Brad Holbrook*

**SECOND PLACE:** Sean Robinson, The News Tribune  
*Bounty*

**THIRD PLACE:** Carol Smith, Daniel Lathrop, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*State Plays in Blood ...*

**H M:** Claudia Rowe, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Juvenile Sex Offenders Marked for Life*

### **GOVERNMENT**

**FIRST PLACE:** Steve Mayes, The Oregonian  
*Erickson's Cuba Trip: Think cigars*

**SECOND PLACE:** Sean Cockerham, Erika Bolstad, Anchorage Daily News  
*When Young Needs Help ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Diane Dietz, The Register-Guard  
*Got Bonds?*

**H M:** Yuxing Zheng, The Oregonian  
*Are Bloggers Real Reporters ...?*

### **EDUCATION**

**FIRST PLACE:** Kris Sherman, The News Tribune  
*School Calendar*

**SECOND PLACE:** Linda Shaw, Justin Mayo, The Seattle Times  
*Resegregation of Seattle Schools*

**THIRD PLACE:** Lynn Thompson, The Seattle Times  
*As Schools Face Cuts ...*

**H M:** Kim Melton, The Oregonian  
*A Season on the Hardwood ...*



## HEALTH

**FIRST PLACE:** Casey McNerthney, Kathy Mulady, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

*Cancer Takes Heavy Toll of Seattle Firefighters*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kyung Song, The Seattle Times  
*No Money, No Insurance, No Mercy*

**THIRD PLACE:** Sandi Doughton, The Seattle Times  
*Does Lack of Sun Put Your Health in Danger?*

**H M:** Carol Smith, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Shock Wave: Troops Who Served in Iraq ...*

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**FIRST PLACE:** Paula Bock, The Seattle Times  
*The Empress of Bamboo ...*

**SECOND PLACE:** Sandi Doughton, The Seattle Times  
*State's Amphibian Experts Fear Fungus ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Sandi Doughton, The Seattle Times  
*Is Cougar Hunting Breeding Chaos?*

**H M:** Greg Bolt, The Register-Guard  
*Scientists Abuzz over Oregon Discovery*

## ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

**FIRST PLACE:** Hal Bernton, Justin Mayo, The Seattle Times  
*Landslides and Logging: What went wrong?*

**SECOND PLACE:** Tom Kizzia, Anchorage Daily News  
*Political Science ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Robert McClure, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Environmental Stories*

**H M:** Staff, The Seattle Times  
*How We're Still Failing Our Sound*

## CONSUMER

**FIRST PLACE:** Paige Parker, The Oregonian  
*A Trip to a City Grocery Store ...*

**SECOND PLACE:** Leslie Cole, The Oregonian  
*A Good Catch*

**THIRD PLACE:** Andrew Schneider, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Honey Laundering*

## BUSINESS

**FIRST PLACE:** Drew DeSilver, Jon Talton, The Seattle Times  
*End of WaMu*

**SECOND PLACE:** Eric Nalder, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Green Light for Greed*

**THIRD PLACE:** Anne Saker, The Oregonian  
*More Businesses Hope You'll Recycle ...Your Body*

**H M:** Benjamin J. Romano, The Seattle Times  
*Gates' Memos Changed the World*

## BUSINESS COLUMN

**FIRST PLACE:** Jon Talton, The Seattle Times

**SECOND PLACE:** Laura Gunderson, The Oregonian

**THIRD PLACE:** Steve Duin, The Oregonian

**H M:** Bill Virgin, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

## MINORITIES

**FIRST PLACE:** Claudia Rowe, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Young Guns: A New Brand of Gangster ...*

**SECOND PLACE:** Gosia Wozniacka, The Oregonian  
*Clashing Cultures*

**THIRD PLACE:** Lornet Turnbull, The Seattle Times  
*This Is Who I Am*

**H M:** Lynda V. Mapes, Steve Miletich, The Seattle Times  
*A Tribe's Big Bet*

## SOCIAL ISSUES

**FIRST PLACE:** Lornet Turnbull, The Seattle Times  
*'I Never Wanted to Come Back Here To Live'*

**SECOND PLACE:** Maureen O'Hagan, The Seattle Times  
*A Lifetime of Care ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nikole Hannah-Jones, The Oregonian  
*Middle-class Squeeze Leads to a Rush ...*

## PERSONALITIES

**FIRST PLACE:** Marc Ramirez, The Seattle Times  
*The Fire Inside Dante ...*

**SECOND PLACE:** Linda Shaw, The Seattle Times  
*Bus Man's Holiday*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nancy Bartley, The Seattle Times  
*The Doctor Who Rebuilds Faces and Lives*

**H M:** Scott Fontaine, The News Tribune  
*Rosemary Dye*

## LIFESTYLES

**FIRST PLACE:** Carol Ostrom, The Seattle Times  
*Spaced Out—Crowd Control ...*

**SECOND PLACE:** Karen Gaudette, The Seattle Times  
*Feeding a Dream*

**THIRD PLACE:** Venessa Ho, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*The Plea of a Dying Breed*

**H M:** Erik Lacitis, The Seattle Times  
*Giving a Piece of Herself*

## SHORT FEATURE

**FIRST PLACE:** Casey McNerthney, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Honored By His Country At Last ...*

**SECOND PLACE:** Vanessa Ho, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Beauty Is Savage ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Lynda V. Mapes, The Seattle Times  
*Darkness Yields Buried Treasure*

**DAILY NEWSPAPERS**  
**CIRCULATION MORE THAN 65,000**



## LONG FEATURE

**FIRST PLACE:** Marc Ramirez, The Seattle Times  
*The Healing*

**SECOND PLACE:** Tom Hallman, Jr., The Oregonian  
*Finding Forgiveness ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Inara Verzemnieks, The Oregonian  
*The Meaning of Stuff ...*

## ARTS

**FIRST PLACE:** Katy Muldoon, The Oregonian  
*'Tonya' Rocks; Real Tonya Roars*

**SECOND PLACE:** Moira Macdonald, The Seattle Times  
*'I Could Have Read All Night ...'*

**THIRD PLACE:** David Stabler, The Oregonian  
*The Young and the Peerless*

**H M:** Misha Berson, The Seattle Times  
*There Will Be Blood ...*

## SPORTS NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** Rachel Bachman, Brent Hunsberger, The Oregonian  
*The Biggest Man on Campus*

**SECOND PLACE:** Geoff Baker, The Seattle Times  
*Rebuilding the Mariners ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Molly Yanity, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Willingham's Struggles*

## SPORTS FEATURE

**FIRST PLACE:** Sandy Ringer, The Seattle Times  
*Hard Road Back*

**SECOND PLACE:** Bud Withers, The Seattle Times  
*Wulff Completes a Long Road Home*

**THIRD PLACE:** Larry Stone, The Seattle Times  
*My, Oh My, Forever*

**H M:** Laura Oppenheimer, The Oregonian  
*A Court and a Prayer*

## SPORTS COLUMN

**FIRST PLACE:** John Canzano, The Oregonian

**SECOND PLACE:** John McGrath, The News Tribune

**THIRD PLACE:** Art Thiel, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

## EDITORIAL/COMMENTARY

**FIRST PLACE:** Doug Bates, The Oregonian

**SECOND PLACE:** Susan Nielsen, The Oregonian

**THIRD PLACE:** Jackman Wilson, The Register-Guard

**H M:** Jamie Tobias Neely, The Spokesman-Review

## GENERAL COLUMN

**FIRST PLACE:** Robert Jamieson, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

**SECOND PLACE:** Denny Westneat, The Seattle Times

**THIRD PLACE:** Anna Griffin, The Oregonian

**H M:** Steve Duin, The Oregonian

## NEWS PAGE DESIGN

**FIRST PLACE:** Rich Boudet, The Seattle Times

**SECOND PLACE:** Jeff King, The Seattle Times

## FEATURE PAGE DESIGN

**FIRST PLACE:** Steve Zimmerman, The Oregonian

## HEADLINES

**FIRST PLACE:** Jeremy Lang, The Oregonian

**SECOND PLACE:** Jim McNett, The Oregonian

**THIRD PLACE:** Colin Powers, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

**H M:** Tony Hall, Anchorage Daily News

## SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Dan DeLong, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Start Praying Now*

**SECOND PLACE:** Meryl Schenker, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Alki Fire*

**THIRD PLACE:** Christopher Anderson, The Spokesman-Review  
*Joel Fire*

**H M:** Mike Siegel, The Seattle Times  
*Fatal Leap*

## GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Mike Siegel, The Seattle Times  
*Hillary Clinton Takes a Picture*

**SECOND PLACE:** Dan DeLong, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Opposing Perspectives*

**THIRD PLACE:** Brucy Ely, The Oregonian  
*Piggyback Ride*

**H M:** Peter Haley, The News Tribune  
*Salute*

## FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Mike Urban, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Ball of Fire*

**SECOND PLACE:** Alan Berner, The Seattle Times  
*First Communion*

**THIRD PLACE:** Mike Siegel, The Seattle Times  
*A Rebirth by Leaps and Bounds*

**H M:** Alan Berner, The Seattle Times  
*Face Lift*

## SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** Brent Wojahn, The Oregonian  
*Head-on Collision*

**SECOND PLACE:** Dan DeLong, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Touchdown ... Almost*

**THIRD PLACE:** Alan Berner, The Seattle Times  
*Chihuahua Races*

**H M:** Thomas Boyd, The Oregonian  
*Three Cheers*

## PHOTOPAGE

**FIRST PLACE:** Alan Berner, The Seattle Times  
*China Now*

**SECOND PLACE:** Erika Schultz, The Seattle Times  
*Harvest of Change*

**THIRD PLACE:** Alan Berner, The Seattle Times  
*A Watershed Moment*

**H M:** Mike Kane, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Young Guns: A New Brand of Gangster*

## PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

**FIRST PLACE:** John Lok, The Seattle Times  
*Early Riser*

**SECOND PLACE:** Mike Urban, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Ballerina in a Pot*

**THIRD PLACE:** Alan Berner, The Seattle Times  
*'Q' Means Quincy Jones*

**H M:** Grant M. Haller, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Windy Look*

## PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO

**FIRST PLACE:** Alan Berner, The Seattle Times

**SECOND PLACE:** Dan Pelle, The Spokesman-Review

**THIRD PLACE:** John Lok, The Seattle Times

# ALL CIRCULATION CLASSES JUDGED TOGETHER

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## GRAPHICS

**FIRST PLACE:** Denny Lester, Independent Record

**SECOND PLACE:** Steve Cowden, Eric Baker, The Oregonian

**THIRD PLACE:** Steve Cowden, The Oregonian

## ILLUSTRATIONS

**FIRST PLACE:** Wendy Wahman, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

**SECOND PLACE:** Susan Jouffas, The Seattle Times

**THIRD PLACE:** David Brauhn, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

**H M:** Carrie Hoover, The Oregonian

## EDITORIAL CARTOON

**FIRST PLACE:** David Horsey, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

**SECOND PLACE:** Jack Ohman, The Oregonian

**THIRD PLACE:** Terrence L. Nowicki, Jr., Seattle Post-Intelligencer

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# ALTERNATIVE NEWSWEEKLIES

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## **INVESTIGATIVE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Beth Slovic, Willamette Week  
*Señor Smith*

**SECOND PLACE:** Nigel Jacquiss, Willamette Week  
*Good Cop, Mad Cop*

## **GOVERNMENT**

**FIRST PLACE:** James Pitkin, Willamette Week  
*Manhunter*

**SECOND PLACE:** Alan Pittman, Eugene Weekly  
*Blind Oversight*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nigel Jacquiss, Willamette Week,  
*Jail Junkies*

## **CONSUMER/ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Patrick M. Klemz, Missoula Independent  
*Superfraud*

**SECOND PLACE:** Camilla Mortensen, Eugene Weekly  
*One Good Tern Deserves an Island*

**THIRD PLACE:** Virginia de Leon, Out There Monthly  
*What Killed Wilcox Organic Milk?*

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

**FIRST PLACE:** Nicholas Deshais, The Pacific Northwest  
Inlander  
*In the Weeds / Busted*

**SECOND PLACE:** Philip Dawdy, Willamette Week  
*Bitter Pill*

**THIRD PLACE:** John Minervini, Willamette Week  
*Lean, Mean Meat-Free Machine*



## SOCIAL ISSUES

**FIRST PLACE:** Byron Beck, Willamette Week  
*The Queer and the Qu'ran*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jesse Froehling, Seattle Weekly  
*Depart of Call*

## EDUCATION

**FIRST PLACE:** Beth Slovic, Willamette Week  
*Fleeced*

**SECOND PLACE:** James Pitkin, Willamette Week  
*Higher Ed*

**THIRD PLACE:** Beth Slovic, Willamette Week  
*Core Issue*

## ARTS

**FIRST PLACE:** Suzi Steffen, Eugene Weekly  
*Buddhist Visions*

**SECOND PLACE:** Mike Seely, Seattle Weekly  
*The Lunatic Is on the Drums*

## LIFESTYLE

**FIRST PLACE:** Andy Smetanka, Missoula Independent  
*Home in the Hills*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jonathan Kauffman, Seattle Weekly  
*Slices of Life*

**THIRD PLACE:** Aaron Mesh, Willamette Week  
*Raiders of the Lost Crap*

## PERSONALITIES

**FIRST PLACE:** Aimee Curl, Seattle Weekly  
*Separated at Busey*

**SECOND PLACE:** James Pitkin, Willamette Week  
*The Adventures of Zetaman*

## BUSINESS

**FIRST PLACE:** Laura Onstot, Seattle Weekly  
*The King of Filet-o-Fish*

**SECOND PLACE:** Nigel Jacquiss, Willamette Week  
*Beat to the Pulp*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nina Shapiro, Seattle Weekly  
*The Closer*

## SPORTS

**FIRST PLACE:** Casey Jarman, Willamette Week  
*Here Today ...*

**SECOND PLACE:** Jesse Froehling, Seattle Weekly  
*Tailpipe Dream*

**THIRD PLACE:** Skylar Browning, Missoula Independent  
*Time Trial*

## OPINION

**FIRST PLACE:** Jon Snyder, Out There Monthly

**SECOND PLACE:** Ted S. McGregor, Jr., The Pacific Northwest Inlander

**THIRD PLACE:** Eleanor Lee, Northwest Asian Weekly

## HUMOR

**FIRST PLACE:** Ethan Smith, Willamette Week,  
*Kvetchfest*

**SECOND PLACE:** Michael Bowen, The Pacific Northwest Inlander  
*Getting the Details Wrong*

## SPECIAL SECTION

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Seattle Weekly  
*Fall Arts Instruction Manual 2008*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Willamette Week  
*Restaurant Guide*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, Eugene Weekly  
*Water Day*

## PAGE DESIGN

**FIRST PLACE:** Jane Sherman, Seattle Weekly

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Willamette Week

**THIRD PLACE:** Chris Bovey, The Pacific Northwest Inlander





# TELEVISION

# MARKETS 161 - 210

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## SPOT NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** Brittany Tale, Andrea Lutz, KPAX  
*Mt. Sentinel Fire*

**SECOND PLACE:** Nichole Szemerei, KULR  
*Huntley Fire*

**THIRD PLACE:** Angela Monroe, KPAX  
*Big Mountain Avalanche*

## GENERAL NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** Katie Ussin, KULR,  
*9/11 in the Schools*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, KPAX  
*Milltown Dam Breach*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jill Valley, James Rafferty, Melissa Rafferty, KPAX  
*Florence Murder Indictments*

## FEATURE NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** Ryan Coleman, KPAX  
*Lemonade Stand*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kathy Weber-Bates, KULR  
*Water Tank Divers*

**THIRD PLACE:** Katie Ussin, KULR,  
*Laura's Calling*

## INVESTIGATIVE

**FIRST PLACE:** Tony Aaron Fuller, Michael Huey, KTVZ  
*Living with H.I.V.*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kathy Weber-Bates, KULR  
*A Question of Faith*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nichole Szemerei, KULR  
*Overcoming Obstacles*

## SPORTS

**FIRST PLACE:** Darnay Tripp, KCFW

**PROBLEMS AT** the Skate Park

**SECOND PLACE:** Jeff Friedman, KTVM

## FEMALE BOXER

**THIRD PLACE:** Jeff Friedman, KTVM

## JIMMY VERLANIC

# MARKETS 101 - 160

## NEWSCAST

**FIRST PLACE:** Holly Zuluaga, KEPR  
*KEPR Action News*

**SECOND PLACE:** Heather Reese, KIMA  
*KIMA Action News*

**THIRD PLACE:** Rachel Melnick, KEPR  
*KEPR/KIMA Action News*

## SPOT NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KTVB  
*Pet Rescue*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, KVAL  
*Interstate Five Fires*

**THIRD PLACE:** Molly Kelleher, KEPR  
*Meteorite Search*

## GENERAL NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KVAL  
*Joel Courtney Hearing*

**SECOND PLACE:** Meghan Kalkstein, Doug Schwindt, KVAL  
*Oakridge Cleanup*

**THIRD PLACE:** Meghan Kalkstein, Alan Dale, KVAL  
*Lost in the Oregon Woods*

## FEATURE NEWS

**FIRST PLACE:** Molly Kelleher, KEPR  
*Couch Surfing*

**SECOND PLACE:** Molly Kelleher, KEPR  
*Cancer Patient Plays Santa*

**THIRD PLACE:** Ruth Johnson, KEPR  
*Hispanic Success*

## INVESTIGATIVE

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Idaho Public Television  
*Outdoor Idaho: Wild Fire*

**SECOND PLACE:** Tom Adams, Bill Goetz, KVAL  
*Lopez House*

**THIRD PLACE:** Denae D'Arcy, KVAL  
*Cameras in the Courts*

## SPORTS

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Idaho Public Television  
*Outdoor Idaho: Xtreme Sports*

**SECOND PLACE:** Keith Leventhal, KEPR  
*End of an Era*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nick Krupke, KVAL  
*Wake Up with Robinson*

**H M:** Keith Leventhal, KEPR,  
*A Wild Inning*

**NEWS PHOTOJOURNALISM**

**FIRST PLACE:** Kelly Lyon, KVAL  
*Horses and the Economy*

**SECOND PLACE:** Nick Campfield, KIMA  
*Moving a River*

**THIRD PLACE:** Loren Ruark, KVAL  
*Suspect Shot*

**FEATURE PHOTOJOURNALISM**

**FIRST PLACE:** Gary Salzman, KTVB  
*Oregon Trail Wagon Man*

**SECOND PLACE:** Bill Goetz, KVAL  
*The Books of Love*

**THIRD PLACE:** Adam Grunseth, KVAL  
*Fancy Cars*

**MARKETS 1 TO 100**

**SPOT NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Roxeanne Vainuku, KCPQ  
*Sultan Floods*

**SECOND PLACE:** William Pitts, Brett Allbery, KREM  
*Omak Fire*

**THIRD PLACE:** William Pitts, Brett Allbery, KREM  
*Smith Lake Fire*

**GENERAL NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** William Pitts, Will Mueller, KREM  
*Kennewick Soldier's Fight*

**SECOND PLACE:** Chris Daniels, Ron Sanford, KING  
*Bikini Baristas*

**THIRD PLACE:** Marissa Bagg, KREM  
*Schelling's Dry Cleaners*

**FEATURE NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Joan Kinsey, Jean Enersen, Blake Hurley,  
KING

*A Kidney for a Kid*

**SECOND PLACE:** Kjerstin Ramsing, KXLY  
*Nubrella*

**THIRD PLACE:** Laural Porter, Kurt Austin, KGW  
*Healing Mustafa*

**H M:** Laural Porter, Kurt Austin, KGW  
*J-R McDowell*

**INVESTIGATIVE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Chris Ingalls, Kellie Cheadle, Steve  
Douglas, KING  
*Start Freakin'*

**SECOND PLACE:** Susannah Frame, Kellie Cheadle, Steve  
Douglas, KING  
*Family or Foster Care*

**THIRD PLACE:** Chris Daniels, Kellie Cheadle, Steve  
Douglas, KING  
*Who is Protecting the Most Vulnerable?*

**H M:** Grant McOmie, KATU  
*Poisoned Fish*



# RADIO





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## **NEWSCAST**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KIRO  
*Seattle's Morning News*

## **SPOT NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KPAM  
*SUV under Semi*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, KIRO  
*Downtown Shootout*

**THIRD PLACE:** Tim Hohl, KPAM  
*Bus Jumper*

## **GENERAL NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Austin Jenkins, Northwest News Network  
*In WA, Mentally Ill Children Face Long Wait ...*

**SECOND PLACE:** Erin Covey, KIRO  
*Homeless Hotel*

**THIRD PLACE:** Angela Kellner, KLCC  
*Neighborhood Impact of Regional Medical Center*

**H M:** Christy George, Oregon Public Broadcasting  
*New ID Rules: Aimed at terrorists ...*

## **FEATURE NEWS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Paula Wissel, KPLU  
*Cashing In on the Housing Crisis*

**SECOND PLACE:** Heather Bosch, KIRO  
*American Idol — Wagnerian Edition*

**THIRD PLACE:** Tom Banse, Northwest News Network  
*Vet Finds New Mission ...*

## **DOCUMENTARY**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KLCC  
*Special Issues: The Economy*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, KLCC  
*Special Issues: Downtown*

**THIRD PLACE:** Chana Joffe-Walt, KPLU  
*Remembering Rose Hill*

## **NEWS SERIES**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, CoastAlaska News,  
*Adapting to the Fuel Crisis*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Oregon Public Broadcasting  
*On Our Minds: Mental health in Oregon ...*

**THIRD PLACE:** Samantha Wright, Krisi Packer, Boise  
State Radio  
*Idaho Storycorps Project*

## **SPORTS**

**FIRST PLACE:** Chris Lehman, Northwest News Network  
*Families Host Minor League Players*

**SECOND PLACE:** Bill Swartz, KIRO  
*Goodbye, Coach*

**THIRD PLACE:** Heather Bosch, KIRO  
*Olympic Mom*

## **COMMENTARY, ANALYSIS AND EDITORIAL**

**FIRST PLACE:** John Frohnmayr, KLCC  
*Legalize Drugs*

**SECOND PLACE:** Dave Ross, KIRO  
*Day After the Election*

**THIRD PLACE:** John Frohnmayr, KLCC  
*Second Amendment*



**ONLINE**

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**SPOT NEWS (ORIGINAL)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KitsapSun.com  
*Sunday Storm Blasts Kitsap*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Spokesmanreview.com  
*Clinton/Obama Political Rallies*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nick George, The Chronicle,  
*Meth Lab Aftermath*

**SPOT NEWS (ADAPTATION)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Mail Tribune  
*Obama in Medford*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, The Daily Astorian  
*Gearhart Plane Crash*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, Mail Tribune  
*Fallen Firefighters*

**SPECIAL REPORT/ENTERPRISE (ORIGINAL)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Statesman Journal  
*www.InvasiveSpeciesofOregon.com*

**SECOND PLACE:** Pat Marcantonio, Elizabeth Bennett,  
Kent Schmidt, The Times-News  
*A Leap Into History*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nick George, The Chronicle  
*Inside the Slide*

**H M:** Dillon Tabish, NewWest.net  
*The Con Crew*

**SPECIAL REPORT / ENTERPRISE (ADAPTATION)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Herald  
*Alone Among Us*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Spokesmanreview.com  
*Cold Cases*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, The Times-News  
*River of Stone*

**H M:** Tiffany Campbell, Jeff Bartenbach, Justin Mayo,  
The Seattle Times  
*Landslides and Logging Interactive*

**ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT/LIFESTYLE (ORIGINAL)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Billings Gazette  
*5:01 blog*

**SECOND PLACE:** Dan Pelle, Spokesmanreview.com  
*Flying Trikes*

**THIRD PLACE:** Anne Jaeger, Kraig Scattarella, The  
Oregonian  
*Homes and Gardens Videos*

**H M:** Nick George, The Chronicle  
*Passion of the Christ*

**ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT/LIFESTYLE (ADAPTATION)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Oregonian  
*Pregnant with Cancer*

**SECOND PLACE:** Sanjay Bhatt, Genevieve Alvarez, Alan  
Bernier, The Seattle Times  
*Christmas Trees/Cadillac of Worms*

**THIRD PLACE:** Julie Sullivan, Rob Finch, Ed Madrid, The  
Oregonian  
*Facing Fatal Genes*

**BUSINESS (ORIGINAL)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Helen Jung, Desiree Affleje, The Oregonian  
*Pressure Points Videos*

**SECOND PLACE:** Karen Aho, MSN Real Estate  
*Eight Pitfalls for New Landlords*

**THIRD PLACE:** Harris Meyer, Crosscut.com Public Media  
*Trap Gun Tribulations*

**SPORTS (ORIGINAL)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, The Oregonian,  
*2008 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, KitsapSun.com  
*West Sound Dream 18*

**THIRD PLACE:** Nick George, The Chronicle  
*Rodeo Crazy*

**SPORTS (ADAPTATION)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Michael Rogers, Scot Heisel, Thacher  
Schmid, The Daily News  
*Kelso Babe Ruth*

**SECOND PLACE:** Amanda Determan, Jeff Windmueller,  
Lisa Kunkel, Independent Record  
*Carroll College Fighting Saints Football 2008*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, Independent Record  
*Montana Prep Sports*

**H M:** Staff, Billings Gazette  
*GazPrepSports*



## **CREATIVE USE OF THE MEDIUM (ORIGINAL)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Noelle Crombie, Ed Madrid, The Oregonian  
*I Love Portland*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, thenewstribune.com  
*SoundInfo*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, Spokesmanreview.com  
*Spokesman.com Personalized News Feeds*

**H M:** Casey McNERthney, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Answers for Readers ...*

## **CREATIVE USE OF THE MEDIUM (ADAPTATION)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Travis Moore, Grants Pass Daily Courier  
*Encounter at the Caves*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Independent Record,  
*Pursuit of Perfection*

**THIRD PLACE:** Erin Hoover Barnett, Rob Finch, Ed  
Madrid, The Oregonian  
*Speak. Listen. Heal.*

## **BEST BLOG - GENERAL NEWS AND COMMENTARY**

**FIRST PLACE:** Mónica Guzmán, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*The Big Blog*

**SECOND PLACE:** David Horsey, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Drawing Power — Group I*

**THIRD PLACE:** Jeff Mapes, The Oregonian,  
*Mapes on Politics*

**H M:** David Horsey, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Drawing Power — Group II*

## **BEST BLOG (SPECIALIZED)**

**FIRST PLACE:** Karen Datko, MSN Money  
*Smart Spending Blog*

**SECOND PLACE:** Scott Sistek, KOMO  
*Partly to Mostly Bloggin'*

**THIRD PLACE:** Craig Lancaster, Billings Gazette,  
*Watch Yer Language*

**H M:** Terry Richard, The Oregonian  
*Travels with Terry*

## **BEST OVERALL WEB SITE**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, KING  
*KING5.com*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, Spokesmanreview.com,  
*Spokesman.com*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, The Oregonian  
*OregonLive.com*

**H M:** Staff, Mail Tribune  
*www.mailtribune.com*

## **BEST WEB DESIGN**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Mail Tribune  
*Oregon Outdoors*

**SECOND PLACE:** Elana Winsberg, David Horsey, Curt  
Milton, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*DavidHorsey.com*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, Statesman Journal  
*www.StatesmanJournal.com*

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE WEB**

**FIRST PLACE:** Staff, Statesman Journal  
*www.RaisingACommunity.com*

**SECOND PLACE:** Casey McNERthney, Seattle Post-  
Intelligencer  
*Seattle 911: A Police Blog*

**THIRD PLACE:** Staff, The Oregonian  
*The Stump*

**H M:** Julie Wurth, Bob Hunter, Mail Tribune  
*Letters to the Next President*

## **SLIDESHOW/PHOTO**

**FIRST PLACE:** Joe Barrentine, thenewstribune.com  
*5 Years from Tacoma*

**SECOND PLACE:** Staff, The Herald  
*Recycling a House*

**THIRD PLACE:** Dan Pelle, Spokesmanreview.com  
*Pow Wow*

**H M:** Mónica Guzmán, Seattle Post-Intelligencer  
*Amanda Knox and the Internet*





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